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FROM YOUR COMMODORE-Wayne Ratliff

Hello sailors,

Whew! Opening Day and the April General Meeting have been completed. I feel like we have rounded the weather mark and now are on a downwind leg. Opening Day was made possible by the extreme efforts of Vice Commodore John Michener and his cast of thousands (actually only a hundred or so) and Social/Activities Chairwoman Elaine Giannini and her cast of thousands (actually less than 50 or so). Thanks to everyone who contributed food, served food, helped out during the day's events, painted, repaired, weeded, cleaned, paraded, shot cannons, rang bells, raised flags, bartended, received guests, moved furniture, decorated, played music, PRO'ed, M/C'ed,



photographed, and cleaned up. And a personal thanks to everyone who made my mother and sister feel welcome.

The *General Meeting* had no ballot items and so was primarily a reporting of many of the officers and committee chairs. There were special reports on the elevator/lift and on the ocean buoy. The *Vice Commodore* and I are disappointed with the low volume of elevator lift surveys returned. We believe that it is vital that the elevator/lift committee understand where the membership's wants and desires lay in order to properly prepare a proposal (or two). Without direction from the membership, the committee might easily spin their wheels on an approach that is not supported by the members. Even if you have no strong or specific feelings about the elevator/lift, please fill out a survey and say whatever it is that you do feel.

The ocean buoy proposals seemed way too expensive at first hearing. Then *Director Dana* pointed out that, when the cost is annualized over eight years, it is less than what we budg-eted. So *Greg's* RFP and responses are starting to look a lot better.

I have a plan for increasing the load that the hoist can safely lift. Currently, the *Port Captain* and I have set the limit at 1000 lbs. The new plan would exactly double that to 2000 lbs. Engineering calculations indicate that the hoist structure is able to support 10,000 lbs. with a factor of seven safety margin (by that I mean that it would probably fall over if we tried to lift 70,000 lbs.). The limiting factor is the 3/4 horsepower hoist motor. I know there are a couple of 20+ foot boats that are likely candidates for use. And hoisting the whaler would become safe and easy on the hoist motor. If you might become a hoist user, should the hoist capacity be doubled, please get in contact with me before the next board meeting.

Now that the yachting season is officially open, I am looking forward to a lot of sailing, ocean racing, bay racing, ocean cruising, and bay fun cruises. Which is to say: the real business of the *Morro Bay Yacht Club*.

I hope to see you all on the water,

Wayne Ratliff Commodore

"I love it when a plan comes together", John "Hannibal" Smith, Col. U.S.Army (Ret.) probably referring to our Opening Day.

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.*



FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - John Michener

I felt we had a very successful *Opening Day* celebration. It was a beautiful day and most everything went with out a hitch. I should have done more of a sound check on the microphone but hopefully no herited the "Bomber" tile, it one noticed the screeching. It is difficult to find fault with the weather we had but it seems that on the rare occasion I wear a tie it is always the hottest day of the year. I'm not complaining though, it could have been like the Tuesday before and blowing 40 knots. The boat parade is always fun, the boats are decorated and we cruise around the bay smiling and waving. The people looking on *Harold Hartsell* and I are doing our best to come seem to enjoy it as much as we do. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Opening Day a success.

A new addition to the schedule will be the *Pirate's* Booty Swap Meet & Auction on Sunday, June 7th. Put that day on your calendar. This is for marine in doing this and I believe it is related items so it will be a good chance to pick up that part you need for your boat or sell the one you don't need. The swap meet is from 9:00 a.m. to noon and the auction begins at 10:00 a.m. At this Fair winds, V.C. John point I'm not sure what we have to auction but

we'll find something. If you were hoping to buy the old red and white launch that inhas been sold. The new owner seemed to be happy with his purchase and we are happy to have the extra space in the



boat yard. There will be more Pirate's Booty details in the next Masthead.

up with a good weather resistant webcam that we can mount pointed at the dock area. This is actually something that Wayne asked me to look into when he was V.C. and I am finally getting around to it. I don't want to make promises but there has

been a lot of interest expressed something we will be able to accomplish soon.



A special thank you to *Karen Clinton*, who so graciously volunteered to embroider the new member names on our Yacht Club tablecloth. Karen has been doing it for several years. Also, thanks to Kay Milligan for her table-

cloth duty on opening day.

FUN FLOAT

Thursday, May 7th, 10:30 a.m.

Our April float had quite a few E&Ders (eat and drive only). Our May float will be on Thursday the 7th at 10:30. Bring your favorite girl or boy friend and we will be glad to help you with your June wedding plans. It's so hard to be humble when you're the.....

G.G.P.P.

FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN—Kevin Williams



Hello Everyone.

I have been wrapping up a very busy month at the club. Please keep in mind that the *Port Captain* is an appointed position, not elected. I serve at the pleasure of the *Commodore*. All of my decisions are run through either the Commodore, or the entire *Board*. The board does not endorse all of my actions, but they do call for action on issues of importance to them. So

starting from the top. We are going to keep the dingy limitation to ten feet, including outboard. This is to make it easier for everyone to row in and out from behind the dock. I originally had written a *Masthead* article pleading for everyone to perform some self regulation. I am glad to say that all but one person has complied and that person will be receiving certified mail asking for an immediate correction. Next in line, the boat yard is booming. We have added new active members and new active boats. We will have had three non-active boats go out of the boat yard, but there are always more boats sitting than those that sail regularly. We will continue to promote spaces for active boats and move non-active boats from the yard.

Now back to the moorings. The mooring field was originally intended to serve "active boats". There is verbiage that clearly states "use it or lose it". Please be sure that you fit within the Policy letters provided to you if you are renting a mooring from the club. Our moorings are to be rented by active, sail. In addition, please keep in mind that if you rent a mooring from the club you are "required" to keep your boat in a manner in accordance with the yacht club, code for "clean and serviceable". It is to these ends that I will now turn my focus. A "used" boat is one that participates in club events, does some sailing, if it is a sailboat, or some motoring, traveling. If your definition of use is a place to have some drinks and relax on your mooring, you may want to consider another landlord than the Yacht Club. To place some perspective and conclude, the Yacht Club's assets are to be used for active sailors. It is to these ends that the Yacht Club's main mission states, "to encourage pleasure boating in this area, to promote races and cruises, to promote safety and seamanship, to promote the interests of yachting in general."

Kevin Williams



<u>HAPPY HOUR HOSTS</u>

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.

Everyone should be contacting the other people assigned with them to coordinate the Hosting Duties.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSI-BILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List. Cynthia Wimer will be sending out reminders in the mail.

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.

May 2009

- Victor & Francoise Nigro Don & Gail Phares
- 8 Mark & Angela Soll Jack & Barbara Barrett Charles Watson
- 15 Hal & Carol Carden Larry & Barbara Earl
- 22 Matt & Jacque Pipers Charles & Laura McCarren Jerome White
- 29 John & Judy Michener Paul & Marilyn Schmidt

June 2009

- 5 Carol Vallely & Clayton Schmidt Earl & Marsha May
- 12 John & Jan Neiswanger
- Jim & Roberta Brose 19 Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day
- Ken & Mary Bradley
 26 Gary & Joyce Granneman Jeff & Karen Cederberg

July 2009

- Mike & Sharon Brooks Ray & Susie Berndt Dana Cummings
- 10 Chris & Anne Branch
- Jon Reiter & Susan Biely
- 17 Max & Helen Sicher Peter & Anita Rothenbuecher
- 24 Pat & Dot Rygh
- Tom & Gail Spencer
- 31 Russell & Sally Williams Pete & Jeanette Wolff

Polly Schneider

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Greg Barker

This month *Paul Irving* joined the pool of ad hoc ocean fleet captains. Paul also has an idea for a free-wheeling race to Avila to be called the Zongo Cup, followed by an evening of fun on shore where his band will be playing. Set aside August 7, with more information to follow.

The Ocean Fleet continued to suffer from the worst of our weather so far this year. The Founder's Cup was postponed by heavy weather and will be rescheduled. Only three of six boats finished Spring 1 in light, unpredictable winds. The tenacity award goes to *Lynn Meissen*, who brought *Guayacan* across the line at a quarter to 8 in the evening.



The Bay Fleet finished off the third race of its Spring Series. They also got to enjoy a couple of races in the unseasonably warm weather we had on Opening Day.

Our club hosted Optimist sailors from eight other clubs for the 2009 Big Rock Regatta. *Frank Dair* from CYC was the overall winner. The top finishers of the races held over the last 30 days are listed in the table below. Congratulations to all participants.

Race	Fleet	1^{st}	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	
Spring 1	Ocean	Voyager II	Whizbang	Guayacan	
	Daysailer	Williams/Condon	Tidyman/Bock	Cross/Huntsinger	
Spring 3	Laser	Andrew Aronson	Spenser Branch	Lex Budge	
	Optimist	Rory McClish	Shannon McClish	Ben Owen	
Spring Series	Daysailer	Williams/Condon	Team Murphy	Team Fee	
	Laser	Spenser Branch	Lex Budge	Steve Hendricks	
	Lido	Team Watson	Team Brennan	—	
	Optimist	Shannon McClish	Keiran Hansen	Rory McClish	
Big Rock	Green	William Line, CYC	Gavin Abraham, CYC	Dylan Vecchione, CYC	
	White	Frank Dair, CYC	Christopher Casciani, SFYC	Kaili Campbell, CYC	
	Blue	Christophe Killian, BYC	Maria Casciani, SFYC	Lucy Wilmot, SFYC	
	Red	Kyle Larsen, PYSF/ SFYC	Markus Suorsa, BYSF/SYC	Rory McClish, MBYC	
	Overall	Frank Dair, CYC	Kyle Larsen, PYSF/ SFYC	Christophe Killian, BYC	
Opening Day	ARB	Williams/Condon	Team Rothenbuecher	Walker/Measures	

San Luis Yacht Club presented their annual awards at their Opening Day on April 18. Steve Hendricks of our club won their annual Lopez Cup. The next time you visit the SLYC, look for Steve's name on the perpetual trophy shown in the accompanying photo. (see page 7)

The Ocean Fleet's Spring 2 is scheduled for Sunday, May 17. Our Bay Fleet will hold their fleet championships from Saturday, May 23 to Sunday, May 24. The Jack Johnson Memorial follows immediately on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 at Morro Bay. The Ocean Fleet will then hold Devlin 2 on Sunday, May 31.



Ahoy Juniors,

WOW! What a month!! We have had great participation from our junior members and parents and I am so happy to be a part of such a special club.

First off, we had a great "Big Rock Regatta." I heard from a lot of out of town sailors and their families that this was the best event they have ever attended. We had 35 participants in total and it looks like from what I could tell that it will be even bigger next year. This was our 3rd year we have hosted this event but it seems like we have done it for decades!! I can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work that they did. Special thanks goes out to the race committee for logging in long hours on the boat and tallying all the scores. And again, this event could not have been possible without the vision of Dana McClish. WAY TO GO!!

Another well attended event that the juniors participated in was the Harken 2 Optimist race at the San Francisco Yacht Club. We had 2 green fleeters, Audrey McClish and Andrew Monroe, and 6 championship participants, Elizabeth Soll, Rory McClish, Shanny McClish, Joe Repucci, Luke (Benji) Owen, and Kieran Hansen. This was by far the best participation we have had. The winds were whipping on Saturday of the race and everyone seemed to be pretty cold. However, I think the sailors stopped thinking of the weather when their pizza was delivered to them by water boat! On Sunday of the regatta the boats were at a standstill for quite a while until our fearless coach, Dana, suggested to the race committee to check out the weather near Sausalito. Luckily, there was a little wind over there and they managed to sail 2 races. The race results are posted on the SFYC's website if you are interested. The next out of town regatta will be at the CBYC on May 23-24. Please call me if you are interested in attending this event. If you will be taking a boat you will need to fill out a travel form and give it to me before you take a boat from the club. Lastly, we will be ordering shirts, jackets, and hats for the MBJYC. Order forms will be available when I have more information on where they will be ordered from. Stay tuned for more information.

Please call me if you have any suggestions, ideas, or comments about our program.

Best regards,







We could not have had more perfect weather for *Opening Day* if we were able to order it. Everyone had a great time snacking on delicious food that our members so graciously supplied us with, listening to the talented tunes of the *Darrell Voss Trio* and listening to the short and sweet ceremony provided by our *Commodore Wayne Ratliff and Officers*. Shortly thereafter, four boats filled with revelers toured the Bay with flags flying and the warm wind in their faces. Many of our sailors headed out for the races following the return of the big boats.

I can not write this article today without mentioning my gratitude to *Rachelle Phillips*. Without her direction, help and guidance, *Opening Day* would not have been the wonderful day it was. *Rachelle and Jim* are the backbone of our club, I feel, and have the years of experience to help us beginners make the club

special. My sincerest thanks, *Rachelle and Jim*. A few other special thanks go out to *Susie Berndt, Sharon Brooks and Sharon Bufo* for all the work they did. *Judy Salamacha* made our galley run smoothly, keeping us supplied with just the perfect amount of food at all times. Our bartenders kept the Bloody Mary's flowing with the overseeing of *Bill Austin* - thanks Fellas. For all the members that brought food, volunteered and showed support, thank you.

Speaking of *Susie Berndt, Sharon Brooks and Rachelle Phillips...* by the time you receive the *Masthead*, they will have already done their Mexican Hat dance for our celebration of *Cinco de Mayo* at the Club May 1. Thanks again gals for your efforts.

Just another reminder, the first Friday of every month is our *Social Committee* meeting at 5 p.m. at the club. We can use more members so don't hesitate to just show up. Remember, this is an ALL volunteer club so we need everyone's support to make these events happen.

Happy Sailing, Elaine Giannini, Social Chair



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Our March 22nd bay cruise was blown out/canceled due to huge winds! Look for a report on the April 25th cruise in the June Masthead. Don't miss the fun. Put the schedule on your calendar. Looking forward to seeing you on the water. *Susan Wiley*

2009 Bay Cruise Schedule

All Types of Floating Craft Are Invited {Boat in the water and ready to leave the dock by 11 a.m. Bring picnic in the boat food}

Saturday June 13th—8:40 a.m. 0.3' low tide; 3:50 p.m. 3.8' high tide Sunday July 26th—7:50 a.m. 0.3' low tide; 2:20 p.m. 5.2' high tide Saturday September 5th—11:10 a.m. 5.2' high tide; 5:05 p.m. 1.1' low tide Sunday October 11th—10:15 a.m. 3.3' low tide; 4:20 p.m. 5.1' high tide Saturday November 7th—12:20 p.m. 5.8' high tide; 8:15 p.m. -0.2' low tide





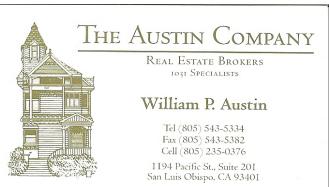
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Membership News

A big, big thank you goes to members *Roger and Victoria Marlin* for generous discounts on producing the MBYC membership cards and rosters through their Morro Bay business, *ASAP Reprographics*.

We have two more new membership applications that will be posted on the office door starting May 1st. The next step is that all members should review the applications and voice any comments to the *Commodore*. Then at the May 14th board meeting the two sponsors for each applicant will present the application information to the board for their approval. Both of these applicants are active boaters.

Prospective Members:

Dawn and Joe Huntsinger are sponsored by *Gail Condon and Brooks and Michael Measures*. Both Dawn and Joe have been sailing Day Sailers with MBYC since September 2008.

John and Betsy Stenger are sponsored by John Schmidt and Paul Schmidt. John has been sailing since he was a teenager and he sails often with the Schmidt's on the Stenger's or the Schmidt's' CAL 2-25's.

Your Membership Committee: Susan Wiley (chair), Carol Carden, Gail Condon, Peter King, Victor Nero, Jim Phillips, and Rachelle Phillips.



El Toro's Jack Johnson Memorial Day Regatta at MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

Attention: All El Toro sailors, Sabot sailors, young Optimist sailors, Supporters of Sailing, cheerleaders and everyone who likes to picnic and enjoy a day in the sun at the club.

Notice of Race

Date: Monday May 25, 2009
Place: Morro Bay Yacht Club
Time: Skippers meeting at 10:30 A.M. Boats need to be ready at that time also.
Rules: This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
Eligibility: Everyone with an El Toro or Sabot is invited to sail, but only MBYC members may compete for the trophy.
Schedule of Races: A total of 5 races for the trophy will hopefully be held. Maybe 3 before lunch and 2 following lunch. (Winds will determine events)
Modification of Notice of Race: The race committee at it's own discretion will disqualify any racer who falls so far behind that it impedes the start of further racing.

Optimist Sailors: Separate races will be held for the skippers interested in racing.

Lunch will be provided for all sailors and will be sometime between noon and 2. Please furnish your own beverages. The committee of *Rygh's*, *Broses*, *Huntsinger's*, *Don Lockwood*, *Rosemary Jorgens and Brooks Measures* will buy & get the hotdogs grilled, the chili, sauerkraut and potato salad ready for any & all interested people. (They may even find time to start & finish a few races and make sure you all are having a great time.) Everyone is invited, so bring your family and friends. A charge will be requested for a non sailor , parent or guest.







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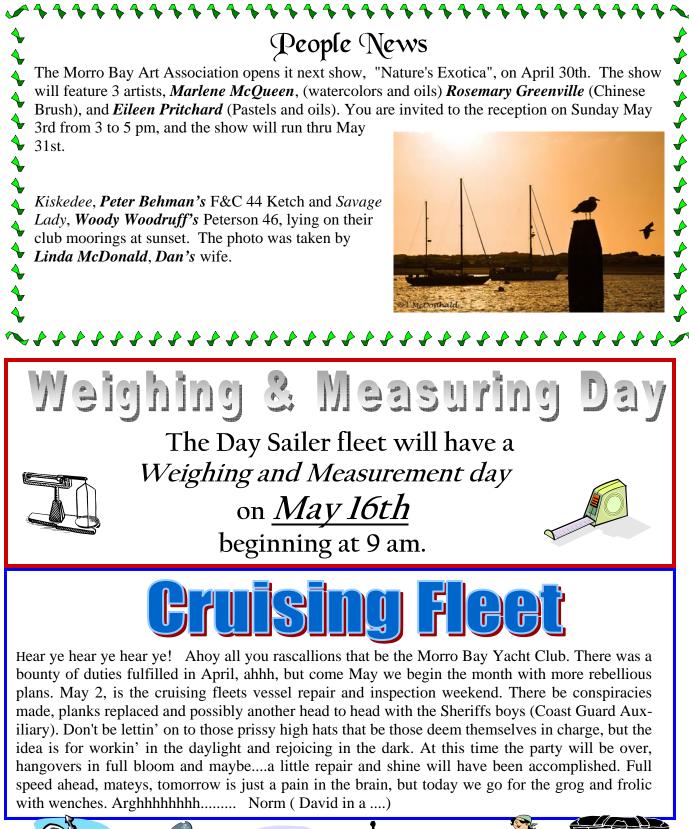
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Thanks to Rachelle Phillips for all of these wonderful photos.















May 2009

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

THURSDAY

MONDAY SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY TUESDAY

SATURDAY FRIDAY 2

Boat Inspection Cruise Fleet Event

Hosts:

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Tidelands Volunteers -

Victor & Francoise Nigro Social Meeting 5pm Salamacha; 22: Lynn Meissen; 25: Bob Pyeatt; 27: Harold Hartsell; 29: Lee and Sue Drocco. Alternates: Gail Condon and *May* 1: Al and Mary Romero; 4: Freddie Fernandez; 6: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 8: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 11: Ad Smulders; 13: Kevin Williams; 15: Bud and Janice Moore; 18, Dick and Charlene Evans; 20: Bob and Judy Blaine and Maralee Parkin

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