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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Greetings Fellow Yachties,

February arrived with a surprisingly wet start. Unfortunately most of the rain was inside the clubhouse. If you have been to the club recently you probably noticed something missing, the carpets! No, this is not a unique way to save money on carpet cleaning, but the results of a broken water line behind the bar, which flooded both the upstairs and downstairs areas of the club. Vice Commodore Ratliff, who was already in the middle of a major hoist rebuild project had to switch gears and go into flood recovery mode. Wayne had many members come to his assistance, but his role as Ring Leader has been vital to the success of both of these projects.



We can only hope that the remainder of the year will be less stressful for our V.C. Thank you to Wayne and all who stepped up to lend a hand.

Speaking of lending a hand, here is a way we can all contribute. The Budget Committee had its second meeting where they successfully came up with the final draft of the 2008 Budget, which was presented to the Board of Directors at the February meeting. The budget is conservative, but is achievable with the help of all members. Volunteerism and conscientious spending are required to make this happen. Please remember that our annual dues are directly related with our ability to stay within our budget. If you are interested in reviewing the 2008 Budget, a copy has been placed in the library for your viewing pleasure.

Since we are discussing volunteerism, please mark your calendar for our annual **Work Day on Saturday, March 8th**. Join us at the club as we spruce up the house and facilities in preparation for **Opening Day on April 20th**. There are always plenty of projects big and small that need to be completed. If you have any specific projects you are interested in, please contact Vice Commodore Ratliff, or just show up and we will abuse....I mean use you where needed.

Since we are looking ahead at April already, I will put in a plug for the **Pot** Luck\General Meeting on April 5th. Please plan on attending the meeting because without <u>you</u> we may not have a quorum. Without a quorum, we have no General Meeting.

One last reminder, dues were payable on January 1st. If you have not sent in your dues yet, you are late! Please help our Treasurer by sending in payments as soon as possible. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want Sharon after me! As soon as we receive all dues, our Membership Chairman can issue new membership numbers and send out your new cards.

Well, that's all I have for this month. I look forward to seeing you at the club or on the water.

John Schmidt Commodore





Thanks for the great photos! — Wayne Ratliff: pg 3, John Michener: pg 4, Howard Grisham: pg.7 & 8, Barbara Earl: pg 7



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 to Barbara Earl ***All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.*** We love your articles and photos! YOU make the Masthead wonderful! 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 questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Bill Austin.

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 RESPONSI-BILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List.

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AND serve snacks at 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

If you make a change, please let Polly know.

March 2008

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- 14 John and Jan Neiswanger Jon Reiter and Suzanne Biely
- Kathe and Jeff Davidson 21 Wayne and Glen Ratliff Fred Novy
- Nancy Craig 28 Max and Helen Sicher Thordis Seager Kay Milligan



April 2008

- 4 Tom and Gail Spencer Gail Condon and Kevin Williams Ralph Wessel
- 11 Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher Pat and Dot Rygh
- 18 Russ and Sally Williams Peter and Jeanette Wolfe
- 25 Candy Botich and Kevin O'Day Jim and Roberta Brose

May 2008

- 2 Blaine and Maralee Parkin Dave and Karen Prewett Ralph Wessel
- 9 Bob and India Pyeatt Ken and Judy Riener John Duffy
- 16 Bob Kile Alan and Cleo Holz John and Joyel Kunkle
- 23 Doug and Cheryl Gould Buck and Rosemary Jorgens Kathy Jorgens
- 30 Julie and Mal Towery Greg and Rosie Larson Freddie Fernandez

- Polly Schneider

FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK



Thanks to our Vice Commodore and his crew the hoist is back in service. I have been busy tracing down boat and trailer titles in an effort to get all club boats and trailers registered and updated with 2009 CF stickers. This is no easy task as we have some titles without boats and some bost without titles. To make matters worse we have trailers that have no identification plates or tags what-so-ever.

Speaking of registrations- there are many boats in the boat yard that need 2009 registration stickers. Club policy requires that all boats be current in their registration and in sea worthy condition.

I also need those of you on moorings to get evidence of current liability insurance on your boat sent to me.

With the help of Todd Hansen and Terry Paris we will soon be reorganizing the boat storage yard with the goal of maximizing space available.

Until next month, Jim Phillips Port Captain



Hello Sailors; The Daysailer plan for 2008. ELEC 2008 2008

The Daysailer Fleet met on January 18th to elect officers and plan for 2008.

ELECTION RESULTS 2008 Captain: Susan Wiley 2008 Treasurer: Brooks Measures

PLANNING for 2008: There are 69 opportunities to serve on a race committee. <u>All agreed that each boat's skipper/crew should serve as</u> <u>PRO or race committee member at least 2 times per year</u>. If a boat does not sail in one series race because skipper/crew are on the race committee, the average of the boat's score in the other 2 races of the series will be used for the race missed. <u>Get your choices of races to volunteer for the race committee by</u> signing up now on the sign-up sheet in the glass case in the hall.

Happy Sailing, Susan Wiley, Captain of the Daysailer Fleet 2008

FUN FLOAT

Thursday, March 20th, 10:00 a.m.

What a pleasant lunch we all had at the Bayside Cafe in Feb. I must admit though that by the time we were ready to paddle home the wind decided to get real fresh. Remember that discretion is the better part of Valor, so most of us chose alternate routes back (by land). Come on Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 AM, and help us celebrate the rites of Spring. There will be dancing and frolicking on the sandspit. (Clothing is optional for anyone under 40, but mandatory for those over 40).



Your little Druid, G.P.P.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

The good news this month is that the boat hoist is up and running. On February 15th, a group of members and a crane reassembled the hoist and, when all the bolts and wires were connected, it worked. I expected a few glitches, but nothing yet, keep your fingers crossed.

Ironically, Kenton Hendrick's Daysailer "Luscious Pig" was the guinea pig to try out the hoist. Kenton said it was surprisingly smooth and quiet, perhaps like it was 22 years ago when it was new. We made a few improvements to the design that should help it last another 20 years: the sheave bearing and the top flange bearing can be lubricated from the bottom via a long copper tube. Lack of lubrication was the likely cause of the old hoist's crankiness.

Thanks from me and from the club as a whole to Bob Kile, the A-Team: Jim Bruzenak, Howard Grisham, John Michener, Terry Paris, and Gary Raine, and to all the other helpers: Peter Behman, Lex Budge, Kent Butler, Don Lockwood, Lynn Meissen, Jim Phillips, Pat Rygh, Lewis Wells, and Kevin Williams.

Now the inevitable bad news: On Thursday the 7th sometime between 3AM and 7AM, a plastic hose under the bar that supplies water to a faucet, broke and caused a flood. A lot of water went out from the bar to the upstairs carpeted area and then filtered down to the bathrooms, office, galley, and even into the downstairs dining area. After discussion with the carpet experts in the club, Peter Rothenbuecher and Peter Behman, we pulled out the soaked padding and set up driers.

The next day, a specialized restoration outfit, named FMG, arrived with more blowers and de-humidifiers and started work. They immediately told us that the downstairs carpet was ruined and that they suspected the upstairs carpet might be unusable. On Saturday morning, they had determined that the upstairs carpet was more easily replaced than reused, so most of it was taken out.

Realizing that carpet selection was out of my league, I asked Kit Lockwood to chair a committee to select new floor coverings. In retrospect, that was a lot to ask of anyone since there are about 400 different opinions on what the new coverings should be. But, not surprisingly, Kit took that hot potato and ran with it.



I am getting a whole new appreciation

of Staff Commodores. When the hoist was re-erected, about 4 staff commodores were handling the lines (along with other members). When we were dragging out the water laden carpet padding, the staff commodores were in the majority. But I am just as appreciative to everyone else who pitched in and worked all day long.

The flood throws a new light on our March 8th workday. Carpet cleaning will not be needed this year for opening day. The hoist will not need painting. The upper deck railing will also not need painting. I would like to get two specialty teams lined up for work day to 1) replace all plastic feeder hoses in the club with braided stainless steel hoses (there are about 20 of them) and 2) to replace the drywall in the hallway ceiling and possibly replace the acoustic paneling. Any volunteers? My goal is to see the club fully restored by Opening Day, April 20.

I hope to see all of your smiling faces on work day, thanks in advance. Sometime this year, I hope to get reacquainted with my boat, and then I'd like to see you all on the water.

Wayne Vice Commodore





John Michener painting.

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE



Things were sort of quiet as far as racing goes during February. Both Ocean and Bay Fleet sailed the second race in the Winter Series. Also both have the Winter 3 scheduled, Bay Fleet on Saturday, February 23rd, and the Ocean Fleet Winter 3 on Sunday the 24^{th,} but I don't have results available for the Winter 3 races yet.

For the Bay Fleet Winter 2 there were five boats; four Daysailers and one Lido. I believe that some people may have been deterred from racing because the hoist was still being worked on and it was necessary for the boats to launch at the ramp. It all went well and we had a nice day to sail. The results for the Daysailers were that Murphy and Paris received third place, McDonald and Monroe second and Williams and Condon first. Lund and Stevens placed for the Lido class. Thank you to Susan Wiley for serving as PRO for both the Bay Fleet Winter 2 and Winter 3 and thank you to the Race Committee, Howard and Sandy Grisham,

Lynn Meissen, Victor Nigro and Pat Rygh.

Speaking of the hoist, it is now back in operation and looks and works like new, thanks to the large quantity of hours that Vice Commodore Wayne worked on it.

If all went as planned, the Club Buoy will have been reset and available to the Ocean Fleet for the Winter 3 race. Races this Month:

The 2008 Big Rock Regatta will be Saturday & Sunday, March 29th & 30th. The regatta is hosted by the Morro Bay Yacht Club and is open to International Optimist Dinghy class boats.

For the Bay Fleet the Spring 1 is on 3/1, SLYC Race at Margarita Lake on 3/9, and the Easter Fun Race on 3/22. For the Ocean Fleet there is the Mullins Memorial on 3/9 and the Founder's Cup on 3/16.

Email me.

R.C. John Michener



Ahoy Mates,

On February 10th we had a seven boat turn out for Winter Two. It was nice sailing with a moderate breeze for most of the 11.32 mile course. Lynn Meissen's "Guayacan" placed 3rd, Ron May's "Whizbang" in 2nd and Brian Monroe's "Troublemaker" took 1st place.

Winter Three scheduled for Sunday February 24th was cancelled do to big sea's and high winds.

If you own a seaworthy sailboat join the Ocean Fleet out on Estero Bay. If you haven't got a crew, let me know, I might be able to help. I am getting inquiries from prospective crew members.

Please note, I have a new email.

I wish you all, Fair Winds and Following Seas, Peter Behman, s/v Kiskedee

Membership News

Hello Members,

Thanks to all for their cooperation in letting us know about any changes in status. But it's not too late. We have found that more than several of you, according to our antiquated records, have telephones which have been changed or disconnected. And no email? What is this world coming to! If you have an email, it would be so helpful for us to have it. Would you take a second to sit down and call us, or email us, and let us know how to reach you. Polly Schneider, Social Hour Coordinator, would so appreciate it. Thank you Polly for working so hard to keep Social Hour afloat.

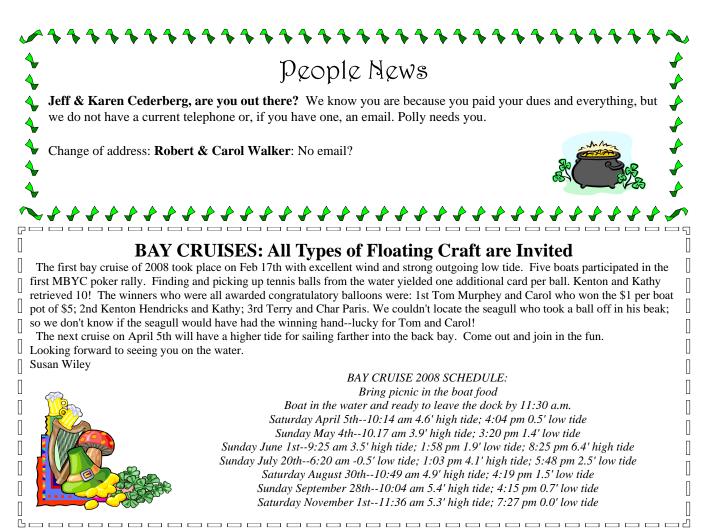
While I'm in the thanking mood, thanks to Dot Rygh and Cheryl Gould for organizing "A We Can Get the Boat List Straightened Out Committee". Good Job, but watch for them, they're still in your wake.

If you meet the criteria, you can still apply for Life Membership: over 65 and a member for 25 years. Those members will be voted on in April at the General Meeting.

Now on to the lifeblood of the MBYC. **PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS.** Mark & Jackie Silveira want to be our newest members. They have a power boat, *Sailbad the Sinner*. The *Sinner* previously belong to **Jim & Rachelle Phillips**. The Silveiras travel here from Coarsegold nearly every weekend and are enthusiastic boaters. They have attended Happy Hour several times, and Mark has helped with the Junior program. Mark is willing to serve on the race committee and to help out in the galley. Their sponsors are Jim Phillips and Doug Riddell. Their application will be posted on the office door beginning March 1 and presented to the Board of Directors at the March 13 Board Meeting. If you have comments about these prospective members, please do so, in writing, before the March meeting. They have met the requirements of the Membership Committee.

Membership cards and 2008 Rosters will be mailed out in March.

Membership Committee: Bill and Peggy Sanders (chairmen), Dot Rygh, Lynn Meissen, Harold Hartsell, Nia Schmidt, and John Bodine.





Hello Junior Members,

I hope the weather gets better so we can get some sailing in before we go to some of the out-of-town regattas. There is really not too much to report because we haven't met due to extreme weather conditions. Oh, I know that all of you have been reading your sailing books, practicing your knots at home, and of course going through the sailing rules in your mind. We will be talking about all of these things in our upcoming meetings. Here are some important dates to remember for:

March:

<u>March 2nd:</u> 9:00 to 12:00- Work Day. We are asking all the Juniors to come and help clean out our shed and work on some of the boats. There will be snacks.

<u>March 8th-9th:</u> Out-of-town regatta in Marina Del Rey: Please let us know if you are going to attend this event as we have to figure out the transportation of the boats. Also, you may want to book your hotel reservations soon. <u>March 16th:</u> Regatta Practice/ Ron's rules of Wisdom, Part II. We may have the Easter Egg Hunt on this date instead of the 22nd because of people going out of town for Easter break. March 22nd: Saturday/tentative Easter Egg Hunt on the water

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Well, mark those calendars and let's go sailing !!! Please call me or email me if you have any questions.

Angela Soll, Junior Advisor



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Members are reminded to not put or store alcoholic beverages in the soda and water cooler.

Members are also reminded to make sure the liquor cabinets and coolers are locked up when they are done using them.

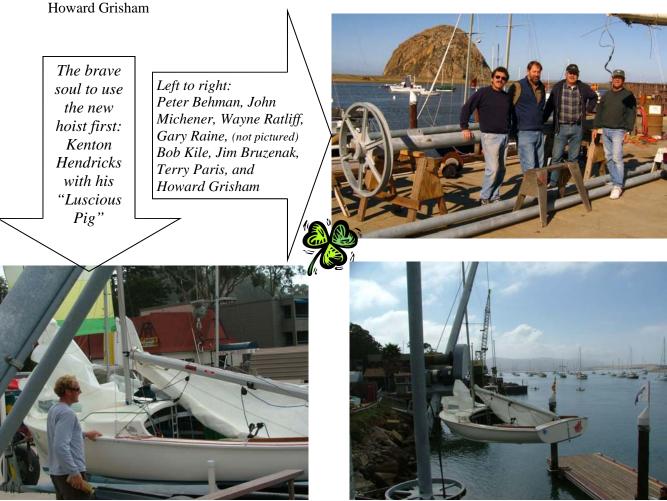
To receive your monthly statement by e-mail, please send your request to Sharon Brooks.





The Hoist

The hoist has returned to MBYC with a fresh galvanized weather coat. The crew unloaded the newly galvanized hoist from Kevin Williams' trailer, and placed them on saw horses for installation of hoist motor and winch, January 30. There was a good turn out for the completion of the MBYC boat hoist Friday, February 15th. Every-one pitched in and but for a couple of very minor hiccups, all went smoothly under Wayne's supervision.



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Hello everyone-

In February we "kicked off" the social activity year with a great Superbowl party. A special thank you to Dot Rygh for organizing that event for the club. Great food, great game (for most of us), lots of spirit & a good time was had by all. Especially the end of game winners, Bill Austin & Bill Sanders. Quarter winners were Dave Prewett, Howard Grisham, Marilyn Schmidt & Drew. Congratulations one and all. The pool made the game more interesting & fun.



Thanks to: Bar set up by bar steward: Bill Austin Bar service first half: Sandy & Dale Foresythe Second half: Ray Berndt & Lewis Wells Decorations: Sharon Brooks, Cheryl Gould, Susie Berndt, Dot Rygh Poster & article: Joni Wells Football pool: Dot Rygh Football ticket raffle: Sharon Brooks & Bobbi Brose TV set up, antenna and box: John Gajdos Extra TVs: Bill Stansfield & Pat Rygh Clean up: All of the above and everyone at the end of the game



We also held a *Last Chance Raffle* in February. Thank you to *Susie Berndt & Marlene McQueen* for the beautiful gift baskets, *Rachelle Phillips* for the delicious candy boxes that they donated for the raffle, *Bobbi Brose* and crew who sold the tickets. And of course, those who purchased tickets. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a "Pub Style" dart contest is planned for March 14th. Thank you, *Sharon Brooks*, for organizing this event. Opening Day is April 20th and fast approaching. We need club members to help in any way you can. Organizing meetings will be held March 7th & 21st. If you cannot attend a meeting please contact me. There might be some extra meetings that won't make it into the Masthead so please watch your e-mail for those dates. Thank you *Don Lockwood* for the mass e-mails you send. Whew! That's all for now-joni



March 2008

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

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