

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB



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Dave Hensinger, Commodore

Opening Day is Upon Us: Opening Day is upon us. Let the rollicking fun commence. Work Day was a big success and the club looks great. Let's take it out for a spin. April 15th (yes, tax day) the club will have its 67th opening. Events begin on the 14th with the ocean fleet races. Then, on the 15th at 10:00 AM festivities kick into high gear. There will be FREE BEER. There will be music from a Cal Poly jazz combo. There will be decorated boats on the dock. There will be deviled eggs. Then, at 11:00 AM there will be brief speeches. A color guard will honor the flag. There will be CANNONS. There will be boat rides. There will be bay RACING.

This is where a careful reader may be wondering, hey, how can a volunteer club have such a great opening day? The answer is, with a little volunteer effort

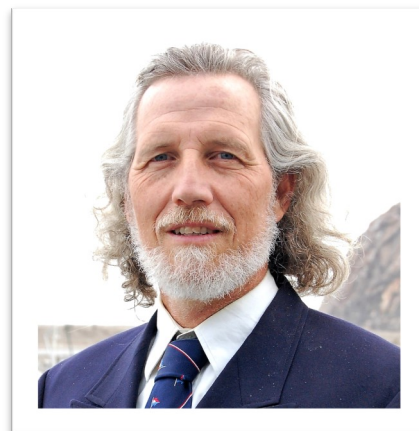
from our members. Social Chair, Brett Cross, has a sign-up sheet in the entryway to the club. He is soliciting contributions of deviled eggs, chicken wings, and other finger food. There will be opportunities to help with preparations, and everyone is always invited to help with teardown and cleanup.

And the Club Sparkles:

Speaking of cleanup, there was a great turnout at Work Day and the place looks great. It also feels great. The sticky has been removed from the furniture and put into summer storage. The windows are so clean, well, you can't really see them. There are members with extremely valuable and practical skill sets who I will never look at quite the same way after Work Day.

A One-Horse Shay?

As I write this, the club launch (Whaler) is in Atascadero being re-powered with a 40 HP Honda outboard. The board decided to repower only after the previous Mercury showed signs of wearing out all at once. The list of failures included lower seals, shift shaft, and major bushings. Member Chuck Losness was able to repair the shift shaft, and seals. The bushings were deferred as a major undertaking. After assembly and during testing the engine block sprung a leak, and cooling water sprayed from a 1/4 inch hole. This was provisionally patched with JB Weld and a bit of scrap steel. The club got two more big weekends out of the engine (Mustang and Big Rock Regattas) before Vice Commodore Joe Huntsinger delivered the boat to VS Marine for the new Honda.



Laser Slalom

The Laser Slalom, one of the most fun, easy, and accessible races of the year, will take place in front of the club on April 8th. Club Lasers are rigged, and any and all comers are allowed to sign up (we supply the boat). During a race, sailors compete against each other by sailing the same course back and forth in opposite directions. The winner gains points towards qualifying for the final. It's fun because it features lots of different sailors on a goofy course. It's easy because someone else rigs the boats. It's accessible because it is directly in front of the club. Skip-pers meeting 10:00 AM, First Race at 11:00. But it is a Laser race so schedules are flexible...

Hey, Bartender!

Hosting Happy Hour once a year is one of the pleasures of being a member. The bar steward, Stanley Craig, would like to remind hosts that if you are rusty on your opening, closing, and tending skills to feel free to contact him for a refresher.

General Meeting April 7th 7:00 pm

Spring general meeting for 2018. See you there.



Work Day, Commodores Work Hard!

Joe Huntsinger, Vice Commodore



We had our annual Work Day and the club looks like the jewel of Morro Bay. With a big thanks to (in no particular order): Donna Arozena, Adriaan Smulders, Helma Smulders, Wendy Michell, Chuck Losness and his mother Inez, Katy Crawford, Bob Schwenoha, Gail Condon, Brett Cross, John Edell, Rachelle Phillips, John Kincade, Bob Walker, Dennis Bailey, John Dilworth, Carole Maurer, Michael Measures, Peter Behman, Troy Wieck, Rich Leamon, Don Lockwood, Nancy Craig, Pat Rygh, Dot Rygh, Lynn Meissen, Mike Manchak, Larry Gorman, Laurie Toft, Tony Gomez, John Ridgely, Joe Fram, Bill Sanders, Orris Cowgill, Pat Cowgill, Rosemary Jorgens, Steve Frazier, Dave Prewett, Carol Walker, Jon Nackerud, Paul Reichardt, Steve Weaver, Carlton Smith, Patrick Gorey, Ken Twist, Jeffrey Smith, Ali Athari, Greg Barker, Tom Murphey, Dave Hensinger, Carolyn Pye, Tim French, Glenda Boatman, Charlie Roberts, Jeanie Roberts, special thanks to Lex Budge, Prospective Members Tara Hanlon, Doug and Shelly Rodgers, John Burgener and Kendall Welch, Janie Coffman. Junior Work Day thanks go to:



That's our Vice Commodore in his 1975 Navy uniform!

Pari Sterling, Anna Johnson, Francesca Corberi, Aiden Albers, Charlie Albers, Nathan Hensinger, Dave Hensinger, Carris Leicester, Michelle Ceicester, Kaleth Cushman, Brian Cushman, Kit Lockwood.

Good to know!
Policy Letter #20a Volunteerism
The Morro Bay Yacht Club is an all volunteer club. In order to keep the cost of membership as low as possible, we rely on our members to provide our work force. Our activities are also planned and manned by the members.

The membership application states, "It is expected that you will, at an appropriate time, be Happy Hour Host and participate in Work Days in addition to whichever other activities interest you."



Rachelle Phillips, Membership News

New Contact Information:

Yvonne Lazear is now responsible for updating roster information. Please check your current MBYC Roster and report any wrong information to her. If you have changed your home address, email, or phone number, please contact Yvonne at ylazear@gmail.com.

Prospective Memberships :

Mark and Jane Hilden's membership application will be presented at the April Board of Directors' meeting. They are sponsored by John Krossa and Lex Budge and have sailed with Mark and Lex in bay races.

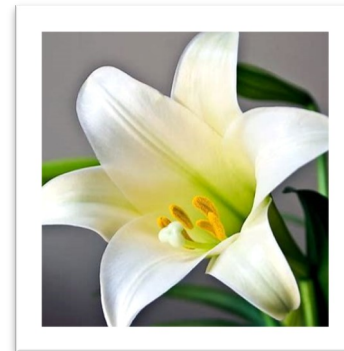
If you have been a member for at least a year, consider being a sponsor for prospective mem-

bers. As a sponsor, you are expected to have known the applicant for at least 6 months, participate in boating and club activities with them, and introduce them to club members and all the Board members. See one of the Membership Committee (Tom & Marty Tidyman, Lynn Meissen, Char & Jim Bruzenak, John Edell, Rachelle Phillips) for more information.

Please check the roster on-line at www.MBYC.net to check your roster information. Email Yvonne if you can't access the roster on-line.

Celebration of Life for Staff Commodore Jim Phillips

April 21, 2018 from 2:00-5:00pm at the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Please join us for a toast and a memory of our friend.



Malcolm McEwen , Happy Hour Hosts, 305-8295

—April 2018

- 6 Craig Levin & Polly Nelson, Shields & Leslie Abernathy
- 13 Robert & Barbara Schwenoha, John and Susan Wimer
- 20 Carol Walker, Robert & Laurie Fiori, Bryan Watson
- 27 Mike and Cathy Manchak, Dana & Teresa McClish

—May 2018

- 4 Joe & Dawn Huntsinger, Tom & Cyndy Fee
- 11 Freddy Fernandez, Duncan & Marlene McQueen
- 18 Pat & Barb Hedges, Tim Volpe & Robin Wessman-Volpe

—May 2018 cont

- 25 Michael and Brooks Measures; Paul and Kathleen Reichardt

—June 2018

- 1 Fay Zeeb; Ali Athari; John & Terry Miron
- 8 Rachelle Phillips; Chris Swan; Joe & Jill Fariss
- 15 Hugh & Judi Forster; Jim & Christy Hoxter
- 22 Bill Cockrill & Joyce Hunter; Judy Lynn & Rocky Setting
- 29 Ted & Iris Jacobson; Dennis & Kerry Bailey

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Stanley & Susan Craig @805-235-0514

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

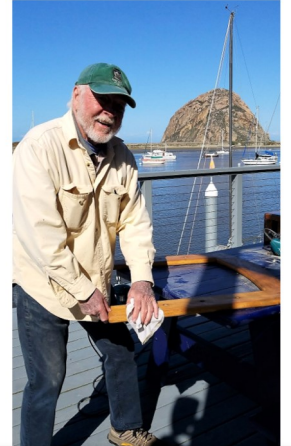
The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and serve snacks at 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

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. 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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Joe Huntsinger, Vice Commodore Continued

Work Day



Ali Athari, Rear Commodore (Pictures from March 10/11 Big Rock Regatta)

Hi, sailors and racers. March was a busy month with the Cal Poly Mustang Regatta on the 3rd and 4th, and the Big Rock Regatta. Race results are on the MBYC website.



Great Job Done, thanks for more volunteers, Andrea, Juliana & Anika



It takes a lot of boats and volunteers to put on a regatta



The green fleet committee boat

It takes a lot of volunteers to make a regatta

Three of the Committee boats for the Opti regatta >>>



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Orderly Disorder?



Troy Wieck, Ocean Fleet Captain



Winter III race , Guayacan

Two big ocean races this month. The end of the Winter Series and the Founder's Cup.

The Winter III race had perfect weather with Mother Nature giving us a break from the rain storms with sun and wind. The fair winds and long beam reach on the return journey favored Guayacan for the win followed by Janina, Wizbang, and the re-christened Far Away. (I hope the skipper knows Poseidon personally to get the Ledger of the Deep altered without consequences.) The Winter Series was won by Wizbang. Congratulations!

The Founder's Cup was created to encourage sailing and offers the winners for both the Bay Fleet and the Ocean Fleet their name on very large cup on the bottom shelf of the Trophy Case. For the Ocean Fleet the winner is determined by a single race. This year the winds were strong and the seas rough. Janina took first only by 6 minutes (after adjusted time) bravely flying their spinnaker on the home stretch and spending most of the sail wet. Guayacan took second followed by Far Away.



Congrats to the winner. Looking forward to putting your name on the plaque.

Ken Muther, Worn Out Ex-Ocean Fleet Captain



"WEATHER?" How about sailing close-hauled into 16 knots of wind with combined seas of 7-9 feet? We are sailing with stay-sail and one reef in the main-sail. Of course I am sailing "single-handed". We are north of Point Piedras Blancas and it is a dark night including fog. The chart-plotter tells me where we are going but I can't see anything outside and this includes the waves of various sizes that are hitting the boat. We left MB yesterday morning and have sailed this far. The weather forecast hadn't predicted anything

like this. Now and then, the boat (making 4 knots) launches off the back of a swell and falls into the trough landing with a "thud". Spray is often heard landing on the roof of the cabin.

I can't seem to get any sleep. It is nice to realize the boat can sail itself under auto-pilot control, the cabin stays dry and a little flying through the air causes no damage. This is what Dana's are built to do. But after 23 hours of sailing (it only got rough after midnight) I am ready to quit. We turned back and headed toward

San Simeon Bay to anchor and get some rest. Once going downwind its like the wind has gone away and the big swells (and a mix of wind-waves) are practically smooth sailing. We are sailing with one reef in the mainsail and only making 4.5 knots but that's enough for me. We arrive at beautiful, sunny San Simeon at 1430. The Cape San Martin weather buoy says the swells reached 12 feet. This night of sailing was in October of 2007. Learning to be an ocean sailor is an interesting process.

Dot Rygh, Your Grand Poo Mah, Fun Float

March winds did blow, and the rains finally arrived, but it didn't stop a lot of paddlers from having fun on the bay in between the showers and windy days. On our March 2 paddle, we welcomed another prospective member, Doug Rogers, who paddled even though it was a bit windy. On our March 17 fun float, we again had another perspective member, Kendall

Welch, paddling with our group of 7 hearty members. The seas were calm and the showers were scattered for the day. Let's hope the April showers will still be happening, but maybe clear for our paddle days. Our April 6 paddle will be a low tide paddle of 0.5, so be prepared for a different view of the bay and water.

Plan ahead for our Saturday party at Sandel's Cove for Cinco de Mayo on May 5.

April Paddles:

Friday, April 6 at 10 AM
Tuesday, April 17 at 11 AM

March Paddles:

Saturday May 5 at 11 AM
(Party)
Wednesday May 30 at 11 AM

Everyone on any kind of floating boat or board is welcome!

Opening Day

April 15th 2018

Free Beer

(While it Lasts)

Live Music

Festivities Start at 10:00AM

Ceremony at 11:00 AM

Bay Racing
Immediately Following

Clean Marina Tip

The State is phasing in a requirement for a Boating Safety card eventually to be required for all who operate a motorized vessel; this year it is for those under the

age of 18. The card is (now) permanent and earned by passing a test. A class will be offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary next month at The class will be at the Community Center April 21

beginning at 0800. The class is a great refresher on navigation rules. Contact Joe Fram for more information.



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Chris Surfleet, MBYC Juniors



Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club sailors who competed in the 2018 Big Rock Regatta. (Left to right front) Anna Johnson, Cole Howe, Owen Blackwell, Elias Blackwell, coach Grace Carrick. (left to right back row) Kaleth Cushman, Annie Wieck, coaches Andrew Monroe and Nathan Hensinger

What an exciting month of March for junior sailing. Cal Poly's Mustang Regatta and the Big Rock Regatta were held on consecutive weekend, March 3-4 and March 10-11 respectively. Both events were well attended and staffed by club volunteers. I heard from many people that their visit to the Morro Bay Yacht Club is one of their favorites. Besides our great scenery we have some great people who represent our club well. Thanks everyone.

The Big Rock Regatta saw some great racing with 77 entrants, 6 of which were from our own Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club. The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation paid the registration

fees for Morro Bay sailors. Our sailors got some great experience and some great sailing, particularly Sunday afternoon when winds picked up. The junior sailing rounded out the month of March with a work day where they upgraded rigging on the Lasers, put sail numbers on the new Optimist sails, put names on the Lasers, and cleaned up the shed. The junior sailing will meet in April as a full group on April 8 and 29. The annual Laser Slalom Race will be April 8, this is open to anyone including junior members. Big news for the yacht club and junior sailing. Our Vice Commodore, Joe Huntsinger, got approval from the yacht club board to re-do our storage shed on the deck. This will provide more space for the yacht club maintenance and racing equipment and more room for junior and summer sailing equipment. The board further approved funds to replace some of the aging Laser fleet. I cannot begin to express my appreciation and support to the Yacht Club for the junior sailing programs.

I visited Monarch Grove Elementary school March 16 for their Exploratorium event. I took our gutter boats and an Optimist sailboat. My main objective was to promote our junior sailing and summer sailing opportunities. It was a success, I had several parents express interest in the lessons and a couple interested in the process to join our yacht club. The kids had a great time with the gutter boats. I mention this because besides promoting the sport of sailing to young people our junior program brings new members and families to the club. There are many things that make our club special, I like to think the junior sailing program is one of them. It sure helps to have the great support of all of you, the MBYC membership.



Green fleet sailors in the 2018 Big Rock Regatta



Championship fleet returning for a day of racing, Big Rock Regatta

April—May, 2018

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
APR 1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4	5	6 Mbrship Mgt 5:15PM 10am Fun Float Hosts: Levin/ Nelson, Abernathy	7 Bay Fleet Spring I 7:00 PM General Meeting
8 Laser Slalom Junior Sailing Lopez Race San Luis Yacht Club	9	10	11	12	13 Hosts: Schwenoha/ J & S Wimer	14 24 Hour CANCER PADDLE Ocean Fleet Opening Day Race
15 Bay Fleet Opening Day Race OPENING DAY	16	17 11am Fun Float	18 6:00pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting	19 6:15pm MBYC Board Meeting	20 5:30pm Coast Guard Aux Meeting Hosts: C Walker, Fiori, Watson	21 Jim Phillips Memorial Celebration
22 Ocean Fleet Spring I	23	24	25	26	27 Hosts: Manchak, McClish	28
29 Juniors Sailing Ocean Fleet Spring II	30	MAY 1	2	3	4 Mbrship Mgt 5:15PM 10am Fun Float Hosts: Fee, Huntsinger	5 Cinco De Mayo Dinner 11Am Fun Float Single Handed Bay Fleet Ocean Fleet Jenkins
6 Junior Sailing Ocean Fleet Jenkins	7	8	9	10	11 Hosts: Fernandez, McQueen	12 Bay Fleet Sprint II
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14	15	16 6:00pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting	17 6:15pm MBYC Board Meeting	18 5:30pm Coast Guard Aux Meeting Hosts: Hedges, Volpe	19 Big Brother Big Sister Ocean Boat Ride Along
20 Ocean Fleet Two Sticker 5:30pm Coast Guard Aux Mtg	21	22	23	24	25 Hosts: Measures, Reichardt	26 Bay Fleet Championships
27 Laser Lido Championships	28 Memorial Day Jack Johnson - Everyone Sails Optis	29	30 11am Fun Float	31	Junior Races 9:30 AM Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON Bay Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 11 AM	

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April 2018

The Morro Bay Yacht Club is a private, non-profit organization devoted to boating activities, along with the protection and enjoyment of our picturesque bay and coastline. We participate in both competitive and non-competitive boating activities throughout the year. Anyone at least 21 who owns a boat, is planning to buy a boat, or regularly enjoys boating activities in someone else's boat is invited to apply for membership.

Editor's Note: Submissions and corrections to the *Masthead* are due by the 25th of each month. Please e-mail your written material or digital photos to Yvonne Lazear at ylazear@gmail.com
All pictures are welcome!

Thanks for all the contributions for pictures this month!!!

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