

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB



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Commodore:
Joe Huntsinger

Vice Commodore:
Ken Twist

Rear Commodore:
Chris Surfleet

Treasurer:
Yvonne Lazear

Secretary:
Jeanie Roberts

Director:
John Bodine

Jr. Director:
Alaine Steuk

I can't help but think that you (the members of MBYC) really messed up by electing me as your 2019 Commodore, but what's done is done. The good news is the past officers and committee chairs have done a great job, and I am confident that we will make it through the year based on all of your efforts. I would like to thank the outgoing officers for their hard work: Jr. Staff Commodore Dave Hensinger, Rear Commodore Ali Athari, Treasurer Robin Wessman, and Secretary Katy Crawford. You will be missed, but I'm guessing you will enjoy your new-found freedom.



Greg Barker, Glenda Boatman, and Dawn Huntsinger did an incredible job as the 2019 Nominating Committee and have picked the following officers: Vice Commodore Ken Twist, Rear Commodore Chris Surfleet, Treasurer Yvonne Lazear, and Secretary Jeanie Roberts. They were unanimously voted in at the November General Meeting. John Bodine and Alaine Steuk will continue as Senior Director and Director. We also have 8 new Committee Chairs, so please familiarize yourselves by looking up New Officers and Committee Chairs in the Masthead.

Jeanie Roberts has taken over the duties as Masthead Editor from Yvonne Lazear, who, by the way, did a wonderful job! I would like to encourage anyone interested in writing an article in the Masthead to contact Jeanie. Sailors have lots of stories that need to be shared. Some of the stories are actually true. All the officers and committee chairs are looking forward to serving the club, but please remember this is a voluntary club. Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for helping to keep the MBYC the "best little club on the West Coast."

Remember, this place is for fun!

"The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore."

— Vincent Van Gogh

Excerpt from the By Laws

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 Qualifications for Membership: A. Unless otherwise stated in these by-laws, an applicant must be 21 years old. B. **An applicant must either own a recreational boat or show genuine interest in recreational boating activities.**

Joe Huntsinger, Commodore 2019

Vice Commodore Ken Twist

Happy 2019 everyone! I hope you survived the food, grog, and good times in one piece. Now it's time to make our New Year's resolution. My New Year's resolution is to spend more time on the water. Like most ocean enthusiasts, I like to monitor weather patterns, specifically El Nino and La Nina, as both impact waves, wind, and rainfall. 2019 may shape up to give us a little more of each compared to 2018 as we may be moving toward an El Nino pattern.

To recap, La Nina started developing in early 2016 but was westward displaced and generally weak. By March 2017, it mostly dissipated followed by warming water forming along South America to the Galapagos and up to a point south of the Big Island of Hawaii, where I'm writing this article. By May the atmosphere returned to a neutral configuration, but in July, easterly anomalies started building in the Kelvin Wave Generation Area, which is along the equator from New Guinea east to the dateline. La Nina continued through the winter of 2017-2018. However, warming waters started to fill in along the South and Central American coasts in early March 2018.



This phenomenon was associated with two upwelling Kelvin Waves (warm pools of water transported from west to east gurgling up along the coast of South America). It continued to build over equatorial waters through the summer and fall, but the result was not yet enough to declare El Nino and was not coupled with the atmosphere.

While it's too early to declare we are in an El Nino pattern, assuming an ocean-atmospheric coupling becomes weakly established (primed by warm equatorial waters), we should see slightly enhanced storm production in the North Pacific. This pattern started in late November with slightly increased intensity in the number of storm days and storm intensity, thus resulting in increased odds for larger swell production. This is good news for surfers and should make sailing less banal for the ocean fleet.



Thank you Dot Rygh for the hand-carved tree decorations at MBYC

And thank you Joe Huntsinger for building the podium.

Thank you Pat Rygh for the podium decal.



Happy New Year! I will begin by expressing my excitement at being able to execute the duties of Rear Commodore for 2019. I enjoy our sailing and racing activities, thanks to many Rear Commodores and Fleet Captains before me. I am honored for the opportunity to ensure our yachting activities are robust and organized. We have a great racing calendar set with lots of opportunities for sailing and race committee duties. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer and participate, so come on out and enjoy some time with the fleet activities. I am joined in my duties with some excellent fleet captains in 2019. Troy Wieck will be serving in his 2nd year as the Ocean Fleet Captain, Terry Paris will be the DaySailer Fleet 128 Captain, and John Wimer will be the Laser 24.5 Fleet Captain. They bring a lot of experience and knowledge to our fleets.



MBYC has a rich tradition of excellent racing events and race committee participation. One point I want to emphasize to all sailors is the importance of all crew members being listed on their race entry forms. It is not just the skipper who deserves credit; in fact, in some cases a sailboat may succeed in spite of its skipper. Race entry forms will reflect this emphasis. The Bay Fleet has two new races this year. On February 9, 2019, we will host the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) Mid-Winters. This will be a one day race that will accept entries for DaySailers, Lasers, and Lidos. Any sailor from an SCYA club may participate because MBYC is a member. This race will also serve as the DaySailer Winter III race for MBYC participants. On August 17, 2019, the Bay Fleet will host a Hawaiian Luau race and dinner. This will feature a club party with Hawaiian cuisine, games, and music in the afternoon after a bay race. Party goers and racers will be encouraged to dress in Hawaiian attire to help set the mood.

DaySailer Fleet Captain Terry Paris will be starting a monthly "Racing Rules Clinic." Different sailboat racing rules will be covered with video tutorials and examples. The first Racing Rules Clinic will be Friday, January 11, at 5 pm at MBYC, the perfect time to come and discuss racing etiquette and rules, then enjoy happy hour afterwards.

Bay Racing

In December, the Bay Fleet started its Winter Series. The order of finish for the Bay Fleet Winter I, held Dec. 15, 2018, was:

1. Beach Party, Carlton Smith and Guy Bahringer
2. TCO True LOVE NDRS, Todd and Joyce Hansen
3. Piraat, Stanley Craig and Dan Hack

Ocean Racing

In December the Ocean Fleet Fall Series was completed on Dec. 16, 2018. According to Fleet Captain Troy Wieck: "The racing had a nice light breeze at the start



Winter 1 Bay Race top three finishers with PRO Terry Paris

and all boats were underway. Wind died around 2:30 and race was called at first bailout. Fall Series was plagued by little wind in stark contrast to the Devlin Races during the same months that had lots of wind."

The Fall III race order of finish

1. Janina
2. Whizbang
3. Far Away
4. Guauacan

Fall Series order of Finish

1. Janina
2. Whizbang
3. Far Away



Far Away sailing the light winds of Fall III

Sailing Races Scheduled for January, 2019

- January 1, 2019 Bay Fleet Hangover Race, hosted by the Junior sailing
- January 13, 2019 Winter I (Ocean Fleet)
- January 26, 2019 Winter II (Bay Fleet)

**Rear Commodore
Chris Surfleet**

John Michener and remaining crew of Janina celebrating the Fall Series win.



Committee Chairs

Port Captain.....	Lynn Meissen
Bar Steward.....	Joe and Jill Fariss
Social Director.....	Brett Cross
Ship's Store.....	Orris and Pat Cowgill
Galley Chief.....	Kendall Welch
Junior Advisor.....	Pat Howe
Ocean Fleet Captain.....	Troy Wieck
Daysailer Fleet Captain.....	Terry Paris
Laser Fleet Captain.....	John Wimer
Lido Fleet Captain.....	TBD
Fun Float Captain.....	Charlie Roberts
SUP Fleet Captain.....	Ken Twist
Cruising Fleet Captain.....	Paul Irving
Summer Sailing.....	Glenda Boatman
Cal Poly Liaison.....	Todd Hansen
Education Officer.....	Greg Barker
Historian.....	Andrea Surfleet
Insurance.....	TBD
Library.....	Charlie Roberts
Mailing.....	Rachelle Phillips
Masthead Editor.....	Jeanie Roberts
Membership.....	Tom Tidyman
Permit Processing & Planning.....	Dana McClish
Reciprocating Secretary.....	Glenda Boatman
Roster.....	Gail Condon
Sommelier.....	Rich Leamon
Social Hour Coordinator.....	TBD
Alias Troll.....	Don Lockwood
Webmaster.....	John Michener



Jill and Joe Fariss - Bar Stewards

Greetings from Your New Club Bar Stewards

First of all, we would like to thank Stanley and Susan Craig for their several years of stellar service as our Club Bar Stewards. They have done a tremendous job and deserve a big "Thank You" and a much-needed break! We look forward to learning the ropes from them and eventually adding our personalities, experience and ideas to the position.

Many of you may have met us at the Club already, as Joe has helped out behind the bar at many Club functions. We are also crazy enough to have two sailboats here in Morro Bay and are living the dream of boat ownership - when we find time! For those of you who don't know us yet, we thought we'd introduce ourselves.

We own a very small "nano-boutique" winery in Santa Margarita called Soaring Hawk. At the winery, we focus on wine education and how wine pairs with food. Even though we are very "wine-centric" in our business, we do not discriminate against beer or spirits! There's room in our lives for all the libations! Have you ever heard the phrase, "It takes a lot of good beer to make good wine"? It is totally true!

Above all, we are here to provide a service to our club members and hope to meet all of your needs as your Bar Stewards in 2019. Please feel free to talk with us or use the club suggestion box to let us know what you would like to see in your club bar. Cheers!

Joe & Jill Fariss



Beautiful Morro Bay

Membership News

Please welcome three new memberships! Dan Hack and Silvia Suarez were "rung in" Friday night as were Steve and Lisa Mia Williams. Doug and Shelley Rogers also became members.

Three new prospective members will come before the board in January. Their applications are on the office door. Sean and Tara Hanlon have sailed since childhood in Southern California and have extensive sailing experience on both coasts. They are sponsored by Stanley and Susan Craig and Gavin Payne. David and Deborah Abrecht also learned to sail in Southern California, were owners of a Catalina 30 and now own a Lido. They are sponsored by Rich and Alaine Steuck and Joe Fram. Wendy Knight is sponsored by David Hensinger and Chris Surfleet. She has crewed in the bay and in the ocean fleet. She has been involved with her son in Junior Sailing and currently owns a DaySailer. Please seek them out and learn their story.

Also, Dean and Sherry Hileman became life members after he reached the age of 65 and they passed 25 years of continuous membership.

Thanks, **TomTidyman**

From the Membership Committee:

We appreciate members in good standing who are willing to sponsor prospective members (PM). To help their application move through the process smoothly, please follow these guidelines and ask a committee member if you have questions.

Take your job seriously. Get to know the PM personally. Participate in club activities with them. Introduce the PM to each of the Board Members, the Membership Committee, and other club members. Know why they are interested in joining and how they are going to contribute. Finally, the PM "must either own a recreational boat or show genuine interest in recreational boating activities." (Art. VI, Section 3) and be willing to volunteer for jobs on The Exchange.

Our New Members



Steve and Lisa Mia Williams



Silvia Suarez and Dan Hack



Doug and Shelley Rogers



January Fun Floats - 9th and 23rd
Both start at 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.
Bring a picnic lunch for a sand spit
get-together.



Racing Rules Seminar

Our new bay fleet captain, Terry Paris, has suggested that a series racing rules seminars be presented once monthly. Most sailing clubs incorporate similar rules clinics. The first 3 month series will be hosted by Charlie Roberts and start on January 11th at 5:00 PM upstairs at the yacht club on continue monthly the same time and place. The seminars are planned to be 1 hour using the video of Brad Dellenbaugh's Racing Rules of Sailing and open discussion. We encourage all sail boat racers to attend and participate in order to improve your racing skills and make our races safer and more enjoyable. We are looking for volunteers to host the next sets of 3 month series. The facilitators usually get the most out of these educational presentations.



Fun Floaters

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

We had an extra treat for our low tide paddle on Friday, Nov. 30, when the two square rigger ships were in Morro Bay. We certainly looked small when compared to their large size. The wind came up, and we managed to duck into Sandal's Cove for our lunch break; all worked out well, except for Rich who blew past our dock but managed to catch the next neighboring dock, so all turned out okay.

A large group participated in our Christmas Party paddle on Friday, December 14. We all had a beautiful and easy paddle to our lovely spot on the Sand Spit for our celebration that included lots of food and drink. I want to thank all of you for your thanks and appreciation of my being the Grand Poo Ma for the past several years, and I thank you all for being part of the fun float activities. It truly has been fun, and I will continue to enjoy being part of the Fun Floaters.

Charlie Roberts has volunteered to be our Grand Poo Pa for the coming year, and he and I have finished working on the Fun Float calendar for 2019. It's been a really great year of paddling and having fun on the water with so many of you. Your retiring Grand Poo Mah, Dot

We have many fun floats planned for the coming year. Fun Floats can be found on the MBYC calendar. Some changes and additions will occur as we decide how to improve our activities. We encourage everyone to join us on these short bay excursions. They are very relaxing and full of camaraderie. Our next two floats are at 11:00 AM on the 9th and 23rd of January. We hope to see you there.



The Grand Poo Ma and Pat



The December Party Fun Floaters



Alongside the Tall Ships

Happy Hour Host TBA

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, TBA

—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 2019

- 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

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.

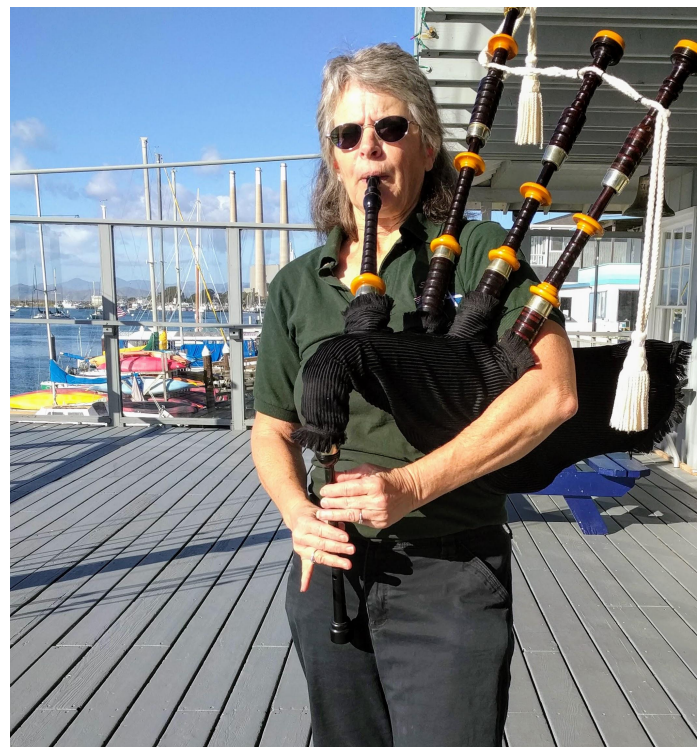
For your information, please see attached MBYC Policy letter #20A which addresses this topic. The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and serve snacks at 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Stewards, Joe and Jill Farris.

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.





2018 Lighted Boat Parade - Bonnie Marietta



Gayle Bruce plays the bagpipes on the MBYC patio on Christmas Day



January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5
	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day Hang Over Bay Race			5:15pm Membership C 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		11am Fun Float Jan 			6pm Happy Hour - Hc	Cal Poly sailing clinic
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Junior Sailing Winter 1 (Ocean)				6:15pm MBYC Board M	6pm Happy Hour - Hc	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Martin Luther King J	11am Fun Float Jan 			6pm Happy Hour - Hc	Winter 1 Winter 11 (Ocean)
27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
Junior Sailing					5:15pm Membership C 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	

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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 **Jeanie Roberts**

All pictures are welcome!
 Thanks for all the contributions for this month.

