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FROM COMMODORE—Brett Cross

So, I call Dave Hensinger on the phone. "Hey Dave, I don't think the new weather station has the correct wind direction. I mean it can't be right, or at least I don't think it can. We need to look at it." He tells me, "Maybe, and I didn't really look at the instructions that carefully." "I can meet you down at the Club and we can look."

"Ok, I'll meet you down there." After a quick perusal of the mounting instructions, it becomes apparent that in order for the wind direction to be correct, you have to align the weather vane bracket



to true North, or is it magnetic north? Dave looks up the magnetic declination on his "device" and he takes out his hand-held compass, and we get a ladder and head up on the roof to align the bracket. While we're up there, it dawns on us, what happens if both of us fall of the roof at the same time and we both die? Not quite as important as when the President delivers the State of Union Address, and there is the Designated Survivor that is at an undisclosed location, but none-the-less something to consider.

As I mentioned in last month's article, the Long-Range Planning Committee was scheduled to meet after the publication deadline. Unfortunately, no one thought that building a waterslide should be considered as a long-range plan objective. Maybe it will have to come out of the regular House Account during the budget meeting. However, the top items that were discussed were the Lifetime Memberships- more on that later, remodeling and expanding the kitchen with funds from the House Reserve Fund that was going to be used for the solar project which is no longer being proposed. This will certainly be a benefit to everyone who uses the club, not only those who are actively boating. The third project that was discussed, is replacing the current hoist with one that will accommodate heavier boats. It would be nice to be able to lift a boat the size of a Santa Cruz 27, which is approximately 3000 lbs. Lastly, but not lastly in importance, is finding a way for the club, working with the property owner across the street, to either purchase the property, initiate a long-term lease, or some other plan to retain the storage yard which is vitally important to the Club's small boat activities.

The Budget Committee met the following week to develop the club's 2017 Budget. The budget is based on historic trends in revenue and expenses from a number of categories such as; the bar, galley, house, which includes memberships, ship's store, port- which includes mooring and transient moorings, and few other categories. The projected net income is then dispersed through various designated reserve accounts and

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COMMODORE Continued—Brett Cross

contingency funds. Like every organization, you would like to always have more money to appropriate to those reserve and contingency accounts to purchase such things as a new club launch or engine, new stove, or to speed up the tarmac replacement. The club has sufficient funds to make anticipated repairs and past boards have done an excellent job at making sure designated reserve accounts will be sufficient when those anticipated expenditures arise, such as deck replacement, mooring inspections, roof replacement, club launches, hoist etc.

This brings me to the Lifetime Membership issue. It's not a grave issue right this moment but the number or percentage of lifetime members need to be discussed. Currently there are approximately 226 memberships and of those 67 are lifetime memberships. The forecast is a bit sketchy because the old membership applications didn't include your birthday so it's a bit unclear how many memberships will be eligible in the coming few years. According to Lex Budge, Carter Gage brought this issue up when he was Commodore in 1985. Changing the age at which one can apply for lifetime membership, the number of years as a member, or setting a maximum number of lifetime memberships will obviously require a change in the bylaws. And for those of you that have reached the lifetime membership status, changes in the bylaws won't affect your standing.

My thought is to have this item on the agenda for the April 29th General Meeting to discuss whether there is support to change the bylaws, which will take a two-thirds vote of the membership, and if there is support, what changes should the board consider. And if there is support at the April 29th meeting, then finalized changes to bylaws for a vote by the membership in October. Prior to the April 29th General Meeting, I'll put together a more detailed report for distribution to the membership on the trends in membership along with some concepts for lifetime membership, to provide a starting point for discussion or to get folks thinking about what may be an appropriate change, if any.

I'm looking forward to next month not just because Daylight Savings Time starts on March 12th but the Cal Poly Regatta will be on March 4th and 5th, and then just two weeks later the annual Big Rock Regatta will be on March 18th and 19th. The next weekend March 25th is the Annual Clean Up day at the club. So it's going to busy month and I hope to see everyone out, hopefully enjoying good weather. From the desk of the Commodore

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

New contact information: If you have changed your home address, email, or phone number, please contact me.

New Members: I am pleased to announce that at their February meeting the MBYC Board of Directors approved the application of Joe and Jill Fariss. Joe and Jill were sponsored by Don & Kit Lockwood, and Rachelle and Jim Phillips. When you see them around the club, please give them a big MBYC welcome.

Resignations: I am sad to say that we have had three members notify the club of their need to resign. Don and Gail Phares resigned and moved out of state, and Alex and Stephanie Finlay, and Sherrye Haynie resigned for health reasons. We are sorry to see them leave.

Prospective Memberships: We have several prospective members in the works. Mentioned last month is David Paudler sponsored by Greg Larson and myself, and Jeffrey Smith sponsored by K. Williams and Brett Cross. In

addition we have Michelle Latin sponsored by Pandora and Paul Irving, and Moe McEwen sponsored by Rich Leamon and Terry Paris. Last but not least, is Chris Swan and Steve Frazier, who are looking for sponsors. If you see Chris or Steve, introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

ACTIVITIES — Pat and Orris Cowgill

******* Dear Volunteers: ******* I haven't heard from you.

We very much need help for Opening Day, Sunday, April 9th. There will be an opening day planning meeting at 5PM on Friday, March 3rd.

I'm looking forward to seeing you. Thanks.



Joe and Jill Fariss

VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensinger

Marching up to Work Day! - Work day for all members is scheduled for March 25th starting at 9:00 am and going to 4:00 pm. This is a surprising amount of fun and a great way to meet other members. We've used the clubhouse hard during the past year, and it could use some fixing, painting, and



polishing. When we get closer I'll publish a link to signupgenius.com to organize tasks. The club will order in pizza for lunch. If you can't make it to work day, then the Exchange

article on page 6 and 7 contains ways to assuage any lingering guilt.

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If there is an aspect of club maintenance and

repair that you feel could be addressed during work day, please send a mes-

mbyc.veep@gmail.com.

Thanks - There is a long list of members and prospective members who have worked on the club during the last month. Some of them will be mentioned by name in this article, but the ones I would most like to thank are those whose names are unknown. Frequently at the club something will suddenly be fixed or cleaned or painted and there is nobody standing nearby to thank. So, thanks to those who did, do, or will have done the tasks that need doing.

Whether you like or not... We've got weather, and we can prove it. - Joe Huntsinger, and Tom Fee gave up a (sunny) Sunday afternoon to install the club's new weather station. This baby has all the bells and whistles: Wind speed, Wind Direction, Temperature, Barometric Pressure, Dew

Assembly complete, now let's get it on the roof

Point, Solar Radiation, UV Radiation, Rain Totals, Rain Rate, and even Evapotranspiration. I'm not sure what Evapotranspiration is, but there was no additional cost. But wait there's more. You can access plots of

Visiting college sailors are looking for housing during the Mustang Open Regatta this Saturday and Sunday. They are used to sleeping on floors and expect nothing other than a roof over their heads. They are likely to arrive late on Friday, spend almost all of their time on the water on Saturday, and leave early Sunday. Since they travel in cars with four to six sailors, volunteers are asked to accept a minimum of four. If you are willing to open your home, please contact the Cal Poly Team Captain, Grace Carrick

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS-**Greg Barker**

REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, nonmembers 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, Stanley & Susan Craig

Contact the other people assigned to you to coordinate the Hosting Duties. If unable to attend, it is vour RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement.

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and serve snacks at 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

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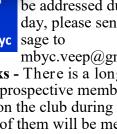
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- Tim & Robin Volpe
- 10 Jim & Rachelle Phillips Joe & Jill Fariss
- Michael & Brooks Measure 17 Ted & Iris Jacobson
- 24 Joe & Dawn Huntsinger Hugh & Judi Forster
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- John & Terry Miron 3 John & Cindy Konrad
- **Dennis & Kerry Bailey** 14 John & Nia Schmidt
- Dave & Sharon Bufo 21 Bill & Nancy Albrecht
- 28 Judy Adkison & Rocky Setting **Bill Cockrill & Joyce Hunter**

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- 5 **Terry & Charlene Paris** Kent and Lois Butler
- John Bodine & Brooke Townsend 12 Greg and Jennifer Barker
- 19 Lee and Sue Drocco Rick Paley & Holly Anderson Freddy Fernandez
- 26 Tylor & Sarah Mason **Brian Granger** Susan Wiley



VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensinger Continued

all this information 24-7 from your computer or smart phone by browsing to **weatherelement.com/mbyc**. I can't take credit for any of this technical wonder as John Lindsey of PG&E pointed me in the right direction and Chris Arndt of Weather Element provided welcome hand holding. As some have already asked, yes, the information from this station can be used to determine the effectiveness of solar panels on our building.

Ice Plant Vanquished - On the 11th of February, a great turnout of volunteers tamed the ice plant along the back of the yard and went on to put in a full morning of gardening and sprucing.

Members, prospective members, and Cal Poly sailors showed up around 9:00 and by 11:00 the offending ice plant was mostly in a trailer headed for the landfill. Many went on under the Port Captain's direction to weeding and gardening all around the outside of the club.



Top left, Commodore Cross watches Staff Commodore Hansen rake. Top right, Lynn and Ron debate whether oxalis is a weed. Below right, the cleaned-up yard fence. Bottom right, a prospective member throws his weight around.



Fun Float Fun for all

Valentine's Day was a beautiful day between the rain storms and wind storms. Unfortunately, not many paddlers took advantage of it, and the special wine and roses treat. A fun and happy group though, and we would like to invite more of you to join in on our paddles. We've tried to schedule a couple a month and on different days so you can try to make more of them. Here's to a good spring and some really good paddling days ahead.

Thurs March 2 at 11:00 AM Wed March 29 at 10:30 AM Thurs April 13 at 11:00 AM Wed April 26 at 10:30 AM Fri May 5 Cinco de Mayo Thurs May 11 at 11:00 AM Thursday May 25 at 10:30 AM

REAR COMMODORE—Steve Borges

Greetings fellow sailors:

For the month of February, we had the Winter III Bay Fleet race. We had a good turn out of ten boats with mild winds averaging 6 mph with gusts up to 9 mph (thanks, new weather station.) Light wind conditions are always challenging and at times down right frustrating. We had three races with 3 different boats taking first. For the first race, Bob Walker and Simon Graves in Deja Vu took the honors. In the second race, Dana McClish and Dave Bufo in Sundance took the top spot. And the third race was won by Todd Hansen and Michael Measures in True Love. At the end of the day, it was steady hand of Carlton Smith and Brett Cross with two seconds and a third to take the overall First Place.

Winter III Result

First Place - Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party with 7 points Second Place - Greg Miller and Dan Hack in O Tay with 9 points Third Place - Todd Hansen and Michael Measures in True Love with 12 points in tie breaker over Dana McClish in Sundance.

Now for the Winter Series Results

First Place - Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party with 20 points

Second Place - Kevin Williams and Tim Volpe in Doesn't Matter with 28 points

Third Place - Bob Walker and Simon Graves in Deja Vu with 38 points.

We also had the Laser Slaloms on the 19th with only six registered competitors. They decided to do a round robin instead of the elimination ladder that they normally would do for this event. This way everybody is involved and having fun. After 15 heats of racing there was a tie for first place so a 16th heat was run to determine 1st and 2nd place

Laser Slalom Results: First Place - Nathan Hensinger Second Place - Dave Hensinger

Third Place - Terry Paris



I think Brett smells something funny after that "NO Brett just no" comment

Coming up in March we have the Cal Poly Mustang Regatta March 4 and 5, and the Big Rock Regatta on the 18th and 19th.

Dredge enough through history and soon long-buried stories will emerge. Here are pictures of dredging operations at Baywood in 1962. Surveying the scene is MBYC member and Harbor Master Tom Yost.

Wondering what Tom's story might be, I dug through the board minutes of 1962. I found no mention of the dredging but did discover the answer to the unrelated mystery of when Rosemary Jorgens first joined the yacht club. There in the minutes was mention of an application for membership given to Rosemary and Buck Jorgens on May 27, 1962!



Dig and you shall receive, even if it's not the golden nugget you were expecting. Enjoy sifting through these pictures!

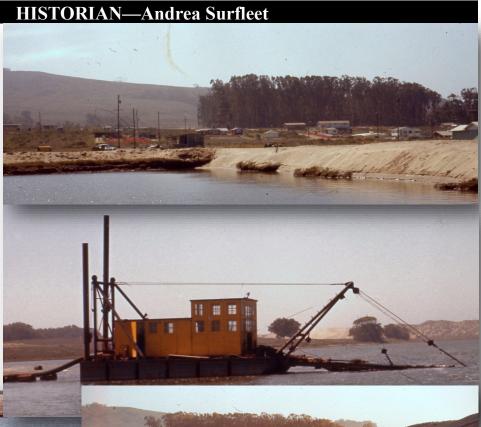
THE EXCHANGE—Dave Hensinger

MBYC has a large building and substantial property which cannot be kept in good repair with only the attention of the officers, some core volunteers, and an annual workday. The following list is to invite and encourage all members to contribute to maintenance by committing to one of these tasks. These are a great way for newcomers to meet more members and get more involved. You get a lot from the club; the club needs a little from you –it's a fair trade. *What MBYC offers:*

• The coolest "Hangout" on the coast

- Big boat races: about 2/month
- Bay races: about 2/month
- Fun Float: about 2/month
- Wednesday Hamburger nights- Memorial Day
- to Labor Day
- Happy Hour every Friday

- Boat storage: mooring, dinghy dock, kayak rack, backyard storage
- Party venue
- Summer sailing lessons
- Active Junior Yacht Club
- Reciprocal privileges at clubs up and down the coast



THE EXCHANGE—Dave Hensinger Continued

What MBYC needs:

Gardening

- maintain planting in front
- maintain hillside plants
- Refresh plantings in front of storage yard
- Weeding hillside and backyard

Construction

- Replace tarmac railing
- Assist with cleat replacement (Bill Albrecht)
- Replace backyard fence (Bob Walker)
- Block nesting pigeons

House

- Varnishing
- Refinish tables and chairs upstairs
- Re-varnish cabinet doors in restrooms
- Re-cane chairs
- Sew cover for whaler front seat
- Launder towels for bar and galley (q. 2 weeks) - CLAIMED
- Wash glasses in bar (two people needed-one day each)
- Install new latches on library doors (eliminate lock) CLAIMED
- Assist with galley organization (put stuff in

House Continued

proper place)

- Bulletin board keeper
- Occasional plumbing tasks -
- replace stopper in ladies sink
- Refinish tables and chairs upstairs (one at a time)
- Sew new cushions for the old furniture
- Refinish the wood table with new chart
- Keeper of the jobs list
- Boat moving crew as needed (rare)
- Alternate Whaler mechanic-very important
- Inventory the Lost and Found disposing of items after 2 months
- Replace shelves in janitor's closet
- Refinish wood in Baby Whaler

Permanent Committees

- Port Captain daily assistants (weekly commitment)
- Ship's Store attendants (monthly commitment)
- House Committee (John Bodine, Terry Paris, Joe Huntsinger)
- Tidelands Park Clean-up team
- Social Committee

Note: This is an active list subject to change daily.

If you are willing to do some task or notice tasks to be added call or email Lynn, Port Captain, or Vice Commodore, Dave Hensinger, mbyc.veep@gmail.com

Mustang Open Regatta, March 4th and 5th, Volunteers Needed — Dave Hensinger

2017 Mustang Open Regatta March 4th and 5th - Come out and help the third Mustang Open Regatta be a success. The Cal Poly Sailing Club organizes this regatta for schools up and down the California coast, and the Morro Bay Yacht Club supports the racing on the water, and the events in the clubhouse. Here are some ways to get involved that require a specific commitment. **Contact mbyc.veep@gmail.com** for all but last item.

Clubhouse Host - Saturday and Sunday during the racing 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: the Cal Poly sailors are Junior Members and do not have clubhouse privileges. The Clubhouse host ensures there is always a club member present, and helps visiting sailors find help with problems.

Bartenders - Saturday night, two Club Members: The Cal Poly Sailing team will be putting on a pasta feed on Saturday night and the bar will serve properly ID'd and name-tagged visitors.

Mark Set Boat / Safety Boat - Two crews Saturday and Sunday: The teams race from 11:00 until just after 4:00 each day. Four individuals who are comfortable handling a launch, setting marks, and assisting sailboats are needed for Saturday and Sunday. This is a front row seat for the racing with guaranteed exposure to the elements.

Mark Set Boat / Safety Boat - One more protest committee member is needed.

Host Some Sailors in Your Home - Friday and Saturday night: The traveling teams don't have a large budget and they greatly appreciate club members who open their homes to host them. Since some of the teams travel from as far away as San Diego, late Friday night arrivals are likely. Contact: Grace Carrick with your address, contact info, and number of and how many persons you can house.

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MBYC JUNIORS—Chris Surfleet

March! For Junior Sailing that means two things, the Mustang Regatta and the Big Rock Regatta. March 4-5 collegiate sailors from around California will compete at Morro Bay. March 18-19, the Southern California Optimist Racing Series comes to Morro Bay. Our Yacht Club will be a bee hive of racing activity. For the Mustang Regatta, volunteers are needed to host visiting sailors Friday and Saturday, to be club hosts, work safety boats, and tend bar Saturday. For the Big Rock Regatta,

support is needed to manage the close to 100 junior sailors and families that converge on our club. Both events are great fun with lots of exciting sailing and comradery. Come help, cheer, and show our great Morro Bay Yacht Club hospitality to our sailing guests. Volunteers for the Mustang Regatta should contact Vice Commodore David Hensinger. Volunteers for the Big Rock Regatta should contact Dana McClish.

Wind and rain has hampered our sailing efforts this year, but we managed to slip a couple of days of sailing in this month. To date, close to 20 junior sailors have signed up for the 2017 sailing season. Currently we have 10 Optimists, and 6 Laser sailboats in our fleet. On our first sailing day this month, we had every Optimist sailboat in the water. We made the decision to purchase an additional Optimist sailboat to meet our demand. February also saw junior and adult Laser sailors competing in our annual Laser Slalom. After numerous match



races, PRO's by Bob Schwenoha, Morro Bay Yacht Club Junior Sailor, Nathan Hensinger, won the event!

Junior sailing will meet for sailing March 12. Optimist sailors will sail and compete in the Big Rock Regatta on March 18-19. The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation is paying the entry fee to the Big Rock Regatta for all local sailors.

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GALLY CHIEF & SOCIAL HOUR COORD — Judi Forster and Greg Barker

The announcement of our new Galley Chief provides the perfect opportunity to clarify what paper products are provided for members hosting Happy Hour. The Galley Chief will provide paper

plates, bowls, and napkins and plastic knives, forks, and spoons. These will be stored in the cabinet under the Galley counter at the pass-through to the dining room. If your menu requires any specialty items, like little sauce cups, you will need to provide these yourselves. Cups are not provided for Happy Hour, because we assume everyone will be patronizing the bar.

Please let Judi Forster know if any of the provided items are running low after your evening as hosts is done.

Your Social Hour Coordinator has

been changing the notation for those who like to host together. I missed one of these pairings for the first time recently, so its a good time to invite those who have preferred partners for hosting to send a reminder. I've got Team Califia figured out, but anyone else who has a preferred couple or individuals to host with, please drop me an email and I'll make sure I have it clearly noted in my records.

Giving members the chance to flag conflict dates in advance seems to have reduced the need for horse trading of Happy Hour assignments. I generally stay out the trading marketplace after the assignments have been made. Exceptions will be made for illness, emergency surgery, my mistake, or deportation.

Apr 2017	Junior Races 9:30 AM		Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON		BayRaces Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 11 AM	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
26	27	28	Fun Float 10:30AM	30	31	Shenanigans 1 Race
2	3	4	5	6	5:15 Membership 7 <u>Meeting</u> Hosts: John & Terry Miron John & Cindy Konrad	8
OPENING 9 DAY Opening Day Race	10	11	Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation Meeting 6PM	Fun Float 11:00AM Jefferson Birthday	14 Hosts: Dennis & Kerry Bailey John & Nia Schmidt	Bay Fleet Spring I
16	17	18	19	Board Meeting 20 6:15PM	21 Hosts: Dave & Sharon Bufo Bill & Nancy Albrecht	22
Juniors Ocean Fleet Spring I	24	25	Fun Float 10:30AM	27	Hosts: 28 Judy Adkison & Rocky Setting Bill Cockrill & Joyce Hunter	29
Ocean Fleet 30	1	2	3	4	5	General 6 Meeting



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Joe Huntsinger installing the new weather station.

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Mustang Regatta, Cal Poly	6	7	Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation Meeting 6PM	9	10 Hosts: Jim & Rachelle Phillips Joe & Jill Fariss	11
Ocean Fleet 12 Winter III Juniors	13	14	15	16 Board Meeting 6:15PM	Hosts: 17 Michael & Brooks Measure Ted & Iris Jacobson	Big 18 Rock Regatta
Big Rock Regatta	20	21	22	23	24 Hosts: Joe & Dawn Huntsinger Hugh & Judi Forster	Work Day 25
Juniors Work 26 Day Ocean Fleet Flounder's Cup	27	28	Fun Float 10:30AM	30	Hosts: Jim & Christy Hoxter Ali Athari Armand Boyer	Shenanigans Race