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FROM YOUR COMMODORE



This past month started with a bang. The Dos de Mayo dinner was well attended and a huge success. We were treated to Larry Salas' famous chili Colorado and other Mexican fare served up by the amigos. The amigos are, of course, Larry Salas, Don Lockwood (the garlic king), Roy Shank--and the junior amigo--me! We had music provided by our favorite guitar player and vocalist, Steve Meyers. And how about those margaritas mixed by Señor Jim Phillips, bar steward extraordinaire. I think everyone went home full and happy.

Then we had the Big Boat-In and barbeque. For those of you who might not know, we hold this event once a year. We invite other boaters in the bay to stay a night on our dock and join us for a barbeque so they can learn what we are all about. Hopefully, this will bring us some quality new members as it has in the past. This event is put on every year by John Bodine and Brook Townsend, with help from John and Nia Schmidt--or as we like to call it--the John and John show. Thanks guys! This year's barbeque was the best yet by Brian and Kathy Jones. Believe me, this was the real deal!

The fun wasn't over yet, as the next day we went to Atascadero Lake for the annual Mother's Day picnic. Bobbi Brose did a great job organizing this party, including a bocce ball tournament led by Duncan McQueen. What a way to spend a Sunday--in a beautiful park, next to a lake, with your friends.

I also need to take time to thank Bruce Masterson for stepping up and becoming a Jr. Advisor and also coordinating our summer sailing program. This is the kind of involvement we like to see.

Just a reminder that Wednesday night Hamburgers is up and running. Christy Duthie, our galley chief, is looking for volunteers. The sign-up sheet is located by the race closet, so sign up for a Wednesday night--you know you will have fun! While I'm still on hamburgers, a big thank you goes out to Bob Alandt and Don Srack for the new grills on the gas grill. Bob Alandt fabricated them himself.

Also we have a new water heater. Vice Commodore John Duthie shopped around and got us a great price on a 100-gallon unit. Then, Staff Commodore Roy Gammill and John, under the supervision of Staff Commodore Larry Salas, installed it--saving us the expense of a plumber.

Well, as the yachting and fun continues, that's all I have for this month. See you around the club.

Full Speed Ahead,
Doug



Thanks for the great photos! — Larry Salas, page 6; Cheryl Gould, pages 6, 7, & 8; Dot Rygh, page 7; Duncan McQueen, page 8; Pandora Nash-Karner, pages 8 & 10.



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the third Friday of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to mbyc@mbyc.net or leave submissions in the *Masthead* box in the club's office.

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space. We love your articles and photos!

Thanks to all who contribute!

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

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 any questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Jim Phillips.

If this is your first HOST ASSIGNMENT, contact the couple assigned with you and they will show you the ropes.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List.

Hosts serve snacks AND tend bar from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM.

If you make a change, please let Polly know.

JUNE

- 4 Steve Nukes and Sally Mingo
Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher
- 11 Donna and Andy Arozena
Jean and Sandy Biscayart
- 18 Ken and Mary Bradley
Chris and Anne Branch
- 25 Pete and Susan Canaan
Gail Condon / Henriette Groot

JULY

- 2 John and Nia Schmidt
Howard Gordon and Heidi Carr
- 9 Doug and Cheryl Gould
Tom and Adair Thoms
- 16 John and Wendy Mitchell
Pat and Ramona Hedges
- 23 Bob and India Pyeatt
Bruce and Laura Masterson
- 30 Frank and Pat Wood
Joe and Wynn Recchia

AUGUST

- 6 Russell and Sally Williams
Bruce and Laura Masterson
- 13 Paul and Rosie Schneringer
Christina Campolni / Thordis Seager
- 20 Gary and Joyce Granneman
Ray and Suzie Berndt
- 27 Candy Botich and Kevin O'Day
Kent and Lois Butler

— Polly Schneider

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome our newest members, Michael and Sharon Brooks. They will be living in their new home in Morro Bay. Please add them to your roster.

Also a new application for membership: Peter and Beverly King. They currently have kayaks and used to own an ocean-going boat. Their application is posted on the door. Please take time to review it and to get to know them.

Rosemary Jorgens and John Schmidt have agreed to help out with membership while I am away. I will be gone for the months of July and August. Please see them with any problems or new membership applications.

— René Morris, Membership Chairman

Ahoy There! Announcements!

- ☼ Due to the High Sierra Regatta, the July Board Meeting will be held on July 15.
- ☼ Mark Your Calendars! Join us for Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. There will be fun races and prizes. Dinner will follow.
- ☼ New email address for Jim and Barbara Lewis:
jnbLewis@earthlink.net
- ☼ Henriette Groot has a new phone number.

FUN FLOAT

Due to unfavorable wind and low-high tide, we were not able to paddle under the bridges at Los Osos. Oh well, we'll try again sometime.

On Tuesday, June 15th at 10:00 AM we will once again sally forth into the unknown regions of the Bay. This will be a gentler and kinder trip so that we might court the Muses and slip upon birds and scare the living daylights out of them.

Bring food nourishment.

— G.P.P.



Interested in playing bridge but don't think you remember how? A refresher course might be just what you need. All levels are welcome to join the bridge group that plays from 2:30 to 5:30 before happy hour on Fridays, including novices.

— Evelyn Wessel & Jacque Kelly

2nd social meeting of 2004

Please attend to plan the balance of this year's events.

Friday, June 25th, 4 pm

To be discussed are August, September, Oktoberfest, November, Commodore's Ball, December Children's Party, Tree Trimming, plus parties.

— Janet Elliott

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE



Cheers, Hot-Water-Loving members,

Sorry for the hiatus last month. A funny thing happened on the way To Ensenada—no wind, no wind, and some kelp! To make things even better during this year's "Boat In," we lost the hot water heater. (Sorry John Bodine.) Seems the tank split, spilling small quantities of precious hot gold into the Galley storage closet. Good news though, no wine was damaged!!!!

With the help of Bruington plumbing, the club saved some money buying the water heater directly from the contractor and had it drop-shipped to the club.

As usual, the gang showed up for the installation, Roy Gammil, Victor Nigro, our Commodore, and last but not least, Sir Laurence of Mechanical Engineering!

It seems that all of the king's horses and all the Staff Commodores could install the heater. We just had one

minor setback: a gas leak that just would not go away!!!! I know, all the things that could go wrong didn't go wrong, just a little gas smell!

After 3 days of resealing all the gas fittings and a little more grey hair (yes it is possible), The Vice Commodore locked himself in the water heater closet, along with all the wine and non-alcoholic beer, turned off the lights and lit a match. All plumbing passed the flame test, the pilot light gas feed piping on the new water heater flamed up like a roman candle. After all that messing around, it turned out to be a 19-cent copper ferrule.

Thanks again to Larry, Victor, Doug and Roy!

FYI to the bay fleet, the hoist turntable chain is getting loose. Jim Brueznak and I attempted to get a little more life out of the beast. It looks like a job for Bob Kile. Be gentle with the hoist.

We are under way with plans to add the pump out station on the dock as per our lease agreement.

See you on the water,
John

Club members of the Tidelands Park clean-up detail were honorees at Morro Bay city's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held May 19, 2004. Mayor Bill Yates presented the club with a certificate of appreciation for our maintenance of the park.

The Tidelands Park detail was originally established in 1993 to counter the prevailing negative image of a yachtsman and our club. For many, we were thought of as rich, self-indulging epicureans whose only interest was sailing and racing boats.

Today, we stand in good stead with both city and community, thanks to our club volunteers. The detail could use additional people, so now's your opportunity to get some community service time in. It usually requires 1-1/2 hours of your time once a month. To sign up, contact committee chairperson Larry Stayton.

— Submitted by the Budlongs

Ahoy, all Club Lovers:

We will need able bodied volunteers to assist in the Club re-paint project. We are looking for help in masking trim, removing hardware and signs, prep work, and power washing. Staff Commodore Gammil has graciously offered his services to paint the building with his airless sprayer. Please contact me.

Thanks,
your Vice C.



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John Duthie

FROM THE REAR OF THE BUS



The last month has been full of Bay, Ocean, and road warrior wakes. Fleets were out shining their bottoms and straightening their sticks all over the place and the season is just getting warmed up. This writing is a bit late due to a weekend with a road warriors scouting party at Lake San Antonio. This group apparently found a suitable alternative for the Wysocki. The traditional ephemeral campground/battle ground, Santa Margarita Lake is little more than a hog wallow due to the apparent inadequate sacrifices to the rain gods. The truth is, the only vir-

gins to be found were being closely guarded by their fathers.

The quest for the missing ocean mark is over due to the revelation that a local fisherman killed it. Apparently a local fisherman who was also having the same problem finding a suitable subject for the salmon gods sacrificed it.

The Lido Fleet will hold their fleet championship this upcoming weekend in Morro Bay. As tradition demands, a group of Day Sailer skippers will be acting as PROs. This group was overheard at Lake San Antonio mapping out a suitable course chart. Start, windmill (p), Paul Bunyon Statue (between the legs), dragon (in the mouth), Mickey Mouse(s), finish.

— Mitch

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Day Sailer Fleet 128

It has been a very long month for Day Sailer fleet 128. We have been to races from Northern to the Southern California. We started this month in the Fresno area, then headed back to Morro Bay, followed by a run down to the Santa Clarita area, then a quick re-diversion to the bay area and as of deadline time, finishing off at a Lake San Antonio. That makes five races with four of them away and not including Richmond two weeks prior to this big run. If anyone is interested in joining the traveling fleet please let me know, currently we have three big traveling boats with two more at random intervals, and more at certain races. Ok, now to the results and the drama.

The first Race up at lake Millerton now seems like a year away now. The traveling fleet saw Dos Osos, Full Circle, Lemon Head, and Student Driver attending this two-day event (one day of racing one day of having a good time where we went). If you haven't sailed at Millerton Lake it is a very interesting lake. All of the races take place on the western half of the race. It is a lake that every time I have sailed there is dominated by clouds. When there are heavy clouds overhead, we have found that you play the edges of the clouds more than you anticipate thermal winds. There is also a great deal of local knowledge on the lake as well. We saw around 12 boats at Millerton. Dave Kearan, Dean Iwashi, and many of the Fresno boats were there. *At the end of the day, Kearan took first, Dean second, and Neiswanger third.* Lake Millerton is a great venue, with good camping (we always get the small group site) and great sailing conditions.

Next came Spring two. The PRO, Larry Salas, held three races. Many boats sailed in this race, both Lidos and Day Sailers. The tightest race was race three. At the beginning of race three, Lemon Head and Student Driver parked at the starting line with the rest of the fleet sailing away from them. Spinnaker flying was and has absolutely the deciding line of who places where. After making up considerable distance playing the lifts heading to channel marker eight, Student Driver followed by Lemon Head ran off downwind with spinnakers a blazing. We doused the kite but not the poll, and continued reeling in the two breakaway Lidos down the waterfront. After several blocks of jousting, both DaySailer's slipped into the lead ahead of the Lido's and the kites came out again on the downwind leg to channel marker 17. At seventeen however, things became a bit disorganized for Student Driver. We were thinking ahead enough to douse the kite on the starboard

side of the boat anticipating a strong run for the line at the end, but we ran out of time and left the pole up for a good portion of the up hill leg. Lemon Head however came around 17 on the ball and out pointed Student Driver. The final race came down to the last two blocks of the race. With Lemon Head well ahead, we had no choice but to fly the kite to play desperate makeup. *At the end of the day it was Student Driver, Lemon Head, and the Lockwood's. News flash, Peter and Anita win Spring three and the trophy, John Neiswanger takes third.*

Lake Piru is another great venue we visited this month. Fleet 128 saw three boats attending this race. Tom Murphy, Christine, John Neiswanger, Kenton Hendricks, Gail Condon, and Kevin Williams, all attended this race. Lake Piru this year was dominated with light teasing winds and twisting shifts spinning off the dam. Last year the Lake was blowing 20 plus and sometimes into the late thirties. *At the end of the weekend Student Driver eked out a first, with Lemon Head a mere 2 points behind, and Murphy a close fourth.*

Due to an upset in the schedule the following weekend was a weekend of respite. However, the very next weekend it was off to the races at Redwood City. Without hyperbole, Kenton Hendricks and John Neiswanger dominated the entire fleet. The end of the day saw Lemon Head at 10 points with their next competition at 25 points, literally horizoning the fleet, Kudos to John and Kenton.

Day one of the Clay Regatta was victory at sea with three boats going over in a twenty-minute period. People seemed to have a very hard time jibing in the heavy winds. Kenton and John stayed upright and easily held a decisive lead at the end of the first day. At one point in the second race, John and Kenton were third until the lead boat accelerated wildly in a jib and rolled over.

Day two was a bit lighter but was still full of tricks and upsets. In the third race of the day, Steve Lowery was the first one to the new shift in the wind; unfortunately he also capsized due to the dramatic shift of this sudden header. Day two was dominated by Spinnaker work, mark roundings, and transitioning from heavy to light winds. We repeatedly saw several boats jammed together tightly at every mark. There was no room for slack, you played the lifts and headers all the time; sat on your competition downhill and attacked for room at the marks at every turn.

Things that we have learned on the road racing day in and day out. Sails and boat maintenance are very impor-

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tant, but calling the lifts and getting to the new wind first is far more important. Running your kite at any chance that the wind dips to beam reaching will cause you to streak out city blocks on your competition if they do not fly their kite, however, the learning curve is very painful. Inside overlap at the leeward mark will bury your competition in a heap of bad air and a lower track heading up wind, but may cause you to foul them if you are not absolutely careful. Remember sail as much as you can, Victor is always there on Wednesdays and is more than helpful with advice. He has also done very well in the races and knows what it is like to

be at the top. Finally you can always pass your competition as long as you leave enough room to get clean air, called separation.

That is it for now, recent results have been posted on the page, the next month is not as busy, we have the San Antonio race this weekend, and then the Measures and Gail and I are off to Virginia for Nationals, then in June we have the HSR. Hope to see everyone on the road.

Cheers,

— Kevo

Ocean Fleet News

Ocean Spring 3 – Spring Series

The final race of the Ocean Spring series was run on May 16. It was the most exciting race this year as far as I am concerned. The winds were mostly 20 knots true with one gust clocked at 32.5 knots. The seas were lively but not white-knucklers.

On *Voyager II*, the entire regular crew was aboard. I always feel invincible when the whole crew is together. We also had two guests and a new crew for eleven total. This is referred to by the term "Full Boat" at poker tables.

Unfortunately, only one other boat raced, Chris Helenius's Swan 42 *Glisade*. I understand that everyone else had excellent excuses.

The race course was from MB-1, the harbor entrance buoy, to Constantine buoy, to Mouse Rock buoy, back to Constantine and finishing back at MB-1 for a race distance of 14.46 miles. We started at noon, as usual. For this race there was no shortened course provision (bailout) in case of slow progress. The wind had been blowing every day for the previous week and was forecast to continue for the next week. In fact, on *Voyager II*, we tucked in a reef in the main during the beat legs, thinking that we would be faster and generate less leeway if not sailing on our ear.

Voyager II pulled into an early lead and slowly increased it as the race progressed. The Finish times are as follows:

	Raw	Corrected
<i>Voyager II</i>	2:38:21	2:09:25
<i>Glisade</i>	2:51:00	2:32:55

Voyager II (unofficially) wins the Spring series with three bullets.

— Wayne Ratliff



Tom and Bette Jenkins,
1st Place,
Mission Bay Lido
Invitational

The Big Boat-In



Bay Fleet News

The Spring series for the Bay fleet sailors concluded on Saturday May 15. 14 boats competed in the 8 race series. As usual the winds in the spring are very light to very heavy, so all in all it was a good challenge for all the classes in an arbitrary series. The first place winners were Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher with a Day Sailer with 20 points. The second place finishers were Pat and Dot Rygh with a Lido and had 36 points. The third place winner was John Neiswanger and Kenton Hendricks in a Day Sailer with

54 points. The Lockwoods in 4th with 60 points, John Taylor in 5th with 63 points.

The Summer series starts June 12 and then Summer 2 on June 26 and Summer 3 on August 28. Don't forget to sign up for the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake On July 10 & 11. Several of the racers are signing up for the dinner at the lodge after the races on Saturday. More info later by the fleet captains.

— Dot Rygh



Mother's Day at Atascadero Lake

The Mother's Day Picnic at Atascadero Lake was a booming success; thanks to all of you who participated and furnished such yummy food. A special thanks to Duncan and Marlene McQueen for their organizing Baca Ball. Everyone who played on the various teams had a "BALL." — Bobbi Brose





Photos from Pandora



Bay Races start: 11:00 a.m.
Skipper's Meeting: 10:30 a.m.

from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						June 1		2		3		4	
										5:30pm Hosts: Steve Nukes and Sally Mingo / Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher			
6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
*SLYC (O)								7:00pm Board Meeting 		5:30pm Hosts: Donna and Andy Arozena / Jean and Sandy Biscayart		10:30am Bay Race: Summer 1 (Arbitrary) 	
13		14		15		16		17		18		19	
		Flag Day		Fun Float 10:00am 						5:30pm Hosts: Ken and Mary Bradley / Chris and Anne Branch 		7:00pm Masthead Articles Due	
20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
DS Nationals										5:30pm Hosts: Pete and Susan Canaan / Gail Condon / Henriette Groot		*G18 Sem Naut SBYC 10:30am Bay Race: Summer 2 (Arbitrary) 	
27		28		29		30							
*G18 Sem Naut SBYC													
10:30am Ocean Race: Summer 2 													

TIDELANDS VOLUNTEERS — JUNE

4—Bob and India Pyeatt. 7—Blaine and Maralee Parkin. 11—Tom and Sher-rye Haynie. 14—John and Frances Budlong. 18—Jim and Rachelle Philips. 21—Andy and Donna Arozena. 25—Victor and Francoise Nigro. 28—Bud and Janice Moore. Alternate: Lynn Meissen.

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