

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB



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Dave Hensinger, Commodore

This Year's Goal: It is still surprising for me to realize that through an interest in boats, a willingness to have fun, and the votes of the membership I find myself the commodore of the best yacht club on the west coast. That is not just an idle boast. The club's preeminent status is continually reaffirmed by the transients who pass through, our happy hour guests, and our summer sailing clients. It's not the bar, or the view from the balcony, the club is known for. It is the welcoming helpful attitude of the members. For 2018 as commodore I propose the modest goal "Keep the Place Fun".

We can have fun working. We can have fun racing. We can have fun playing. There will be issues that fall well outside the bounds of fun. They will be addressed appropriately, but those decisions will be made based on continuing to provide a place for our boating community to enjoy and relax.

Along with keeping the place fun. Let's try to keep the place full. Every time a I meet a guest at the club I warn them that by entering the property they are putting themselves at risk of becoming "Prospective Members". Some are just amused, but others are surprised to learn that we welcome new members. Some have gone on to become members. So, if there is someone who you know who is involved in sailing and you were surprised they weren't involved in the club, offer to sponsor them.

The New Board: The club will be served by new officers in every position. In several of these positions are officers who have not previously served as

officers. All of these officers will continue to rely on the support of volunteer members.

Joe Huntsinger will serve as **Vice Commodore**. Joe served on the house committee last year and the house has continually benefited from his skills and can-do attitude. A partial list of his projects includes (bathroom ceiling [twice], kitchen paint, Christmas lights, kitchen plumbing, bar drain). The beautiful new inset cabinet (built by Ken Bradley) next to the entry doors is due to Joe's initiative and skill with drywall. He saw an opportunity to improve the house and went right at it. I am looking forward to seeing how the house changes under Joe's direction.

Ali Athari served as Galley Chief a few years ago and many of you will remember the feast he prepared for "Near East Night". He will be bringing his imagination and organizational skills to the office of **Rear Commodore**. Ali lives on his boat Tujours-Ete and is well connected in the Morro Bay boating community.

Helping Ali with the racing will be new captains of both the ocean and bay fleets.

Troy Wieck and his wife Sonja are brand new members (as of the December meeting), but he has been consistently sailing with the ocean fleet for the last year. Their daughter Annie is also one of the more fearless junior sailors. Ken Muther will help Troy ease into the role of **Ocean Fleet Captain**.

Gavin Payne is the new **Bay Fleet Captain**. He and his crew Myles have been actively racing his Daysailer "Vincero". Gavin has already taken the lead in organizing the upcoming Midwin-



ter Lido 14 regatta on February 17-18.

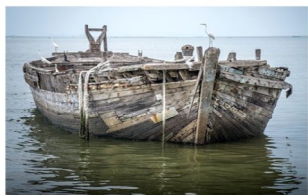
Robin Wessman-Volpe will be serving as **Treasurer** this year. Robin will be bringing the patience and skills of a long-time schoolteacher to this important post.

Katie Crawford will be serving as **Secretary**. Katie has been very active as a safety boat operator at bay fleet races, and she is well connected to the sailing community in Santa Barbara.

John Bodine will be serving as Senior Director. John has the most experience on the board, and he also has been an essential member of the House committee as keeper of all things electrical.

Alaine Steuk is moving from Secretary to Junior Director. She is one of the most experienced members on the board and is methodical and direct in her consideration of decisions. She may also be the board member who sails the most.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events: Kitchen: The kitchen is nearing completion. The new countertops are in and look great (Thanks Todd and Joyce). The next kitchen related project will be the framing of a pantry in the nook outside the kitchen door.



Welcome boat lovers to the
Morro Bay Yacht Club!

Dave Hensinger, Commodore Continued



The Hawaiian Chieftain crew had a great time at the Daysailer Christmas party!

We need experienced help
fixing the Whaler!

Whaler: The lower drive unit of the whaler has again failed. A committee has been established to determine the future of the club launch. If you have suggestions, or if you would like to exercise your skills as an out-board mechanic please contact the committee chair Brian Monroe (twinfin@live.com).

New Hoist: John Krossa is chairing a sub-committee to replace the club's current hoist with a modern 3-ton hoist. The committee has been very active and is generating preliminary designs.

Safe Boating Cards: The board is considering the club's response to the state requirement for safe boating cards. This item will be on the December meeting agenda. The training is free from BoatUS

<http://www.boatus.org/free/>
(I've taken it, as have all of our summer sailing instructors.).

Navigation Training: I am looking for a member to coordinate with the CG Auxiliary to bring a certified navigation training course to the club.

Man Over Board (MOB)
Training: Look for an upcoming ocean fleet event including MOB lectures and practical exercises.

Greg Barker, Happy Hour

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 PM to 7:30 PM and serve snacks at 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

—January 2018

- 5 Bill & Catherine Sanders, Rich & Elaine Steuk
- 12 Joe Fram & Bonnie Birch, Tom & Gail Riley
- 19 Mal & Julie Towery, Andrew & Marrie Brown
- 26 Carlton Smith & Deborah Paes de Barros, Todd & Joyce Hansen

—February 2018

- 2 Jim & Karen Clinton, Kenn & Melanie Coble
- 9 Paul & Jessica Irving, Nancy Craig, John & Candice Kincade
- 16 Michael & Eda Bonilla, Dave & Karen Prewett
- 23 Patrick & Michele Gorey, Mathew Piper, Brett Cross

—March 2018

- 2 Jim & Yolanda Pederson, Gavin Payne, Stanley & Susan Craig
- 9 Jeff & June Jones, Orris & Patricia Cowgill
- 16 Justin & Crystal Bradshaw, Tom & Marty Tidyman
- 23 Lex & Lolo Budge, Larry & Liz Salas
- 30 Don & Kit Lockwood, Roger & Vicki Marlin

Jim Phillips, Membership News

New Contact Information:

Please check your current MBYC Roster and report any wrong information to me. I am looking forward to providing all with a new roster early in 2018. If you have changed your home address, email, or phone number, please contact me at my email: jprp@charter.net.

New Members:

Wow!!! what a year for new MBYC members. With the five memberships reported below, we will have welcomed 17 new members to our roster this year. At their final board meeting of the year, the MBYC Board approved five new memberships. Up from the ranks of "student member" is **Keiran Hansen** who has joined the ranks of regular members.

A second new member is **John Edell**, sponsored by the Ed & Mary Ann Carnegie & Bill and Catherine Sanders.

A third new member is **Daniel Goldthwaite** sponsored by Chris Surfleet & Todd Hansen. The fourth new member to our ranks is **Troy & Sonja Wieck** sponsored by non other than Dana McClish and Ken Twist,

Fifth, rather than last, is **John & Susan Wimer** sponsored by none other than his mother Cynthia and the famous Lex Budge.

Please give these new members a warm MBYC welcome when you see them around the club.

Prospective Memberships: 2018 will find us with yet another membership working its way through our process toward full membership. **Wendy Knight**, sponsored by Dave Hensinger & Chris Surfleet, will go to the January Board and **Charles and Jeanie Roberts**, sponsored by Nancy Craig and Armand Boyer, should go to our new Board in February.

Happy New Year to one and all.



Looking to make a year-end tax-deduction donation?

Support our 2017 FJ Campaign

The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation

Is accepting donations which can be made by cash or check to:

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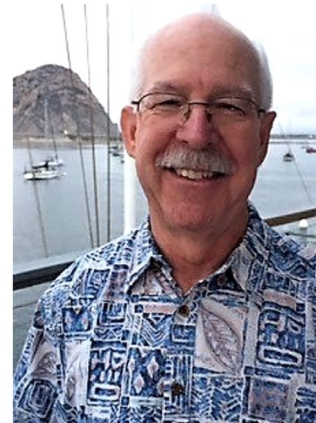
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Keiran Hansen



John Edell



Daniel Goldthwaite



Troy & Sonja Wieck



John & Susan Wimer

Joe Huntsinger, Vice Commodore

Just a little introduction to let you know that I am a boat owner even though I don't sail much anymore. (Ask my wife how many times she has dumped me into the water)...(by the way, Huntington is just as cold as Morro Bay)...(when the lake was empty, did



Yes, That's Joe's Boot Camp Photo, Top Right!! Top Left, MBYC Twister, Left Middle, Dawn Huntsinger and Brett Cross sanding Daysailer hull



Display Cabinet

Ali's picture is a little blurry, but we got a fantastic picture of Ali's very large boat!

anyone find my tackle box?... (keeping my eyes open for a power boat)

Sailors take pride in not only buying but also sailing boats. Dawn and I did pretty good buying our Daysailer from my mother-in-law. When people ask how much we paid for our boat, I proudly tell them \$2,000.

Like many sailors, once you buy a boat, you need to do a few things to make it your own. You start by looking at other boats in the club to see how they are set up. Then you ask others what they think. By the way, this doesn't always work. Everyone has an opinion, sometimes multiple opinions. And once you finish setting up your boat the way you like it, the critics will be sure to let you know what you could have done differently.

Back to my \$2,000 find. We have bought a few things

to improve our boat: two sets of sails, a spinnaker, new mast (thanks to the Morro Bay tornado), new shrouds, forestay, line, and hardware. Then on Brett's advice we ground off the gelcoat and fiberglassed the hull (you know, to make it go faster). I also see a Waterat centerboard in our future. So, we've spent about \$5,000 and a couple hundred-man hours. When we finally finish the boat, people will say, "Hey, that's a nice boat!" to which like all good sailors I will reply, "Yes, it is, we only paid \$2,000 for it!" proving that we are very wise. Then like all good sailors, we will sell it for \$2,500 and then brag about the profit we made, and now have enough money to purchase a much better boat. It's a great life!

A huge thanks to Bob and Barbara Schwenoha for preparing a delicious Christmas dinner and desserts, their granddaughter Emily, Dave and Karen Prewett for spending days in the galley helping and serving, and Dot Rygh for beautifully decorating the dinner tables. This small group of people pulled out all the stops to put on a memorable dining experience for us all. Thank you Ken Bradley for the beautiful display cabinet next to the office door. Latitude 38 now has a proper home. And last



but not least a big thanks to Dave Hensinger, Dana McClish, and Todd Hanson. The serving counter has been installed in the Kitchen and the remodel will be completed within a week or two.



Kitchen Cabinet

Ali Athari, Vice Commodore

Merry Christmas to you all sailors. My name is Ali Athari, the new Rear Commodore for the year, 2018. Being new at this, I am at a loss for things to say. I

do not have anything to report except that there is the new sign up board for pros to sign up on; please do at the earliest so that we can get an early

start for the upcoming sailing season. We do have the Hangover race on the first, I hope to meet a lot of you there, and generate an exiting year of racing. Looking forward to it all.



Dot Rygh Your Grand Poo Mah, Fun Float

Thursday, December 7, at 11 AM we set out for our White Elephant Christmas Party on the Sand Spit. It was blowing an Easterly and we hugged the shore and had a great view of the Hawaiian Chieftain at the dock and had Lady Washington come in from the entrance while we were paddling. We also had lots of otters feeding and of course our favorite Osprey on a pole. Great paddle and we arrived at Sandals Cove at Noon for a little bubbly and shared goodies. As the picture of all of us shows, the white elephant gifts had to be OK. because eve-

ryone is really smiley and happy (or maybe it was the bubbly). A big thank you to Charlie Roberts for the great pictures of the Christmas party Float.

It was a special occasion for our MBYC Life member number 1, Rosemary Jorgens who was celebrating her 92nd birthday came with us for her bucket list request of a last paddle with us. It's been great having her with us for so many years of fun floats. The Fun Float paddles celebrated their 20th anniversary this year. It was founded under the leadership of then Commodore Pat

Rygh in 1997. Rosemary and her husband Buck paddled their El Toro's and other boats with us for several years.

We had a very successful year of paddling and were not disappointed very many times with wind or rain cancellations. Thank you all for coming out for the paddles and making it a very enjoyable & fun year. We also reelected our Grand Poo Mah Dot Rygh for another year and new assistants, Armand Boyer and Joe Farris.

Everyone on any kind of floating boat or board is welcome!

Please buy the Jr. Yacht club Tide Calendar on sale this month. In it you will see all our dates for the entire year for each month. You can plan ahead this year by getting your own calendars.

The January floats will be:
Thursday, January 4 at 10:30 AM and
Friday, January 19 at 10:00 AM.

February floats:
Friday, February 2 at 10:00 AM
Thursday, February 15 at 10 AM



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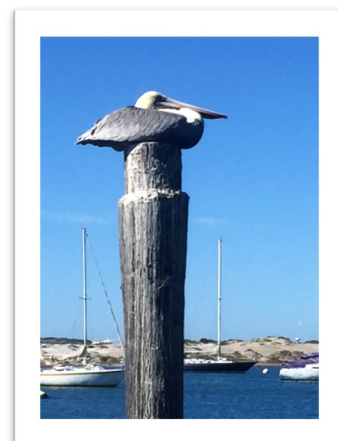
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Chris Surfleet, MBYC Juniors

Under Dana McClish's tutelage, the Juniors took 2nd place in the Lighted Boat Christmas Parade out of a field of almost 40 boats.



Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation's lighted boat parade entry "Santa's Sleigh and Rudolph"

Happy New Year! 2017 has been a great year for junior sailing! The junior yacht club has enjoyed great success primarily due to the many volunteers who have helped. There were a few key volunteers who deserve mention. First off, Terry Paris helped coach the Laser sailors, and built the sail tubes for added storage space. Kit Lockwood consistently assisted with getting the sailors rigged in the morning,

catching kids needing to come back to the club early, and putting on our annual junior regatta. Robert

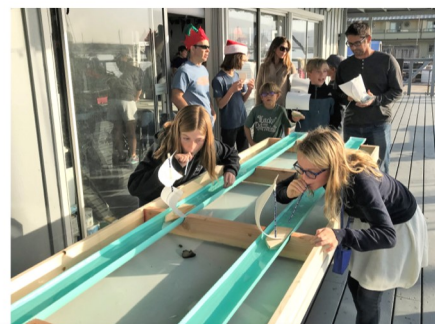
Schwenoha was a consistent coach, and safety boat driver. Dana McClish organizes the Big Rock Regatta each year, coaches Optimist sailing, and initiated our prize-winning entry in the Lighted Christmas parade. Dave Hensinger was consistently at

the junior sailing days, and provided support whenever needed.

Finally, Todd Hansen took on the role as the liaison between Cal Poly Sailing and MBYC.

We look forward to a great new sailing season. The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation and Cal Poly Sailing raised enough money to completely turn over the FJ fleet. The FJs now available for Cal Poly sailing are in the best condition in my memory. The junior sailing will meet for sailing this month on January 7 and 21. Our primary goal will be to prepare the Optimist sailors for the Big Rock Regatta in March. We can use more volunteers, so I hope you come out and support our junior sailing efforts.

Junior Anna and Karis race their homemade



Owen Blackwell, the 2017 Junior Sailor of the Year for outstanding sailing achievement and participation. Owen is surrounded by a few of the junior yacht club volunteers, Dana McClish, Chris Surfleet, Terry Paris, and Dave Hensinger.

Ken Muther, Ocean Fleet News

Speaking of new things, it's out with the old and in with the new. This is Ken Muther's last month as Ocean Fleet Captain and Troy Wieck will be the Captain starting in January 2018. Twenty-one races are scheduled for 2018 so have fun Troy.

Another ocean racing year has been completed. Twenty-one races were scheduled and nineteen were completed. Fourteen boats entered at least one race and seven different boats won a race. The most popular race was the "Lady at the Helm" with eight entries.

Would you think that a wooden boat designed in the 1930's and built in the 1970's could still be a competitive racer today? Guayacan (Lynn Meissen) led the way with nine first place finishes and won the Winter Series, Spring Series, Devlin Series and Fall Series. When the wind is strong the big blue boat is very competitive and many of the races had weather that gave

Guayacan the advantage. Lynn also entered nearly every race which is important to winning a series. Whizbang (John Michener) won three races and the Summer Series. Jersey Girl (Greg Miller) and Evening Tide (Ken Muther) each won two races.

Three other boats (Jessie Marie, High 5, and Eleu) won a single race. Of these the win by Jessie Marie (Marie Sargent) in the Jenkins Memorial Race to San Simeon was special. This is a two-day race over a longer distance and the race had not been run since 2008.

Greg Miller who often races his Day-Sailor in the Bay Fleet brought his Santa Cruz 27

(Jersey Girl) to join us in the Devlin II race. The fact that he won by more than one hour showed us what a great racing boat with great Skipper and crew can do on a windy day. John Krossa just purchased a Santa Cruz 27 so next year may be difficult for the rest of us.

In other news Tim French sold his O'Day 27 (Eleu) to Patrick Gorey who won the first race he entered. Tim now has a Catalina 320 (Sojourner) and placed third in his first race. It's nice to see new Skippers and new boats joining the Ocean Racing Fleet.

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	JAN I New Year's Day Pay \$325 Dues Bay Fleet Hang-over	2	3	4 Fun Float 10:30 AM	5 Mbrship Mgt 5:15PM Hosts: Sanders/Steuk	6
7 Junior Sailing	8	9	10	11	12 Hosts: Fram/Birch/ Riley	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr	16	17	18 Board Meeting 6:15PM	19 Fun Float 10AM Hosts: Towery/Brown	20 Coast Guard Aux Mtg 5:30PM Bay Fleet Winter II
21 Juniors	22	23	24	25	26 Hosts: Smith/ Paes de Barros/ Hansen	27
28	29	30	31	FEB I	2 Mbrship Mgt 5:15PM Fun Float 10AM Hosts: Clinton/ Coble	3
4 Junior Sailing Superbowl Party	5	6	7	8	9 Hosts: Irving/ N. Craig/ Kincade	10 Bay Fleet Winter III
11 Ocean Fleet Winter II	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Fun Float 10AM MBYC Board Mtg 6:15PM	16 Hosts: Bonilla/ Prewett	17 SCYA Midwinter Regatta Lido 14
18 SCYA Midwinter Regatta Lido 14 Junior Sailing	19 President's Day	20 Coast Guard Aux Mtg 5:30 PM	21	22	23 Hosts: Gorey/ Piper/ Cross	24
25	26	27	28	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		

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The Morro Bay Yacht Club is a private, non-profit organization devoted to boating activities, along with the protection and enjoyment of our picturesque bay and coastline. We participate in both competitive and non-competitive boating activities throughout the year. Anyone at least 21 who owns a boat, is planning to buy a boat, or regularly enjoys boating activities in someone else's boat is invited to apply for membership.

Editor's Note: Submissions and corrections to the *Masthead* are due by the 25th of each month. Please e-mail your written material or digital photos to Yvonne Lazear
All pictures are welcome!

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January 2018

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- Questions Andrea Surfleet

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