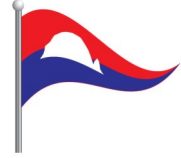


# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

March is one busy month for Morro Bay Yacht Club. Every weekend is full of an event this month!

First, we have the Cal Poly Mustang Regatta on the first weekend of March the 5th and 6th. The following weekend will be the Big Rock Regatta. Both of these events are covered more fully in the following pages. Suffice it to say the club is going to be packed with guests in March. Which is ironic because the weekend after all the guests leave we have our annual Work Day. Which is really more like work party. But that too is covered more fully in the following pages.

Opening Day is coming up fast and we need to find a Betsy Ross in the club to sew the club some new large burgees to fly off the masthead at the front of the club. I have an old tattered one to use as a pattern. If you can help contact our Vice Commodore Brett Cross.

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 fashionista willing to give the store direction.

One of the benefits of being a member of the Morro Bay Yacht Club is being able to invite your friends down to the club to enjoy our amazing views and our clubhouse. I frequently come down to the club and find small groups of friends enjoying the upper deck with drinks from the bar. Everyone is pretty good at booking the club in advance if they are going to have more than 10 friends down to the club. It's pretty clear on the club use request form the we use to reserve the club for a special event that while we can book the club for our event we cannot restrict the use of the club by any other member. To my knowledge no one has ever crashed a party, but they may discreetly make their way to the bar. The club is a pretty heavily used facility and you can almost be certain someone will stop by to use the club while you are here.

One other aspect of holding an event at the club that is not as well know is the policy respecting bringing in outside beverages. Policy number 12 is pretty clear – “#7. No alcohol may be consumed inside the club that has not been purchased at the club unless prior arrangements have been made with the bar steward. Arrangements are not usually a problem. If you work with the bar stewards, they may be able to provide you with something special for your event that is not usually carried at the club or if you have something special you want to bring or provide to your guests they can arrange a nominal corkage fee. Question: Is it still called a corkage fee when you are popping the caps off beer bottles?

If you want to contact me as commodore please use mbyc.comm@gmail.com or you can call me at the new phone number for the MBYC Commodore 805 991-7245. Both this email address and this phone number will be passed on to my successor in January.



## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE —Brett Cross

Well, not a lot has changed since last month. The FOB system continues to cause me fits. It works, it doesn't work, it works again. You get my drift. The chair lift project is moving along. Dana has the glulam beams, the actual steps are ready, and the hardware to put it all together is ordered. The deck piling replacement is scheduled and hopefully there will be little inconvenience for dock usage include the dinghy tenders.

The Board gave approval to purchase a new weather station. Davis Instruments seems to be the best choice. The system will allow you check the conditions at the Club along with visiting sailors online.

I won't take credit for this idea since it was Lynn Meissen's. There are at any given time, small projects that need to be attended to at the Club in-between the Work Day event which is Saturday March 19th. She thought it would be a good idea to have a list of stuff that new members or old alike, if you have some time on your hands, could reasonably do. So I will be putting up a list of small projects downstairs on the bulletin board along with creating a document you can look at online.

Here are some of the projects that you might be interested in. So if anything looks exciting and you would like to help, but need to purchase supplies or need tools etc. give me a call or send me an email and I will find whatever you may need. Oh, I have a new and exciting phone number 805-235-0430.

**Jobs in need of a person** - An Open Invitation to All Members Especially New ones to help out

1. Weed hillside
2. Replace sink drain thing in women bathroom
3. Alternate "Alias" troll
4. Refinish tables and chairs upstairs
5. Sew new cushions for the old furniture
6. Refinish with new chart on wood table
7. Keeper of the bulletin board
8. Boat moving crew to help the Port Captain when called on
9. Alternate Whaler mechanic--very important
10. Inventory the Lost and Found disposing of items after 1 month
11. Install hooks in janitor's closet and replace shelves in same
12. Repair kayak rack (PVC) where broken
13. Repair coat rack upstairs
14. Refinish wood in Baby Whaler

**Work Day Event is Saturday March 19th.**

I'll be sending out a reminder on the Alias as well. As always there will be lunch served as a reward for all your help.

See you at the Club.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !



*Brett Cross, Vice Commodore*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

**Membership Cards 2016:** I am working on getting 2016 membership cards out to all members who have paid their 2016 membership dues.

**New Members:** At their February meeting the board approved the applications of two new members. They are Armand Boyer and Jason and Cinnamon Redd. When you see them around the club give them a big MBYC welcome.

**Prospective Members:** At their March meeting the Board will consider the application of Bill & Nancy Albrecht. Bill & Nancy are being sponsored by Dave & Sharon Bufo and Joe & Dawn Huntsinger.

In the pipeline for membership we have Nick & Maggie Juren who are being sponsored by Pandora Nash-Karner and Paul Irving.

**Roster Changes:** If you have had a change in your contact information, please send the changes to me. Contact information for the two new members can be found on the MBYC web Roster at [mbyc.net](http://mbyc.net).

**Jim Phillips,  
Membership Chair**

Local Coastguard  
Commander, BMC  
Nilles,  
presents Memento to  
MBYC Commodore,  
Todd Hansen



Armand Boyer



Jason, Cinnamon and children , Hannah & Ben



## 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.

### — March 2016

- 4 Lee & Sue Drocco  
Ken & Sandi Twist  
Susan Wiley
- 11 Brian & Marie (Sargent) Moore  
John Michener  
Anne Miranda
- 18 Don & Glenda Boatman  
Martin & Neli Mongin  
Donna Arozena
- 25 David & Alicia Shinn  
Tom Murphey  
Steve Weaver

### — April 2016

- 1 Tony 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

### — May 2016

- 6 Marc & Maggie (D'Ambrosia) Goldberg  
Brian Monroe  
Chanel Channing
- 13 Jeff & Nelia Wass  
Werner & Lora Weinstock
- 20 Chris & Suzanne Christensen  
Jeff Eckles  
Brian Jalbert
- 27 John & Carol (Maurer) Dilworth  
Jon & Joan Nackerud  
Tom & Laurie Wright



## REAR COMMODORE - Dave Hensinger

Bob Schwenoha and team "Happy Trails" put on a very well organized Bay Fleet Winter III. The final race of the winter series started off with light and varying offshore winds and mercifully light tides. The favored pin end was the site of impromptu raft-ups at the starts of the first two races. The first race went to Greg Miller and Dan Hack in "O'Tay". The Second race went to Kevin Williams and "walk on" crew Luke Draper in "Protest." The light and shifty conditions made the choice to set the spinnaker a fraught coin toss. During the lunch break, after the first two races, the fog rolled in over Morro Rock. The wind shifted from NNE to the NW and strengthened considerably. The gusting died down once the fog covered the bay and the third race was started in a nice steady 7 knots. This steady



**Start Winter III February Racing**

breeze combined with the switch to NW aligned with the third course to provide a spinnaker run that had half the fleet hooting and planing to the leeward mark. The last race again went to Kevin and Luke in "Protest". "Protest" took the day, 2 points ahead of "O'Tay" and Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros in "Beach Party" with "O'Tay" taking the tie-breaker. "Beach Party" was consoled by taking the winter series cup by a comfortable 18 points.

A fleet of seven boats showed up for the Winter II Ocean race of February 21. The

weather was warm and clear and there was a fairly stiff and steady northerly breeze. Tony Gomez's "High 5" with a cast of thousands (just 12 actually) timed the start almost perfectly, hanging at the line on a starboard tack with sails luffing like a huge laser until the last few seconds. "High 5" wouldn't be seen close up by the rest of the fleet for some time. Some of the heavier boats required some addition-

al maneuvering to weather the starting line. Shortly after the start the fleet was met with a large pod of dolphins who seemed to enjoy showing off their superior speed. Tacking up to MB1 (Which was graciously set earlier in the day by the Ocean Fleet Captain Ken Muther) "Guayacan" fouled "Jessie Marie". The wonderful thing about a schooner doing penalty circles is not how well it can do them, but that it can do them at all. "High Five" zipped past the fleet on a spinnaker run soon after MB1. After rounding Constantine, the wind seemed to drop a bit which may have hampered some of the heavier boats. "High 5" finished in 1:38 and despite a PHRF rating of -3 corrected out to take first place. The rest of the fleet in order of corrected finish were: "Pangea", "Synergy", "Guayacan", "Savage Lady", "Jessie Marie", and "Evening Tide"



**First Place Winter III**

The two biggest Morro Bay regattas of the year are coming up in March. March 5th and 6th is the second "Mustang Regatta" hosted by the Cal Poly Sailing Team and the Yacht Club. Over 28 boats

## REAR COMMODORE Cont. - Dave Hensinger

and 120 sailors are expected to turn out for this event. All these sailors need a place to stay Friday and Saturday nights. If you are able to help out in opening your house to a few collegiate team members that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Grace Carrick at [graceanne96@gmail.com](mailto:graceanne96@gmail.com). If you would like to help out with the safety boats, protest committee, or hosting at club feel free to contact me at [mbyc.rear@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.rear@gmail.com).

The Big Rock Regatta is on March 12th and 13th. Last year more than 50 Optimists competed, split between the green and championship fleets. Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event. Please contact Dana McClish if you can help out.

Ocean Winter III is scheduled for March 6.

Bob Walker PROs Spring I for the Bay fleet on March 26. The spring bay race series is an arbitrary series, and any bay-capable boat may enter and be scored against the rest of the fleet. This is a great chance for Jr. sailors to stir things up on the bay. *Dave Hensinger, Rear Commodore*

## MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet

### Together Let's Celebrate...You!

Sixty years ago, in the spring of 1956, the Morro Bay Yacht Club was first launched! How shall we celebrate? And just what is it that we're celebrating? I suggest honoring sixty years of wonderful, hard-working people who built and sustain this club.

Let's take this time to thank each other for all that's been done. Let's take this time to remember those that led the way. Most importantly, let's take this time to thank our older members for their service over these many years.

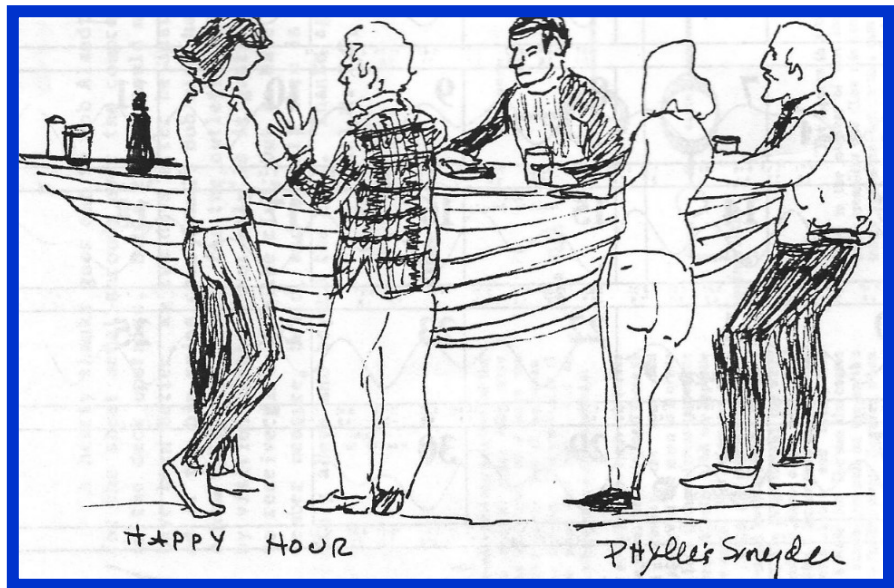
Let's appreciate and acknowledge all that's been done, especially those tasks no one knows about. Quite often volunteers have to pat their own back. Toot their own horn. And here's a chance to let others know what you contributed! If you've been with the MBYC a 'good long while', please write down your history to share. This could be the offices you held, the parties you planned, the things you fixed, the things you broke, and the tasks you helped with along the way. Send that soon to [mbyc.history@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.history@gmail.com).

Other members could send me notes of appreciation for these 'more experienced' sailors, to be placed together in a display. Or send me a note for anyone that comes to mind!

Let's celebrate great people, and great times, and thank ourselves for sixty years of a great job well done!

### The Building of the Bar

There's quite a story about the crafting of our bar and the five Rhodes 33's which inspired its design. Ed Carnegie shared recently that they were so busy building it that they didn't take pictures. Please check your photos from 1979-80 and let me know if you're the proud owner of before, during or after pics. If you find some, let me know at [mbyc.history@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.history@gmail.com) and I'll arrange to have them scanned. And watch this space for that bar story soon!



## **APRIL GENERAL MEETING—Ron Giddings, Director**

### **TSolar for the Roof**

The California Public Utility Commission recently handed down its decision on submissions by the big three electric utilities' applications which requested major changes to the charges levied against rooftop solar. Among other things, the companies requested elimination of 'net metering,' very simply, the concept that the meter is running backwards when the rooftop solar was feeding current to the grid. Thankfully for the solar industry, this was rejected.

The PUC did allow some modifications, such as customers will go to 'time of use' billing and some minor surcharges that will be passed through. However, the overall landscape is only slightly impacted and cost is only slightly increased.

Consequently, a solar system for the club is back on the table. The Board of Directors is discussing and considering installing a solar system for the club.

Given the bids, it is thought that we can find the money through general revenue and existing board designated and controlled 'reserve' accounts. Use of these monies are under the control and discretion of the Board of Directors.

There are, of course, monies sequestered in member designated and controlled 'reserve' accounts such as the '2011 fund' and the 'elevator fund'. These reserve accounts were created under Section 5 of Article XVII of the bylaws. Use of or borrowing from these funds requires a vote by the membership at a General Meeting.

There is no present intention to use or borrow from either of these funds so the Board has the authority to pursue this project without the input of the General membership. But the Board, while generally supportive of the project, felt that this was a step we should not take without the understanding and input of the general membership.

Please come to the General Meeting to get information and financial detail, voice opinion and give counsel to the Board about a proposed roof solar project.

As sailors, we all capture basically free energy from our environment, at base the sun, to move our boats. We can be leaders in capturing that same energy to run our clubhouse. Not free but at significantly lower cost than at present. Just think of it as buying a set of sails and putting them on the roof only these 'sails' will last about 25 years.

## **SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB—Ray Hopkins, Staff Commodore**

### **Ahoy Morro Bay Yacht Club.**

San Luis Yacht Club would like to invite you to join us in our upcoming events.

- \* Lopez Lake Race March 6th at noon.
- \* Wet Wednesday (In the clubhouse) on March 9th at 6:00 pm.
- \* Italian Potluck on March 25th at 7:00 pm.
- \* Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Park in Avila, March 26th 10:00 am.
- \* Friday Social Hour every Friday at 6:00 pm.

Additionally, we are well into the planning stage of a New England Sailing Trip. We currently have several boats reserved for September 9th – 23rd, however, if there is sufficient interest, we will be adding more boats as necessary. You can contact our Cruising Captain at [cruisingcaptain@slyc.org](mailto:cruisingcaptain@slyc.org) for more information.

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.



## MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

The Morro Bay Yacht Club will host the Big Rock Regatta this month, March 12-13. This will be the 10th year that MBYC has hosted this race, part of the Southern California Optimist Racing Series. Junior Sailors from around California will be competing in Champion and Green fleet categories throughout the weekend. This event has become increasingly popular, with registrations numbers increasing every year! 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 McClish at [mcclishmb@charter.net](mailto:mcclishmb@charter.net) to sign up today.

Following the Big Rock Regatta, the weekend of March 19-20, will be junior sailing work days. We plan to start a re-build on the junior boat racks. We will stay with the vertical boat storage design, but will strive for greater stability for each boat on the rack. When done we should be able to add a few more boats to our fleet for junior and summer sailing lesson use. We further hope to improve the storage of the club sails and rigging. One idea is to put up tubes near the

yard shed to hold FJ and summer sailing day sailor sails. We hope to make the club sailing equipment more accessible and organized for our junior sailors. Stay tuned, and of course innovative ideas are welcome. Anyone who wants to pitch in on our workdays are also welcome!



Junior sailors and coaches enjoying a leisurely lunch, Feb. 14, 2016

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

We certainly know where the name of this organization came from as the February 10th float was certainly that: “a great FUN FLOAT”. We literally floated down with the tide and no wind to the Bayside Cafe and 12 of us enjoyed an enjoyable lunch, while the tide turned and then carried us back to the Yacht Club with the same floating feeling and no wind. A truly fun float for all. We welcomed a couple of new paddlers on our last float and want to make sure everyone knows that anyone may join the group at any time and whenever they can make it.

We once again are going to try for two paddles in March, and per request, we will try for Friday, March 11 at 10:30. The other will be on Thurs. March 24 at 10:30. Feel free to join us and maybe get more exercise next time. Bring a lunch, meet at the club, and be ready by 10:30. The April dates are April 7 and April 22. C.U. on the water.

**Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah**

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<div> <div>Mar 2016</div> <div>  <div>           Junior Races 9:30 AM         </div> </div> <div> <div>Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON</div> <div>Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM</div> </div> <div>  <div>           Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM            Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM         </div> </div> </div>						
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 6pm Budget Committee	3	4 5:15PM Membership Committee Hosts: Lee & Sue Deocco Ken & Sandi Twist Susan Wiley	5 Mustang Regatta 
6 Mustang Regatta Winter III Ocean 	7	8	9	10	11 Hosts: Brian & Marie (Sargent) Moore John Michener Anne Miranda 10:30 Fun Float 	12 Big Rock 
13 Daylight Saving Time Big Rock 	14	15  Board Meeting 8:15PM	16	17	18 Hosts: Don & Glenda Boatman Martin & Neli Morgan Donna Acosta	19 Work Day 
20 Work Day Juniors Founders Cup 	21	22	23	24 10:30 Fun Float 	25 Hosts: David & Alicia Shinn Tom Murphey Steve Weaver Inputs to Newsletter	26 Spring I 
27 Easter Sunday 	28	29	30	31	1	2 Laser Slalom 