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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE - Greg Barker



*S/V NANKA, AVILA BEACH* — Among the exotic locations where I have written my columns, I find this is the most pleasant. It's better to wake up to the gentle roll of a boat at anchor 20 miles from home than in a hotel room in Barcelona.

True, an iPhone is not the ideal tool for writing a column. I'm sure there would be hearty agreement among Crackberry addicts. I decided, however, to travel light for the Zongo Cup, and suffer the inconvenience of tapping out my prose with just one fat finger.

Nanka was dead last to cross the starting line at 1100. We worked our way up to the third monohull in the fleet by 1520 when I calculated we had to start the engine to make it to Avila by the 1700 cut-off time. Within minutes the wind filled in, reaching in excess of 15 knots (gusts to 35 or 40 knots were reported at Port San Luis). If it had turned on just a half hour earlier we would have finished and probably taken at least third place. As it was, Diligence and Geronimo were the only monohulls to finish.

I came ashore while skipper **Gerry Luhr** and the remaining crew stayed on board to enjoy a bottle of wine or two. There was such a crowd at the San Luis Yacht Club that they had a bouncer only allowing one person in for each one leaving. Their own members were queued up in line just like everyone else. That San Luis Yacht Club is THE hot address in the Avila Beach club scene. The awards ceremony for the Zongo Cup was moved to the beach in front of the clubhouse so everyone could participate. There was still a line at the door to the SLYC when we were finished.

Saturday morning my plan was to catch a ride to Morro Bay with the **Hal and Carol Carden** so I could help the race committee for the Day Sailer Invitational. Somebody left the keys to the car they left at Avila Beach in their other car in Morro Bay. Carol was relieved that it was not her who had the blond moment. Carol and I were able to get a ride back to Morro Bay with **Kevin Williams**, who was commuting between his boat Awfulotta at Avila Beach to Morro Bay as well. The plan was back on track.

I spent the day with **Vice Commodore Pat Hedges** in the Baby Whaler backing up the main safety boat for the Day Sailer Invitational. Rescue operations started before the first race when one of the visiting sailor's boats came free from the dock and began sailing itself toward the south. The Whaler was at the north end of the bay and there was no key in the Baby Whaler, so I was fortunate to get the outboard on my inflatable to fire on the second pull and deliver the skipper to his boat, which had been intercepted by **Nia Schmidt**, her two little deck monkeys, and a passing kayaker.

After the Saturday's races I got a ride back to Avila Beach from **Larry Salas** for a wet dinghy ride back to *Nanka*. By the time we weighed anchor for home Sunday morning, my clothes had managed to dry to the moderately damp stage. As *Nanka* dropped me at the club dock, race PRO **Lex Budge** observed that I had come and gone every way but by airplane or helicopter during what may have been one of the club's busiest weekends to date.

### Greg Barker, Commodore

*"My drinking team has a sailing problem." — author unknown*

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## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

Pat Hedges



As I write this, the Yacht Club has just wrapped up a weekend with a flourish of activity. We saw the ocean boats flocking to the dock on Thursday as they prepared to set sail to Avila Beach / Port San Luis for the annual Zongo Cup race and festivities. The number of boats rafted to the dock, as I understand it, filled the lense of the club's web cam.

Of course, having eight or nine "big" boats tied up to the dock wouldn't be complete if there wasn't a summer sailing program underway at the same time. Talk about putting pressure on the "skippers in training", this was only the beginning of the activities.

The next morning saw a mass exodus of ocean boats heading out to sea, only to be replaced on the dock by 20-some day sailors preparing for three days of racing. It was a weekend of fun and sun on the water. What made these activities all the more rewarding was to see the tremendous amount of cooperation and positive interaction between the various boating components that make up the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Great job by everyone involved.

While on the topic of great jobs, there are some activities that go on behind the scenes and "just happen". While the finished work product of our many volunteers is visible when you visit the club, some of the work happens away from the club. One of those activities is the manufacturing of the signal flags that adorn our dock and the club burgee that flies from our masthead. Member Diane Mason is the go-to person for the signal flags and burgee, all of which are custom made to meet our size requirements. As our club burgee was showing signs of weather abuse, I put a call into Diane. Within two days, Diane hand-delivered a new red, white and blue burgee and it was in place for the weekend invitational. Thanks to Diane for her creativity and assistance, and for helping to make the club shine.

While on the subject of signal flags, not everyone may know that the signal flags that fly from the dock pilings actually have some significant meaning. These flags each represent alphabetical letters according to the International Code of Signals. If you "read" the flags from north to south, they spell

M O R R O B A Y. More details on flags and their meanings can be found at <http://www.quadibloc.com/other/flaint.htm>, or Google signal flags.

**Pat Hedges, Vice Commodore**

Roger and Sandy Shervington hosted Happy Hour August 19th, and travel from Claremont with delicious delicacies. They love cooking their gourmet treats for us!



## FUN FLOAT



Maybe the curse has been broken. On our August float we had three Bobs but to my knowledge, nothing catastrophic happened.

Sept. is the month to go back to school, drink beer and play football, but due to the ages of our paddlers I think we'll sit on the beach, eat our sandwich and try to remember the days of yore.

**Our float will be Tues. 13th at 10:30**

Your old but still frisky,  
**G.P.P.**

**PS Sept. float is on the 13th 10:30**



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## 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,  
Joe Huntsinger at: joe@huntsingerinc.com  
or 528-7115.

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

**If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY 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.

### September 2011

- 2 Don & Gail Phares
- Hal & Carol Carden
- 9 Bill Austin
- Brian & Mary Monroe
- Carolyn Pye
- 16 Wayne & Glen Renee Ratliff
- Dave & Alica Shinn
- Steve Nukes
- 23 Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner
- Lewis & Joni Wells
- 30 Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
- Rick & Corbie von Stein

### October 2011

- 7 Mary Flaven
- Henriette Groot
- Howard & Sandy Grisham
- 14 Lynn Meissen
- Kay Milligan
- Chris & Lynn Helenius
- 21 Victor & Francoise Nigro
- Barbara Earl
- Charles & Laura McCarren
- 28 Pandora Nash-Karner and crew

### November 2011

- 4 Jeff & Kathe Davidson
- Bob & Holly Smirl
- 11 Andy Arozena
- John & Candice Kincade
- John & Brooke (Townsend) Bodine
- 18 Steve & Terry Reeder
- Mark & Julie (Thomas) Brown
- 25 Dana Cummings
- Greg & Jennifer Barker

— **Jim & Rachelle Phillips**  
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The Club has been very busy this month. The Ocean Fleet completed Summer II, and Summer III will complete the series by the end of the month. The Zongo Cup was conducted August 19 - 21. Details of that event will be in next month's Masthead.

The Bay Fleet completed the Summer Series and the re-scheduled Fleet Championships (Lido and Day Sailer). August 19 - 21 the Day Sailor Fleet hosted the Day Sailor Pacific Coast Championships in conjunction with our own Day Sailor Invitational which will be in next month's Masthead.

The Ocean Fleet's Summer II was Sunday August 14. Lynn Meissen provided the follow description of the exciting event.

"Patience and persistence pays in summer sailing races. We had a good turnout of six boats including Whiz-bang, Guayacan, Kiskadee, Evening Tide, Nanka, and Gracie Ray. Unfortunately there was little wind until the last hour when it piped up to a grand 13 knots as reported by Ken on Evening Tide. The cat's paws ruled and only WhizBang and Evening Tide were persistent enough to finish the shortened course thus taking first and second place respectively; elapsed times were four and five hours for a distance of four miles."



Did I say exciting?? Looks to me like an extreme example of persistence!! Ron May sent the following picture of the MBYC Club mark. At first glance the picture seems to be just of Ron in action, but if you look closely you can see the mark just to the left of Ron's head. The mark was constructed by Bob Smirl and was installed by Bob, Ron, and John Michener. The mark is approximately three miles off shore and is used to provide more options for the courses used in the ocean racing program.

The following is a brief description and results of the Bay Fleet's Summer III and the Lido and Day Sailer Champions. To tell the truth, so much has happened since Summer III, I don't remember much about the event, but judging from the smiles on the faces of the participants, it looks like we had fun.

## Summer III Result:

Day Sailer B	Team Hansen First Place, Team Gorey Second Place
Day Sailer A	Team Soll First Place, Team Smith Second Place, Team McDonald Third Place

## Summer Series Result:

Day Sailer A	Team Smith First Place, Team McDonald Second Place, Third Place Team Tidyman
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Lido Championships were Saturday August 6, with four boats on the water for the first start. By lunch time there were three boats in the race. One of the younger skippers said that his knees couldn't take it any more.

#### **Lido Championship Result:**

Team Rothenbuecher First Place, Team Watkins Second Place, Team Salas Third Place.

There still remains some confusion about whose name goes on the Championship Trophy, something to do with paid membership. My apologies to the group, but I have no picture from this event. Special thanks to Bob Kizziar for providing the committee boat from which to conduct the races.

Day Sailer Championships were Sunday August 7. There were a total of 11 boats ready to race. The winds were moderate and the competition was intense. The races were an upwind/downwind course as much as the space available in the turning basin would allow. One person describes the event as an afternoon of "bumper boats". No real damage to any of the boats, but lots of smiles and laughter. Here are the results, with some random action shots.

#### **Day Sailer Championship Result:**

Team Williams First Place, Team Soll Second Place, Team Smith Third Place.

A special thanks to Wayne Ratliff for allowing us to use Voyager II as the committee boat.

Here are some pictures from the day's racing thanks to Linda MacDonald.



**Saturday, August 6 of the Lido fleet championship participants**



**Bob Walker  
Rear Commodore**







# MBYC Social Committee

**MEATLESS  
MONDAY**

August 4th's fish dinner WAS CANCELLED due to lack of response.

Wednesday Hamburger nights are always fun and Brett Cross offers a Meatless Monday beginning August 8th. Because it's a new program, tickets are being presold.

Please purchase your tickets (\$7 each) at the Yacht Club ahead of time so we'll know how much grub to make! Tickets available Wednesday & Friday evenings, or email Brett at [brettcross@yahoo.com](mailto:brettcross@yahoo.com).

**INTERESTED IN A MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT?** So far I have 1 taker. Sign up by emailing jayne at [psjayne@mac.com](mailto:psjayne@mac.com) and let's put it together. Some of the members were talking about beginning a monthly movie night at the Palm Theater in SLO. Movies usually begin at 4pm and then the group could swing into the diner next door for a light dinner. If you are interested in participating on a Sunday evening, please email jayne at [psjayne@mac.com](mailto:psjayne@mac.com).

**OCTOBER 28TH's HAPPY HOUR** will also feature a **COSTUME PARADE** with prizes! **COME AND BE SEEN!**

**THE COMMODORE'S BALL** is set for Rose's Landing in Morro Bay on November 12th. Tickets are being sold now, just email Jayne at [psjayne@mac.com](mailto:psjayne@mac.com) to reserve your seating. Our commodore has planned a contest and needs some input, read his letter! *Need a room for the night just email [psjayne@mac.com](mailto:psjayne@mac.com) and I will begin a group rate package for MBYC'S IN NEED.* Sharon will post the sign up sheet for help with set up, decorations, etc.

December is the Boat Parade - don't forget. Let's do a pot luck dinner. Sign up sheet will be posted.

**Thanks, Jayne Behman and Sharon Bufo**

## Summer Sailing Report

Whew! It's over. The last summer sailing class closed last Thursday.

I want to thank the members for graciously tolerating and helping the students. As some of you know, it was an especially demanding summer and it would have been disastrous without the help and cooperation of several of our members, namely, Carlton Smith, Lex Budge, and Andrew Brown, and especially Kevin Williams. Kevin for all his bluster, taught many classes to assure that we did not have a total failure for the summer. Carlton, Andrew, and Lex also taught some classes. I was thankful that we had members not only qualified to teach but willing to rescue us when needed.

Generally the students were happy with their progress and experience. We could not accommodate the large number of students we had in past years, but neither did we have as many calls as formerly.

I also want to acknowledge the assistance of the maintenance guys, Michael Measures and Howard Grisham who spend their time in maintenance and repair of our two workhorse Daysailers.

Our former instructor submitted his resignation late and I was unable to find another full time teacher. We will be looking for a full time certified instructor for next summer and taking applications at any time should you have any referrals. Or if someone has a burning desire to organize the program, my feelings will not be hurt to submit to them.

Lynn  
SV Guayacan





# Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

## Hi Juniors!

Can it be? Is summer really over? We had some great afternoon sails on Wednesdays, and lots of fun summer activities. The wind has been pleasant, the sun has been shining...some of the time. We had a blast hosting burger night, and I think we actually managed to do the work as well!

The Junior Sleepover will be at the club on Sept 10th, starting at 5:00 pm. Bring a sleeping bag and \$10 to go towards pizza and snacks.

Also, mark your calendars for the Junior Regatta on Sept 18th. There will be starts for Optis, Lasers and hopefully Lidos. Contact me for more information, and watch for emails!

We had 2 sailors, **Audrey McClish** and **Andrew Monroe**, who went to the Optimist West Coast Championships in Santa Barbara. The experiences of going to an away regatta are incredible - meeting other kids who sail, experiencing a new location, and fun activities at another club. The Goblin Regatta is coming up in Santa Barbara October 29 - 30. If you have thought about traveling to a regatta, this would be a great one. There will be Opti and Laser classes. If we get a group going from MBJYC, it will be even more fun! We'll talk about it more at our next Juniors day. Till then, stay awake in class, and daydream of sailing!

- **Gwenn Krossa**  
Junior Advisor



Juniors hosting hamburger night.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members as of August 11, 2011: William (Bill) Cockrill and Joyce Hunter Cockrill. They were sponsored by Earl and Marsha May and Judy Adkison.

Their contact information is: 3031 Beachcomber Drive, Morro Bay, CA 93442  
(805) 771-9098 or (805) 596-4088 - Joyce or (805) 441-8596 - Bill's cell  
email:bjcockrill@att.net

We look forward to seeing them participate in our many activities.

**Membership Committee:** Gail Condon, Cyndy Fee, Lynn Meissen, Rachelle and Jim Phillips, and Marty and Tom Tidyman

## ATTENTION JUNIOR SAILORS.... THE JUNIOR REGATTA at the MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB IS COMING UP!!!

Mark your calendars...SEPTEMBER 18TH.  
THIS REGATTA IS FOR OPTIS, LASERS, LIDOS,  
and any other class of 3 boats.

The Notice of Race, and Registration forms will be on  
the MBYC web page shortly, and we'll get the forms to  
you on Junior sailing days.

YES...THIS IS THE REGATTA WITH ROOT BEER  
FLOATS & a Great Lunch too.

**ATTENTION YACHT CLUB MEMBERS...**mark your  
calendars and come down and cheer on our juniors...  
it's a lot of fun.



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The lead boat in a race at the Day Sailer Invitational



Carol Carden, Erica and Gerry Luhr enjoying dinner in the cockpit of Nanka on the hook at Avila.



Paul Irving and John Michener presenting Zongo Cup awards on the beach in front of the San Luis Yacht Club.



The fleet heading out for the Zongo Cup





# September 2011

Ocean Races Start: 12:00 Noon  
Skippers Meeting: 10:30 am



Bay Races Start: 11:00 am  
Skippers Meeting: 10:30 am

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	Hosts: Don & Gail Phares Hal & Carol Carden <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Juniors <b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	Hosts: Bill Austin Brian & Mary Monroe Carolyn Pye <b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Fall I: Ocean Fleet <b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Fun Float 10:30 AM 	<b>14</b> Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	<b>15</b>	Hosts: Wayne & Glen Re nee Ratliff Dave & Alica Shinn Steve Nukes <b>16</b>	Ladies Day: Bay Fleet <b>17</b> 
Juniors Regatta: Juniors <b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	Hosts: Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner Skip & Sandy Barnhart <b>23</b>	Laser Slomon: Bay Fleet <b>24</b> 
Lady @ the Helm: Ocean Fleet <b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	Hosts: Joe & Dawn Huntsinger Rick & Corbie von Stein <b>30</b>	

Tidelands Volunteers — SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2 Jorgans/Pye, 5 Evans, 9 Meissen, 12 Smulders, 16 Moore, 19 Williams, 23 Romero, 26 Salamacha, 30 Condon ,Alt for SEPT: Eckles

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"I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship."  
- Louisa May Alcott

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<b>Harbor Festival 2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hosts: Mary Flaven Henriette Groot Howard & Sandy Grisham	<b>Wysocki: 8</b> 
<b>Santa Margarita: 9</b> Bay Fleet <b>O'Daniles 2 Sticker: 10</b> Ocean Fleet	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Fun Float 12</b> 10:30AM <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 PM 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Hosts: Lynn Meissen Kay Milligan Chris & Lynn Helenius	<b>15</b>
<b>Devlin III: 16</b> Ocean Fleet	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Hosts: Victor & Françoise Nigh Barbara Earl Charles & Laura McCarren	<b>Fall II: 22</b> Bay Fleet 
<b>Juniors 23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Hosts: Pandora Nash-Karner and crew	<b>29</b>
<b>JB Mullins: 30</b> Ocean Fleet 	<b>31</b>					