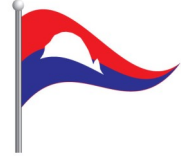


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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

Opening Day is upon us and that means spring is here. But what does spring mean for sailors that sail all year round? Was the bay ever closed? Well, yes, this winter it has been closed a few days when it was breaking across the bar. But what does Opening Day really mean? To me, it appears to be a tradition brought out from the cold northeast that acts as a milestone in our yearly passage around the sun. It's all about tradition and an opportunity to reflect back on the past year, the passing of friends, and looking forward to making more memories in the coming year.

Speaking of memories, a lot were made in the past month at the club. I trust there will be photos and more details in pages that follow but in the first three weeks of March we hosted the Mustang Collegiate Regatta with over 100 sailors here, the Big Rock Optimist Regatta with around 80 Optimist sailors, and then Work Day. Each of these events came off due to the amazing volunteers of the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

Now all eyes are on preparations for Opening Day. Again, my hat's off to Orris and Pat Cowgill and the other volunteers that have been working behind the scenes to make this year's, Diamond Edition Opening Day something special.

Another volunteer I need to thank is Kent Butler. For years, he has organized and calendared the volunteers that help the City of Morro Bay keep Tidelands park a special place. Kent let me know that he is ready to pass on the reins to another organized individual. Park maintenance is scheduled for Fridays and Mondays, bracketing the busy weekend. According to Kent the job is "easy" and the City staff are great too. If this sounds like the kind of thing for you please contact me.

I'm still looking for a fashionista to manage the ship's store. In the interim, I have been getting as needed help but we still need someone with a fashion sense who wants to select merchandise for the Club Store and schedule volunteers to man it on Friday nights. I'd like to see a web store developed too.

Following up on work day two items come to mind. Take a moment to look through the box of lost and found items downstairs. Its contents are going to go to a charity store soon. The other is a reminder that the refrigerator downstairs in the galley is for club event use and not for the storage of personal items. There were some strange things in there when we cleaned it out on work day. If you are hosting happy hour please take any leftovers with you unless you make specific arrangements to have them consumed the following day at an event.

If you want to contact me as commodore *please* use mbyc.com@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.



Editor's Note: Submissions and corrections to the *Masthead* are due by the 25st of each month.
Email to Yvonne Lazear

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE —Brett Cross

It's been a very fulfilling month at the club with lots of uses and users. The Club has had 2 big regattas on back-to-back weekends. The collegiate sailors packed the club and the galley serving up 20 pounds or so of spaghetti, plus a whole lot of sauce, garlic bread and Caesar salad. The next day the kids mixed up a 20-pound bag of pancake mix, with syrup and a big tub of whipped butter. The galley was in full assembly line mode as members put together brown bag lunches for about 80 juniors participating in the Big Rock Regatta.

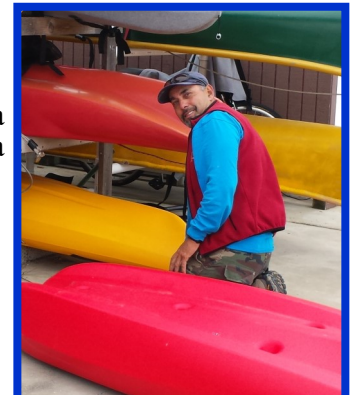
Speaking of the Big Rock Regatta weekend, I got the call you don't want to hear. "The men's bathroom is backed up", this on the Thursday before the biggest regatta the club hosts. Not good. Fortunately Kevin Williams was able to focus just long enough to call Jerry's plumbing to come out and get the main sewer line cleaned out. I guess in some respects it was better it happened before the regatta and not during the regatta; that would have been really bad. However, I failed miserably in making sure there was enough toilet paper in the women's bathroom prior to the start of the event. I can't really go into the bathroom when it's full of kids and their moms to fill the dispenser. Fortunately I found some club members of the right gender to refill the dispensers. Thanks ladies.

Club use requests included the Central Coast Surviveoars, who held a coaching day at the Club. They were immediately followed that evening by a 50's birthday party; I won't mention which Club members are in their 50's just to say their initials are DB and CF. Generally, there wouldn't be two events scheduled for the same day, but I screwed up. Fortunately everything worked out great. The Dragon Boat folks were out and the birthday group came in. The Coast Guard held a promotion event, and the Maritime Museum is holding meetings on Thursdays the next few months planning for the arrival of the replica ship San Salvador, the flagship of explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo who sailed up the coast in October of 1542. There a couple of weddings planned; one on Easter Sunday, and another in June, and a surprise birthday party. It's a surprise, so I can't say who it's for.

If you look at the Calendar, there quite a few events on the calendar already. So if you are thinking about having some kind of event you need to get your Club Use Request in as soon as possible. The forms can be found on the Club's webpage and printed out.

Last, but certainly not least was the Work Day event on Saturday. I made a list, and fortunately Dot Rygh sent me a list of typical things that are done. That helped out a lot. So I get told, "you probably won't get to all of it". I won't say who told me that, actually I forgot. Anyway there was a great turnout. People were coming up to me asking what needed to be done. I directed them to the list but most of those items already had people working on them. We got pretty much everything done except

for maybe weeding the storage yard which is actually the responsibility of the space occupants. There are few things that need some painting but that probably needs to be an ongoing effort. It's hard to paint with people coming and going, just ask Woody. I cannot thank everyone enough who came out to help. The Club really looks good for Opening Day coming up on April 10th. Brett Cross- keeper of the golden plunger



Work Day



The Officers and Directors
Cordially Invite You to Attend

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES
APRIL 10th

Reception and Continental Breakfast	10:00 am
Opening Day Ceremonies	11:00 am
Boat Parade	11:45 am
Races	1:00 pm

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

MBYC Alias: If your email address is correct, the Masthead newsletter, your statement for dues, ship store purchases, bar, and storage are sent out over the Alias. You should find both in your email file, however they sometimes end up in a “junk” or “spam” file. After the first of each month, look for MBYC Alias Masthead or MBYC Alias Statement in your email, junk or spam file. For Alias questions contact Don Lockwood.

MBYC Roster 2016: I will soon send out the club Roster for 2016. It will be sent out over the MBYC Alias in a PDF format. You can keep it on your desktop, or print a hard copy. If you want a copy in a different format, pages or word for example, contact me by email jprp@charter.net.

New Members: At their March board meeting the MBYC Board of Directors approved the membership application for Bill & Nancy Albrecht. When you see them at the club give them a warm MBYC welcome. Contact information for the Albrechts can be found on the MBYC web Roster at mbyc.net. The Albrechts were sponsored by Sharon & Dave Bufo and Joe & Dawn Huntsinger. Prospective members Nick & Maggie Juren have found it necessary, for personal reasons, to withdraw their application for club membership.



The Albrechts, Bill & Nancy

SOCIAL HOUR COORDINATOR —Greg Barker

Assignments for hosting Happy Hour are mostly humming along smoothly. I have been getting positive responses to the advance coordination that reduces conflicts and the need to swap dates.

There is one minor nuisance I would like to bring to the members' attention. Some have elected not to include email addresses in the club roster, which I rely upon to contact everyone. I know some elect not to have email, but I suspect even more elect not to have their address posted in the roster. Unfortunately, this makes more work for me trying to make less work for you.

I'm a solution oriented kind'a guy, so here's my solution. Those of you who have email addresses but chose not to post them in the roster, send me your email address and I will check with you before assigning a date so we can avoid a conflict. I promise not to share your addresses with the IRS, Neptune Society, or anybody with the word “commodore” following their name. Those of you who chose not to have email in the first place can throw yourselves on my mercy, explain that you don't have email, and tell me the preferred way be contacted.

For those without an email address in the club roster who I don't hear from, I will use the time honored tradition of posting a date in the Masthead and leave it to you to make alternate arrangements if you have a conflict. I'm all about tradition.

Also, many of you have thanked me for taking on this job. You're welcome. Tips and donations can be made to the Greg Barker Tahitian Vacation Fund at Chase Bank.

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 @ 805-235-0514

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.

— April 2016

- 1 Tony Gomez
David Tibbitts
- 8 John & Judy Michener
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

— June 2016

- 3 Charles & Laura McCarren
Kay Milligan
Kathy Egan
- 10 Brian & Gayle (Bruce) Crow
Jim & Char Bruzenak
- 17 John & Gwenn Krossa
Henriette Groot
Mary Flaven
- 24 Harold & Elena Hartsell
Ken & Mary Bradley

REAR COMMODORE - Dave Hensinger

March Racing—The bulk of March racing involved hosting guests in some of the biggest and youngest fleets.

On March 5th and 6th the second Mustang Regatta hosted by Cal Poly was run. A total of 19 boats from 8 schools competed in rainy low wind conditions on the first day. Cal Poly sailor Oliver Kuntz and crew, demonstrated their local knowledge and took a bullet in the first race. The significant tidal flow opposite the wind on Saturday kept everyone behind the line. After a pasta feed Saturday night, and pancakes Sunday morning racing resumed. With the storm passed, the wind shifted North and opposite the tide leading to several general recalls. Cal Berkley took first with 80, Cal Poly was second with 102, followed by UCLA with 108. Thanks to the PRO (Andrew Brown), race committee, host families, and Brooks and Michael Measures, for providing and skippering their Tug Sea-Fari, as committee boat.

The next weekend, March 12th and 13th, the club hosted over 70 Optimists for the 10th annual Big Rock Regatta. In a reversal from the previous weekend the weather was fair Saturday and occasionally spitting moisture on Sunday. The first day, the championship fleet set up north of the seal dock. It was a challenge to get races off smoothly and this only became more difficult when the tide turned opposite what little wind was left. After the "I" and "Z" flags failed to prevent multiple general recalls, the RC threatened to bring out the black flag. This was an empty threat as there was no black flag on board. The second day the championship fleet moved south in the bay to an open area in front of the natural history museum.

With the south wind and flooding tide, the first start was again a general recall. The RC brought out their newest pennant (sewn Saturday night by Jr. Members, Blythe and Fianna Wilde).

This black flag proved to be an instant remedy to over early problems.

All of the Morro Bay YC Optimists were pulled off the racks, and several additional boats were borrowed to allow all the Morro Bay Jrs a chance to sail. They were represented in the championship fleet by Kai Hoag, Coleman Howe, and Cooper Krossa, with the best standing going to Cooper. The overall winner was Jake Mayol from CBYC. Morro Bay sailor Coleman Howe was presented the award for most tenacious sailor in the championship fleet.

Dana McClish deserves special thanks for originating and smoothly running this high profile event for the club. Pangea and Katabatic served as committee boats and generously allowed RC feet to trample their decks and Optis to occasionally bump their hulls. The mark set boats, line sight boats, scribes, protest committee, lunch makers all made this a successful event.



Day 1 Big Rock Regatta, Sun Sand Surf



REAR COMMODORE Cont. - Dave Hensinger

The Ocean fleet re-scheduled Winter III from March 6th to April 17th.

The Ocean fleet competed in the Founder's cup race on March 20th with 5 boats. The weather was clear but the winds were light. In corrected finishing order the competitors were: Fioghra, Pan-gaea, Evening Tide, Savage Lady, and Guyacan. The shortest total elapsed time for the 11.2 nm course was 4:47:18 which gives an average speed of ~2.3 nm/hr.



Day 2 Mustang Regatta on Deck

April Racing- April is packed with racing. The Laser Slalom is Scheduled for April 2 with Joe Fram as PRO. The Bay fleet races Spring II (Kevin Williams PRO) on April 16th and Spring III (Steve Borges PRO) on April 30th. All of the Spring series are arbitrary races as is the racing after Opening Day on April 10th.

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.

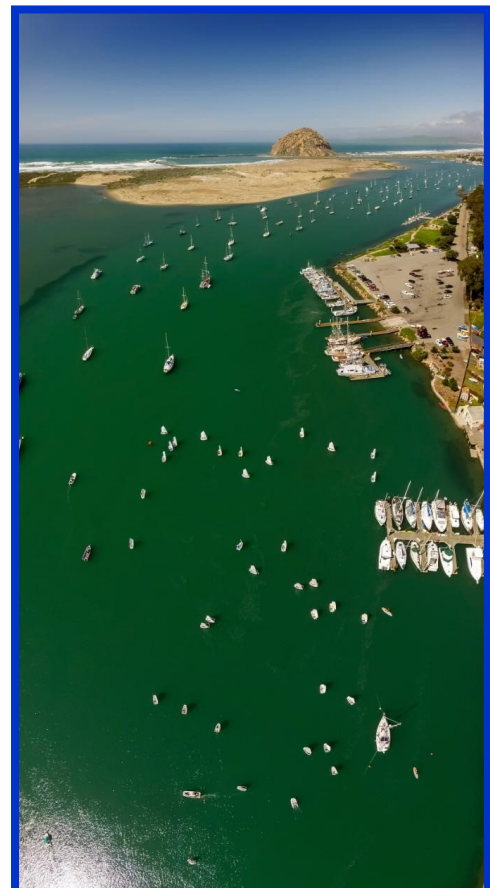
SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB— Ray Hopkins, Staff Commodore

Ahoy Morro Bay Yacht Club.

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

- * Lopez Lake Race April 3rd at noon.
- * Wet Wednesday (In the clubhouse) on March 13th at 6:00 pm.
- * Hobie Days Regatta April 16th and 17th
- * Casserole Potluck on March 25th at 6:00 pm.
- * Friday Social Hour every Friday at 6:00 pm.

Planning continues for our New England Sailing Trip that is scheduled for September 9th – 23rd. A coordination meeting is planned for Wednesday April 6th at 6:00 pm. You can contact our Cruising Captain at cruisingcaptain@slyc.org for more information.



Big Rock Regatta

MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet

Historical Events of Morro Bay and the Morro Bay Yacht Club

1889 Morro Rock quarrying starts.

1920's "Morro" is changed to "Morro Bay" to end confusion between Mono and Morro, CA.

1927 Lots in Beach tract sell for \$250-\$300.

1933 North entrance channel filled in.

1940's US Navy builds a base along with a trestle bridge to the sand spit. South breakwater built. Small boat basin created in State Park.

1950 Population is 1,659.

1953 PG&E begins a steam-generating plant on former Naval Base property. Town holds a tree-planting program with flowering eucalyptus as choice.

1956 Morro Bay Yacht Club formed. Harbor Improvement Association formed. Honorary mayor leads residents with shovels and 'dozers to "attack" the silted channels of the harbor. Publicity secures federal assistance for dredging and repairs to north breakwater.

1957 MBYC Chartered as a Non-Profit. Abalone fishing begins to decline.

1958 Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla organized. 1,200 Monterey pine saplings planted on slopes near the State Park, on land once considered for high school site. Street name changes completed, to end the numerals and letters. Morro Bay leaders fend off plan for leasing six acres of embarcadero for lumber storage, preferring it for recreational use.

1959 Houseboat Purchased by MBYC. High School Built.

1960 MBYC Power Boat Race. Population is 3,692.

1961 Archeological dig at PG&E power plant reveals Chumash cemeteries, house floor.

1962 Boat ramp for public dedicated.

1963 Cessation of Morro Rock quarrying due to public pressure.

1964 Tsunami destroys club houseboat.

Morro Bay incorporates and holds first elections.

1965 MBYC acquires lease to current property. 4,500 acres sold to state for Montana de Oro State Park, for \$26 million.

1968 MBYC Hoist built.

1968 Morro Rock declared a State Historical Landmark.

1967 South Bay Boulevard opened.

1970 Population is 7,109. Councilwoman Lila Keiser, Morro Bay school nurse and MBYC member, is honored with the Lila Keiser Park.

1971 First MBYC Offshore Race.

1975 Alarm system built on Rock for protection of peregrine falcons during nesting season.

1976 Redwood Centennial Staircase and outsized chessboard built on embarcadero.

1979 Construction of new club building starts in September.

1980 Dedication of new club on May 18, 1980. Population is 9,064.

2007 Morro Bay State Marine Reserve created.

2010 Population is 10,234.

2014 Power Plant Closed. MB celebrates its 50th year as an incorporated city and 150th year as a town.

2016 Morro Bay Yacht Club celebrates 60th anniversary.

Does anyone know when we acquired the leases that added to the yard and when rent began of the boat storage across the street? Please send those dates to mbyc.history@gmail.com.



FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

We had a beautiful paddle on our Float on Thursday, March 24th. We had to cancel the paddle on March 11, due to wind and rain. We will once again schedule 2 floats for April, Thursday April 7 at 10:30 AM and Friday April 22 (Earth Day) at 10:30. Let's hope for fair weather and fair seas.

The May calendar also has 2, May 5 & May 21. We would like to have the Saturday May 21 as a cleanup of the sand spit. More about the cleanup next month. It would involve the whole club and maybe hot dog lunch again.

MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

The Big Rock Regatta was a huge success! According to organizer, Dana McClish, “(we had) about 66 visiting sailors between the ages of 8-15 yrs. old. Add coaches and families, you’re probably looking at close to 200 visitors staying in hotels, shopping, and dining in Morro Bay.” The Morro Bay



The championship Optimist fleet competing at the Big Rock Regatta, March 12

Youth Sailing Foundation sponsored an additional 9 junior sailors from the local area to compete. In the green fleet, (beginning racers) competing for Morro Bay, were Aiden Albers, Rebecca Wold, Benji Redd, Hannah Redd, Kai Hoag, and Owen Blackwell. In the championship fleet, Nami Hoag, Cole Howe, and Cooper Krossa sailed for Morro Bay. Both regatta days had great sailing with a mix of fun, excitement, and education to make MBYC the toast of the coast! Be sure to check out the great videos about the Big Rock Regatta on the MBYC website.

Work days! Great job everyone! The junior sailing club is working toward repairing the boat racks and storage facilities. We are a volunteer club and volunteers we have; so many individuals to thank! Terry Paris and Jason Redd did a great job with boat rack repairs and upgrades. Jeremiah Blackwell and Pat Howe assisted with putting racing numbers and bending on new Optimist sails. Junior sailors Nathan Hensinger, Joel Surfleet, Fianna and Blythe Wilde, Owen Blackwell, Nick Johnson, Rebecca Wold, Benji and Hannah Redd, and Cole Howe helped as needed. Rear Commodore, David Hensinger, provided the junior sailors a

Local green fleet sailor, Benji Redd (#14375), preparing to pass a competitor in the Big Rock Regatta



welcome distraction by a trip to the sand spit on work day. We had a very productive work day and month.

Next up, our teen junior sailors will be preparing for the Laser slalom on April 2 and the MBYC Laser Championship on May 29. As for our all our junior sailors: fun and safe boating and water sports will be emphasized.

What a great way to grow up, boating in Morro Bay!



The “Perseverance Award”! Local sailor Cole Howe wins the awards for the Championship fleet sailor who finished all races without penalty and the highest point total! A brand new Optimist sailboat cover donated by SLO Sail and Canvas was the prize.

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Apr 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
		6:30PM Rules Clinic			5:15PM Membership Committee Hosts: Tony Gomez David Tibbitts	1 Laser Slalom 
Spring I Ocean  3	4	5	6	7 10:30PM Fun Float	8 Hosts: John & Judy Michener Greg & Rosie Larson	9 Ocean Fleet Opening 
10 10AM OPENING DAY	11	12	13 THOMAS JEFFERSON BIRTHDAY	14	15 Hosts: Chris & Andrea Surfleet Josh & Juliana Massie	16 Spring II Ocean 
17 Winter III Ocean Juniors 	18	19  Board Meeting 6:15PM	20	21 6PM Maritime Museum	22 10:30PM Fun Float Hosts: Steve & Teri Reader Matt & Adrianna Jenkins Tom & Laurie Wright	23 7PM GENERAL MEETING
24 Spring II Ocean 	25 Inputs to Newsletter due	26	27	28	29 Hosts: Simon & Hilary Graves Gerald & Enka Luhr	30 Spring III Ocean 