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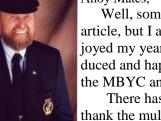
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS December 2006

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Ahoy Mates,



Well, some of you may be glad that this is my last Masthead article, but I am sad that it is the last one I'll write. I have enjoyed my year as Commodore: proud of what the year has produced and happy to have had the opportunity to be of service to the MBYC and its membership.

There has been a lot of activity this past year and I can only thank the multitude of people who have made it all come together. Without the dozens of people who volunteer their time

and effort little, if anything, would happen. With a new Board of Directors set to start the new year, it will be time again to step forward and volunteer your time to make 2007 a fun filled and successful year.

Much of what made my year successful was due to my wife and her Social Committee that put together Opening Day, a 50th Year Celebration and party, and a fun filled Commodore's Ball. Combined with these were the many hamburger nights, special dinners, regattas, especially the first ever Junior Regatta, bay and ocean races, and something for nearly everyone's interests and enjoyment. And for me, all of that made my year special. Thanks to all of you who were part of making it all happen.

If you missed the November General Meeting then you missed a great potluck and missed hearing the famous "Deer Creek Singers", aka the McClish and Soll children, sing their sea sharty about the duties of the MBYC Board.

As for the November General Meeting, it is a pleasure to announce that the membership voted in three new Life Members, the Manns, Caves and Rakeshaws, and elected Dana McClish as our 2007 Commodore, John Schmidt as Vice Commodore, Wayne Ratliff as Rear Commodore, and Sharon Brooks as Secretary. Cynthia Wimer was reelected as treasurer and Directors Glenda Boatman and Jim Bruzenak will continue on to finish out their terms of office. All together, I feel we have a good and competent Board in place for 2007.

All that I have to say about the General Meeting is not positive, however, and that I regret but feel it must be said here, as this is my last opportunity to address the members. The regret comes not from the vote on the issues but from the behavior of some members attending the meeting. Some of the rudest and demanding were members who are not involved in the ongoing activity of the club but demanded to be informed on the spot about information that had been previously discussed at Board meetings, recorded in the minutes, and reported in the Mast-

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Thanks for the great photos! — Rachele Phillips: pg. 7 & 9; P. Wells: pg. 9; Dot Rygh: pg. 7; Laura McCarren: pg. 7; Barbara Earl: pg. 7; Jayne Behman: pg. 4.



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the 21st of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to mbyc@mbyc.net or send them to Sharon Brooks . All submissions are subject to editing for content and space. <u>We love your articles and photos! Thanks to all who contribute!</u>

MASTHEAD

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, non-members are NOT AL-LOWED 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, Manny Fimbres

772-5249. If this is your first HOST ASSIGN-MENT, contact the couple assigned with you and they will show you the ropes.

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

"SURPRISE!" From now on the club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 to 7:30 pm AND serve snacks at 6:00 till 7:30.

> If you make a change, please let Polly know: (310) 379-7410... [polly@smoothblueegg.com]

DECEMBER 2006

- Paul and Michelle Dunn Bob Kile Ann Meyer
- 8 Jack and Barbara Barrett
 Jeff and Kathe Davidson
 Freddy Fernandez
- 15 Adriaan and Helma Smulders Dee Mace and Wayne Adair
- 22 Hal and Carol Carden Charles and Laura McCarren
- 29 John and Judy Michener Greg and Rosie Larson Tom Dahlgren

JANUARY 2007

- 5 John and Jan Neiswanger Jeff and Karen Cederberg
- 13 Wayne and Glen Ratliff John and Suzanne Reiter
- 19 Gary and Joyce Granneman Scott and Lori Mather
- 26 Pat and Dot Rygh Thordis Seager Tom and Gail Spencer

FEBRUARY 2007

- 2 Pete and Susan Canaan Bill and Maryann Stansfield Brent Knowles
- 9 Tom and Sherrye Haynie Gail Condon and Kevin Williams
- 16 Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher Max and Helen Sicher
- 23 Russell and Sally Williams Peter and Jeanette Wolff

- Polly Schneider

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy Holidays fellow Yachtsmen and Yachtswomen

Please welcome our newest Yacht Club members **Tom and Marty Tidyman**. They were voted in during the November's board meeting. Gail Condon and Michael and Brooks Measures sponsored Tom and Marty. They are active boaters and have participated in many of our club's activities. They own a Daysailer and two kayaks.

Well, it is hard to believe 2006 has already come and gone. It has been another fun and exciting year serving as Membership Chairman. As most people know, this has not been a job that I have done alone. I have received much support from the Board and the General Membership, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have gone the extra mile. First, I would like to express my thankfulness to the 2005/2006 Membership Committee, which consisted of **Dot Rygh, John**

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head. Some, ignoring Robert's Rules of Order, shouted demands and accusations toward the Board and me that were unfounded, undeserved, and embarrassing. As the Commodore I feel it is important for me to apologize to the majority of members for the behavior of the few who were rude and disruptive. I need also to remind all of you that the jobs we do are voluntary and open to everyone who thinks they know more or can do a better job.

Now that I have vented, I will report the outcome of the votes. The By-Laws change making the Port Captain a member of the Board and electing a third Director was defeated. The elevator proposal was defeated. Part one of the Dues increase passed so annual dues will increase in January to \$250. The approved \$25.00 increase will go specifically to the Long Range Planning and Contingency Fund. This reserve fund now will receive \$50 at the beginning of each year and \$150 from each new membership's initiation fee, and will replace in a shorter time period money spent last year on the remodel of the heads. The second part of the dues increase, \$50.00 to the operational budget was defeated.

I have a feeling that the elevator project and the dues increase will return sooner rather than later. Majorities were in favor of both issues but not the 2/3 needed to pass. In case any of you think that I am personally unhappy with the results, consider the following: with no change in the By-Laws I do not have three years to serve on the Board of Directors, without the elevator I will not be tempted to serve as Bar Steward again, and without the dues increase I'll be able to add back in the two beers a month the increase would have cost me.

In closing, I want to say again "thank you" to all the wonderful members of MBYC who have helped me have a memorable year. My thanks also to those who headed committees because without them there would be no Morro Bay Yacht Club and, hence, no need for a Commodore.

Here is to 2007, may it be the best year yet! Jim Phillips, Commodore

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

Well if you didn't make it to the Commodore's Ball, you missed the boat for a fun party. Thanks goes out to Rachelle and the Social Committee for putting it all together.

Although there was a lot of support for the lift/elevator, the proposal was voted down by the membership at the November General Meeting. After discussion at the subsequent November board meeting, it was agreed that we would pursue some alternative lift systems and hopefully have a new proposal to vote upon at the April General Meeting.

This year flew by much too quickly, there was much more I had hoped to see accom-

plished. But I guess the best you can hope for is that things are no worse off than before you took office! I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to keep the clubhouse in working order, and a special thanks to a member of my house committee, Gary Raine (AND helper Helena), for their efforts every time they were in town.

I also want to thank the Commodore for showing me the ropes (or lines) and for all those details and jobs he unceasingly took care of this year.

This is my last VC column, as next year John Schmidt will be writing as the new MBYC VC for 2007. I'll do my best to fill up the front page of the Masthead as your club's Commodore - knowing this club, there's always a lot of activity and enjoyment and I look forward to a great voyage.

Happy Holiday's and see you around the club, on the water or in the grocery store!

V.C. Dana McClish

FUN FLOAT

The Turkey Gods were against us on our annual Sandspit hunt for the elusive and rare Sandspit Turkey. We were fighting a terrible wind coming from the spit that kept us pinned to a

lee shore.

We thought we had spotted an albino (they are really rare) turkey up in the trees but when Pat R. whipped out his binoculars it turned out to be a cross between a Western Snowy Plover and a Turkey Vulture. Oh well, there is always next year!

Dust off your white elephants. It's time to party on the spit. Thursday Dec. 21st. at 10:30AM. will be our departure date and time to go over to the Spit where we will share some food good cheer and a few white lies. Please bring a white elephant for each member of your party.

Congratulations to Pat & Dot Rygh for winning the Golden Paddle Trophy for 2006. (See picture pg. 4.)

— G.P.P.

People News

New Members

Tom and Marty Tidyman (member #257)

owns: Daysailer "Allegro non Tropo" 2 kayaks

Address Changes:

Gale and La Nora Enstad

Meredith Bates

John Taylor

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE



Well the end of the year is nearing and so is the end of the racing year. For those of you still interested in some racing there is the Drumstick race on the 26th of November for Bay sailors, and Winter 1 on November 10th for Ocean sailors. For those of you interested in a sailing event without the racing there is the Lighted Boat Parade on the 2nd of December and the Bay Christmas Party on the 16th of December. The Ocean Christmas Party will be the 17th of December.

Over the last month we held two races, the Commodore's Cup with Dana McClish winning, and the Howie O'Daniels two sticker with Larry Earl winning. I was present for the Howie O'Daniels, so I can discuss that race.

Two boats started the two sticker this year, they were Ichiban and Awfullotta. The wind in the morning was mild around ten knots or so and a bit chilly. By the time the two boats were at the windward mark however, the wind had picked up into the early twenties. With numerous whitecaps everywhere both boats (Ketches) peeled off downwind for a fast ride (7-8 knots).

The jibe at the leeward mark was a little exciting on both boats. On Awfullotta we had five people and four sails to jibe. The mizzen and the stay sail both jibed easily. The jib and the main needed considerably more attention. A quick in and out on the sheets and we were off to the uphill leg again. On Ichiban they preformed the same drill but with two people instead of five.

Halfway up to the windward mark the second time however, the wind totally shut down. Larry Earl motored past Awfullotta and a first place finish in the light winds, while Awfullotta struggled to perform even the simplest of tacks.

Well, there was your brief synopsis according to me. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas time story. Hope to see everyone sailing next year.

Cheers Kevo

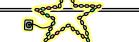


FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK



We need a few volunteers to help paint the bottom of the new Bomber II. Please contact Jeff Davidson or Kevin Williams if you have a couple of hours to help.

> Thank you, Jeff Davidson



WHAT?: Lighted Boat Parade

WHEN?: Saturday, December 2 Parade starts at 6:30 p.m.

WHO?: We need YOU to enter your boat with decorations! (Last year there were no yacht club entries. How sad...)

WHERE?: Those not participating may watch from the club. The club is open to members and their guests. Guests MUST enter with members. (NOT open to the public.)

BRING: An appetizer to share.

SIGN UP: On sign in sheet at clubhouse by Dec. 1st.



New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, December 31, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Come to ring out the old and ring in the new year with

your friends at the yacht club. We'll have games, camaraderie, and general frivolity. Bring some snacks to share and stories too.

Duncan will once again hold his now infamous HORSE RACE.





Look for the return of the "Share the Spirit" box.

Please bring a donation of non perishable food items to be shared with needy families in Morro Bay.

UNDER THE TUSCAN&UMBRIAN SUN

Artist Jayne Behman's ARTS tour featuring fellow artist Terry Masters.

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- *Wine tasting at a local estate
- *Travel to Perugia, for Italy's chocolate
- *Insiders Tour of Rome
- *Hands on Cooking Demonstration
- *Vatican guided tour & St.Peter's Bascilica
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MASTHEAD TECHNOLOGY

Devlin 3 was scheduled for November 5, but only Ron May and the crew of *Whizbang* showed up for the race. December 17 is scheduled for a make-up or fun race, so we will take that opportunity to run Devlin 3. This will be the last ocean race of the year, and an opportunity to squeeze the most out of our year round sailing season. Also, I have a \$25 gift certificate from Coast Electronics arranged by Manny Fimbres to give out as a bonus for the winner of this race.

The 2 Sticker was held the following Sunday, November 12, with two boats showing up to face off. Larry and Barbara Earl's *Ichiban* took first place, particularly satisfying after dealing with some frustrating maintenance issues.

Four boats showed up for the Founder's Cup on November 19: Nanka, *Second Wind*, *Troublemaker*, and *Whizbang*. Winds were forecast to be 10 to 20 knots, with moderate seas. The course was three laps around 18EB and MB, with a shortened course if the wind died out.

The winds were 10 knots or so at the start, and *Whizbang* hit a good start with *Troublemaker*, *Nanka*, and *Second Wind* close behind. *Troublemaker* chased *Whizbang* to the first mark, and *Whizbang* managed to hold the lead until returning to MB, at which point the wind just died. *Whizbang* drifted around the MB buoy

while the other boats caught up and became becalmed as well. *Troublemaker* fought for every wisp of air and slowly made its way around the mark and back up the coast. It had taken 30 minutes to run the first lap, and *Troublemaker* finally made it back to 18EB by 1420. *Nanka* and *Second Wind* retired long before this. *Whizbang* was stuck back by MB, and retired shortly after *Troublemaker* rounded 18EB for the second time.

Shortly thereafter the wind picked up again, and *Troublemaker* was able to make around 4 knots most of the way back to the finish of the shortened course. *Troublemaker* finally sailed across the finish line at 15:44:52 at a smokin' 2 knots. Congratulations to Brian Monroe and the crew of *Troublemaker*.

On Sunday, December 17 the Ocean Race and Cruising Fleets will be holding their Holiday Party beginning at 6 pm. Dinner will be provided for \$5. We will be asking the bar stewards to get some egg nog to pollute our rum. Those who have moral, religious, political, or philosophical objections to damaging rum in this manner can have theirs straight up. Bring a white elephant gift for exchanging with the other big boat folks. All are welcome who have ocean boats, had ocean boats, crew on ocean boats, and heck, if you miss the Bay Fleet's party, join us and be sociable.

Greg Barker

Ocean Race and Cruising Fleets Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 17 1800 (6 pm Lubbers Standard Time)

Cost of Dinner \$5 Bring a white elephant gift to exchange

With Sympathy

Our sympathy and thoughts go to our members Bruce Masterson, Carol Vogt and Forrest Martin who recently lost their mothers.

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Bodine, Lynn Meissen and **Jane Simonson.** This group of volunteers has spent the last two years developing and implementing the new membership process, attending numerous membership meetings, and interviewing every sponsor of potential candidates. Without them the new process would not have been achievable. I would also like to thank my lovely wife Nia for all of her hard work and dedication. Nia was responsible for editing and printing the roster/membership cards, assembling membership packets, and among a list of many other things, reminding me when my Masthead article was late (sorry Sharon). I will definitely need her organizational skills in the year to come as I move into my new position of Vice Commodore.

Speaking of next year, **Peggy Sanders** has generously volunteered to take on the duties of Membership Chairman. I am confident that the membership will show Peggy the same support as I have received.

Hope to see you on the water,

John L Schmidt

December 2006 MASTHEAD Page 7 CONNODORE'S BALL



HEY MBYC KIDS, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GUESTS!

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL MBYC

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

COME TO THE CLUB FOR FUN, GAMES AND

A CHANCE TO CHAT WITH SANTA!!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006 10AM - NOON RSVP TERESA MCCLISH, w/children's names and ages



MASTHEAD

December 2006





Five fearless sailors ventured out on a perfect day to compete in the Commodore's Cup race. Taking First Place, and the Commodore's Cup, was Dana McClish and Ron Giddings, Second Place went to Dan McDonald and John Rothrock, and Third Place to Susan Wiley and Jerry White.

The real Pros for the race included Gail Condon, Alex Finlay, and Doug Gould on deck, with Mike Brooks (aka-kelp cutter Mike) and Frank Wood as safety boat.



If you have a dinghy tied to our dock please identify it by putting your name where it can be clearly seen.

Do not leave club furniture outside.

Please wash bar glasses and place bar tabs in door slot.

Bar tenders and members are reminded to write clearly on tabs.

If you open the bar you are responsible for it being locked.

Any interest from club members to organize maybe a ten day bare boat cruise in the Caribbean, possibly in late spring. If interested contact Peter Behman .





December 2 Lighted Boat Parade

> December 8 **Tree Trimming**

December 9 Children's Christmas Party



December 14 7:00PM **Board Meeting**

December 16 Bay Fleet Christmas Party

December 17 Ocean Fleet Christmas Party

Junior End of the Year Party



December 21 Fun Float 10:30AM



December 21 Masthead Deadline

NEW YEAR PARTY **DECEMBER 31** 7:00 PM





From the Social Chairman...

I would like to thank each one of you who came to social meetings to help plan and carry out our various club activities. Without your participation, the events wouldn't have happened. A **SPECIAL** thank you to you regulars who were ALWAYS there. You know who you are. Thank You!

Please come out and support our new Social Chair, Maryann Stansfield, at the first 2007 Social Committee Meeting on January 5th, at 5:00 p.m. Bring a new committee member!

Thanks again, **Rachelle Phillips**

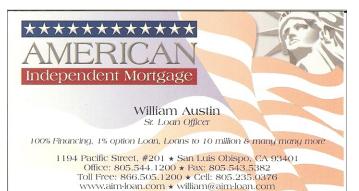
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December 2006 A skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM





Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

MONDAY SUNDAY

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SATURDAY FRIDAY 2

Lighted Boat Parade

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