

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB



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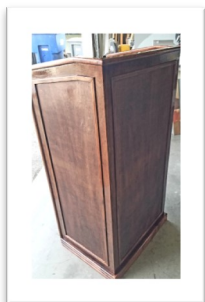
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Alaine Steuk

Board Meeting December 20th

All members are invited to each board meeting, and the next one is at 6:15 PM on December 20th. The end of year meeting is very serious and boring with lots of important and tedious business transacted. See you there.



See next page about
New podium

Dave Hensinger, Commodore

Thanks for a Wonderful Year

It has been a great pleasure to serve the Morro Bay Yacht Club as Jr. Advisor, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Commodore. 2019 will be the first time in five years I will have no reason to have a key to the office. This almost feels like a mini-retirement. I knew the time would go by swiftly, but how can it possibly be December already?

It was the members of the club, my Board, and other officers who made everything so easy and fun. I cannot imagine a better Vice Commodore than Joe Huntsinger. It is simply not possible for the man to procrastinate. Ali kept the trophies stocked and the racing going. Robin did a great job of managing the club's accounts. Katy kept our minutes and allowed us to make progress from meeting to meeting. Our two directors, John Bodine and Alaine Steuk brought a wealth of experience to the board which kept us on track.

Years ago, Port Captain and Staff Commodore, Lynn Meissen, told me that Rear Commodore was the most important position. I think she said that because I was beginning that position and she was trying to light a fire under me. I would counter that Port Captain may be the most important position in the club. The connection to the bay, sailing, and sailors is what makes us a Yacht Club and Lynn embodies that connection. Thank you, Lynn, for being such a great help during the year, and for being so much fun.

The activities of the club ebb and flow through the year, and the summer is dominated by

Summer Sailing and Burger Nights. Glenda Boatman runs the summer sailing program with the kind of personal attention that is greatly appreciated by our guests. They are individually welcomed and introduced to a new and sometimes intimidating setting. Judi Forster ran burger nights with real brio. She got groups in the kitchen that normally only met on the water or over drinks. And everyone enjoyed it. Thank you Judi for bringing your spark into our galley.

While activities ebb and flow, beer mainly just flows, and Stanley and Susan Craig kept the kegs coming. The care they took in providing a variety of offerings was really appreciated. Tim Volpe was a huge help with the bar. He is always friendly, and he personally cares for the club's interest.

The Jr. sailing program has gotten many of the club's most active members involved. Chris Surfleet served for three years and greatly expanded the size of the program with more boats, more coaches, and more sailors. Thank you Chris for taking on the Jr. program and making it such a success.

2019 Looks Great

Leaving this position is that much easier knowing that the club is in great shape with a strong set of officers for 2019. I've already sung Joe's praises. I'm not sure there is anything that Ken Twist, the incoming Vice Commodore, can't fix. He speaks three languages (six if you count plumbing, and network communication) and he has boundless energy. Chris Surfleet is a fierce competitor on the water and as an



active small boat sailor will make an excellent Rear Commodore.

Commodore's Ball

If for some reason you have limited time and can only serve as Commodore for one day, then you should absolutely choose the day of the Commodore's ball. It was loads of fun. Joe pointed out numerous times during the planning process, that this was my (the Commodore's) ball. That was great help. There was no reason to try to imagine what would make everyone else happy, I could just decide based on my own selfish interests. After I abandoned my early ambitious ideas (portable dance floor on the sand-spit, pavilion on work barge...) and focused on filling the evening with friends and family, everything worked out OK and everyone seemed to have a good time. Pictures are available online:

[CommodoresBallPhotos](#)

Come on in, the Water is Fine - Update

Last month I mentioned how I introduced John Burgener to small boat sailing by dumping him into the bay. Here's an update. John and Kendall recently purchased a Daysailer. I'm going to keep bugging them until I see them racing.

See you at the **Board Meeting December 20th.**



Joe Huntsinger, Vice Commodore

It's the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. Later today, Dawn and I will go into SLO to do some Small Business Christmas shopping, so we are excited to hit all of our favorite small shops downtown. But for now, I am sitting on the couch watching a Hallmark movie. Coffee is almost ready, and the neighbors are starting to stir. The streets are wet after the rain; I love the smell right after the rain.

A couple of things happened after the Commodore's Ball that I would like to mention. First, in my little speech I was describing things that I have learned at the club. I said, "You can't expect to win races without practicing (Dawn and Brett!)." Side note: don't tell your wife that she can't do something. Dawn and Brett won the Commodore's Cup the next Saturday! Congratulations!

The next thing that happened was Don Lockwood, while dancing with five women (nice!) managed to knock over the club's podium and it broke in two. So, after making a new podium, Charlie Roberts, Patrick and Michelle Gorey helped me move the Library bookcase over about 15 inches to make room for the new piece of furniture. Look for Pat Rygh's finishing touches in the form of a carving.

I would like to invite all of you to our December 20 regular Board meeting to thank this year's Board for all their hard work and also welcome the 2019 Board.

The exterior Christmas lights are up thanks to Ken Twist, Charlie Roberts, Jeremiah Blackwell, Mark Hilden, Kendall Welch, and Johnny 'B'. And by next Friday the tree will be ready for decorations.



Piano moving crew



And finally, I would like to thank Dave Hensinger for being such a great Commodore. It was truly a privilege to serve as your Vice Commodore.

Next year's Vice reporting for duty



John B. and Kendall hanging lights

Good to know!

Policy Letter #15C New Membership

Introduction: The application process is intended to provide club members with a greater depth of understanding of prospective members and should give the prospective members a better view of our club and its programs. The process is described in the Sponsor's Packet which includes: Sponsor's Information Page, Sponsor's Sheet, Sponsor's Responsibilities page

Membership Process: Prospective member shall have as sponsors, two club members who have known the applicant for a minimum of six months. As an alternative, and based on the approval of the Membership Committee, a "referral letter" from a known and approved yacht club may be a substitute for one of the sponsors.

After receiving the sponsor's recommendation sheets, the Membership Committee will meet with the sponsors to discuss the new member's qualification for membership which include, but are not limited to, the following:

All Board members shall have met the prospective member(s) Before the application can be acted upon, the prospective member shall have participated in at least four club events, two of which must be boating related.

At the Board meeting when the prospective member(s) application is to be voted upon, the Membership Committee Chair, or designated committee member, will make the Committee's recommendation to the board.

If the Board feels the applicant is insufficiently known, or in some way not qualified, a vote to delay the approval of the application should be the appropriate action without prejudice



Ken Twist and Jeremiah Blackwell hanging lights



Mark Hilden hanging Christmas lights

Winners photos from Fall III and Fall Series

FALL III:

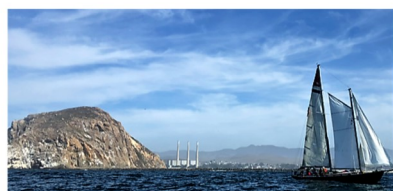
- 1 Todd and Joyce Hansen: 4pts
- 2 Greg Miller, Dan Heck: 5 pts
- 3 Dave and Nathan Hensinger: 9 pts

FALL SERIES

1. Todd & Joyce Hansen: 18 pts
2. Greg Miller, Dan Heck: 30 pt
3. Carlton Smith 68 pts



Ocean fleet racing Sunday, Nov 4



Tom Tidyman, Membership News

New membership activity has picked up at the end of the year. Three new couples were approved by the membership committee. Dan Hack and Silvia Suarez, Steve and Lisa Mia Wil-

liams, and Doug and Shelley Rogers are under consideration so please seek them out and get to know them. They will go before the board on December 20th to be approved for mem-

bership. Next Membership meeting will be December 7th at 5 pm to interview two more couples for membership.

At the November 3rd General Meeting, The Membership committee determined that we have 239 members. The required quorum of 15% or 36 members present was just achieved, so we were able to take care of business.

Malcolm McEwen , Happy Hour Hosts

Happy Hour Hosting - Changes to Assigned Dates

If you are unable to fulfill your Happy Hour duties on the assigned date, YOU are responsible for finding a member to act as your replacement. Please report all schedule changes to the Social Hour Coordinator, Moe McEwen, preferably by email, or by telephone.

—December 2018

- 7 *Kathy Egan, Charles & Laura McCarren
- 14 Brian Crow & Gayle Bruce, Mark Brown & Julie Thomas
- 21 Jim & Char Bruzenak, Chris and Lynne Helenius
- 28 No Hosts

—January 2019

- 4 Harold & Elena Hartsell, Gerald & Erika Luhr
- 11 Rich Leamon & Yvonne Lazear, Moe McEwen & Megan McGreen
- 18 Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day, Joe & Donna Dervin
- 25 Ken & Mary Bradley, Katy Crawford, Chuck Losness

—February 2018

- 1 Bill & Catherine Sanders, Rich & Elaine Steuk
- 8 Pandora Nash-Karner & Gary Karner, Michelle Voisenat, Carol Ann Stephens
- 15 Mary Flaven, Bob & Holly Smirl, Lee & Bonnie Piatek
- 22 John Wendy Mitchell, John Burgener, Kendall Welch

* Need one more Host

If you would like to opt-out of these duties, MBYC policy allows for a member to request permission from the Board to opt out of Happy Hour hosting duties.

Requests to opt out of happy hour may be addressed to the commodore at the club physical address, or at the e-mail

address: mbyc.comm@gmail.com. Only those requests that document a substantial impediment to hosting are likely to be approved.

For your information, please see attached MBYC Policy letter #20A which addresses this topic.

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.

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Stanley & Susan Craig.

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.

Paul Irving,

*** NOTICE OF RACE: 11th Annual Zongo Yachting Cup ***

Please email me if you'd like to help make this our biggest & best Zongo Cup yet. Contact Paul Irving. We'll be looking to see if anyone can get take the cup from current PHRF challenger John Krossa.

Calling all ocean boaters! Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual Zongo Yachting Cup. Friday, August 9, 2019 is set on both MBYC and SLYC race calendars for our biggest ocean boating event of the year. Starting in Morro Bay and finishing in Avila Beach, this race is open to all ocean worthy vessels and crews, including these classes:
PHRF monohull
Multihull
Stand up paddle

Cruising class (anything that floats, starts, and finishes, regardless of propulsion)
Any 3 or more of the same vessel will also create a separate class

Tentative schedule of events:
Thursday, August 8 - receive guest vessels and MBYC hosts a reception at the clubhouse
Friday, August 9 - Breakfast at 8:00, skippers meeting at 9:00, start at 11:00 and end by

5:00. Reception / awards ceremony at SLYC and Zongo All-Stars performs at Avila Farmers Market 4:00 - 8:00.

Saturday, August 10 - SLYC hosts buoy races and reception, Zongo All-Stars performs at the PSL Lighthouse.

We are fortunate to have the date set so far in advance this year to allow some good planning. We'll be putting together an event committee to help make this year the best yet. We will be looking for interested folks to get involved:

Race PRO
Vessel recruiters
Co-hosts for the Thursday reception at MBYC
Safety / committee boats
Potential water taxi help in Avila.

We've already got a commitment from SLYC for water transport to shore & back, ground transportation from PSL to Avila, and breakfast from Blue Sky Bistro.

Thanks so much - looking forward to a great race!



THE MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION



The MBYSF was founded in 2011 by members of the Morro Bay Yacht Club to provide access to sailing and boating activities and instruction to local youths of all backgrounds. Our goal is to raise funds for local youth sailing programs to go toward expenses such as sailing equipment, camp fees, regatta fees, coaching, grants or scholarships. We are 100% funded by your charitable donations.

Donate online at <http://www.mbysf.org/> or by check or money order sent to:
MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443

Contact Rich Leamon, MBYF Fund Raising Chair, for IRA or Estate Giving



The MBYSF is a non-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)3, and donations are tax deductible.

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Chris Surfleet, MBYC Juniors

Junior sailing will have its end of the year party on Dec. 9, 2018 to celebrate another great year of sailing, racing, and fun! Events will include gutter boat racing, as in a rain gutter filled with water and a hand-crafted boat, scavenger hunt, and our annual awarding of the junior of the year. The party kicks off at 1 pm and is a potluck. Club members and their children are welcome to stop by, provided they bring a dish, to celebrate our junior sailing year. Games start at 1 pm. Food and drinks at 2:30 pm. In November we had one final sailing day of the year. This included several of our long time Optimist sailors graduating to Lasers. We practiced windward/leeward and reach courses. In the afternoon the sailors went to the sand spit for fun and swimming.

After three years as the Junior Advisor I will be moving to join the MBYC Board as Rear Commodore. Pat Howe, member of the Day Sailer fleet and father of junior sailor Cole, will be the new Junior Advisor for 2019. He will need a lot of help, consider this an opportunity to get involved with our junior sailing program. There is no more

important service this club provides than showing young people the joys of sailing. It teaches responsibility, safety, and builds confidence in young people. We also bring many young families into our club membership. I know, my family join only after a couple of fun years in junior sailing.

Be sure to order your Morro Bay Tides calendar for 2019. It is only \$20 and filled with



How many juniors does it take to sail a Laser? Four! One to steer, two to paddle, and one to balance the boat. Yes, they did fall in.



Elias and Marco enjoying the sunny Morro Bay day!

local sailing and scenic pictures. Each day shows the times and high and low tides as well as the different moon phases. All proceeds from the calendar sales support the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation. You can purchase the calendar at www.MBYSF.org. We will have copies on hand at the Christmas Party and Lighted Boat Parade for purchase.

Why does the Norwegian navy have bar codes on the side of their ships? So that when the ships come back into port they can Scandinavian!

Greg Barker - EDUCATION

We had a successful introduction to the club's AED and practice with hands-only CPR during Happy Hour on November 16th. I want to thank Bob Neuman and Jeff Jones for spending their entire Happy Hour down in the dining room providing this important safety information to the 27 members who attended.

Those of you who asked know that it was not "certified" CPR training. We've had requests from four members so far for a certified class, so we are looking

into getting a certified trainer in for that. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending.

The Commodore Elect has asked me to put together a training class for the Bay Fleet safety boat in the coming year. This year I found a safety boat course offered by US Sailing/US Powerboating. They recommended that we have someone take their 4-day on-the-water certification course to teach basic power boating and safety boat classes, then provide

the instruction to our membership locally. I'll probably get the certification, but please let me know if anyone else would like to join me and also become a certified trainer for these two related courses.

We have also scheduled a crew overboard practice at the club dock on Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 am. Brave volunteers will enter the water so Ocean Fleet crews can practice recovering COBs while tied to the dock. I'm looking for another one or two brave volunteers, if anyone is interested. Please give me a call.

MBYSF Tide calendars with MBYC members photos displayed each month.

\$20 donation. Great Holiday gift! Calendar for Sale!



- Beautiful sailing pictures with local scenery.
- Tide charts and moon phases only, no club activities this year.
- Makes a perfect gift for friends and family.
- \$20.00 Donation to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation.
- Order with PayPal or credit cards at www.mbysf.org.
- Questions to Andrea Surfleet at atsurfleet@gmail.com.

**Thank you for supporting the Junior Yacht Club
and Cal Poly Sailing!**

Dot Rygh, Your Grand Poo Mah, Fun Float

**Next paddle on Friday,
November 30 at 11 AM
and Friday, December 14
at 10 AM.**

Come join us for our next paddle on Friday, Nov. 30 at 11 AM for a low tide paddle and for the Christmas Party paddle on Friday, December 14 at 10 AM. Bring a little something to share and Pat & I will have something special to drink.

Charlie Roberts has volun-

teered to be our next Grand Poo Pa for next year and he & I have been working on the future Fun Floats. We will again post them for the year to those on the fun float mailing list. If you would like to be included on the reminder mailing list, please email, and I will add you to the

list I am forwarding to Charlie. It's been a really great year of paddling and having fun on the water with so many of you.

Drumstick Race, Nov 25, John Ridgely, Carlton Smith, Dave Hensinger, Brett Cross, Nathan Hensinger, Dawn Huntsinger, Moe McEwen, Jim Kerman, Rich Leamon, Terry Parls, Dan MacDonald, Kelran Hansen



December, 2018—January, 2019

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
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						1 December Lighted Boat Parade
2	3	4	5	6	7 Mbrship Com- mittee 5:00pm Hosts: Egan, McCarren	8 Holiday Party Bay Fleet Hosts
9 Junior's Holiday Party	10	11	12 5:30pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting	13	14 10am Fun Float Christmas Party Hosts: Crow & Bruce, Brown & Thomas	15 Bay Fleet Winter I Coastguard Christmas Party
16 Ocean Fleet Fall III	17	18	19	20 6:15pm MBYC Board Meeting	21 Hosts: Bruzenak, Helenius	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 NO Hosts	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 January New Year's Day Hang Over Bay Race	2	3	4 Mbrship Com- mittee 5:15pm Hosts: Hartsell, Luhr	5
6	7	8	9 11am Fun Float	10	11 Hosts: Leamon & Lazear, McEw- en & McGreen	12
13	14 11am Fun Float	15	16	17 6:15pm MBYC Board Meeting	18 Hosts: Botich & O'Day, Dervin	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr Day	22	23 11am Fun Float	24	25 Hosts: Bradley, Crawford, Losness	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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December 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 Masthead editor. All pictures are welcome!

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Activities Brett Cross
Bar Steward Stanley/Susan Craig
Daysailer Fleet Captain Gavin Payne
Education Greg Barker
Fun Float Dot Rygh
Galley Chief Judi Forster
Historian Andrea Surfleet
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Bill and Catherine Sanders, Ship's Store

Bill and Catherine Sanders are looking for a couple or single member to take over the Ship Store beginning in January. If you are interested in being the newly remodeled Ship Store manager, please let them know. They will be happy to take questions and show you what you need to know that made it fun and interesting for them.

Many of you know, the Cowgill's volunteered to run the Ship Store when the Sanders were absent. They have done a great job and we have been appreciative of their hard work.



Contact Bill and Catherine. They look forward to hearing from you.

Ship's Store Bill/Catherine Sanders
Sommelier Rich Leamon
Social Hour Coord. Malcolm McEwen
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Summer Sailing Glenda Boatman
Webmaster John Michener