

# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

After last month's excessively long missive I will try and keep this month's entry short. Partially because it is a few hours till my deadline and partially because I don't have a lot to report this month.

First, a bit of carryover from my time as Vice Commodore. The new concrete steps have arrived so we are closer to getting the stairs replaced and the lift installed. We still have some more behind the scenes work to do to get ready for the stairs replacement. Everyone involved is hopeful that we can accomplish the replacement in a weekend. That would be good because without the stairs in place we can't have as many people upstairs. Once we have all the parts and are ready, it may take us a while to find a good weekend when the club is not heavily used.

Speaking of the club being heavily used, we have the two biggest regattas in Morro Bay coming up next month on consecutive weekends in March. First, we have the Cal Poly Mustang Regatta on the first weekend of March the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Teams come from all over to compete here in Morro Bay with their junior varsity squads. Last year several club families played host to teams. Some hosted teams from their alma mater, or the school where their own children went to college. If you live near Morro Bay and would like to host a team or part of a team you can let team co-captain Grace Carrick. Last year we served breakfast and dinner on Sunday. Lots of opportunities to pitch in around the club.

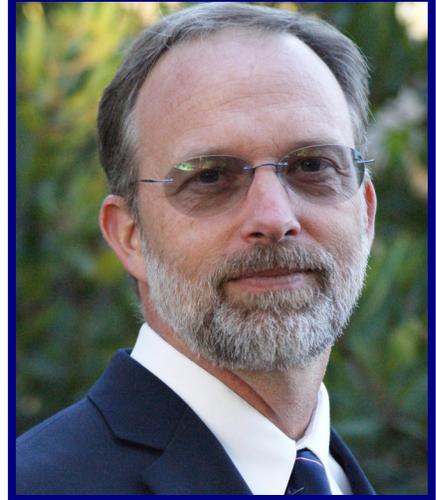
The following weekend will be the Big Rock Regatta, which may not have as many sailors as the Mustang Regatta but it has more boats. Last year the Optimists spilled out of the tarmac and into the yard across the street and even down the park on the other side of the hotel next door. Once again a lot of opportunities to assist. Dana McClish is lining up his teams now so let him know if you are interested.

Watch the alias for a meeting this month, date and time to be determined, organizing teams for social events this year.

I'm still looking for someone with a fashion sense who wants to select merchandise for the Club Store and schedule volunteers to man it on Friday nights. I already have a couple people who are willing to commit to manning the store 12 times a year. I just need a fashionista willing to give the store direction.

The Commodore has a new phone number. (805) 991-7245. Thanks to Google voice this number will stay with the Commodore after I leave office and join the ranks of the Staff Commodores.

*Todd Hansen, Commodore*



## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE —Brett Cross

I knew it, I shouldn't have been sucked into believing all I had to do was make sure there was toilet paper in the women's bathroom. So Todd Hansen gives me the crash course in Vice Commodoreship. One thing I need to do is make up key fobs for new members and replacement fobs for those of you who lose them, or they have simply stopped functioning. Seems easy enough. Oh no. Our system has a bit of glitch that for some reason or other causes the computer to disconnect from the actual locks so you can make up the fob all right but it doesn't work. Todd fortunately spent a bunch of time with a company tech and it has something to do with the COMM 3 port not being used or something. Anyway, after fiddling around for a while, not actually knowing what made it work, the new fob starts working. However, the thing still keeps disconnecting and I did make notes on how to get to the COMM3 thing and actually get a few fobs to start working even though I don't know why. Oh well, they work. Might need to think about an upgrade.



Todd also notes that ceiling lights in both bathrooms are a bit tricky and the ceiling light in men's bathroom burns out the round bulbs (which by the way are pricey) unless you put in a regular incandescent light bulb in one of the spots in the vanity lights above the mirror. Hmmmm, remember that. Unfortunately, the women's bathroom ceiling light was out and the fix wasn't as simple as installing a couple of \$9 bulbs as I tried that and it was a no go. So four days into Staff Commodore Bodine's position I give him a call and say I think the ballast is probably done. Anyway, to make a long story shorter, John installed a brand new light which has a modern ballast and uses standard fluorescent bulbs. Except, there is always an except, the old light fixture was covering up a big square hole. Really? You're kidding me right.

So, I get down to the club on New Year's Day to watch the Bay Race hoping for some carnage or at least boats being dragged out to sea by a strong outgoing tide. Unfortunately no luck there. Someone mentions, "hey you need to take down all the Christmas lights and the tree". Really?. New rule, I've decided if you put it up then you take it down. No, I'm just kidding. There didn't seem to be that many lights strung on the beams but it took a bit of arranging to get back into the box they came out of. A bit like a tent, it never goes back into the little bag they give you. Same with the ornaments on the tree, the boxes didn't seem big enough. I did get Dawn and Joe Huntsinger to help with the tree. There were a lot of ornaments.

Then I get a call on Wednesday morning around 9 AM January 6<sup>th</sup> from Dana McClish. "Hey, what's going on Dana?" "Well, there has been a waterspout that has turned a couple of boats over on the tarmac and in the yard." "You're kidding me right?" "No, the Lasers have been knocked out of the rack as well." "Is there any damage to the Club?" "No, it doesn't look like it. Oh, and Student Driver is upside down against the kayak rack lying over the top of Steve Borges's boat." "That's not good, is the mast broken." "Yeah, I think so." "Ok, let me call some folks and will get out there when I get back to the office." "Ok, bye." "Thanks, bye". Great. So I get on the phone, call a few people I have on my address book and head out there. Great thing about yacht club members they're a bit like cyclists they don't seem to have jobs and there are about 10 members there surveying the damage. Daysailers are heavy and the tornado knocked them off the trailers and flipped them over like nothing. After a bit of work and some muscling around all the boats were back on the trailers and the Lasers back in a not so together rack. Fortunately the damage to the Club was minimal.

Jan 6th Funnel Cloud at the YC



## VICE COMMODORE Cont. —Brett Cross

The Laser rack will need to be rebuilt but it appears it needed rebuilding anyway and the fence posts across the street also will need to be replaced. Bob Walker how is your back feeling?- just kidding.

The month is almost over and on my list now is: replace the metal fence posts, get the Laser rack replaced, find a new globe for the upstairs lights (thanks Kevin, yes someone told on you), replace the sink fixtures, mount a new hand held shower head, and there were a couple of other things but I can't remember them now. Now I remember the treads for the new stairs and stair lift are here. Just need to have them delivered, unloaded, and put in place. No problem. Actually, I think we have a construction crew to make it happen.

The Club now has a new vacuum cleaner though and there is discussion about purchasing a new weather station that has internet access. Bob Neumann is going to be coming to the Board to discuss the purchase of an automatic defibrillator, which I think is a good idea for a couple of reasons.

The month is almost over and I think there is still plenty of toilet paper- Yeah!  
**Brett Cross, Vice Commodore**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

**Member Resignation:** Jim & Roberta Brose notified me that, because of health issues, it was necessary for them to resign their membership from the club. They regret having to do so and will miss their many MBYC Friday Night friends.

**Roster changes:** A number of members have reposted roster changes and those that have been reported to me have been made to the mbyc.net web page Roster. The changes will also be in the 2016 Roster that will eventually be sent to you via the club "alias".

**New Members:** At their January meeting the MBYC Board approved the membership application for Chuck Losness. Chuck was sponsored by Steve Nukes and Katy Crawford. When you see him at the club give him a warm welcome.



Chuck Losness

**Prospective Members:** To the February board we will have two prospective memberships. One is Jason and Cinnamon Redd who are sponsored by Judy Adkison, Rocky Settings and Dana McClish. The other prospective member is Armand Boyer who is sponsored by Ed Carneige and Ali Athari.

In the pipeline for membership, we have Bill and Nancy Albrecht who are being sponsored by Sharon Bufo and Joe and Dawn Huntsinger.  
**Jim Phillips, Membership Chair**

## HAPPY HOUR HOSTS— Greg Barker

**REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, non-members are NOT ALLOWED behind the bar and all guests must sign the guest book located at the end of the bar.**

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Stanley & Susan Craig

**Everyone should be contacting the other people assigned with them to coordinate the Hosting Duties.**

**If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List.**

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AND serve snacks at 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

### — February 2016

- 5 John & Brooke (Townsend)  
Bodine  
Kent & Lois Butler
- 12 Judy (Adkison) & Rocky Setting  
Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill
- 19 Rick Paley & Holly Anderson  
Tyler & Sarah Mason  
Brian Granger
- 26 John & Judy Michener  
Rick & Corbie von Stein

### — March 2016

- 4 Lee & Sue Drocco  
Ken & Sandi Twist  
Susan Wiley
- 11 Greg and Jennifer Barker  
Brian & Marie (Sargent) Moore
- 18 Don & Glenda Boatman  
Martin & Neli Mongin
- 25 David & Alicia Shinn  
Tom Murphey  
Steve Weaver

### — April 2016

- 1 Toni Gomez  
David Tibbitts
- 8 Ken & Cindi Muther  
Greg & Rosie Larson
- 15 Chris & Andrea Surfleet  
Josh & Juliana Massie
- 22 Steve & Teri Reeder  
Matt & Adrienne Jenkins  
Tom & Laurie Wright
- 29 Simon & Hilary Graves  
Gerald & Erika Luhr

## REAR COMMODORE - Dave Hensinger

**Races Gone By:** The 2016 racing season started on the first of the year with the Hangover Regatta hosted by the MBYC Juniors. Marina and Charlotte Graves worked the flags and signals while Antonio Silva

### Hangover winners; 1st to 3rd ; Top to Bottom



helped out in the safety boat. And what a safety boat it was. Brooks and Michael Measures splashed their Ranger 21 Tug in Morro Bay for a blessing and inaugural safety boat service. The fleet of 9 Daysailers and one Lido14 began racing in light wind at 11:00. Tidal flow was minimal the entire day. The first race went to Terry Paris and Dan McDonald in "Rebel Banana" with a second by Kevin Williams and Tim Volpe in

"Protest". The second race went to "Protest" with "Rebel Banana" falling back to 9th. This result cost "Rebel Banana" a chance at the trophy, for although Terry came back to win race number three, Kevin's second place in the last race put him first overall with 5 points, second was Tom and Cindy Fee in "Ferocious" with 9 points, and Terry and Dan taking third with 11 points.



The next race of the year and the first Ocean Fleet race set off on January tenth. Four boats, Lynn Meissen's "Guayacan", Werner Weinstock's "Pangea", Tony Gomez's "High 5", and Rich Steuk's "Synergy" started in light but pleasant conditions. First back on the dock was "Guayacan" after abandoning for lack of wind. The rest of the fleet went on to finish with "High 5"

overcoming its negative PHRF rating to correct out two hours ahead of "Synergy" followed by "Pangea". The next ocean race is scheduled for February 21st.

Winter II, PRO'd by Stanley Craig, was run with ten boats on January 16th. The first race in the series was sailed by five boats in rainy conditions back in December. For Winter II the weather was fair and winds were light, coming more from the West than usual. The first race was a series of loops around C, E, and 14 which and was shortened after two laps. Carlton Smith in "Beach Party" took first followed by Justin Bradshaw in his new (to him) boat "Amorcita" and then Keiran Hansen in "Indrath". The next two races had more wind and the courses reached up to the A mark. The extra West in the wind made spinnaker work risky and several boats lost places setting and dousing. Race number two had the same first three finishers, but with "Indrath" in first followed by "Amorcita" and "Beach Party". "Indrath" and "Amorcita" went 1,2 again in the third race with Bob Walker and Simon Graves in "Deja Vu" taking third. Keiran Hansen and "Indrath" took first with 4 points followed by Justin Bradshaw in "Amorcita" with 7 points and "Beach Parth" with 10 points. At this point in the series Carlton Smith in "Beach Party" leads by 9 points.

**Upcoming Races in February:** Bay Fleet Winter III will be PRO'd by Bob Schwenoha and team "Happy Trails" on February 13. This is also the day of the first race in the Lopez cup series put on by the San Luis YC. The Ocean Fleet races Winter II on February 22nd.



### Bay Winter 2 winners; 1st to 3rd; Top to Bottom



## REAR COMMODORE Cont. - Dave Hensinger

**Mustang Regatta in March:** Cal Poly will be hosting a second running of the Mustang Regatta March 5th and 6th. Once again the visiting sailors will be looking for host families in Morro Bay for the weekend. If you would like to host some courteous and energetic college sailors, contact team co-captain Grace Carrick.

**Big Rock Regatta in March:** The biggest little boat regatta in Morro Bay comes back to the club on March 12th and 13th. Last year the two fleets totaled more than 50 boats. There are lots of fun ways help out with this event. If you are interested please contact Dana McClish (mcclishmb@charter.net).

*Dave Hensinger, Rear Commodore*

## MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet

**They Used To Call Them Tidal Waves** - In 1960, a tsunami surge suddenly tilted Ken Jenkins' docked sailboat. He sent his family to high ground and quickly drove the boat to the deepest hole in the Morro Bay harbor to ride out the hours of surging water. The County Harbor Master and MBYC charter member knew that the best place for the boat was at sea or over a deep channel. A massive outflow of water that announces a tsunami will leave boats tipped over and mangled together, and when the water returns, big problems ensue. His daughter, Kathy Haynie, who had just turned six years old, shared these memories in her blog in 2011. She had experienced the tsunami caused by the largest known earthquake, the 9.5 Magnitude Chile Earthquake on May 22, 1960.

Luckily, there was little damage in Morro Bay and the MBYC houseboat fared well. That houseboat, bought in 1959 for \$500, was the club's first "location" and had been moored in various places along the water front. It was once pulled out to the sandspit! When placed near the fuel docks and marina, it was easy to host visiting sailors, but those growing businesses eventually asked that the houseboat be moved.

In 1964, the club enjoyed being at the south Embarcadero boat ramp with ample room for races and larger gatherings. Barney Pikes, our first commodore, jury-rigged a wet bar and covered the front of it with padding, Naugahyde and upholstery tacks. He learned the hard way that he should have taken his tools home that night.

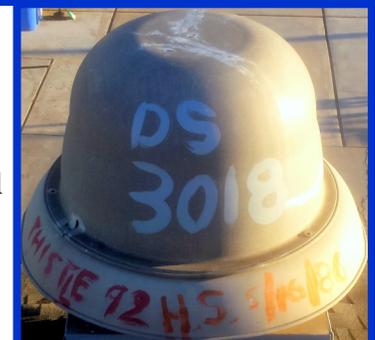
On March 27, 1964, at 5:36 p.m., the 9.2 Magnitude Great Alaskan Earthquake struck, now known as the second largest earthquake since 1900. The Central Coast was alerted by 11:50 p.m. of the potential of a tsunami of unknown proportions. Evacuations began and Ken Jenkins, Harbor Master, called boat owners to quickly put their boats to sea. The first big surge hit at 1:30 a.m. with the water level rising ten feet in ten minutes. The brand new Harbor boat was the first to break loose and sink. The fuel dock broke away but was lassoed from out of the channel. Four pleasure craft sank. Surges continued for hours while forty large fishing boats chugged away in the middle of the channel, enduring intense four foot changes every twenty to forty minutes. The houseboat broke away from its moorings in the first surges. The SLO County Telegram-Tribune reported:

**"Alert Response Holds Damage From Tidal Wave To Minimum"** *A severe loss was incurred by the Morro Bay Yacht Club which lost its houseboat. The boat, moored near the south Embarcadero boat launching ramp, broke loose along with walkways and floats. It sailed down the bay on one of the 20-mile-an-hour outgoing surges and rammed into the end of the Carver T pier, splintering the houseboat completely. (March 30, 1964) "*

It exploded upon impact and quickly sank. Later on, a diver looked for salvage, such as trophies, but only the hammer that Barney Pikes had left on board was recovered. The door jamb and railroad door lock were eventually found near Hazard Canyon. The Morro Bay Yacht Club's first clubhouse and only houseboat was no more.

Please send any remarks or memories to Andrea Surfleet at [mbyc.history@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.history@gmail.com).

What is it? Where is it? Who is DS 3018? If you know the story please send your answers to [mbyc.comm@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.comm@gmail.com)



## SOCIAL HOUR COORDINATOR—Greg Barker

As I take over the excellent work by Jim and Rachelle Phillips scheduling the Happy Hour assignments, I wanted to let everyone know I am starting out by trying something a little different. I have been emailing the members due to serve as hosts a week before the Masthead deadline informing them their turn is coming up (the third month out to be announced in the upcoming Masthead). I am asking if there are any specific Fridays they cannot host that month. This should enable me to assign dates with fewer conflicts and reduce the need for members to swap dates that have been assigned. I am hoping that this will reduce the effort required by all of us.

To enable this approach to work, I do not plan on posting assignments on the online calendar beyond three months in advance. This will give me more flexibility in making adjustments as conflicts, dropped memberships, and the like arise. Email me at [gabarker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gabarker@sbcglobal.net) and I would be happy to inform you of your tentative date for the year.

Let me know if you have any comments. I am open to other great ideas to make assigning hosts as smooth as possible for everyone.

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

On the next Fun Float on February 10th's Valentine Paddle, let's paddle to Bayside Cafe (by MB museum) for lunch. (If it rains, drive and be there by 11:30) All non paddlers are invited, old timers or new timers meet us there at 11:30. Bring your sweetheart or any one of your choice or no one and make it a fun outing. We missed last year, so let's try to get back to our annual float to the cafe.

We managed to have very delightful paddles in both December and January between the breaks in the rain and the wild winds. With all the El Nino predictions we decided to schedule 2 paddles a month for the next few months to see how it will work for all of us. Let's put the dates on our calendars and see how it works. Pat & I love to paddle and will try to be at all the dates listed.

I am also happy to announce that we have also invited San Luis Yacht Club to join us in our paddles, so watch for some new members in our midst and welcome them to our paddles.

### DATES and MEET TIMES FOR

#### FUN FLOAT for February through

##### May:

- Wed, 2/10 - 10:00 AM (a happy Valentine Day float),
- Thurs, 2/25 - 10:30 AM
- Fri, 3/11 - 10:30 AM (tide & date may be good for a lunch at Bayside)
- Thurs, 3/24 - 10:30 AM
- Thurs, 4/7 - 10:30 AM
- Fri, 4/22 Earth Day - 10:30 AM
- Thurs 5/5 Cinco de Mayo - 10:30 AM
- Sat 5/21 - 10:30 AM (maybe plan a sand spit cleanup involving all of the MBYC members.

Any questions, email me *Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah*

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## PORT CAPTAIN - Lynn Meissen

All should be aware that the Coast Guard Morro Bay has authority to prohibit any craft regardless of size from crossing the harbor entrance bar when they declare it hazardous. This authority is effective through February 28 unless renewed. The regulation applies to the area from No 2 buoy to inside the harbor to No 6. The regulation is posted at the Transient sign in area.

The Mess that is the Storage Yard - A gentle reminder that rain encourages growth of trees and flowers, and weeds especially under those boats that do not move for long periods. Those boats which are sailed get and deserve the more convenient spots; those unused will be moved to the back. Flat tires are a really good indication that the boat is not used. Nothing may be stored BESIDE your boat which increases the footprint; on or under is okay.

## MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

Morro Bay Junior Sailors Welcome the New Year!

Our junior sailors began the New Year learning a necessary boat skill, boat repair! Three Lasers and one Optimist were damaged in the January 6th storm. All but one of the boats were scooting around the bay by the next weekend. Thanks to junior sailors Rebecca Wold, Benji and Hannah Redd, Fianna and Blythe Wilde, Dylan Downing, and Nathan Hensinger for their repair work on our boats. Special thanks to Dave Hensinger, Bob Schwenoha, and Michael Wilde for teaching and assisting the repairs.



Fianna and Blythe Wilde, Dave Hensinger, Chris Surfleet, and Bob Schwenoha were part of the Junior Sailing repair team.



The Optimist fleet with the "Big Rock" in their sight!

Our first sailing day of 2016 was chilly with little wind but spirits were high and a fun day was had by all. Terry Paris helped laser sailors doing shadowing and race drills. Dana McClish coached the Optimist fleet on sail and boat handling skills. I had fun teaching essential sailing knots and welcoming our sailors to another sailing season on the bay.

Over January and February Junior Sailors will be learning and practicing many different boating skills. Our Optimist sailors will be preparing for the Big Rock Regatta hosted by MBYC on March 12-13, 2016. This will be the 10th year that the Morro Bay Yacht Club has hosted this race, part of the Southern California Optimist Racing Series. Many volunteers are needed so mark your calendars and help us show off our bay and give the warmest of welcome to the visiting sailors and their families. Help is needed in the kitchen, in the yard, on the dock, and on the water. Contact Dana to

sign up today.

Next MBJYC meetings are 1/31, 2/15, and 2/28.

## SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB —Staff Commodore Ray Hopkins

Ahoy Morro Bay Yacht Club. I would first like to introduce myself. I am Staff Commodore Ray Hopkins from the SLYC. Over the past year, Staff Commodore John Bodine and I have been discussing ways to enhance the relationship between our two clubs. This is the first in a series of articles that will help inform members of MBYC what is happening at your sister club to the south.

We would like to invite you to our Wet Wednesday on February 10th at 6:00 pm. This month's presentation will be a representative from Port San Luis Harbor District who will update us on the status of projects at the Port. This will be followed up with the first Lopez Lake race of the season on February 13th at noon. We will also be hosting a "Comfort Food Potluck" on February 26th at 6:00 pm.

For more information on any of the upcoming SLYC event, please visit our webpage at [slyc.org](http://slyc.org). I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !**



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Feb 2016							
	 Junior Races 9:30 AM	 Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM	 Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM	Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: John & Brooke (Townsend) Kest & Lois Butler	6	
7	8	9	10AMFUN FLOAT	11	Hosts: Judy (Anderson) & Rocky Seting Bill & Joyce (Huener) Cockrill	12 Winter III Bay 	
Valentine's Day  Juniors 	14 President's Day 	15 Board Meeting 6:15PM 	16	17	18 Hosts: Rick Paley & Holly Anderson Tyler & Sarah Mason Brian Gaenger	19 20	
Winter II Ocean 	21	22	23	24	25 10AMFUN FLOAT Inputs to Newsletter	26 Hosts: John & Judy Michener Rick & Corbie von Stein	27 Make-up Day Bay Races Fee Auto Birthday Party Central Coast Dragon Boat 
Juniors 	28	29	1	2 6PM Budget Committee	3	4 5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Lee & Sue Drocco Ken & Sandi Twist Susan Wiley	5 Mustang Regatta Bay 