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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Patrick Hedges



There's a long time understanding that the leader of an organization shouldn't expect those under him or her to do something he or she wouldn't be willing to do. That said, Galley Chief Brett Cross and yours truly set out on a recent Saturday (Feb 18) to see how Day Sailers really do handle white caps, strong currents and winds gusting to 29 knots and more (according to a credible YC member watching from her moored boat).

With such ideal conditions, we decided that we would practice a capsizingrecovery drill somewhere between buoy 10 and day marker 12. Now, in all honesty, we didn't make this decision until the mast of "Doin' Time" was somewhere south of 45 degrees of vertical and heading toward 90 degrees off vertical, or, from my vantage point, laying on the water.

Now, I must admit, I have had little experience in these types of recovery drills. The one time prior was during a club-sanctioned event and I hasten to

point out this current drill was conducted during a non-sanctioned club activity.

Unlike the captain of the cruise ship that went on the rocks in Italy recently, I stayed with the boat. In fact, based on my limited experience with these types if maneuvers, I went in the water. But I knew what I had to do and I immediately swam around to the exposed hull side of "Doin' Time" so I could clamber up on to the centerboard and begin the righting procedure. You cannot imagine my surprise when I saw the centerboard ahead of me and there was the galley chief already standing on it. With more than a little bit of disbelief, I noted that galley chief Brett had nary a drop of water on him. Apparently as he was calling out "Oh, No!" he was scrambling over the high side of the gunwale and

Anyway, with both of us putting weight on the centerboard, we were able to right the boat and lower the main and jib. A small lesson learned at this point is that the required 5-gallon bailing bucket, if not tethered to the boat, may float away (and it did). Left with only the small one-gallon scoop, it was going to be a long process.

landed on the centerboard. You tell me who has the most experience in this type of situation.

Unbeknownst to us, member Carlton Smith was at the club and was concerned because of the conditions on the water and he was keeping an eye out for us. Unaware that the galley chief and I were practicing righting procedures, he, along with Port Captain Kevin and prospective member Warner headed out in the Whaler to see what was going on.

Now, at this point, seeing us riding low in the water and suspecting that we may have encountered an unscheduled sailing maneuver, you would have thought that they would have approached out boat and

asked if we were OK. You would have been mistaken. The port captain backed off and began taking photographs. Then, after he had taken a more-than-sufficient number of images, "Doin' Time" was towed to the dock for de-watering.

So, you may ask, why do I share this with you. First, training and experience pays off. To lay your boat on its side and be able to come out of that standing on the centerboard, dry, is no small feat. My hat's off to the galley chief for this fine display of seamanship. Secondly, with images in the hand of the port captain, Photo Shop is working overtime, no doubt. So, since I get the first page of the Masthead, I have this opportunity to put out the real story with an unretouched image of the commodore and the galley chief showing that recovery of a Day Sailer can be accomplished by the crew on



Commodore asking the galley chief to stop posing for photos and to get the jib out of the water

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



It has been a very busy couple of weeks, collecting cost estimates for several possible projects. Besides the normal housekeeping duties such as replacing light bulbs and tightening toilet seats, the oven in the galley required the assistance of a professional repair man. As it turns out, the Wolf range in the galley is probably older than the repairman from Idlers. The stove was purchased used when the club was built, but in spite of the stove's age, parts are still available, and you can imagine they are not cheap. The control valve for the larger oven is being temperamental and will need to be replaced at some point with an estimate of over \$800. Just for your information, a new Wolf stove would cost \$12,000 to \$14,000. So it goes without saying, we need to treat the stove with lots of love and respect.

As we prepare for Opening Day 2012 there are several projects around the club that need to be done. It would be great if these projects could be completed before the scheduled WORK DAY, Saturday MARCH 10th, so we can concentrate on general clean up then. I received only one response to my "request for help" that was sent on Monday Feb 20th via the club alias.

So, once again I have listed some of the projects on my list. If there are other items that are of interest to you just let me know and I will help with equipment and/or other helpers. The idea is to get some of this work done BEFORE the scheduled workday.

- * Galley cleaning. Brett Cross is looking for four (4) helpers to clean and organize the galley. If this is something you might be interested in give Brett a call. His cell number is (805) 234-1570.
- * Pressure-wash the walkways around the club
- * Fix loose boards on the lower and upper deck
- * Sand and paint the top cap on the deck railing
- * Weed around the club
- * Paint the safety stripe on the steps
- * Paint dinghy and member zones on the dock
- * CLEAN the tables and chairs upstairs and down stairs
- * Polish trophies and clean the case
- * CLEAN windows (we have lots of windows)

It time to get started cleaning and making need repairs to OUR club house.

Bob Walker, Vice Commodore

FUNCTIONS

Fun Float MAR. 7th. Wed. 10:30 AM

Good turnout for Feb.Float. We had either 12 or 13 people. According to who was counting. Remember these people vote. In March we are going on the 8th at 10:00. I had to avoid the Ides of March.

You remember what happened to Caesar on his way to McDonald's for breakfast.

Love ya'll

G.P.P. - PS April will be on Thur. the 19th, 10:AM



Kayak Fun Float, with spinnaker assist from Dot Rygh

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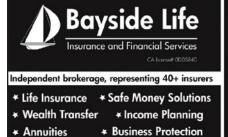
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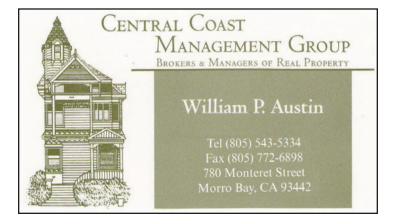
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HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

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, Patrick Gorey at: 772-1151.

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.

March 2012

Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill 2 Mal and Julie Towery 9 Patrick & Michele Gorey John & Judy Michener Andrew & Marrie Brown 16 John & Wendy Mitchell Matt & Jacqueline Piper 23 John & Betsy Stenger 30 Jim & Bobbie Brose Mike Weber Alan Racko

April 2012

Russ & Sally Williams Mike & Deborah Peck 13 Adrian & Helma Smulders Charles Watson Gary Raine Donna Arozena 20 Diane Mason Carol Vallely & Clayton Schmidt John and Jan Neiswanger 27 Peter & Anita Rothenbueker

May 2012

Dana Cummings Bob & Laurie Neumann Fave Zeeb 11 Doug Riddell Art Duberg Jerome White 18 Joe & Donna Dervin Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day 25 Pat & Dot Rygh Tom Spencer Gary Raine Jim & Rachelle Phillips Jimrachelle.phillips@gmail.com

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FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

Dawn Huntsinger



You can't often accuse Morro Bay of having boring weather, especially at the beginning of the year. The Bay fleet held Winter III in some mighty strange winds. The morning held some promise of strong winds, but by the time the first race started, the winds died down leaving boats stranded in the back bay. It reminded me of a parking lot; we all wanted to go somewhere but instead just looked at each other in frustration as we floated as a clump with the current. I'm speaking, of course, as a boat in the back of the fleet...obviously some fared better than others. The next race was totally different with the winds swirling at the top of the bay. It was one of those days where you go to tack, but instead you just turn 90 degrees and find yourself on the same tack! Fun or frustrating? A little bit of both... but mostly fun! The Ocean fleet was able to make it out for their first race of the year. Winter II was held on a beautiful day with strong and steady winds. Crewmembers on Guayacan remarked that they were able to keep Voyager II in sight! Even though Voyager II completed the course in less than two hours, Guayacan's corrected time gave them first place.

A big thanks to all who volunteered to PRO the races. Ocean fleet John Michener is still looking for a replacement, but in the meantime will continue to set the courses for Ocean fleet. Tom Murphey, Tom and Cyndy Fee, Gail Condon and Kevin Williams were our trusty PROs for the Winter series. Pat and Dot Rygh, Joe Huntsinger, Katy Crawford, and Linda McDonald are excellent additions to the Race Committee; the races couldn't be run without all of their help.

Congratulations to these winners:

Race	Fleet	1st	2nd	3rd
Winter III	Bay Fleet	Tom Tidyman and Bob Smirl	Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros	Steve Borges and Christina Osborn
Winter Series	Ocean Fleet	Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros	Kevin Williams and Gail Condon	Dan McDonald and Karl Deardorff
Winter II	Ocean Fleet	Lynn Meissen, Guaycan	Wayne Ratliff, Voyager II	John Michener, Whizbang



Lynn Meissen-Guayacan 1st place Winter II



Wayne Ratliff-Voyager II 2nd place Winter II



John Michener- Whiz Bang 3rd place Winter II



Bob Smirl and Tom Tidyman-Artful Dodger 1st place Winter III



Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros-Beach Party 2nd place Winter II



Steve Borges and Christina Osborn-Tribal Dancer 3rd place Winter III

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Winter Series-Founders Cup 2012											
			WinterI		WinterII		WinterIII				
Rank	Skippe r	Sail Number	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
1	Carlton Smith	163	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	3	18
2	Kevin Williams (PRO Winter III)	2874	1	2	1	1	12DSQ	2.8	2.8	2.8	25.5
3	Dan McDonal d	4000	4	6	2	5	3	7	4	6	37
4	Tom Fee (PRO Winter II)	1621	6	4	3	6.25	6.25	3	8	1	37.5
5	Dawn Huntsinger	3018	3	3	5	8	8	5	3	4	39
6	Bob Smirl	7072	91	11	10	3	1	1	1	5	41
7	Steve B orges	3219	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DNC	4	4	4	5	2	73
8	Terry Paris	11026	13	8	6	7	5	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	93
9	Patrick Gorey	2574	7	7	13 DSQ	6	7	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	94
10	Bob Walker	13074	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DNC	12 DN F	12 DNS	8	6	60	100
11	Pat Hedges	1111	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DNC	18DNC	18DNC	6	7	7	110
12	Keiran Hansen	13088	5	5	11	18DNC	18DNC	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	111
13	Todd Hanse n	4091	8	10	8	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	116
14	Dana McCli sh	1594	13	9	7	18DNC	18DNC	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	119
15	Bob Kizzar	1525	13 DNF	13 DNF	13 DN F	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	129
16	Joe Fram	153	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DNC	12 DN F	12 DNS	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	132
16	Julie Thomas	593	18 DNC	18DNC	18 DNC	12 DN F	12 DNS	18 DN C	18 DN C	18DNC	132
	D NS-Did N ot Start, DNF-Did N ot Finish, DN C-Did Not Compete, DSQ-Disgualified										

Playing by the Rules: 42 Propulsion 42.1 Basic Rule

Except when permitted in rule 42.3 or 45, a boat shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed. Her crew may adjust the trim of sails and hull, and perform other acts of seamanship, but shall not otherwise move their bodies to propel the boat.

42.2 Prohibited Actions

Except when permitted in rule 42.3 or 45, a boat shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed. Her crew may adjust the trim of sails and hull, and perform other acts of seamanship, but shall not otherwise move their bodies to propel the boat.

- (1) body movement,
- (2) repeated adjustment of the sails or centerboard, or
- (3) steering:
- (c) ooching: sudden forward body movement, stopped abruptly;
- (d) sculling: repeated movement of the helm that is either forceful
- or that propels the boat forward or prevents her from moving astern:
- (e) repeated tacks or gybes unrelated to changes in the wind or to tactical considerations.

Go sail a boat,

Dawn Huntsinger Rear Commodore

FROM YOUR OCEAN FLEET CAPTAIN

To those who participated - what a great day! To those who didn't - condolences.

The four intrepids were at the dock ready for the first (completed) race for 2012; it was worth the wait. Geronimo, Voyager II, WhizBang, and Guayacan had a great time in excellent sailing conditions in Estero Bay. Expecting fair wind, the course was: Start, 18EB, Mouse and Constantine, Finish. We all, even the lumbering schooner, could lay the course to Mouse Rock. Mouse to Constantine Rock was more upwind but it is only 1.8 miles. The last leg was downwind. The total course was 12.28 miles and elapsed time varied by 27 minutes. A fairly constant wind 15 knots and a long period for the swell without windwaves contributed to a great day; sunshine was the cherry on the sundae.

I repeat - it was a fun sail. We hope to see more of you and your friends next month.

Also, Paul posted a video on facebook-Morro Bay Yacht Club Ocean Sailing. Like us on Facebook and check it out!

Lynn Meissen Ocean Fleet Captain

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MBYC Social Committee

- Here we are turning the corner into SPRING! Our second (annual?) ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY is now in full swing and we are
- taking reservations since we can only accommodate 40 people for dinner. All members are welcome to the fun upstairs! Our
- caterer this year is Gary Barker of Divine Street Catering. Gary is well known around the county for his corned beef, pistachio
- cake and award winning shrimp and avocado ceviche! Please read the flyer included for more details in making your reserva-
- tions. Duncan and a few of our brave male members will be providing a little entertainment, along with Irish Music. I chal-
- lenge those attending to find a "little rhyme" to recite and we will give a small prize to the most creative!
- Opening Day this year is on April 15th! I know...tax day!!! Oh well, the celebration must go on...so plan accordingly!
- Commodore Hedges requested the return of the White Caps, our unofficial city band. They will play on the tarmac with
- around 25 musicians. Which brings me to my next topic food for Opening Day! I would so appreciate a call or an email in-
- forming me of what food item you will provide. It needs to be bite-size finger food. Deviled eggs are especially popular. Fruit,
- such as strawberries, grapes or chunks of pineapple or melon, is always a good choice. Muffins, donuts or danish are easily
- served. We have a tea and coffee area where desserts like fudge, brownies, cookies or choclotaes will be served. When you
- bring your item, please have it displayed on a glass, silver or decorated dish. I will need helpers to keep the food tables filled,
- bartenders, members at the door to check-in guests and the all mighty clean-up crew. It is a wonderful event steeped in tradi tion but can only run smoothly with the help of everyone.
- I have a new email address; sbufo@att.net. My home phone is 534-1614 and my cell # is 748-3861. Please contact me! Let's have some fun, people!!!
- Sharon Bufo

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Two of our memberships have resigned. They are Dennis Johnson/Anne Bernardo and Mary and Al Romero. Any changes I have received are in the new roster due out shortly, but, since I am so special (according to me), my e-mail has changed to gailcondon@aol.com.

Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP

Okay, now we're cooking. We have TWO prospective members whose applications are hanging on the office door. Please take the time to look at them. They are: Katherine (Katy) Crawford who has been at almost all of our Bay Fleet races and helped, both on deck and in the safety boat, since last summer, and is an avid sailor herself, having been employed on a commercial fishing boat in the past. She also is a now familiar face at Friday night Happy Hour. The second application is from Anthony (Tony) Gomez who has been very active in our Ocean Fleet with his boat, Geronimo. He also has been a well-respected business owner in SLO for many years.

The membership cards are ready for everyone who has paid their current year's dues. We will have them on Friday nights for you to pick up and will mail out the rest to those we don't see in the next few weeks. The roster will be out shortly and we'll send any cards not picked up with them.

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

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Morro Bey Junior Yeight Club

We have only had one Juniors day since the last Masthead, but we had a great weather day and a lot of fun. It took a while for the wind to build so we practiced our knots with a little rope rodeo, tying adults to the deck railing. Later the Lasers got to chase Lex, in his role as rabbit, while the Opties played ball tag and follow the leader. More fun is planned for our next Juniors days as we prepare the Optimist fleet to participate in the upcoming Big Rock Regatta, March 24th and 25th. The event is part of the Harken series of Optimist regattas and young sailors from all over California will be on hand to participate. There will be two separate courses, one for experienced racers and one for beginners. Every Optimist sailor from MBYC should plan on racing, and every Junior should plan on spending some time to help host the event. Also the Junior's work day is Sunday March 4th where we will help spruce up the club and the boats (and maybe have some fun too).

Big news for our Laser sailors this month too. The Board approved spending some of the money in our Juniors Boat Fund and Juniors accounts to replace some of the Lasers in the rack with newer hulls that are rigged with current blocks and cleats. We are keeping our eyes open for two Lasers ready to use, preferably with radial rigs. We will be selling the older boats cheap if anyone wants to take on a project.







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RULES CLINIC
POSTPONED
was Saturday March 17
Will be rescheduled
for a later date



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Morro Bay Junior Yachi Club

Our Juniors have been sailing away from the Morro Bay this past month. Laser sailors Olivia, Keiran, and Tristan participated in the San Luis Yacht Club races at Lopez lake. Keiran and Tristan raced in full rigs which worked out fine in the first light wind race. When the wind picked up they were a bit over powered. Keiran said he lost track of how many times he was in the lake. Opti sailors Andrew, Audrey, Nathan, and Dylan took their boats down to Long Beach. The report is that the winds were very strong on Saturday and that Nathan got a good close look at the bottom of his Opti. Sunday the conditions were ideal and everyone had a great day. Congratulations to Dylan and Nathan for participating in their first ever Opti races, which were out of town. Kudos to Rory McClish for spending his weekend as MBYC's green fleet Opti coach.

Todd Hansen Junior Advisor











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March 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.

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Saturday	Evan's Anniversary	Work Day	j j	Big Rock Reggatta	Spring I: Bay Fleet General Meeting
Friday	Hosts: Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill Mal & Julie Towery	Hosts: 9 Patrick & Michele Gorey John & Judy Michener	Hosts: Andrew & Marrie Brown John & Wendy Mitch- ell Alter Work Day	Hosts: 23 Matt & Jacqueline Piper John & Betsy Stenger	Hosts: 30 Jim & Bobbie Brose Mike Weber Alan Racko
Thursday	1	Board Meeting 8 6:00 PM	15	22	29
Wednesday		Fun Float 7 10:30 AM	14	21	28
Tuesday		9	13	20	27
Monday		5	12	19	26
Sunday		Winter III: 4 Ocean Fleet Juniors	11	18 Mullens Memorial: Ocean Fleet	Big Rock Reggatta

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"A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say 'How to Build a Boat"

- Stephen Wright

April 2012



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Spring I: 1 Ocean Fleet Juniors	2	3	4	5	Hosts: 6 Russ & Sally Williams Mike & Deborah Peck	7	
Easter 8	9	10	11	Board Meeting 12 6:00 PM	Hosts: Adrian & Helma Smulders Charles Watson Gary Raine	Opening Day 14 Race	
MBYC Opening 15 Day Opening Day Race	16	17	18	Fun Float 19 10:30 AM	Hosts: Donna Arozena Diane Mason Carol Vallely & Clayton Schmidt	21	
22	23	24	25	26	Hosts: John and Jan Neiswanger Peter & Anita Rothenbueker	Spring II: Bay Fleet	
Spring II: 29 Ocean Fleet Juniors	30						

Tidelands Volunteers — APRIL

April 2 Butler, 6 Clinton, 9 Thomas/Brown, 13 Jorgans/Pye, 16 Smulders, 20 Williams, 23 Tidyman, 27 Prewitt, 30 Condon, Alt for APR: Meissen