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FROM COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

I can't believe it's November already! I guess the saying is true, "Time flies when you are having fun." October was packed with lots of activity at the club and November looks to be one of the busiest yet. Looking at the Calendar, we have the Commodore's Ball and the General Meeting, plus races and holidays and even a general election.

One thing not happening in November is our planned history night. For those of you just tuning in, our Historian came down with the flu just days before our planned 60th Year History Celebration. We can't have the party without her, so we postponed it. Since the calendar is packed full in November and December so we are going to hold our 60th anniversary celebration history night in our 61st year, on January 25th.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, you have signed up for the Commodore's Ball as the deadline is the end of October. If you have not, hurry and we will try and get you in, if it's not too late.

Please come to the General Meeting, Nov 5th at 7PM. There is nothing controversial on the agenda this month, but I would love to have a quorum of the membership attend. Please come and recognize the commitment our new officers for next year are making to serve the club, by attending and officially voting them into office.

The proposed officers for this year are...

Commodore: Brett Cross

Vice Commodore: Dave Hensinger **Rear Commodore: TBD**

Secretary: Alaine Steuk **Treasurer: Cyndy Fee**

Senior Director: Lex Budge **Junior Director: John Bodine**



Marlene McQueen takes the first ride on the new stair lift under the watchful eye of the happy hour crowd.

COMMODORE Continued—Todd Hansen

The stair lift is in and working. I have a few items to add yet, some cosmetic and a true hand-rail that you can get your hands around to steady yourself. But it's working. So, for now it is on 24/7. To use it simply flip up the cover, and flip down the seat, the foot rest, and the arms. The switch is on the end of one arm. There is a seatbelt if you choose to use it. I warn you, it is not fast. If you do use, it please be sure to leave it all the way at the end of its run. It is battery powered and the battery will only charge while the chair is docked at the end of the run. If we have problems with misuse we can make it active only when the key switch is turned on. But I don't anticipate it being an issue. It's just not fast enough to be fun to ride.

If you want to contact me as Commodore, *please* use mbyc.comm@gmail.com or you can call me at the 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.

FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

It was a great experience for a lot of our yacht club members to paddle, sail or motor out to the harbor entrance to welcome the San Salvador into Morro Bay. Most of the members I talked to said it was really eerie when the ship showed up out of the fog. Some even had the privilege of seeing an Osprey in the harbor. Several of us had the privilege of touring the boat while it was docked for several days. A really fun time for all of us as well as families & friends.

Several showed up for our Tuesday, October 18th float and paddled before the high winds arrived. One never knows what the weather will have in store for us.

Our next paddle has been changed to one day later than scheduled. We are going to do our annual paddle to have lunch at the Bayside Cafe. We will leave the club at 10:30 on Thursday, November 3 and hopefully arrive at the restaurant by 11:30. High Tide, a 5.1, is at 12:00. In the past, several of our former paddlers have joined us for lunch. Everyone is welcome and please meet us at the Cafe at 11:30. The paddlers will still drive to the cafe for lunch even if the weather is not conducive to paddling.

Don't forget the Paddle on Thursday, November 17th also. Meet at 10:00 and we will hunt for the elusive Sandspit Turkey.

The December White Elephant Christmas party on the Sandspit will be held on Saturday the 17th. Bring a fun, kooky, or crazy thing wrapped and we will have an exchange of gifts. Bring some food item to share and Pat & I will furnish a little bubbly for all. We will have the party at the club if the weather doesn't cooperate. Elections for a new Grand Poo Ma or Pa will be held at this time also.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

New contact information: If you have changed your home address, email address or phone number please contact me at jprp@charter.net.

Life Membership: When you see Jack & Barbara Keely congratulate them on their new status as "Life Members". The Board approved their request at its October meeting.

New Members: I am pleased to report that the MBYC board of Directors approved the application for membership of Paul & Kathleen Reichardt. The Reichardts have two children, Heather & Brett; live in Cambria, and have a boat in the State Park Marina. Please check the MBYC Roster for contact information.

Prospective Memberships: We now have two memberships in the process. Mark Buchman's application will go to the MBYC Board in November. He is sponsored by Commodore Hansen & Pat Hedges. The second prospective member is David Paudler who is being sponsored by Greg & Rosie Larson and Cynthia Wimer. If all goes well, David will be on the agenda for the last meeting of this year's Board.



Paul & Kathleen

VICE COMMODORE—Brett Cross

Finally, the chair lift is installed and going up and down. Marlene McQueen was the test pilot and successfully piloted the chair down and the return trip back. Huge thanks go to Dana McClish and Commodore, Todd Hansen, who spent a lot of time, and I mean a lot of time, getting the new stairs installed, and then getting the chair lift installed. It looked easy on paper but as the old saying goes, “nothing worthwhile comes easy”.

Just in case you may be wondering what may be happening in the other gender’s bathroom you’ll be happy to know that vanity is apparently alive and well in the men’s bathroom. I will not name the member, who shall remain nameless, except that his name may rhyme with Rob Rocker. Anyway Mr. Rocker comes up to me at Happy Hour and expresses his concern that two of the light bulbs are out on the vanity above the mirror. Apparently, the lighting was not showing his good-looking features well as he liked, as he admired himself in the mirror. Fortunately, I quickly rectified the lighting problem, so Mr. Rocker will again be looking dapper.

I wrote in last month’s Masthead that the Club used up all the FOBs, and not to lose or break your FOB until I could order some more. Well, anyway, I ordered some more and they are here. Now here is the funny part. We weren’t actually out. There were about 25 or so more that I didn’t notice were in a box. So now we have plenty. So go and misplace, lose, or break away.

Speaking of the FOB system. Every year the new Vice Commodore learns, at least in my case, the minimum necessary to make new FOBs and such. It would be nice to have a Club member to become the FOB Wizard and really learn all the details of the system beyond just making new FOBs. So, if you are interested in becoming the FOB Wizard come talk to me.

Todd Hansen ordered new material and such for the dock flags and we’re just waiting on having them sewn. That should be completed soon. The new storage tubes for storing sails are cut and the rack to hold them is being built.

So, this month has been rather uneventful. Hopefully, it stays that way, or at least until I hand the Golden Plunger off to Dave Hensinger.

As always be gentle around Club.

**HOORAY!!! THE CHAIRLIFT IS IN —
Marlene McQueen**

Many thanks to all those who worked so many hours, planning and redoing the stairs to make this happen. It is very much appreciated. Also, I would like to invite all those members who we haven’t seen for a while, to come back and enjoy our wonderful clubhouse. Let’s get elevated.

**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 **Contact the other people assigned to you to coordinate the Hosting Duties.** **If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement.**

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

— November 2016

- 4 Todd & Joyce Hansen
Kenn & Melanie Coble
- 11 John & Candace Kincade
Don & Kit Lockwood
- 18 Bob & Laurie Neumann
Roger & Vicki Marlin
- 25 No Host

— December 2016

- 2 Jeff & June Jones
Orris & Patricia Cowgill
- 9 Stanley & Susan Craig
Justin & Crystal Bradshaw
- 16 Jim & Yolanda Pederson
Tom & Marty Tidyman
- 23 No Host
- 30 Lex & Lolo Budge
Larry & Liz Salas

— January 2017

- 6 Bob & Carol Walker
John Gajdos & Elaine Giannini
- 13 Robert & Barbara Schwenoha
Craig Levin & Polly Nelson
- 20 Robert & Laurie Fiori
Brian Watson
Cynthia Wimer
- 27 Adriaan & Helma Smulders
Steve Nukes
Shields Abernathy
Fay Zeeb

REAR COMMODORE —Dave Hensinger

Race Results

BAY FLEET

Five boats contested the **Harbor Festival Cup** on October 1st. The wind was from the north and strong enough to convince the fleet to leave their spinnakers alone. The tidal flow was fairly strong with the change occurring during the racing and providing some relief. After the first two races, four boats were in a tie for first, setting up a very exciting finale. Brett Cross, the PRO, set the final course as S C E 16 C E 16 F. The fleet memorized this and took to their boats. After a clean start, Kieran Hansen in *Indrath* was first to the windward mark, and after a planeing run along the spit, first to E as well. At which point he inexplicably headed up towards C while commenting to some of the older sailors how simple the course was. After the second rounding of C, another blazing run to E and a reach to 16 Simon Graves and Bob Walker in *DejaVu* took first to repeat their winning performance from 2015. David and



Nathan Hensinger in *Zopilote* took second followed by Kieran Hansen in *Indrath* and Dana McClish in *Sundance*. Bob Schwenoha in *Happy Trails* was fifth.



FALL I WINNERS

The next week-end, on October eighth, Terry Paris PRO'd, **Fall I**. Terry and his crew took the brave step of running the races in the forebay. Winds were light and it took the eight boat fleet some time to make it to the venue. The first race started around noon. Five races were run with the first three counting toward the fall series and the rest counting only for the day. The first

race went to Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in *Beach Party*. The Fees took the next race in *Feerocious*. Then Simon Graves and his crew Antonio Silva in *Ramona* put up bullets for the rest of the day. It turns out there was a very good reason for their dominating the results. Here's Simon's explanation:

After race #2 Antonio went into the cutty and grabbed the lunch box and said we have to eat these bananas. So we did and then our luck turned, with the banana curse behind us as well as the rest of the fleet. Funny.

REAR COMMODORE CONTINUED—Dave Hensinger

Final results: for the day Simon Graves and Antonio Silva in *Ramona*, Tom and Cindy Fee in *Feerocious*, Justin Bradshaw in *Amorcita*. For the Series Carlton Smith and Brett Cross are tied with Justin for third place.

OCEAN FLEET

The ocean fleet contested Lady at the Helm on October 9th. Here is the report from Ocean Fleet Captain Ken Muther.

The forecast said no wind but there was enough to keep the boats moving. We spent the whole race in thick fog which made it a navigator's race. Who would be able to find the marks with only 200 yards of visibility? Guayacan, Evening Tide and Pangaea arrived at the first mark together but once heading upwind toward the MBYC buoy we went on different tacks and never saw each other again. The boats kept in contact by phone. "Hey, where are you?"

Evening Tide, steered by Corinna Engel finished at 15:57 while the other two boats were forced to quit due to dying wind.

The next weekend on October 16th two races were run concurrently: **Fall I** and the **Two Sticker**. Here's Ken's report:

Two boats entered the "Two-Sticker" race, *Guayacan* and *Ho'oluana*. Two more boats joined for the Fall I race, *Pangaea* and *Evening Tide*. An ominous weather forecast called for 9 foot swells with 15 knots of south wind and a Coast Guard Safety Zone advisory was in effect for the harbor mouth.

The boats sailed fast to the MBYC buoy and then headed north to the Constantine Rock buoy. *Pangaea* arrived first with a four minute lead. *Ho'oluana* and *Evening Tide* arrived together with *Guayacan* 50 yards behind. *Pangaea* was far ahead as the other three boats headed upwind to the finish line 5.3 miles away. The boats crossed tacks several times sailing into 18 knots of wind and four foot waves with many whitecaps. Not dangerous but very wet. The Coast Guard and Harbor Patrol were at the harbor mouth to watch the boats return. After the handicaps were computed *Pangaea* finished five minutes ahead of *Guayacan*, *Evening Tide* third, 22 minutes behind *Guayacan* and *Ho'oluana* four minutes behind *Evening Tide*.

Upcoming Races

BAY FLEET

November 5th **Fall III**

November 19th **Commodore's Cup**

OCEAN FLEET

October 30th **Devlin II**

November 13th **Fall II**



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HISTORIAN—Andrea Surfleet

60th Anniversary Celebration Rescheduled

Our History Night was postponed but we'll try again on Wednesday, January 25th. Many of you entrusted me with special photos to scan and I'll be in touch to return them soon.

November brings the annual Commodore's Ball so here are some historical items to enjoy. This excerpt from the Morro Bay Sun claims that the first ball was being held in 1961, but we have pictures from an earlier Ball in 1959. As you dance the night away at this year's event, remember you'll be dancing in the footsteps of other folks who scrubbed up nicely.

The Morro Bay Sun

Saturday, November 16th, 1961

Commodore's Ball Termed "Success" by Club Member

The Morro Bay Yacht Club's first Commodore's Ball was a huge success. The members and their many guests danced to the music of the Mason Street Boys of Cambria in the nautically-decorated Veterans Memorial Hall at Morro Bay. Wes Mallery gave a top performance introducing the incoming guests individually over his bull horn. The Grand March led by W. N. Tognazzini was a highlight of the evening.



Here's Rosemary Jorgens (2d from right) talking to Jean White in 1977. Surely that's coffee in those classy cups? Who can put a name to the other party goers? Contact me with those names, your stories and photos at atsurfleet@gmail.com or 458-7764. Thanks!

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB
CHRISTMAS DINNER
AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE DISTINGUISHED BAY FLEET

The dinner is family friendly but the White Elephant Gift exchange may not be suitable for all ages or sensibilities. . Please make arrangements for your children to be elsewhere once the gift exchange begins. There will be rules for the gift exchange based on the number of gifts involved. More on that the night of the event.

No Host Happy Hour and hors d'oeuvres	5:00PM – 5:45PM
Dinner begins promptly at	6:00PM
Clean Up everyone responsible	6:45PM
White Elephant Gift Exchange	7:00PM - ???

Price **\$10.00** per person, pre-sale available in December – watch for it
RSVP to Bob Schwenoha at robert.schwenoha@att.net

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- For questions: info@mbyssf.org



MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

October provided a lot of activity for the Junior Sailing program. The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation set up a table on the “T” dock adjacent to the visiting replica ship San Salvador the weekends of Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 8-9. Volunteers from the Yacht Club and the Junior Sailing Club manned the table and promoted our summer sailing program and the sport of sailing for local youth. We really appreciate the efforts of Dana McClish and Andrea Surfleet for organizing us and making this outreach possible.

We need to give special thanks to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation for raising the money and purchasing 2 more Optimists for the Junior Fleet. For the first time since summer sailing ended, we had enough boats for all the sailors, without sailors taking turns sailing. One of the boats headed down to Santa Barbara for the Goblin Regatta where Cole Howe competed in the Optimist Championship Fleet representing Morro Bay. Thanks to all who have donated! New t-shirts promoting the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation are on sale. Check out our shirts and consider getting one to support Morro Bay youth sailing, they make great Christmas gifts!

**Carson and Rebecca enjoying the San Salvador****Owen slip and sliding down the dunes**

The Junior Sailors took a day off from sailing and enjoyed a tour of the San Salvador the weekend of Oct. 8th. Following the visit, they went over to the sand spit for some dune slip and sliding.

The Junior Fleet on the move!













MBYC JUNIORS Continued—Chris Surfleet



A fine patriotic northwest breeze for Perry to sail a Laser in the bay

Fun was had by all. Many of the young boaters tried their hand at driving the Whaler. Safe and fun boating skills were promoted and enjoyed. How many kids can be towed on a Laser by the Whaler? I will leave that up to your imagination.















November means sailing, sailing, sailing. The Junior Sailors will meet Nov. 6 and 20 for sailing. Come on out and check us out enjoying the day at the bay.

Dec 2016	Junior Races 9:30 AM 		Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON 		Bay Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 11 AM 	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
Drumstick Bay Fleet 27 	28	29	30	1	TREE TRIMMING 2 5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Jeff & June Jones Orris & Patricia Cowgill	3
Juniors 4 	5	6	7	8	9 Hosts: Stanley & Susan Craig Justin & Crystal Bradshaw	Winter I Bay Fleet 10 Lighted Boat Parade 
Devlin III Ocean 11 	12	13 Board Meeting 6:15PM	14	15	16 Hosts: Jim & Yolanda Pederson Tom & Marty Tidyman	Bay Fleet Christmas Party 17 10:30 Fun Float/Party 
Juniors End of Year 18 Fall III Ocean 	19	20	21	22	23 Hosts: No Host:	Christmas EVE 24 
 25	26	27	28	29	30 Hosts: Lex & Lolo Budge Larry & Liz Salas	Happy New Year! 31 

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Devlin II Ocean 				Maritime Museum 6PM 10:30AM FUN FLOAT	5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Todd & Joyce Hansen Kenn & Melanie Coble	Fall II Fleet General Meeting 7PM 
Juniors 					VETERANS DAY Hosts: John & Candace Kincade Don & Kit Lockwood	 COMMODORE'S BALL
Fall II Ocean 		Board Meeting 6:15PM		10:00AM FUN FLOAT	Hosts: Bob & Laurie Neumann Roger & Vicki Marlin	Commo- dores Cup Bay Fleet 
Juniors 					Hosts: No Host:	
Drum- stick Bay Fleet 					TREE TRIMMING	