

# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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## FROM COMMODORE—Brett Cross

“Hey so who is the new Commodore?”

“I’m not sure.”

“Hey, do you know who the new Commodore is?”

“Yeah, I think it’s Brett.”

“Oh no, we’re all going to die.”

“Well, he didn’t give anyone food poisoning when he was Galley Chief, plus none of the boats actually sank when he was Rear Commodore, oh and the Club didn’t burn down when he was the Vice Commodore.”

“That’s true.”

“Can’t we get Dawn back she was really good?”

“I doubt it. She did make some que cards up in case Brett starts going off track.”

“That was a good idea.”

“Yeah.”

“I do remember he said something about making the Club great again or something like that.”

“Oh, that’s right. He said something about beer as well.”

“I like beer.”

“I heard he was making up of list of subversive members like Joseph McCarthy did.”

“I don’t remember anyone named Joseph McCarthy as Commodore.”

“No, as in Senator Joseph McCarthy and the Red scare.”

“Uh, oh.”

“Kevin’s got to be on that list?”

“Well as long as it’s Kevin and not me.”

“True.”

So you are probably wondering who is our new Commodore, or maybe not. If not, you can skip to Dave Hensinger’s article. His is probably better anyway. I was born in San Luis Obispo on a rainy Monday morning. It was actually raining. My grandfather moved to Cambria to get my dad away from some bad influences in San Francisco when he was a teen. After graduating from Cambria High School and attending San Luis Obispo Junior College he enlisted in the Navy during the Korean War and eventually settled back in San Luis Obispo after attending San Jose State. He was quite the swimmer and was a member of the Underwater Demolition Team while in the Navy.

My parents bought a house on Laguna Lake in San Luis Obispo where I grew up. So, like my dad I’ve always been drawn to the water. He taught me to swim when I was pretty young. He liked to take me out to the end of the Pismo or Cayucos piers during huge storms when the waves were breaking over the end. I’m surprised we didn’t die. We used to go to Morro Bay all the time for fish and chips where the Sun-N-Buns place is now. I still remember when I was around 5 years old the fishing boats being built from the keel up at the boat yards in Morro Bay.

Despite my dad being a Navy man he really didn’t know anything



## COMMODORE Continued—Brett Cross

about sailing. I remember our neighbor had an El Toro and somehow we all got into it and went out sailing on Laguna Lake. My dad bought a Crescent class sailboat from a friend that was beached down where the Museum is. It was a cat rigged boat. You can still buy plans online in case you're wondering. We went out sailing a few times on Laguna Lake with that boat. Like I said, he really didn't know how to sail. I'm surprised we didn't die.

My first real sailboat was a Banshee that I learned to sail on my own. My dad built some bunks that would fit on our motorcycle trailer and we'd take it out to Lopez Lake all the time. That was a pretty fun boat. I still have the mast sections in case you know someone who needs them.

When I was in Junior High, I used to check out the same sailing book from the library all the time that had pictures and descriptions of what were then high performance sailboats: 505's, Flying Dutchman, Lightning's, etc. I always wanted a Flying Dutchman.

There was an ad in the local Easy Ad for an International Flying Junior which I figured was a smaller version of a Flying Dutchman. It's not. I sailed that boat a lot on Laguna Lake but to be honest it was slow. I tell people it ruined my sailing career. A few years after Cal Poly and having some money to spend I was looking again for a high-performance sailboat and the new 49'er class had just been selected as the new 2-man Olympic class. I found a guy that owned one in Santa Cruz and started crewing with him.

A lot of the time the 49'er class would be at the same venues as the International 14 sailboats. I crewed a few times on an I 14 and decided to buy one, which leads to how I got involved with the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Someone asks me, "Do you know Kevin Williams." I said, "No. He has a 14, you should call him." Well the rest is history after that fateful call. I met Kevin and that's how I became involved in the Club. At the time I didn't know he was subversive. So that's pretty much the condensed version of my sailing background and how I ended up here.

From the desk of the Commodore.

"Do I even have a desk?"

"I think I need a desk"

"Uh, oh, get out que cards"



atelier  
sewing studio  
handmade  
Handarbeit  
fait à la main  
hecho a mano  
fatto a mano  
手工的

custom • quality • comfy  
beachwear  
mme.ephe.meral@gmail.com

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

**New contact information:** If you have changed your home address, email, or phone number, please contact me at [jjrp@charter.net](mailto:jjrp@charter.net).

**New Members:** I am happy to report that at their December meeting the MBYC Board of Directors approved the application Larry Gorman. Larry is a live aboard sailor on his pv Roughwater 41 named Segue. When you see him around the club give him a big MBYC welcome.

**Prospective Memberships:** We have two "prospective" members working their way through the membership process and will likely be ready to go to the MBYC Board of Directors at beginning of the new year. They are David Paudler sponsored by Greg Larson and Joe & Jill Fariss sponsored by Rachelle Phillips and Don and Kit Lockwood.



Larry Gorman

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**VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensinger**

Wow, the year as rear flew by. It was more fun than I expected, and an excellent excuse to do as much racing as possible. Todd and Brett have paved the way with careful planning and boundless energy. These are big paint splattered shoes to fill. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as Vice, and I apologize in advance for subjecting you to these verses.



Once again, the year has turned,  
Officers leave the positions they  
learned,  
And advance to spots offered not earned,  
Their new duties may have them concerned.

For help past and future they truly give thanks.  
To stalwart helpers in the membership ranks.  
The fixers and organizers and nailers of planks.  
Members are a wealth not held within banks.

Large projects and small keep the house far from wreck.  
This year may see both types p'raps even the deck.  
The jobs will need hands not just a large check.  
Come join in, it's fun, and some take just a sec.

One task stands high, a near term goal.  
The sun and the rain have taken their toll.  
For paint and supplies the club will bankroll.  
It is time to refinish our central flag pole.

Another task pressing for work to commence  
The steel has been rusting the ice plant is dense.  
Before it falls down, it makes the most sense.  
To repair or replace the storage yard fence.

The smallest of tasks will also be needing  
Multiple hands to completion speeding  
Some tasks are assigned, please do your reading.  
If your boat's in the yard, don't forget weeding.

Here at the end just one final thought.  
If something's awry, please do what you ought.  
Fix it or clean it and if you cannot.  
Drop me a line I'm vice, it's my lot.

**HAPPY HOUR HOSTS—****Greg Barker****541-4417****gabarker@sbcglobal.net**

**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.

**— 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

**— February 2017**

- 3 Dana & Teresa McClish  
Jason & Cinnamon Redd
- 10 Pat Hedges  
Paul and Kathleen Reichardt  
Bill Austin
- 17 Gary Raine  
Duncan & Marlene McQueen  
Freddy Fernandez
- 24 Peter & Jayne Behman  
Bill & Maryann Stansfield

**— March 2017**

- 3 Tom & Cyndy Fee  
Tim & Robin Volpe
- 10 Jim & Rachelle Phillips  
Karol Vogt  
David George
- 17 Michael & Brooks Measure  
Ted & Iris Jacobson
- 24 Joe & Dawn Huntsinger  
Hugh & Judi Forster
- 31 Jim & Christy Hoxter  
Ali Athari  
Armand Boyer

## REAR COMMODORE —Steve Borges

Greetings fellow sailors! My name is Steve Borges, and I am the happy to be the new Rear Commodore for 2017.

### Race Results

#### BAY FLEET

Ten Daysailers and 3 FJ's came out on December 3rd to compete in Winter I PRO'd by outgoing Rear Commodore David Hensinger with help from incoming Rear Commodore Steve Borges and Don Lockwood. Compared to the strong winds the previous weekend during the Drumstick the conditions were relatively mild. The wind was moderate and the tidal flow minimal for most of the racing. The benign conditions did not translate into a trouble free day, and the safety boat was busier than usual. The first race was relatively short, upwind, around eight and then a downwind finish. This one went to the dream team of Justin Bradshaw and Keiran Hansen in Amorcita, followed by Simon Graves and Bob Walker in DejaVu and then Carlton Smith and Tom in Beach Party. The destruction began during the starting sequence of the second race when channel marker 14 refused to give way to Tom and Cyndy Fee in Feerocious. Katie Crawford and her safety boat crew retrieved Feerocious which retired with a bent mast. The second course was upwind around eight then down to seventeen for an upwind finish. Deja Vu was over early at the start. Half-way through this race Sundance was seen with flogging sails on the sandspit. Katie and crew retrieved Sundance which had lost its rudder. After the second race Amorcita was in first place with three points and Beach Party and Satan (Kevin Williams and Tim Volpe) were tied for second with six points each. Sundance was over early at the start of the third race and soon retired with a broken tiller extension. Bob Schwenoha and Craig Levin in Happy Trails also retired. This last race was up around eight and then some loops around 17 and E before finishing. There was a lot of passing as Satan was not running a spinnaker, but performed very well to windward. Satan took first followed by Todd Hansen and Michael Measures in True Love. Third place went to Carlton Smith who finished without a working tiller, just his hands on the rudder head. Amorcita finished in Fourth to tie with Satan for first with seven points. Satan took the day by having two firsts.

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### Upcoming Races

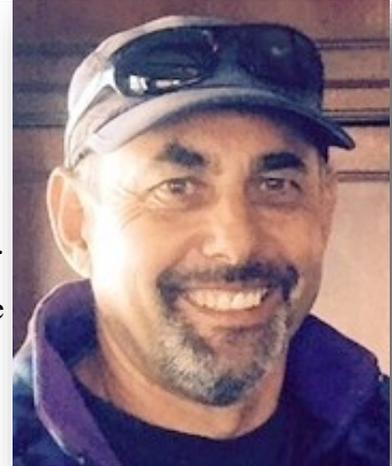
#### BAY FLEET

The upcoming Bay fleet racing events for January are:

January 1, 2017 —the Hangover race for those who are still able to function.

January 21, 2017—the Bay Fleet Winter II

Have a safe and Happy New Year!



Winter I Winners

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

Happy New Year to all and a positive attitude for fair winds, calm seas and beautiful weather.

We did have a very successful White elephant paddle and party with a little wind, but beautiful sunny weather. We wrapped up our year on a very happy note and everyone looked forward to the coming holiday.

I have put together the next few months of our paddle dates and hopefully they will be O.K. with all of you. The first one is on a Saturday and maybe we will get some of the paddlers who have to work during the week. I will also invite the San Luis Yacht Club to join us as they had requested our dates to be given to them also.

-Saturday January 14 at 10:00 AM  
-Tuesday February 14 at 11:00 AM  
(Look for a special announcement on this event)

- Thursday March 2 at 11:00 AM  
- Wednesday March 29 at 10:30 AM  
- Thursday April 13 at 11:00 AM  
- Wednesday April 26 at 10:30 AM  
- Thursday May 11 at 11:00 AM  
- Thursday May 25 at 10:30 AM

These dates could change and more Saturdays added if paddlers are interested and I am open to suggestions and changes. **Photos are credited to Joe Fariss.**



## Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation —Andrea Surfleet

**Foundation Reports on a Busy Year-** Thanks to kind donations and fundraisers, the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation (MBYSF) continued the mission of supporting youth sailing last year. Two Optimist sailboats and rigging were purchased and donated to the rapidly-expanding Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club. One Laser was donated through the foundation as well. In March, the MBYSF paid for the application fee for club juniors to compete in the Big Rock Regatta.

The foundation also supports Cal Poly Sailing as these youths, who are student members of the MBJYC, receive no equipment from Cal Poly. When other universities purchase new boats for their sailing teams, the MBYSF has sought to purchase their used ones for Cal Poly Sailing. An FJ and an FJ with a trailer were bought and the cost of the new custom-made triple FJ trailer was split with MBYC. The FJ's and trailer become property of the MBYC to be used by the CP sailors.

In April, the foundation received a donation of \$1,300 raised at Legends Bar in memory of Avery Danley, a young man and sailor who died in Morro Bay. Earmarked for summer sailing scholarships for local youth, the MBYSF awarded two scholarships in June and will continue to award one or two each summer in Avery's memory.

The annual Pirate's Booty Marine Swap, held in late summer, was the most successful ever. Ongoing sales of shirts, hats and calendars help the foundation to expand. Thanks to many tax deductible donations, it's been a successful year supporting youth sailing with more to come!

*The MBYSF was founded in 2011 by members of the MBYC to provide access to sailing and boating to all local youth. Donations to this 501(c)3 non-profit can be sent to PO Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443 or made online at [mbysf.org/index.html](http://mbysf.org/index.html).*

*From the 2016 Board of Directors: Dana McClish, Gwenn Krossa, Rich Leamon, Andrea Surfleet, Chris Surfleet, Lex Budge*

Historian—Andrea Surfleet



# **MBYC 60th Anniversary Celebration!**

**Tuesday, January 24th  
6:30 – 8 p.m.  
541 Embarcadero**

**We'll serve up photo displays and a fun  
slideshow with some Dessert & Coffee!**

**Contact Andrea Surfleet, MBYC Historian,  
if you can bring dessert or have pictures to be scanned.  
[atsurfleet@gmail.com](mailto:atsurfleet@gmail.com) or 458-7764**



**DECEMBER PARTIES—Donna Arozena and Bob Schwenoha**

Both the Lighted Boat Parade/5PM Pot Luck, and the Bay Fleet Christmas Parties were fabulous! Many thanks to Donna and Bob, and the other hard workers that put these functions together. See you again in 2017!



## MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

Happy New Year! Junior sailing is making its final preparation for the 2017 sailing season. The last few months' volunteers constructed a sail tube rack adjacent the boat racks. Junior sailing has the envious problem of lots of sails, spars, and equipment. Our shed has gotten too crowded. As of press we still had the doors to complete, which will be completed this month. We will be able to keep the FJ, summer sailing, and Optimist sails in the tubes, along with miscellaneous Laser spars. Special thanks to Terry Paris and Jason Redd for volunteering their expertise, time, and tools to the effort!

We completed the 2016 sailing season with a party. The juniors celebrated with games and snacks. Each year we vote for the top junior sailor based on sailing regatta effort and results, sailing ability, and overall participation. The 2016 junior sailor of the year was awarded to Cole Howe.

The 2016 junior sailing was very successful. We had over 30 youth sailors and almost 20 Cal Poly sailors in our program. A special thanks to the many volunteers who made this happen! Special thanks to Kit Lockwood, Dana McClish, Terry Paris, Bob Schwenoa, Andrea Surfleet, and Dave Hensinger for giving so much time to this effort. Myself and the sailors have benefitted so much from the volunteers and the clubs support.

We will have our first meeting of the 2017 sailing season January 22, 2017. I will be back as the Junior Adviser for another year. Reminder that junior sailors must fill out a new application each year. The sailing dues for the junior sailing is still only \$60 for the year.

If you have not done so, please purchase a 2017 Morro Tides calendar to support our junior sailing efforts.



Cole Howe, 2017 Junior Sailor of the Year, with Jr Adviser Chris Surfleet



Formations please!

**MBYC JUNIORS Continued—Chris Surfleet**



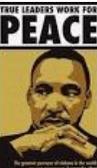
Junior yacht club end of the year party 2016. Sailors, families, and volunteers

<b>Feb 2017</b>	<b>Junior Races 9:30 AM</b> 	<b>Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON</b> 	<b>BayRaces Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 11 AM</b> 			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SAT</b>
29	30	31	1	2	<b>5:15 Membership Meeting</b> Hosts: Dana & Teresa McClish Jason & Cinnamon Redd	<b>Bay Fleet Winter III</b> 
<b>Juniors</b>  5	6	7	8	9	<b>Hosts: 10</b> Pat Hedges Paul and Kathleen Reichardt Bill Austin	11
<b>Ocean Fleet Winter II</b>  12	13	 <b>14</b> <b>Fun Float 11AM</b>	15	16	<b>Hosts: 17</b> Gary Raine Duncan & Marlene McQueen Freddy Fernandez	<b>Bay Fleet Make-up Race</b>  18
<b>Juniors Laser Slalom</b>  19	 <b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Board Meeting 6:15PM	22	23	<b>Hosts: 24</b> Peter & Jayne Behman Bill & Maryann Stansfield	25
26	27	28	1	<b>Fun Float 11AM</b> 2	3	<b>Mustang Regatta</b> 4

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<b>New Year's Day</b> Hangover Bay Race  1	<b>New Year's Day</b> Observed 2	3	4	5	<b>5:15 Membership Meeting</b> Hosts: Bob & Carol Walker John Gajdos & Elaine Giannini 6	7
<b>Ocean Fleet Winter I</b>  8	9	10	11	12	<b>Hosts:</b> Robert & Barbara Schwenoha Craig Levin & Polly Nelson 13	<b>Fun Float 10AM</b> 14
15	 <b>MLK Holiday</b> 16	<b>Board Meeting 6:15PM</b> 17	18	19	<b>Hosts:</b> Robert & Laurie Fiori Brian Watson Cynthia Wimer 20	<b>Bay Fleet Winter II</b>  21
<b>Juniors</b>  22	23	<b>60th Anniversary Celebration 6:30PM-8PM</b> 24	25	26	<b>Hosts:</b> Adriaan & Helma Smulders Steve Nukes Shields Abernathy Fay Zeeb 27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	<b>Bay Fleet Winter III</b>  4