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FROM YOUR COMMODORE - Greg Barker



*I'm actually writing this month's column in Morro Bay, tapping away at my laptop as **Barbara Earl** and **Laura McCarren** prepare the bounty for tonight's Happy Hour. I mentioned that I was working to get my column in by 11:59 tonight, and made the mistake of commenting to Barbara that I could have been the worst at getting my column in on time. Barbara just bit her tongue. It appears that while others submit columns later than me, I am the most consistent at submitting my columns right up to the deadline. I'm sorry, but I need the pressure to feed my creative process.*

After an unexpectedly difficult process, the nominating committee finally found a full slate of volunteers for next year's officers. So far, the only suggestion I have heard is that anyone elected as vice commodore who has never served as rear should go back and do that job before getting elected commodore. Wow, I'm starting to feel fortunate to have survived almost three years as a flag officer.

*I spent the afternoon getting the general meeting agenda ready for the mail. **Marty** and **Tom Tidyman**, **Rachelle Phillips**, and **John Michener** all pitched in so you would get written notice of the nominees for office in a timely fashion. I want to thank these members for pitching in at the last minute after my predecessors advised that an announcement on the "alias" would not be regarded as written notice. I guess we'll have to wait for the Twitter Generation to constitute a majority of the membership for that to happen.*

As of tonight 14 members had purchased tickets for the Commodore's Ball. What, the members think that just because I get my Masthead columns in at the last minute that they are entitled to do the same? Well, by the time you get this, you will have missed the early registration deadline. Don't let that deter you! This year's Commodore's Ball will be a bargain even if you have to pay the extra five bucks. If you have not already, send your money in today or as soon as the subliminal advertising shows up on the television.

I've received a few questions about the theme of this year's Commodore's Ball: Dancing Like the Whales. Am I implying that the members are whales? No, it's just that the whale breaching in front of Morro Rock seemed to be having more fun than anything that could be imagined. Dancing on the Water might have made a better theme. Maybe the pressure of a deadline didn't serve the creative process as well as usual this time.

Greg Barker, Commodore

"Gig filled with water on 59° roll and carried away aft. Cut forward fall and painter. Starboard ladder from quarterdeck to superstructure washed overboard. Gripes on first dinghy carried away. By 10:00 pm 60° was frequent roll. Decks covered with water most of the time." Log of the U.S.S. Wilmington, December 19, 1915.

Editor's Note: Submissions to the Masthead are due by the 21st of each month.

Please e-mail your written material or digital photos to Maryann Stansfield at maryann@mentalmarketing.com

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.



Greetings! For those of you who actually read the ramblings from the vice commodore, you may remember that there was no words of wisdom passed along from the VC last month. The absence of my column was attributed to being "out to sea". And while that description paints a somewhat romantic vision of heading over the horizon in pursuit of one's sailing dreams, I must burst that dream-like bubble.

Truth-be-known, I was on a semi-annual boys' trip to the Colorado River where the "boats" we were on were our PWC's, our personal water craft, our SeaDoo's.

Now I was warned several years ago, as I was being sponsored as a new member into the MBYC, that I should not advertise the fact that I rode a PWC, let alone owning one or two.

Being a rider or owner of a PWC, or jetski, as you may know them as, was seen as one step below being a power boat owner. Now it is not my intent to offend any members who are power boat owners, but the fact is that yacht clubs don't really recognize power boats or, in my case, personal water craft, as being real boats. Think about it. When was the last time you saw the rear commodore calendar a race for boats between 100 and 200 horsepower, boats between 200 and 250 horsepower and all boats over 250 horsepower. So, while I challenge next year's rear commodore to sanction such a race, I seriously doubt that's going to happen.

Anyway, with that said, I was out-of-state last month "cruising" the Colorado River, missing deadline for the Masthead.

That was the bad news. The good news is that there wasn't anything significant to report to the members last month. Come to think about it, this month is pretty much the same. No new notches on the club's official Plumber's Helper, no loss of access with our key fobs, etc.

There is one project which has been developing over a number of years that I hope to resolve within the next month, one for which I am soliciting skilled wood craftsmen. It appears we have developed some wood rot under the bar next to the south sink. This will require some surgery to remove the affected plywood and bring the bar back to ship-shape condition. However, before anyone panics, this project does not impact one's access to any of the various beverages that are stocked by the bar steward.

With that, I am waiting to hear what day I will be meeting members Darrell and Sarah Erickson in San Diego to make a return trip down to La Paz on their boat, the El Tiburon. As you may remember, I had the honor of helping Darrell bring El Tib up from La Paz this past May, but sailing season is returning to south of the border, as witnessed by the number of southbound boats passing through the MBYC.

Pat Hedges, Vice Commodore

FUN FLOAT

Fun Float Nov. 2nd. Wed. 10:30 AM

Our October float was so hot that some of us actually sweated (glad that doesn't happen very often.) As you know November is the month of the Great Sandspit Turkey Hunt (elusive but quite tasty.) Their taste falls somewhere between that of a Snowy Plover and a Condor (Condors, yummy.) This year I am changing our hunting strategy. We are going at low tide and sneak up on them from the ocean side of the Sandspit. Wish us luck. We will leave from the dock at 10:30 on Nov. 2nd.

Your Great Hunter Buena Evans
G.P.P.

P.S. Float is on Dec. 13th at 11:00 AM, mark it on your calendar







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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.

November 2011

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

December 2011

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| 2 | Alan & Cleo Holz
Jack & Barbara Daily |
| 9 | Forest & Frances Martin
Don & Glenda Boatman |
| 16 | Nancy Craig
Jeff Eckles
David & Karen Prewett |
| 23 | Dee Mace & Wayne Adair
Jim & Char Bruzenak |
| 30 | John & Elaine (Giannini) Gajdos
Pat & Sandy Hedges |

January 2012

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| 6 | Paul & Jessica Irving
Carlton & Deborah
(Paes de Barros) Smith |
| 13 | John & Gwenn Krossa
Greg & Rosie Larson
Karol Vogt |
| 20 | Don & Kit Lockwood
Gerald & Erika Luhr |
| 27 | Gail Condon
Kevin Williams
Tom & Cyndy Fee |

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FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

Bob Walker



My report will be short and sweet this month. Currently Carol and I are on a road trip to the East coast to take in the Fall colors of New England. I did take a moment to watch these sail boats racing on the Charles River with the sky line of Boston in the background.



I have included some of the pictures of the colors we came here to see.



We have been told that we missed the peak colors but it has been really impressive



See you in November

Bob Walker
Rear Commodore

FROM YOUR OCEAN FLEET CAPTAIN

October has been an exceptionally active month for the ocean fleet. There were 3 races and a cruise, some of which I'll report out next month. For now, here is a recap of some really fun Ocean Fleet races.

Summer III (Aug 28)

It was an interesting sign up : Nanka now becoming a regular, a catamaran trailing along to investigate the race course and maybe start a whole new fleet - always welcome. The entrants Nanka, Guayacan, Gracie Rae, Whiz Bang, Evening Tide. The fog never dissipated so GPS was our lifeline. We saw the marks at a distance of 0.15 nm. Still, we had the equipment and finished the race. And it was fun - the wind was consistent 5-10 knots and the challenge was the navigation. We were isolated on a very big sea. It was fun!



Photos from Lady at the Helm Race (Sept 24)
Ocean Fleet Continued >>>>>>>>



Lady at the Helm Race (Sept 24)

The most important thing at the beginning of a sailboat race is the weather:

Last Sunday's dawn was beautiful and remained so all day. Sunny, warm and gently breezy was perfect for the Lady at the Helm race. Four boats started-four very disparate boats. The heaviest in the MBYC ocean fleet, Guayacan, (15 tons displacement); the lightest and newest in the fleet was Brian Monroe's StormBringer (300 lbs displacement); a guest entrant Ken Muther brought out Evening Tide with Bonny at the helm and Joe Fram as crew. And long absent from our races Pandora on Califia also started. All sailed well at 4-5 knots (or each made some equalizing mistakes) and the finishing times proved that PHRF handicapping can work to equalize very different boats. Our corrected times were spread over a few minutes.



At the time of the start Evening Tide was so far away from the startline that it isn't in the photo. She was doing some practice maneuvers and "kinda forgot to start" according to Ken, her owner. Guayacan miscalculated and had to make a second costly tack to round MBYC. StormBringer had some kind of problem with the spinnaker and didn't fly it. Pandora perhaps sailed a perfect course.

Corrected times were: StormBringer 52:15; Califia 51:47; Guayacan 52:15; Evening Tide 1:45:2

O'Daniels Two Sticker (Oct 9) The Two-Sticker never has many entrants despite the beauty of Two Stickers (personal opinion only). Nanka, Ho'oluana (the MacDonald family) and Guayacan showed up. It was slow going with variable wind so we agreed to shorten course and finished the 6 miles in 1:58:28 for Ho'oluana, and 2:48:19 for Guayacan (corrected times 1:44:23 and 2:18:38 respectively)

Devlin 3 (Oct 16)

It was another race and fabulous day of sailing. We considered setting a shorter course but opted to just have more bail outs if the wind was disappointing. It wasn't and we were so glad to be out there for the full 15 miles. We went past 18 EB to Constantine buoy past Mouse Rock to No1 then a final loop around 18. The wind was fresh and the sea exceptionally flat. We could lay the course from 18 to Constantine - an unusual circumstance. Geronimo and Whiz Bang led the fleet but were never out of sight. Guayacan and Califia were doing well. Handicap played a big role in a long race and put Guayacan first on corrected time, Whiz Bang second and Geronimo third.

Lynn Meissen
Ocean Fleet Captain



MBYC Social Committee

SOCIAL NEWS - NOVEMBER 2011

With the new Commodore comes a new troupe! New members are needed for the Social Committee. Our mission is to promote the community feeling between our members. Participating in club events is very important to our group. Attend our Friday night happy hours, catered dinners, opening day, summer hamburger nights, the boat parade, the Commodore's Ball, and more. Volunteer for the many officer positions and committees. Be a part of the whole.

November 12th Commodore's Ball - Be There or Be Square! All members need to attend as a thank you to outgoing Commodore Greg and welcome to incoming Commodore. Our club exists because of our volunteers. Be a Bella da Ball and attend this event. Deadline to sign up is November 7th! Just email Sharon Bufo <sbufo@charter.net> for your ticket reservation or call Jayne at 234-3634. We will take your credit card information and keep your tickets on will call. We need help with decorations!!!!!!!

November 14th between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. is our third Meatless Monday. Anticipate a fall spread of winter squash stuffed with a brown rice tempeh pilaf alongside a rice-paper roll filled with local in-season veggies and dappled with savory nut sauce. The grand finale will be an apple surprise made from local produce topped with creamy decadence. Meatless Monday reservations are limited, so contact Brett soon to secure your spot! 234-1570 or brettcross@yahoo.com \$7/plate.

December 3rd is the lighted boat parade. We were going to plan for a pot luck dinner BUT with traffic etal that night this idea is on hold. Plus, we are quickly approaching the holiday season - all groups will be planning their get togethers and we will decorate the club.

Last year on December 31st we kept the club open for all those that wanted to come to bring in the new year. The bar is open and relatively cheap compared to other venues. Come to the club with a finger food dish for 16. We all share and partake. We will put up a sign up sheet in the Bar for New Year's in December.

Happy 2011 - close to its end!

Thanks, Jayne Behman and Sharon Bufo

MEMBERSHIP

Please note the application for membership posted on the office door of Steve Borges. He is being sponsored by Bob Smirl and Gail Condon. Steve owns a Lido, has been "enthusiastic" crew for Bob Smirl for about a year in the DaySailer fleet, has volunteered in the safety boat, and is always ready for a sail. His application will go before the Board for discussion at their next meeting in November.

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

Tidelands Park Volunteers Needed

We've had a few people retire after years of service at Tidelands Park. We are now in serious need of new volunteers to help out with the park. It's fun, easy and a nice hour outdoors. That's right, only an hour a month and you will enhance both the city and our club.

Please contact Jeff Eckles, Tidelands Chair at 800-396-6910 or jeff@eckleswealth.com and he'll get you on the schedule.

Thank you for your service and a big thank you to all our Tidelands Volunteers.

The city and our club appreciate you!



Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

ANNOUNCING THE MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION!!

We have big news!! We have formed a 501 (c) 3 organization, the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation, a tax-deductible, non-profit organization to benefit junior sailors!

You can read about us on our new website: www.mbysf.org

Our founding board members are:

President: Dana McClish

Treasurer: Mary Monroe

Secretary: Todd Hansen

MBYC Junior Advisor: Gwenn Krossa

MBYC Junior Director: Kent Butler

A mountain of thanks isn't enough to all those who put in time and effort to make this happen – the advice, the meetings, the emails, the encouragement... It was a big undertaking and I am very excited to see it become a reality!!

Donations can be made to: MBYSF, PO Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443-0763

Now on to Junior news:

We had a great time sailing at the Harbor Festival on Oct 4th. The winds were light and the current was a factor – but we got in some good races, and had fun!

The results:

Optis: 1st – Andrew Monroe, 2nd – JT Krossa, 3rd – Zane Leslie

Lasers: 1st – Rory McClish, 2nd – Shannon McClish, 3rd – Olivia MacDonald

Also, please add December 11th to your calendar for the Year-End Junior Party!!



We will be giving out awards, watching a slideshow of pictures from the year, playing games, and celebrating our great kids and families! Sunday, December 11th, 1 – 4 pm at the Yacht Club.

- Gwenn Krossa
Junior Advisor

From the Laser Corner

The second annual Laser Slalom was held on September 24 hosted by the Morro Bay Laser Fleet 24.5.

It started once again with a bounce house party at the **Hendricks** compound the Friday night prior to the race. The goal of each competitor is to try to eliminate the other sailors the night before the race by supplying them with drinks or keeping them up way too late. **Andrew Brown** almost took himself out by flying out of the bounce house and landing on the concrete. It's a good thing his head broke his fall.

The first sign of trouble on Saturday morning came when the Sailing Instructions were posted and **Ron Giddings** was given the authority to change the rules at any time during the races. The first rule that he threw out was Rule 42. That meant that propulsion was allowed for anyone over 125 lbs. (which pretty much meant that any person who was not in the junior yacht club could pump, scull, or paddle when needed) It kind of all went downhill from there. But everyone had loads of fun!

The Laser Cups perpetual trophy miraculously reappeared just in time to award it to 14-year-old **Olivia MacDonald**. Her parents were so proud! Coming in a very close 2nd place was **Rory McClish** and we all wondered if he threw the race on purpose just to avoid having to wear the Laser Cups for a year. (whew! Close call, Rory!)

On other Laser fronts, **Steve Hendricks** won 1st place at the Coronado Yacht Club Small Boat Regatta on October 15-16. Congratulations, Steve!

I'll see you on the water,
Dawn Huntsinger
Laser Fleet Captain



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To all MBYC Members: ~ROSTER UPDATE FORM~

To assist the Membership Committee in the production of the **new 2012 Roster**, please check your listing in the current 2011 Roster to be sure that the information contained therein is accurate

**Did you move, change or add a phone number, email address, or fax number?
Did you buy or sell any boats? Did you change sail numbers?**

Please enter your name and any correction(s) on the slip below and return it to the club office.
Deadline for the submission for the 2012 Roster is January 15, 2012

NAME: _____

NEW PHONE: _____

CORRECT ADDRESS: _____

NEW EMAIL: _____

NEW FAX: _____

RADIO CALL: _____

BOAT (ADDED?) NAME:

CLASS: _____

CF#: _____

BOAT (SUBTRACTED?)

SOLD TO MEMBER _____

NOTES: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS UPDATE FORM WITH YOUR CORRECTIONS TO THE
MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB,
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU.**

November 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
		1	2 Fun Float 10:30AM 	3	4 Hosts: Jeff & Kathe Davidson Bob & Holly Smirl	5 Fall III Bay Fleet 
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	10	11 Hosts: Andy Arozena John & Candace Kincade John & Brooke (Townsend) Bodine	12 Commodore's Ball
13 Fall II Ocean Fleet 	14 Meatless Monday 5:30- 6:30	15	16	17	18 Hosts: Greg & Jennifer Barker Mark & Julie (Thomas) Brown	19 Commodores Cup: Bay Fleet 
20 Juniors 	21	22	23	24	25 Hosts: Dana Cummings Steve & Terry Reeder	26
27 Drumstick Bay Fleet 	28	29	30			

Tidelands Volunteers — NOVEMBER

November 4 Evans, 7 Smulders, 11 Jorgans/Pye, 14 Williams, 18 Meissen,

21 Romero, 25 Condon, 28 Salamacha ,Alt for NOV: Eckles

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"I don't know who named them swells. There's nothing swell about them.
They should have named them awfuls."
- Hugo Vihlen

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11 Junior Year-end Party 1- 4 PM	12	Fun Float 11:00 AM 13 	Board Meeting 6:00 PM 14 	15	Hosts: Nancy Craig Jeff Eckles David & Karen Prewett 16	Winter I: Bay Fleet 17 
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