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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Patrick Hedges



Happy New Year to one and all. We say it every year, but can you really believe that another year has passed? Regardless, here's to a safe, healthy and prosperous 2012.

Along with a new year comes a new board of directors for the club.

I will take this opportunity to welcome the new members aboard and thank them, up front, for volunteering their time so that the business-side of the yacht club can move forward and take care of business.

Along with that, I also want to recognize out-going board members, including our immediate past Commodore, Staff Commodore Greg Barker, immediate past Treasurer Mary Monroe, and immediate past Senior Director, Staff Commodore Dana McClish. Thank you all for your time and dedication to the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

Staying on board (pun not intended, but I can't see a way around it) but, albeit, in new positions are Bob Walker, Vice Commodore; Dawn Huntsinger, Rear Commodore; and Staff Commodore Kent Butler, who is moving up to Senior Director.

With fleet activities under the competent direction and oversight of Rear Commodore Huntsinger, and with Vice Commodore Walker chomping at the bit to take on the House, that leaves me available to take on some other items I think we should tackle. In doing so, I would like to avoid a couple of clichés.

First, "Let's not reinvent the wheel". It seems when members join the board or become the chairs of the many committees that we have, it's a learn-by-doing process. And not to offend the many professors that we have as members, but while that may work well for students at Cal Poly it's something we need to overcome here at the club. With that in mind, Staff Commodore Barker has agreed to work on written job descriptions and duties for board and committee chairs and members.

Second, "That's the way we've always done it". While it has worked for us for many years, I'm not sure we are as effective as we can be in handling the business of the club in the best interest of members, visitors and guests. More will follow on this topic in subsequent Masthead columns. In the meantime, if any of you have ideas or suggestions on ways we can improve, please e-mail me, call me or tug on my right arm at Happy Hour (I usually carry my glass of wine in my left hand).

Along those lines, I have already received some input from members. First, if you have e-mail and are not receiving e-mail updates from the club via our Alias (e-mail group address), please send me your e-mail address and I will have it added to our group e-mail list. Information sharing is very important and e-mail can be timelier than next month's Masthead. Second, it has been mentioned from time-to-time, our club has a web site, www.mbyc.net. On that web site is a members'-only page that requires a name and password. If you do not have the name and/or password, please e-mail or call me and I will pass the information along. Printing it here would probably defeat the purpose of having a password.

One final note: The first Happy Hour for 2012 is on January 6th. We plan on making a little space for dancing to the sounds of Zongo All-Stars. It should be a good time for all and a good way to start of the New Year. Hope to see you there.

Patrick Hedges, Commodore

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.



FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

Bob Walker



Happy New Year to you all. I hope you survived the holidays and that you did not gain as much weight as I did. So, it seems MYBC has survived 2011 with me serving as Rear Commodore. I am sure some of you are holding your breath, not sure what 2012 will bring with my position as Vice Commodore.

All kidding aside, I really enjoyed being Rear Commodore and am looking forward to serving as the Vice Commodore. It is going to be a very busy year with a two major projects: 1) mooring inspection and replacement. Don Lockwood has already volunteered to take the lead on that project.

2) The new ramp project approved by the membership in the December general meeting.

Dana McClish, Terry Paris, and Steve Hendricks have already spent considerable time planning the project. I hope they will continue to be deeply involved.

We all owe Bob Smirl and Jim Phillips for the beautiful job they did refinishing the bar. If you get a chance, say "Thanks", you might even buy them a drink. Kevin Williams, Pat Hedges and I have started refinishing the stairs in the club. This project is going to take a long long time to complete. If you are good with sand paper or a scraper, give us a call we would be happy to share the fun.

There are several projects like these that I would like to start, but I need your help. Historically, we have waited for "workday" to start and finish many projects. There is nothing in "policy letters" that states a project must be completed during "workday". In my perfect world I would like to use "workday" for cleaning and polishing for Opening Day. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Bob Walker, Vice Commodore

PS... To the person or persons who "took" several of the etched glasses we use for race trophies, I can only hope that you borrowed them and plan to return them soon. If that is not your intention: a plague on you, your house and your dog. That is not what I am really thinking. Carol said that I should not use those kinds of words in a Masthead article.



The stairway at the club was showing wear and members stepped up to sand and varnish the treads and landings. Pictured are Bob Walker and Kevin Williams. Not pictured is Carlton Smith.

FUN FLOAT

Fun Float Jan. 11th. Wed. 10:30 AM

Happy New Years! I hope Santa brought you just what you deserved and you know who you are. Our Dec. Sandspit party was just delightful. I got a really nice gift but I'm not sure what it is. If you read Japanese, please get in touch with me.

Our first paddle of the New Year will be on Wed. the 11th at 10:30.

I have a feeling that this is going to be a good year to get out on the water and paddle your little heart out.

Bestest of wishes for Happy New Year,
G.P.P.





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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.

January 2012

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

February 2012

3 Matt & Adrienne Jenkins
John & Wendy Mitchell
10 John & Kirsten Swift
Ken & Judy Riener
17 Bob & Judy Salamacha
Bob & Barbara Schwenoha
24 Truman & Lauren Prewitt
Steve & Tammy Hendricks

March 2012

2 Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill
Dennis & Anne (Bernardo) Johnson
9 Patrick & Michele Gorey
John & Judy Michener
16 Andrew & Marrie Brown
Roy & Bev Gammill
23 Matt & Jacqueline Piper
John & Betsy Stenger
30 Jim & Bobbie Brose
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FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

Dawn Huntsinger



Happy New Year from your newly appointed Rear Commodore for 2012!

I need to first give my heartfelt thanks to Bob Walker for paving the way for hopefully a successful year in racing with all of his spreadsheets, instructions, and advice. He has done such a thorough job last year of being super organized that I don't feel the need to reinvent the wheel. Not only do I have his big shoes to fill, but I am also following in my mom's footsteps. As some of you may know, Gail Condon had a successful year in 2005 as Rear Commodore, and I hope that I will do as well as she did.

The 2012 Race calendar has been published, but is subject to change. I suggest that you periodically check the web site for updates. I will try to publish the changes ahead of time, but I've been known to be not so perfect from time to time, so please bear with me. The Ocean Fleet has 21 races scheduled, while the Bay Fleet has 26 races, plus the Juniors 20 days on the water. It's a busy calendar!

Being the Rear Commodore means organizing and running races and I realize that I will be PROing races when there isn't anyone available. With that said, I want to race, too! To do this, I need the help of other racers and yacht club members with an interest in racing to "man" (or "woman", if it's applicable to you) the job of PRO. With a calendar full of race days, it makes it easier if the racers do their fair share.

I like the old saying, "Many hands make light work." I believe the task of PROing should start with all active racers, both Ocean and Bay Fleets. If you have the knowledge to PRO and have done it before, then great! Pass the word along that the job isn't as daunting as some may believe it is.

If you haven't PRO'd before, that's OK, too! I will give you the tools to be successful. There are a lot of people in our club willing to help you and share their knowledge. Take advantage of PRO clinics, pick people's brains, get out of your comfort zone and sign up. Joining an all-volunteer club means more than annually hosting a Friday Night Happy Hour. Realize that when you get a chance to race, it means that someone else is sacrificing their time to let you play on the water.

So, in the spirit of volunteerism, (it's what makes our club so great!) sign up for a race. If the races aren't filled up by the end of January, I may help you find your spirit of volunteerism by "volunteering" people.

Results: Congratulations to these winning teams!

Race	Fleet	1st	2nd	3rd
CommodorRACEe's Cup	Bay Fleet	Smith/Paes de Barros	Williams/Condon	McDonald/Monroe
Drumstick	Bay Fleet	Williams/Condon	Smith/Paes de Barros	Huntsinger/Cross
Fall III	Ocean Fleet	Geronimo/Gomez	Voyager II/Ratliff	Stormbringer/Monroe
Winter I	Bay Fleet	Williams/Condon	Smith/Paes de Barros	Huntsinger/Cross

Now for something new. Each month I will pick a racing rule, a definition, or a Morro Bay-ism at random, and put it in a section called **Playing by the Rules**. For January I have chosen:

RIGHT OF WAY

A boat has right of way when another boat is required to keep clear of her. However, some rules in Sections B, C and D limit the actions of a right-of-way boat.

10) ON OPPOSITE TACKS

When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat.

11) ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED

When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

12) ON THE SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED

When boats are on the same tack and not overlapped, a boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat clear ahead.

13) WHILE TACKING

After a boat passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boats until she is on a close-hauled course. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boats are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

Go sail a boat,

Dawn Huntsinger
Rear Commodore



Thanks to Linda McDonald and Keiley Hansen for the great photos!



FROM YOUR OCEAN FLEET CAPTAIN

The last ocean race for 2011, Winter 3, happened under lovely conditions (almost all conditions are lovely on Estero Bay) wind sufficient to maintain steerage, sunshine and almost balmy. Four boats started and four finished though Guayacan's skipper was willing to abort in the light air but the crew mutinied, she conceded and continued. We did three laps around 18 and No 1 for about a 9 mile course. On the last lap the wind filled in and our speed increased to 3 knots.

Geronimo, Voyager and StormBringer all fared much better in the light air and were back at the dock long since. There was a very strange phenomenon around No 1. A big eddy of very choppy water and definite current set us toward the buoy such that we had to make an extra tack to avoid contact. StormBringer experienced the same eddy with similar demands. Geronimo came in first, Voyager second and Stormbringer third. One of those boats also took first for the series but program confusion did not confirm which that might be.

The calendar for 2012 is posted on the web site and in the January Masthead, so mark your calendars. Note that Estero Cup has been scheduled. We hope that enough crew and skippers will get excited and make this event.

I want to thank John Michner for stepping in to finish the year as fleet skipper. We miss Ron and hope he will be back soon. At this time I think we still do not have a Fleet Captain, 2012. The job is not onerous and you will have lots of help, so please consider volunteering.

Lynn Meissen
Ocean Fleet Captain

Tidelands Park Volunteers Needed

Thank you to the newest member of our Tidelands Park volunteer team, Dr. Lauren Prewitt. The club and the community appreciate you stepping up to the plate to help.

Just in time for your New Year's Resolution to do something good for yourself and the community! We can still use a couple more hands. Please call or email Jeff Eckles at 800-396-6910 or jeff@eckleswealth.com to sign up for this very elite detail. It requires only an hour per month, is outdoors and serves your community. I promise it will give you a warm fuzzy!

MEMBERSHIP

Please take notice of the latest application hanging on the office door.

Joe and Donna Dervin are applying for membership. You may have met them as they have been quite active in both boating activities and our social events. They are sponsored by Candy Botich and Kevin O'Day, and Rachelle and Jim Phillips. Joe and Donna recently moved to this area from Southern California and are eager to meet all of us and participate in club activities.

They own a Catalina 36 MK II, "Waltzing Matilda," which they keep in Marina Del Ray and they have done many "big boat" races.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please let us know of any changes in address, phone numbers, email address, etc., by filling out the enclosed form for such.

Your Membership Committee,
Your Membership Committee: Gail Condon (Chair), Cyndy Fee (Co-chair), Lynn Meissen, Rachelle and Jim Phillips, and Marty and Tom Tidyman

Editor's Note:

We want to be sure that everyone is aware that the MBYC Board meetings have moved to the third Thursday of each month. See calendar for actual dates and time. Hope everyone had a fantastic Holiday Season!! Cheers and on to 2012!



MBYC Social Committee

Social News 2011 and beginning 2012!

Jayne Behman and Sharon Bufo have agreed with the new Commodore to co-chair the Social Committee for 2012. It is our intention to do this with a committee. Please sign up for our committee. What this means is that you will help at social events. The responsibilities of this committee are to plan for social events. As planned, the committee promotes, decorates, sets up, arranges for proctors at the doors, bar stewards, and clean up. We can't have events without helpers. Please consider being on our committee on a regular basis. Some of the events that are planned for 2012 are as follows:

Opening Day
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
July 4th Fireworks
Commodore's Ball
Boat Parade
MBYC Talent Show

Plus more events as we can plan them. We would like to call a meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 5pm at the club for all those interested in being on the committee and planning for events.

Just a reminder, when you bring a guest(s) to a club event, the guest must leave the same time as the member. When we offer a pot luck event, members bringing guests must accommodate for the amount of food needed for the guests.

Hope you enjoyed 2011 and we look forward to a fun social 2012.

Thanks, Jayne Behman and Sharon Bufo

January Event: Join us January 9 for our first ever Meatless Monday Vegan Pot-un-Luck, themed Vegan Chili. In order to preserve Mylea's deteriorating sanity, we have opted to attempt a coordinated potluck—thus, pot-un-luck. Please let us know if you plan to attend and what you want to bring from these delicious categories—vegan chili, raw veggie salad, cooked veggie or grain dish, dessert. Oh yea, please be sure your dish doesn't have any animal products, including cheese, eggs, or dairy. Thanks! 6 p.m. January 9th. Contact Brett to let him know what you'd like to prepare. phone 805 234-1570 or brettcross@yahoo.com

Welcome the new 2012 MBYC Board!



L - R: Senior Director Kent Butler, Vice Commodore Bob Walker, Rear Commodore Dawn Huntsinger, Director John Michener, Commodore Pat Hedges, Treasurer Elaine Giannini, Secretary Julie Thomas



Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

Juniors - January 2012

Junior of the Year

Congratulations to Olivia MacDonald who has been recognized as Junior of the Year for 2011! Olivia is a freshman at Morro Bay High School where she plays volleyball and basketball. In 2011 she received her very own Laser and she put it to good use. She started the year by winning the Richmond Yacht Club Mid-Winter Series in the Laser radial. That meant getting up in the dark and riding all the way to Richmond California, setting up her boat, racing in San Francisco Bay, and then riding all the way back home to Cayucos in a day. Over the summer she participated in the Leiter Cup, a national camp and competition for girls from 13 to 18 years old. Then she went straight up to Huntington Lake where she raced her Laser radial again. Closer to home she won the Laser Slalom and the Lady at the Helm race. Congratulations on an impressive year Olivia!

At the Juniors Christmas party Andrew Monroe was also recognized. Andrew traveled to all six of the Southern California Optimist series regattas. If each regatta has 7 or 8 races over two days, that's a lot of racing! Congratulations to Andrew!

It's a new year in Juniors and that means Gwenn Krossa's turn as Junior Advisor has come to a close. Thanks to Gwenn for the past two years of leadership and some great fun activities on the water! Following in Gwenn's footsteps is me, Todd Hansen. I have been active with the Juniors since my son Keiran was a young Opti sailor. Now he races against me on his Daysailor. I'm looking forward to another year of fun with junior sailors.

One of the highlights of my sailing year is Huntington Lake and the High Sierra Regatta. This year the regatta will be held July 7-8. Reservations can be made 6 months in advance and the lake side campsite usually fill up fast. See http://www.fresnoyachtclub.org/high_sierra_regatta.html for details about the racing. Last year we had juniors sailing Optimis, Laser Radials, and Daysailors. This year following the High Sierra will be the Daysailor Nationals. The event starts off with the Juniors Nationals. Interested sailors should start lining up a boat and crew and will want to stay up at Huntington a couple extra days.

Photos of Junior of the Year 2011
Olivia MacDonald.

Todd Hansen
Junior Advisor



Zongo All Stars Performs at Happy Hour

Friday, 1/6/2012 -

MBYC Happy Hour:

Co-hosted by Paul & Jessica Irving, and Carlton & Deb Smith.

Featuring entertainment by Zongo All-Stars.

Good food, good vibes, and a great way to kick off the New Year with a BANG at the club!



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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.**

January 2012











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
Hangover: Bay Fleet PRO Hangover: Juniors 1 	2	3	4	5	Hosts: Paul & Jessica Irving Carlton & Deborah (Paes de Barros) Smith 6	7
8	9	10	Fun Float 10:30 AM  11	12	Hosts: John & Gwenn Krossa Greg & Rosie Larson Karol Vogt 13	Winter II: Bay Fleet  14
Juniors 15 	Martin Luther King Day 16	17	18	Board Meeting 6:00 PM  19	Hosts: Don & Kit Lockwood Gerald & Erika Luhr 20	21
Winter I: Ocean Fleet  22	23	24	25	26	Hosts: Gail Condon Kevin Williams Tom & Cyndy Fee 27	Winter III: Bay Fleet  28
Juniors 29 	30	31	Tidelands Volunteers — JANUARY January 2 Thomas, 6 Butler, 9 Smulders, 13 Jorgens/Pye, 16 Williams, 20 Meissen, 23 Salamacha, 27 Romero, 30 Condon ,Alt for JAN: Eckles			

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"There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply
messing about in boats."
- Water Rat, Kenneth Grahame

February 2012








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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	Hosts: Matt & Adrienne Jenkins John & Wendy Mitchell 3	4
5 Super Bowl Sunday	6	7	Fun Float 10:30 AM 8 	9	Hosts: John & Kirsten Swift Ken & Judy Riener 10	11
Winter II: Ocean Fleet 12 	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	Board Meeting 6:00 PM 16 	Hosts: Bob & Judy Salamacha Bob & Barbara Schwenoha 17	18
19	President's Day 20	21	22	23	Hosts: Truman & Lauren Prewitt Steve & Tammy Hendricks 24	Sail, Pedal, Paddle: Bay Fleet 25 
Founder's Cup: Ocean Fleet 26  Juniors	27	28	29			

Tidelands Volunteers — FEBRUARY

February 3 Butler, 6 Thomas, 10 Jorgens/Pye, 13 Prewitt, 17 Clinton,
20 Salamacha, 24 Meissen, 27 Romero, Alt for FEB: Williams