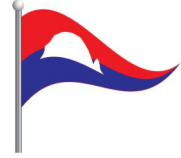


# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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## FROM COMMODORE—Brett Cross

Hola, that's pretty much it for the Spanish I remember from my 10th grade Spanish class. Actually a few other words, donde esta, muy bien. January has flown by and there is no shortage of things that are apparently supposed to be accomplished by the new commodore- i.e. me. Fortunately, there is a to-do list with responsibilities and deadlines. Some of those things were to be accomplished even before I took office. Most of them got done.

Even though Committee Chairpersons, Orris and Pat Cowgill, were new members when they signed up as Social Chairs, they have done an incredible job. But now they need help with creating a social committee to help with planning and putting on a variety of new "old events" that the Club used to produce. So if you would like to help out Orris and Pat, they would certainly welcome the help.

The Calendar is up, and a new "super-duper" electronic version is now mounted on the wall when you walk into the Club, or I hope it is, as Vice Commodore Dave Hensinger was drilling the holes in the wall for the mounting bracket that I so aptly helped line up. It's pretty neat; it talks to you and has a motion detection timer.

All the names of the officers have been sent to the Southern California Yacht Racing Association along with the date and time of our Opening Day ceremonies. The signature cards at the bank have all been updated. I need to update the phone numbers of the Officers to the Harbor Department, Fire Department, and the Police Department so they call the right people in case of an emergency, although I don't know what help I'd be.

By the time, you read this, the Long-Range Planning Committee will have met, as well as the Budget Committee. I'm hoping to finally get that water slide installed. On a more serious note, keep an eye out for an online survey that will ask you what you would like the Club to focus on. The survey will be broken down into a few areas: social activities, club house improvements, racing, sailing activities, and other goals.

I, along with Staff Commodore Todd Hansen, was invited to San Luis Yacht Club's Commodore's Dinner in January. Their yacht club hosts an annual dinner to recognize the past commodore's contributions. It's a very nice event and was a good way to foster our continued relationship between our clubs. I'm certain our past commodores would be interested in doing something similar and it is good way to share stories and insights. Plus, you get a free dinner.

While looking for some pictures of their event to get a sense of what to expect, I looked through a couple of their old newsletters and came across an article about new memberships. They require the prospective members get acquainted with the club and the current members by attending mandatory activities. I think it might be appropriate to consider more specific requirements when it comes to club activities prospective members



## COMMODORE Continued—Brett Cross

need to participate in as part of the membership process. Depending on what the events are, it would give the prospective members a greater chance to meet the current members. The Board also made a minor change to the sponsorship requirements that now allow a prospective member's current or former yacht club recommendation to qualify as one of the sponsors. The prospective member would still need a club member who has known the prospective member for a minimum of 6 months in order to meet the membership application requirements.

Looking at the calendar, March is going to be a busy month. The Cal Poly Mustang Regatta is on for March 4th and 5th. This regatta has quickly become a major event for the Club. Host families will be needed along with help with race management and the world famous spaghetti feed on Saturday night. The Big Rock Regatta is on the 18th and 19th and the club's hospitality is a premier feature of this event. You'll be seeing quite a few requests for helping out for this event. Volunteer chances abound. The following weekend, March 25th, is the Club's annual work day. You won't be able say that there was nothing going on at the Club in March for sure. Plus Daylight Saving time starts on March 12th as well.

It's amazing how fast January has gone by and it's already on to February. Someone mentioned just how fast the year goes by when you're Commodore; I think they may be right.

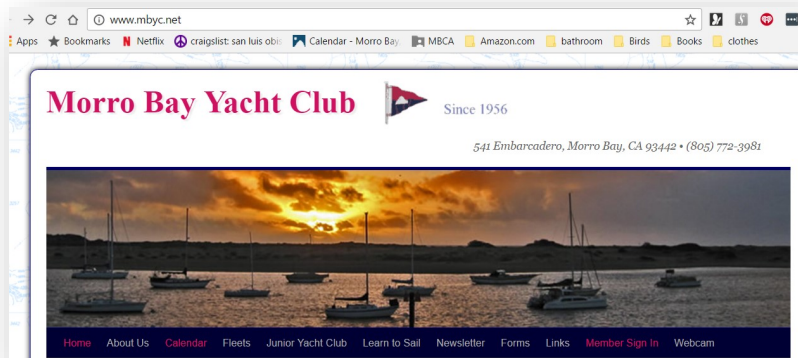


From the desk of the Commodore

**The Morro Bay Yacht Club website is at <http://www.mbyc.net/>**

Access the following information:

- About Us
- Calendar
- Fleets
- Junior Yacht Club
- Learn to Sail
- Newsletter
- Forms
- Links
- Webcam



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

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

**New Members:** No new members for the month of January 2017

**Prospective Memberships:** We have two "prospective" members working their way through the membership process and will likely go to the MBYC Board of Directors at their February meeting. They are David Paudler, sponsored by Greg Larson, and Joe & Jill Fariss, sponsored by Rachelle Phillips, and Don and Kit Lockwood. For the March Board of Directors meeting we have Jeffrey Smith, sponsored by Kevin Williams, and Commodore Brett Cross.

**VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensing**

**February already?**

It's hard to believe how fast January went by. The monthly opportunity to communicate as Vice Commodore tends to drive me down the road to plagiarism or at least consultation with past Vice Commodore's missives. By last year at this time, boats had been tossed around like - well - toy boats. I can happily report that the strict no funnel cloud policy of the current board is paying off. We may want to expand that to a no catastrophe, or even a no drama policy.



**Thanks**

Thanks to everyone who has helped get me get going in the right direction as vice. Thanks especially to the members of my house committee: Terry Paris (chips), Joe Huntsinger (spots), and John Bodine (sparks). Bob Walker continues to steward the yard fence project, and his skipper Simon Graves has been chemically intervening with the ice plant. Bill Albrecht continues to steward the dock. Thanks to Yolanda Pederson for the signal flags on the dock. Michael Bonilla is building a shelter for the wiring on the hoist.

The effort to paint the flag pole has a little more form at this point. Dana McClish has agreed to act as the rigger for the un-stepping and stepping, and Bob Smirl is in charge of specifying the refinishing process and bill of materials. The project will be scheduled for roughly a two-week period. Unstepping will be the first weekend, sanding, painting, sanding, painting... during the next 12 days and then stepping on the last weekend. Since dry weather is necessary, it will likely be scheduled after opening day. Work parties for stepping, unstepping, and refinishing will be solicited at that time.

There is still room for tasks in my job jar. So, send me an e-mail to mbyc.veep@gmail.com or grab my elbow. It should be understood that submissions are subject to prioritization and active procrastination.

**The Ice Plant Cometh**

**Saturday February 11th**, we will be tackling the ice plant along the back fence of the yard. It's been a few years and with the recent rain the succulent is out of control. We will need laborers from 9:00 AM to about 2:00 PM. The club will provide a roll off and some form of refreshment. More details and sign-up sheets will follow on the alias.



**Wear your Morro Bay Yacht Club name badges**—It helps new members, and us old folks recognize you! If you don't have one, or have lost yours, please contact Rachelle Phillips. My favorite is the magnetic kind!



**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.

— **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

— **April 2017**

- 3 John & Terry Miron  
John & Cindy Konrad
- 14 Dennis & Kerry Bailey  
John & Nia Schmidt
- 21 Dave & Sharon Bufo  
Bill & Nancy Albrecht
- 28 Terry & Charlene Paris  
Judy Adkison & Rocky Setting



## REAR COMMODORE —Steve Borges

Greetings fellow sailors:

I hope everybody had a great Christmas holiday and our looking forward to a new and exciting year.

Of course, every year we have our Hangover race on January 1st. This year we had nine boats register and the first race started with very light wind conditions causing the fleet to struggle to keep their boats moving in a positive direction. Terry Paris, with crew Dan McDonald in Banana Rebel, came in first. Simon Graves in Ramona placed second, and David Hensinger and Brett Cross in Zopilote, placed third. By the start of the second race the wind had increased to 6 to 8 miles per hour which seemed to work in Todd Hansen and Michael Measures favor in True Love taking first. David and Brett in Zopilote improved to second, and Terry and Dan in Banana Rebel, placed third. Now, by the end of the second race, the Harbor Patrol had issued a small craft alert, and the winds had increased to around ten miles per hour, so everybody had rushed to get the third race started before things blew up out of control. The Race Pros - the Juniors with the help of Kit Lockwood decided to send the fleet on a southerly course to help minimize any bay fleet carnage that might occur along the way. Under the tough conditions, Dana McClish and David Bufo in Sundance came in first. David and Brett in Zopilote placed another second, and Preston Holden and family finished a respectable third.

At the end of the day, the overall results had placed David Hensinger and Brett Cross in first place with 7 points. Terry Paris and Dan McDonald in Banana Rebel placed in second place with 8 points. Todd Hansen and Michael Measures in True Love with 10 points, took the third spot. After the races, one of the members brought out the infamous book of "Deeds of Gift" from under lock and key. It verified that anybody competing in the Hangover race must be at least 21 years old, and "a member" was brought to David Hensinger's attention. Because one of the racers, Preston Holden, was not a member, his race results should not have counted. He was basically a leisure sailor out sailing and not racing. Under much controversy, it was decided to recalculate the results, giving Terry Paris and Dan McDonald in Banana Rebel first place in a tie breaker over David Hensinger and Brett Cross in Zopilote both with 7 points. Todd Hansen and Michael Measures in True Love took the third spot.

We also had the Winter II races on January 21 with Patrick Gorey stepping up as Race Pro. Five boats had registered to race, but with rain occurring before the skippers meeting and two postponed starts due to lack of wind, and watching most of the boats sailing backwards at the starts, everyone's patience was on edge. The third attempt to start the first race proved to be a charm for Kevin Williams and Nikki Gregg, sailing Doing Time, under very light wind conditions placing first. Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party, placed in second place. Dana McClish and David Bufo in Sundance, placed third. After a short lunch break, this time Carlton and Brett in Beach Party took top honors. Kevin and Nikki in Doing Time, took the second spot, and Dana and David in Sundance, placed third. The third and final race of the day prove to be another victory for Carlton and Brett in Beach Party. Dana and David in Sundance come in second, and Kevin and Nikki placed third. At the end of day, and struggling to get three races in, the overall results placed Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party in first place with 4 points. Kevin Williams and Nikki Greeg in Doing Time with 7 points placed second, and taking the third spot was Dana McClish and David Bufo in Sundance with 9 points.

For the month of February, we have Laser Slaloms on the 19th.



Hangover Winners

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

Fun Float Fun for all

January's float did happen and on a weekend between rain, but not wind. It started out great, with sun and calm seas, but the wind did come up on the return and everyone had to work extra hard. Thank you, Rachelle, for all your help. We tried a Saturday for the paddle and did get a couple new members to join us, the Hansen's and the Prewett's. Hopefully more on our next Saturday paddle which we will try this summer.

February has also been a special month for a special occasion especially for some of us female paddlers. Dick Evans, as the Grand Poo Pah has always remembered us on this day of Valentine's Day and we have continued this day with wine and roses for the ladies. Come join us for a paddle and a little extra treat at lunch on the sand spit. Everyone is always welcome no matter what age or sex.

Tuesday February 14 at 11:00 AM	Wednesday April 26 at 10:30 AM
Thursday March 2 at 11:00 AM	Friday May 5 Cinco de Mayo
Wednesday March 29 at 10:30 AM	Thursday May 11 at 11:00 AM
Thursday April 13 at 11:00 AM	Thursday May 25 at 10:30 AM

We've loved the rain and now here's to a little exercise in between showers.

## SOMMELIER NOTES—Rich Leamon Courtesy of Steve Autry

### Q. Hey Steve, How do you determine ripeness in your grapes?

A. **How do we know when grapes are ripe?** As with all fruits and vegetables, with grapes there is a continuum, or a range, of ripeness. Winemakers and wineries all have different styles of wines that they produce, and the degree of ripeness of the grape has a lot to do with the success or failure of the particular style they're trying to produce.

One of the easiest things to measure relative to ripeness is the sugar level, and the percent sugar—that is, degrees Brix—is easy to measure and monitor (that's what the man in the picture is doing, measuring sugar content in grape juice with a refractometer). Most grape contracts are written with the Brix being the primary factor in the contract. pH and acid level are usually part of the criteria as well. Champagne is generally made from grapes that are barely ripe, in the 18-20 Brix category. Many wines are made in the 22-24 Brix range. A lot of the big full-bodied reds are harvested in the 24-26 range. We often receive grapes here at Autry Cellars in the 26-28 range. However, sugar level does not necessarily equal ripeness level. It's only one indicator of ripeness. pH and acid levels are also indicators of ripeness.

While chemistry is important my personal style for determining, ripeness has more to do with, what does the grape actually look like? Sugar ripeness is one thing. There's something else called "phenolic ripeness," and that's where the flavor and aroma lives. What are the indicators of full phenolic ripeness that I look for? I look for uniform dimpling or slight weight loss of all the grapes in the cluster. The stem leading into the cluster needs to be brown or lignified, indicating the plant's pretty much done with it. When we pop a grape open the seeds need to easily separate from the pulp, much like an apricot seed, not like a nectarine seed. The seeds need to be brown, not green, and they need to shatter when you bite them, not stick to your teeth like taffy. When I fold the empty skin over on a red grape and squeeze it, I should be able to bleed color from the skin, evidence of skin thinning—another sign of aging. When I see all of these things predominantly throughout a vineyard, now it's time to harvest. By then the perfect chemistry may have gotten past us, but I can adjust chemistry all day long. What I can't adjust is no flavor and aroma, so I make sure we get that into the grape first, adjust chemistry as needed, and then we can make some very nice wine. So we're pushing to the far end of the ripeness spectrum, right up to the very edge of overripeness. It's very much like the vine ripe tomato thing. It really makes a very big difference. I've found that for me, my determination of ripeness is very much more accurate, using the visual method as opposed to playing chemistry set, and I just get better results that way.

So that's the method I use to pull maximum flavor and aroma expression from each individual grape, making each wine a distinctively different wine. The fermentation protocol is the same: The difference is the grape. That's what you're tasting.

## MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

The junior sailing has a busy winter and spring ahead with 2 major regattas being hosted at Morro Bay. The Cal Poly Sailing Team host the Mustang Regatta the weekend of March 4-5. MBYC hosts the Big Rock Regatta the weekend of March 18-19, part of the Southern California Optimist Series. Both regattas will require many volunteers throughout the weekend,



The junior sailing club sail boats are ready for another great year of sailing!

so mark your calendars and plan to come out and support the collegiate and youth sailing at Morro Bay.

The junior sailing sail tubes are nearly complete. We have equipment in them now. Terry Paris is in the process of making some doors, which should be completed this month. The next project is re-organizing the equipment shed.

Junior sailing will meet February 5 and 19. February 19 will also be the Laser slalom race. This race is open to any Laser sailor, junior or adult. Club lasers will be available for use. Our Optimist sailors will focus on preparation for the Big Rock Regatta.

## PORT CAPTAIN — Lynn Meissen

We have had no guests on our dock for a several weeks so when I brought Guayacan to the dock I gave no thought to where I would tie up. The weather had not invited sailors out to sea lately. About 2PM I saw a mast behind me but it was only another member, John Dilworth out with Pearl. Still lots of room between us, fore and aft, and the dock would continue to be empty, but for the two members. By 6 it was dark and cold and I had the boat buttoned up, but then noticed someone walking by slowly, looking around at the dock and the signs, obviously not a regular. It was indeed a transient coming for the comfort of shore side facilities. Luckily, the small space north of Pearl and Guayacan was sufficient for a 40 footer, and the skipper was competent to come into a space just big enough darkness restricting visibility.

## ACTIVITIES — Pat and Orris Cowgill

Pat and I will be the social chairs again this year. We will be forming a committee and would love to have some volunteers. For you new members it will offer an opportunity to meet other members, be involved with club social events and have a good time. For members who have so generously helped in the past we will appreciate your help and experience as we did last year. If you'd like to help on the social committee please e-mail us. A social committee meeting will be scheduled in early February.

## SHIP'S STORE — Bill and Catherine Sanders

The ships store has a new inventory of hooded sweatshirts, zip front and pullovers as well as crew neck shirts. Also we have an assortment of polo and T shirts both long and short sleeve in the T's. All for both men and women's. Of course, these are all custom monogrammed with the club logo so you can wear them with pride while advertising our club.

Our goal is to be open every Friday night. Anyone who would like to volunteer to staff the store for a night would be welcome.

Thanks for those who have already volunteered.



**HISTORIAN—Andrea Surfleet**

**MBYC History Celebration**





The 60th Anniversary of the MBYC was celebrated on Tuesday, January 24th, with a slideshow, picture displays, stories, and lots of laughs. Almost 60 people crowded upstairs; a dozen of whom had joined the club in the late 60's and early 70's, and had helped to build the clubhouse in 1979. Together we recounted the stories of the yacht club guided by three hundred slides in a Power Point Presentation. Lost names were remembered and mysteries solved. David Prewett identified his uncle's car being hauled out of the water with a crane and that he, David, is the reason there's a ladder attached to the dock going into the water. Later, John Dilworth shared a picture with me of the boat he sailed into Morro Bay in 1980 as one of the first visiting sailors at the new clubhouse. And now he's a member!

Thanks to Orris and Pat Cowgill for hosting the coffee and refreshments and the early arrivers for their finishing touches on the displays. Thanks to Bob Kile's notes, I was able to speak about the early history of the Embarcadero. I was honored that Carolyn Pye, who long ago painted the vent red, above the bar in the middle of the night, traveled from Cambria, and that newer member, Josh Massie, popped up from Santa Barbara for the evening. So nice to see Max & Helen Sicher, Rosemary Jorgens, and Jean White and hear their special memories. If anyone took pictures or has stories to share, send them to [atsurfleet@gmail.com](mailto:atsurfleet@gmail.com).

The 'History Slideshow' and audio commentary will be available online soon.

**NOTE:**











**Daylight saving time 2017 in California will start at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 12 and will end at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 5  
All times are in Pacific Time.**

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12 <b>Ocean Fleet Winter III Juniors</b> 	13	14	15	16 <b>Board Meeting 6:15PM</b>	17 <b>Hosts:</b> Michael & Brooks Measure Ted & Iris Jacobson	18 Big Rock Regatta
19 <b>Big Rock Regatta</b>	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Hosts:</b> Joe & Dawn Huntsinger Hugh & Judi Forster	25 <b>Work Day</b>
26 <b>Juniors Work Day Ocean Fleet Flounder's Cup</b>	27	28	29 <b>Fun Float 10:30AM</b>	30	31 <b>Hosts:</b> Jim & Christy Hoxter Ali Athari Armand Boyer	1 Shenanigans Race

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