

# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB



## Officers & Directors

**Commodore:**

**Joe Huntsinger**

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**Ken Twist**

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**Chris Surfleet**

**Treasurer:**

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**Secretary:**

**Jeanie Roberts**

**Senior Director:**

**John Bodine**

**Director:**

**Alaine Steuk**

Chaos broke out at Happy Hour on September 6th. As the Kurmudgeons were sitting at their table, undoubtedly solving all the problems at MBYC, the women, led by Dot Rygh, were mounting an aggressive protest against the Kurmudgeons for suggesting that the new underground parking lot (for the Kurmudgeons) would go through the women's bathroom. The women crested the stairway carrying protest signs and shouting words that I fear to utter.



Without question, the men had no idea how strong women united could be. As the women marched around the room chanting "No Way!" the Kurmudgeons stood up and shouted back, "Drill, baby, drill!" More shouting and yelling ensued. Most guests in the club had a look of terror and confusion on their faces. Two things happened that night: Couches were slept on, and I will not be impeached. Stay tuned as I am sure that this battle is far from being over.

On the lighter side of the club, thank you Kendall Welch, John Burgener, Brett Cross, Tim Volpe, Joe and Jill Fariss, and Ken Twist for putting on a wonderful Hawaiian Luau. It featured great food, great drinks, great decorations, and great Hawaiian outfits.

Just let me add a reminder that our General Meeting is November 2nd at 7 p.m. Please plan on attending as we need to vote on the 2020 Board of Directors as well as on a change to the By-Laws. Please see below for the agenda item.

The Commodore's Ball is on November 9th starting a 5 p.m. at Windows on the Water. Please join us for a great night of dancing, dining, and celebrating another fun year at the yacht club.

## General Meeting Agenda Items

### Proposed Change to Article VII, Section 4, Initiation Fees and Dues:

The Board of Directors shall fix yearly dues and accounts for the MBJYC at a rate not to exceed 33% of that of the Regular membership dues and assessments. Junior members may convert to Regular membership at the age of 21 by paying the regular initiation fee and dues reduced by the total amount of fees and dues paid as a MBJYC member.

The Nominating Committee seeking candidates to serve on the Board for 2020 is pleased to announce the following members have kindly agreed to permit their names to be put forward for the membership's acceptance at the **General Meeting on November 2nd:**

**Commodore:**

**Ken Twist**

**Vice Commodore:**

**Chris Surfleet**

**Rear Commodore:**

**Troy Wieck**

**Treasurer:**

**Yvonne Lazear**

**Snr. Director:**

**Alaine Steuk**

**Director:**

**Greg Barker**

**Secretary:**

**Jeanie Roberts**

I would like to thank all of you once again for making the Morro Bay Yacht Club such a great place to spend time with friends and family.

**--Joe Huntsinger** "There is but a plank between a sailor and eternity." — Thomas Gibbons

Policy Letter/By Law

**POLICY LETTER #15C NEW MEMBERS**

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. 1. After receiving the sponsors' recommendation sheets, the Membership Committee will meet with the sponsors to discuss the new members' qualifications for membership which include, but are not limited to, the following: A. All Board members shall have met the prospective member(s). B. 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. C. At the Board meeting when the prospective members(s) application is to be voted upon, the Membership Committee Chair, or designated committee member, will make the Committee's recommendation to the board. D. If the Board feels the applicant is insufficiently known, or in some way not qualified, a vote to delay approval of the application should be the appropriate action without prejudice to the applicant.



Give 'em Hell, Girls



September 6th: We Will Never Forget



Don Lockwood Feeling the Wrath of the MBYC Women



Sharon Gamill Will Have None of It

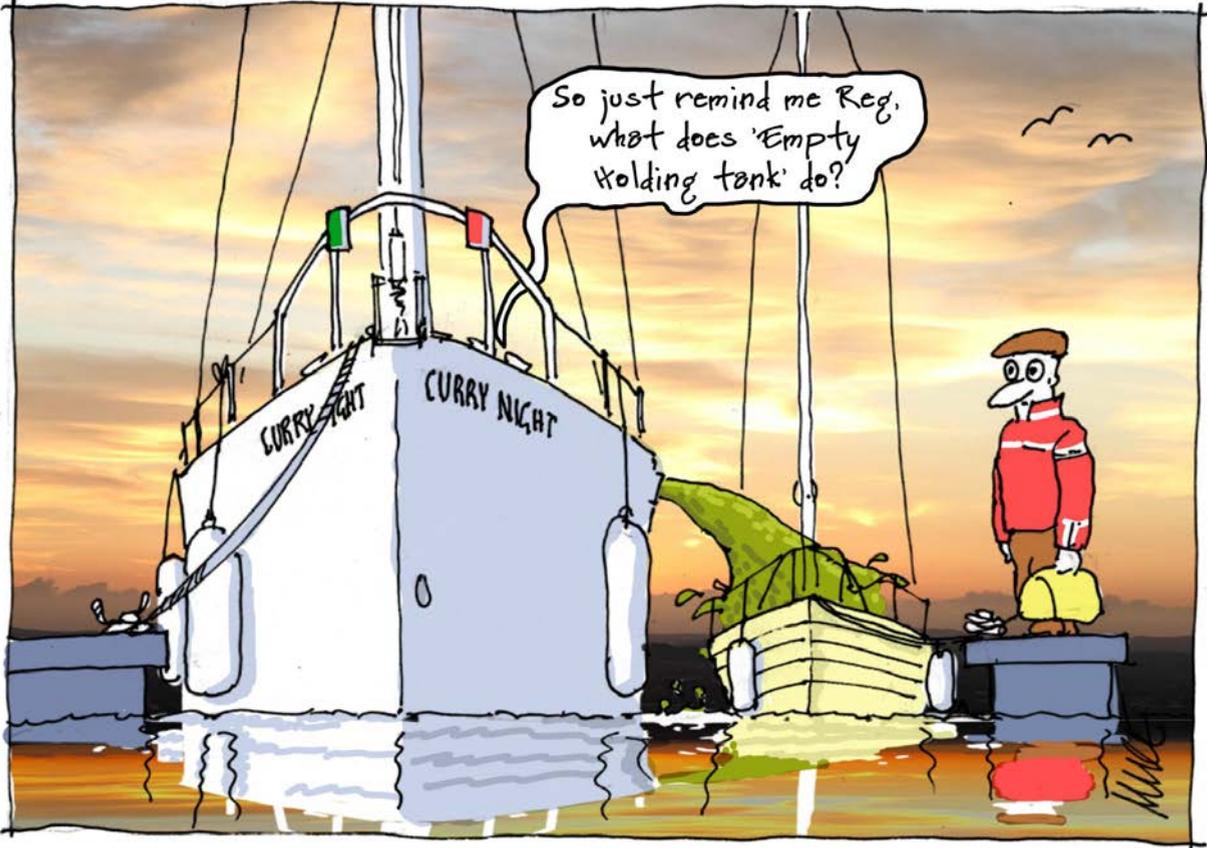
**We shall not be moved.  
We shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water side<sub>2</sub>  
We shall not be moved** – Lyrics by Steven Brown



**Happy Hallowe'en to Our Wonderful Morro Bay Yacht Club Members!**  
**-- Commodore Joe Huntsinger and Staff Commodore Dawn Huntsinger**



Joe and Dawn a few weeks before their wedding.



Fellow Yachties,

Fall is officially here, and, as I mentioned in last month's Masthead, Octonodember is upon us, and the Club will be busy as ever hosting sailing events as well as educational seminars like Weekend Navigator. Also, I am happy to report that the recent women's Friday night protest against the Kurmudgeons and their plans to demolish the lady's washroom for "Kurmudgeon Only" parking ended without significant damage to the facility other than moderate defacing of property, a trash can fire, and an overturned DaySailer.

On a procedural note, the Board has voted to modify and include the following language in section four of our Club Use request form:

4) There is a \$50.00 fee for use of the clubhouse, which must accompany the request form. Additionally, a refundable \$150.00 cleaning deposit must also accompany the request form. Therefore, total fees accompanying the request form are \$200.00. "The cleaning deposit will be returned upon successful cleaning inspection and sign-off by a Board Member or designate, such as the Port Captain. MBYC's definition of cleaning is as follows:

- a. Trash cans emptied and removed from the club to the dumpster
- b. All dishes in the bar and galley washed.
- c. Galley floor is swept, and surfaces are wiped clean.
- d. Upstairs and/or downstairs tables wiped clean with upstairs floors vacuumed and downstairs floors swept.
- e. All furniture returned to its original orientation
- f. All decorations cleaned and removed from the premises

If, upon inspection, it is determined that a reasonable effort to clean the premises as outlined above was not made, the \$150.00 deposit will be forfeited to MBYC. Alternatively, a club member may out-task cleaning to our cleaning service for a fee of \$150.00. If a member wishes to exercise this option, it needs to be noted when the original request form is submitted. **Please note:** the member is still responsible for cleaning all bar and galley dishes as well as cleaning and removing all decorations."

Given the increase in requests to use the MBYC facility for special events, the Board believes that the new language will better educate and provide less ambiguous description of roles and responsibilities of hosts as well provide options for a fee-based cleaning service.

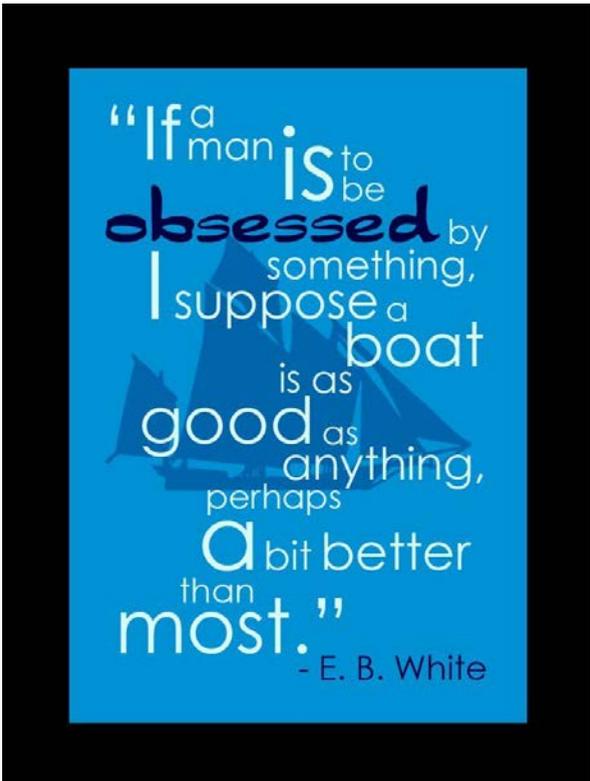
All for now - see you on the water! Regards, **The Vice**



This Month's Slice from the Vice



Johnny B. Hard at Work Restoring the Sprindrift for the Maritime Museum



Fall has arrived and with it a heat wave? It's nothing to worry about; the Santa Lucia winds that signal hot weather usually bring about some fun sailing after they shift to the north. If you need a reason to come to Morro Bay, cooler weather and lots of October sailing events will provide you two reasons. However, you will not be alone. Cal Poly Sailing is back for another great year, and our dock will be filled with the usual contingent of transient yachts heading down to the Baja Ha Ha Race.

October will include two Ocean Fleet races, Fall 1 and Devlin II, Oct. 6th and 20th respectively. There will be two bay races, Fall II associated with Harbor Fest, and Fall III, Oct. 5th and 19th respectively. A special addition to the calendar is that Cal Poly has the honor of hosting the Women's Collegiate Pacific Coast Championship, Oct. 26-27. Come out to see some great sailing. Cal Poly will need lots of volunteers for the event. They will need club and dock hosts as well as safety personnel.

Finally, the 2020 racing and major club event calendar will be determined on Nov. 3, 2019, at 4 pm. If you are interested, please attend.



**Rear Commodore  
Chris Surfleet**

### September Ocean Racing Results -- Devlin I, Sept. 1, 2019

			Course Distance	4.02 nautical miles				
			Start Time	12:00:00				
Boat	Local Rate	Skipper	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Elapsed Seconds	Corrected Seconds	Corrected Finish	Delta
Janina	138	Mark Hilden	14:38:59	2:38:59	9539	8984.24	2:29:44	0:00:00
Whizbang	132	John Michener	14:43:49	2:43:49	9829	9298.36	2:34:58	0:05:14
Slider	134	Judi Forster	15:23:00	3:23:00	12180	11641.32	3:14:01	0:44:17
Guayacan	291	Lynn Meissen	DNF	~	~	~	~	~

### September Bay Racing Results -- Fall I, Sept 7, 2019

We enjoyed a beautiful day with a special treat of a windward/leeward course started on the water in the turning basin. Special thanks to Michael and Brooks Measures for allowing SeaFari to serve as the race committee boat. Blue indicates DNS. Yellow DSQ.

Class	Sail #	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Rank	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
DS	163	Beach Party	Carlton Smith	Judi Forster	1	8	1	2	1	4
DS	1256	Life in the Past Lane	Tom Ingram	Jody Lee	2	10	2	1	2	5
DS	13074	Pirat	Stanley Craig	Dan Hack	3	12	3	4	4	1
DS	13150	True Love	Todd Hansen	Joyce Hansen	4	13	5	3	3	2
DS	3057	Bad Latitude	Brett Cross	Rich Leamon	5	17	4	5	5	3
DS	2872	Yankiwi	Troy Wieck	Jon Houlin	6	25	7	6	6	6
DS	1053	Small Frye	Mike Frye	George Warren	7	30	9	7	7	7
DS	3622	Jolie	Charlie Roberts	John Edell	8	31	6	8	8	9

The sky broke like an egg into full sunset, and the water caught fire.

-- Pamela Hansford Johnson



Clouds come floating into my life no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

-- Rabindranath Tagore



A beautiful day and winds for the Fall I Bay Race: Competitors at the start of a windward/leeward race

### Upcoming Sailing Events

- Harbor Festival and Fall II (Bay) race Oct. 5, 2019
- Fall I (Ocean) Oct. 6, 2019
- Fall III (Bay) race Oct. 19, 2019
- Devlin II (Ocean) Oct. 20, 2019
- Collegiate Women's Pacific Coast Championship Oct. 26-27, 2109
- Winter I (Bay) Nov. 2, 2019
- General Meeting Nov. 2, 2019
- Fall II (Ocean) Nov. 3, 2019
- 2020 Race and major event scheduling meeting, Nov. 3, 2019, at 4 pm



Fall Bay Race top finishers, left to right, Carlton Smith, Judi Forster, Jody Lee, Tom Ingram, PRO Chris Surfleet. Not shown: Stanley Craig and Dan Hack

## Junior Sailing Message

Calendars are pretty important. Just ask the Mayans, so why not have your photos and name immortalized via the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation calendar? This is a LAST CALL for good sailing, racing, or bay photos. Please share any folders or links to the [mbyc.jrs@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.jrs@gmail.com) email, ASAP.

Moving on, with the end of summer sailing, we've witnessed a robust turnout at recent MBYC Junior sailing events. On Sept. 8 we had a dozen Opti sailors taking turns on our 10 boats. Also, more Laser sailors showed up than we've seen all summer, including two from abroad. Alessandro Lupi is from Italy, and Marin Le Nours is from France. Both are exchange students this year, and they made their presence known at the Chris Lockwood Regatta Sept 22, placing 1st (Alessandro) and 3rd (Marin) in a close race. Cole Howe represented with a 2nd place finish.

In the Opti class, the absence of the notorious Blackwell boys seemed to open the door for new winners, with Adrian Brown winning the overall race, while Jason Stone edged out others in the green fleet. In all, the regatta had 8 Opti racers and 6 in the Laser class.

An interesting development happened in the Laser class, where the entire field DNSed for the 4th race, opting instead to goof off near the dock (see pictures).

*Do you want to help the Juniors? The program would benefit from a deeper bench of coaches. If you have some time and knowledge to share, please get in touch via the email above. Thanks -- Pat Howe*



A tight race in the Opti Class during the Chris Lockwood Regatta



The Laser Class refused to start race 4 of the CLR, opting to play instead



Juniors' Challenge: Race to the sandspit, touch dry land, race back to the dock



Kit Lockwood is joined by the sailors from the Chris Lockwood Regatta



Dave Hensinger dived in to recover the Whaler keys after their loss in a freak accident



## Sailing through History with Andrea Surfleet

### Building the Clubhouse in 1979: Tricks of the Trade

To continue the story of how MBYC members designed and built our clubhouse, let's look at some of the design magic that happened along the way.

The old clubhouse had occupied a small portion of the lot closest to the street. Out the back door, the bank sloped rapidly toward the water. How would our designer and project manager, Dev Devlin, overcome the vertical challenges and create more flat, buildable space? The answer can be found by glancing through these pictures to see the footers and large foundation built right at the slope to flatten and hold. Keep your eye on the dark brown fence throughout the photo sequence to see how much downslope had to be overcome.

In the plan view, above the word 'South', is where the lot sloped down and the new foundation was poured. Thankfully, the building doesn't end there! If it had, what parts of the club wouldn't exist today? We gained a lot of space with these tricks, this magic, this fact that we have club members who were experts at their craft, and we enjoy these benefits today.

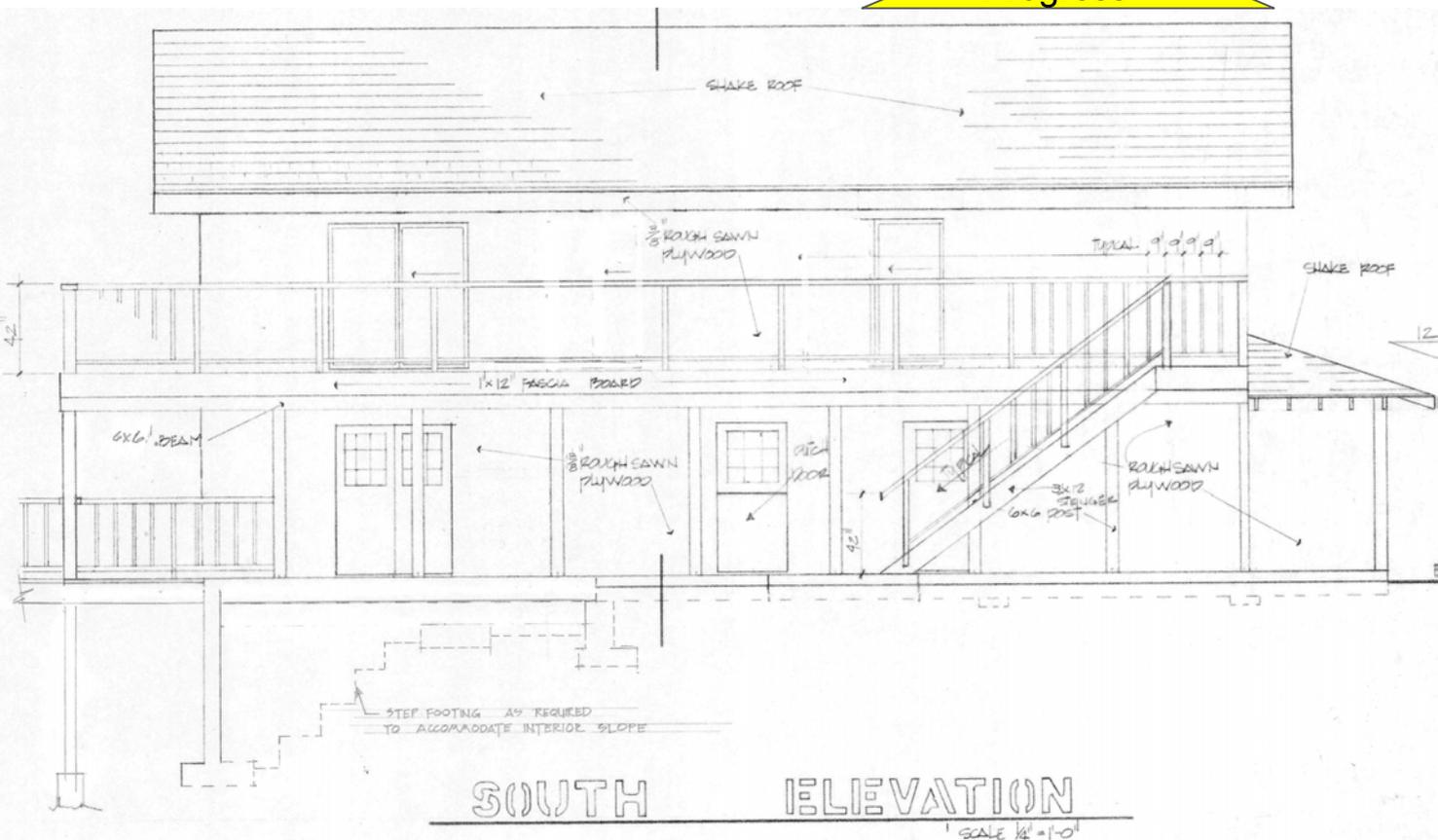
If you helped to build the clubhouse in 1979, please contact Andrea at ----- to share how you contributed, so I can pass your story along!



Concrete



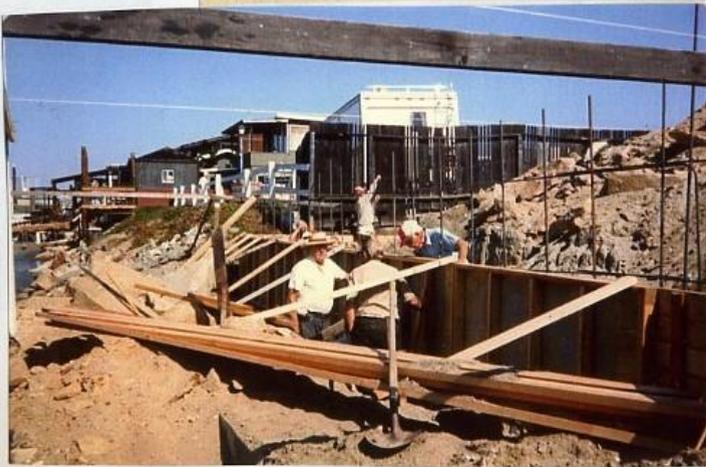
Progress



## Sailing through History with Andrea Surfleet continued



Foundation was dug and footers were built for clubhouse and launching pad (ramp) made.



## Building the Morro Bay Yacht Club: Our History Re-visited

### Nautical Etymology 101 -- from Jeanie R.

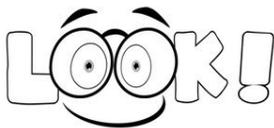
**“Broad in the Beam”** -- Meaning: Possessing wide hips

The phrase is first documented in Captain John Smith's book entitled *The Seaman's Grammar*. "Suppose a Ship of 300. Tunnes be 29 foot at the Beame." The beam, as we all know, is the widest part of the ship, but the figurative allusion entered our language in the 20th Century in reference to a person's posterior.

-- (Various Web sources)



## The Message Board



The membership committee met in September, and no action was taken. The next meeting will be on October 4th, and we will be talking to the sponsors of our two prospective members: Michael Monger and Patrice and Warren Flack. At the September Board of Directors' meeting Ted and Iris Jacobson and Gayle Bruce were approved for Life Membership.  
-- **John Edell, Membership Chairman**



The MBYC is now accepting applications for the position of 2020 Masthead Editor. Please apply to Ken Twist.



### Future Fun Floats

September 30 Monday  
October 16 Monday  
October 30 Wednesday  
November 15 Friday  
November 29 Friday  
December 13 Friday  
December 30 Monday



*All Currently Scheduled Fun Floats will leave the dock at 11:00 AM*

**"To desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness. Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that. That is why sailing is way of life, one of the finest of lives." - Carleton Mitchell**

## A SAILOR'S GUIDE

FOR LIFE



STAY ANCHORED  
LOOK FOR NEW HORIZONS  
ASK QUESTIONS WHEN  
YOU DON'T KNOW THE ROPES  
LET YOUR DREAMS SET SAIL  
NO MATTER THE WEATHER  
FAMILY IS YOUR SAFE HARBOR  
LET YOUR HEART  
BE YOUR COMPASS



Future member Mike Monger congratulating the winner of the Fun Float Autumnal Equinox Costume Trophy, Judi Forster



Photo courtesy of Laurie Wright

## Fun at the Luau

When Tim Volpe, one of the Social Committee Members, told me the Club was putting on a Luau I said, "Sign us up!" and "What can we do to help out?" That's what this "Volunteer Yacht Club" is all about after all. It is just as much fun to put on an event as it is to be a paying participant.

We all got to planning the event and had so many ideas for food, decorations, music, etc. that we had to rein ourselves in! Once we got focused, we each had assignments and got to finalizing plans for what we hoped would be a fun and festive Club event!

The decorating committee outdid itself with leis all around, carved pineapples, fun and colorful displays, and committee members even brought in a party palapa from Kendall Welch's backyard!

The day kicked off with a spread of pupus (Hawaiian appetizers) including Spam Sushi Rolls, Ahi and Sweet Smoked Salmon, and of course, Hawaiian Kettle Chips. The main event included three types of meats: Glazed Chicken, Beef Skewers and Short Ribs along with yummy sides of Hawaiian Macaroni Salad, Teriyaki Vegetables, Hawaiian Coleslaw and some rice. All that for just \$10!?! What a great club we have!

We received a lot of positive feedback throughout the event, and a lot of people really got into the spirit of the day decking themselves out in their finest Aloha prints. The weather cooperated fully with warmth and bright sunny skies, a perfect day for Hawaiian food, music and the flowing tropical fruit Mai Tais offered up at the bar.

We were a little disappointed that Orris Cowgill did not come dressed in "Grass Skirt & Coconuts" as promised! Maybe next time!

A fun time was had by all, whether members volunteered to stand in the hot sun all afternoon grilling up meat (thanks Tim!), worked in the kitchen or bar, or came as guests! Let's do it again!

Here is a recipe from the luau I'd like to share, since it was so popular.

Hawaiian Luau Cole slaw recipe

[https://www.platingsandpairings.com/wprm\\_print/9557/](https://www.platingsandpairings.com/wprm_print/9557/)

--Jill Fariss



Tim Volpe grilling up some beautiful Hawaiian glazed chicken



Jill Fariss had fun cooking a rainbow of color in the Teriyaki Vegetables



Those plates were piled high with goodness



Bar Steward Joe Fariss served up some mean Mai Tais

## Tragedy Averted at MBYC -- by Pat Hedges

A terrible tragedy struck the boating world off the Channel Islands when fire took the lives of nearly three dozen scuba enthusiasts and a crew member of a charter dive boat. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of those who lost their lives. This fire reminded me of one at our club seven years ago where lives were seriously in jeopardy. I share this event as a reminder that safety doesn't happen by accident.

It was September 21st, 2012, and I was desperately trying to conjure up some material to meet my Masthead deadline when the phone rang. "Pat, you probably should come down to the club, there's a boat fire at the dock." "Bad?", I asked. "Yeah, it's a bad one."

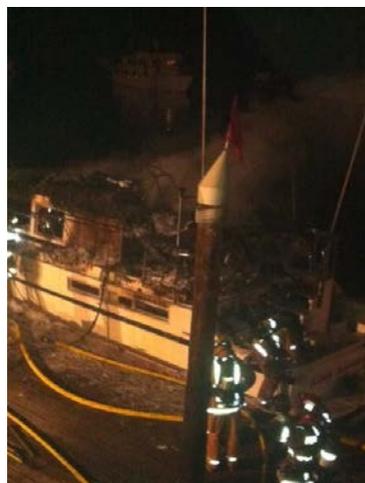
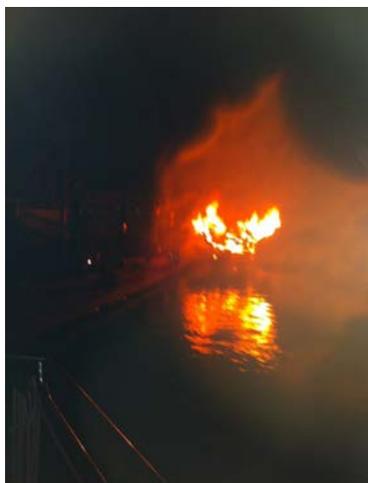
When I arrived, the Coast Guard and the Harbor Patrol were trying to douse the flames from waterside while the fire department had an engine next to the hoist fighting the fire from shoreside, a delicate operation, as too much water would fill the 40-some foot motor yacht with water and sink the hull where it had been tied up along the 'red zone'. In fact, the dock had been full of boats, including an Oyster sailboat which had been side-tied to the burning yacht. Fortunately, all boats had crew on board and were able to get underway as the motor yacht erupted in flames and the alarm went out.

Earlier in the evening: It was Friday night, and many of us were at Happy Hour. As Commodore, I was dutifully listening intently as members would ask, "Commodore, do you have a minute?" They would then share their thoughts in more like five or ten minutes, perhaps longer. It was then that some of us smelled smoke, and we followed our noses down to this motor yacht that was tied off on the south end of the dock. We located the owner and his crew member, and after some investigation and having disconnected the shore power, the smell of electrical wire overheating was then dissipating. An apparent short in the charging system would have to be ferreted out when they reached their destination in northern California. Happy Hour continued without any further disruption, members eventually left, and transients returned to their vessels.

However, it was this same yacht that apparently had a significantly more serious electrical short than originally thought. Shortly before 11 PM, one of the two men on the boat awoke to a fire in aft portion of the boat. He quickly made his way to the forward berthing area to waken the owner as the fire was spreading. Now, the obvious escape for these two men would be through the forward hatch above the forward cabin. Unfortunately, and nearly catastrophically, that escape was not available to them. As they made their way north from Southern California, they had anticipated agitated seas at Point Conception, and knowing that the forward hatch was not watertight, they had used copious amounts of duct tape to seal the hatch closed. An exit here wasn't going to open.

These two men's background most likely saved their lives. One was a fireman nearing retirement, and the other was a retired fireman. Their training and experience had them do a low crawl through the boat below the toxic smoke from burning fiberglass, and they were able to reach the ladder to escape. They then alerted other boaters, and all boats, including the side-tied Oyster, were able to get underway without any damage.

Enough of the boat was saved that on-duty firefighters were able to locate at least one wallet and some clothing for the men. We got them bedded down at a nearby motel for what was left of the evening. As for lessons learned from this situation, I'll leave that up to you as you review your safety procedures. While you can see from the pictures the boat was a total loss, there was some good news. No one suffered any serious injury, the only damage to the dock was to one electrical box that melted due to the heat of the fire, and from a purely personal perspective, I had material for my Masthead column. All that, however, pales in comparison to the tragic loss of life that was just experienced off of Santa Barbara. Be aware. Be safe.



Some  
photographs of  
the burning  
yacht at MBYC.

Images courtesy of  
Lonny Young

## 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.....Rich Lehman  
 Library.....Charlie Roberts  
 Mailing.....Rachelle Phillips  
 Masthead Editor.....Jeanie Roberts  
 Membership.....John Edell  
 Permit Processing & Planning.....  
 Reciprocating Secretary.....Glenda Boatman  
 Roster.....Gail Condon  
 Sommelier.....Rich Leamon  
 Social Hour Coordinator.....Kendall Welch  
 Alias Troll.....Don Lockwood  
 Webmaster.....John Michener

Sonja Wieck and Team Iron Cowboys have finished the Eco-Challenge. Congratulations Team. We are so proud of you!

**Team Iron Cowboy (USA)** Team Iron Cowboy means sacrifice, persistence, and resilience — a team forged by friendship with a thirst for fun and adventure. This team is grateful to be competing against the best in the world, and you won't be able to wipe the smile off their faces.

**Competitors: Sonja Wieck (TC), James Lawrence, Shaun Christian, Aaron Hopkinson, Joe Morton (TAC)**



### Message from Lynn Meissen



It's Autumn Time, and Floaters Came Drifting in with the Tide



It's Fall Y'all, so Let's Play Ball!



## CHRIS LOCKWOOD 2019 (International) JUNIOR REGATTA

That's right, International! We were delighted to have high school exchange students from France and Italy sail in the Laser Fleet. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> Junior Regatta, and mother nature was again kind to us and didn't send wind gusts to 30 knots, as had been happening a few days before.

### Optimist Championship Fleet:

1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hayden Boaz, 3<sup>rd</sup> GG Stones

**Optimist Green Fleet:** had 5 boats, 2 just out of summer sailing

1<sup>st</sup> Samson Stones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Stones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hudson Boaz , along with Mathias Brown and Ethan Chen

### Laser Fleet:

1<sup>st</sup> Alessandro Lupi (Italy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Coleman Howe (USA), 3<sup>rd</sup> Marin LeNours (France) followed by Aiden Albers, Kaleth Cushman, and Pari Sterling.

The scores were very close in all the fleets, especially the Lasers. At the end of the day all the Laser sailors had fun in the water, and most of the Opti sailors jumped in too. Fourteen juniors sailed and finished all their races, which makes them all winners in so many ways.

Thanks to all those who helped with the regatta, race committee, coaching, safety boats, PLUS A HUGE THANK YOU to Michael and Brooks Measures, Dawn Huntsinger, Larry Salas, Pat Howe, Dana McClish, Chris Surfleet, Bob Schwenoha, and Angela Sol.



A Fantastic Group of Global Participants: The Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta



First Course

Mixed Greens

Saffron Poached Pear Salad,  
Stilton Crumbles, Candied Almonds,  
Vanilla-Balsamic Vinaigrette

Whole Leaf Caesar

Parmesan, Anchovies,  
Crostini

Bouillon Style Glam Chowder

Applewood Bacon,  
Farragon Essence

Entree

Local Kalibut

Warm Herb Tomato Salsa, Wilted Spinach  
Avocado, Prosciutto Caponata

Free Range Chicken Breast

Potato Purée, Windrose Farms Kale,  
Exotic Mushroom, Lemon Olive Oil

Pasta Primavera

Vegetarian

Flat Iron Steak

Potato Purée, Braised Market Greens,  
Bordelaise Sauce, Chimichurri

Dessert

New York Style Cheesecake

Fresh Berries

Chocolate Ecstasy

Graham Cracker Soil, Fresh Berries

Fine  
Food  
and  
Wine

Great  
Friends



Beautiful  
Views

Great  
Memories

# The Morro Bay Yacht Club

presents



## The Commodore's Ball

*Honoring our incoming and outgoing officers*  
**At Windows on the Water**

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2019

Dress: Semi-formal

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Please make checks payable to Morro Bay Yacht Club, or go to MBYC website and pay with PayPal or your credit card.

**October 25th  
Deadline**

5:00 pm No Host Cocktails  
 6:00 pm Plated Dinner  
 7:00 pm Program  
 8:00 pm Dancing to DJ Music

### First Course

- Mixed Green
- Caesar Salad
- Bouillon Clam Chowder

### Dinner Selections

- Flat Iron Steak
- Local Halibut
- Chicken Breast
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

### Dessert Selections

- 1 NY Cheese Cake
- 2 Chocolate Ecstasy

Guest are welcome

Corkage \$18.00 per bottle

I / We would love to attend the Commodore's Ball

Name

Dinner Selection

Dessert Selection

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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____





The Kurmudgeons have been put upon unfairly by a small minority of ladies who do not seem to understand the virtue of our planned additions to the yacht club. The events at the Yacht Club on Friday, Sept 6, will no doubt go down in history as a dark day indeed. There we were, five unassuming gentlemen, suddenly surrounded by Morro Bay Yacht Club ladies displaying unkind signs and actually protesting the implementation of our carefully organized plan. The Kurmudgeons are seriously agonizing over this reaction after all our efforts to minimize the minor disruptions that might occur.

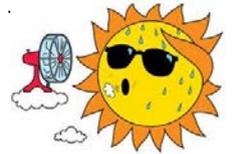
Perhaps, being overly sensitive, we are quite upset by this turn of events. In fact, two of our members are now being treated for PPSD, (post protest stress disorder). We are heartened by the fact that this is a small group trying to upset our brilliantly conceived plans. If we had not been blindsided by this surprise encounter, we could have easily organized a counter protest, and our crowd would have been bigger than their crowd, which we could have easily proved with the real facts.

We also suspect that an underground cell of ladies influenced this organized protest as a diversion from their insidious goal, namely, to add a spa to the women's head. However, we Kurmudgeons will soldier on. Our Chaplin adds: *Quia nesciunt quid faciunt ignoscendum.*

Returning to the important business of our planned minor changes to the club to accommodate the addition of our underground parking, we have an important issue that must be resolved. In the interest of saving money, the Kurmudgeons were willing to insist only on an ascending escalator. The Kurmudgeons are always concerned about costs. There remains the problem of returning from the bar to the underground parking. (Read on to the right)



The Kurmudgeons considered this problem in a plenary session on the south deck under the blazing sun. Where is the awning? We guess that the senior officers of the club are too busy with frivolous activities like planning a Commodore's Ball. We hope that the gas heaters will be installed before the winter sets in.



In spite of these inconveniences, the Kurmudgeons have come up with a brilliant solution to the lack of a descending escalator problem: We will install a fireman's pole from the underground parking. Submitting this idea to our highly qualified architectural firm of Kundson, Knudson, and Knudson, they have come up with an outstanding idea to save money. The Kurmudgeons are always concerned about costs.



They propose to run the pole through the bore hole that will already have been drilled through the women's head. Now this will mean that occasionally a male will pass through the women's head on his way to the underground parking. However, all of the Kurmudgeons have pledged to close their eyes as they pass through, so this in no way should concern the users of the women's head. Our project seems to be progressing well now that we have solved many of the outstanding problems.

--**Larry Salas**, Kurmudgeon president

Duly reported by Don Lockwood. Recording secretary and leader of the Kurmudgeon acapella marching band.

*The Ghost says: Oculus Clausa, Mihi Asinum*



Pat and Dot Rygh made up after the protest

The article below was written by Michael E. Manchak about Lynn Meissen and was published in the October 2019 issue of *Classic Boat* magazine. The article is entitled "The Liveboard" -- "She built her Alden schooner in the heat of a South American jungle in the '70s and has lived aboard her ever since."

**L**YNN MEISSEN may have set a world record for living continuously aboard a sailboat, but she's not interested in discussing the potential honours of 40 years aboard her classic wooden schooner *Guayacan*. Now living in her home port of Morro Bay on California's central coast, she'd rather reminisce about her life on the water, including her adventures in Central America, the Caribbean, and Britain - she's sailed almost 50,000 miles through her life.

Lynn first learned to sail in 1971, when she and her boyfriend signed up to crew on a 15-metre vessel named *Astrocyte* to the South Pacific; the boat was completing a five-year circumnavigation. Etched in Lynn's memory from that early sailing experience are the Marquesas, Panama, the Galápagos, and Hawaii. It was on that trip she realised that living aboard was a dream she was determined to make a reality.

That year, after marrying her boyfriend and living as a nursing student in Guatemala, she met a boat builder from Austria who told her: "I can build you a big boat very cheap." She agreed, and selected a design for a 43ft John Alden schooner that she would help construct over the next six years in a boatyard near Lake Amatitlán in Guatemala.

Lynn recalls her days in Guatemala and what a wonderful time and place it was. Living in the beautiful lakeside village was like going back to another period in time, she says. While juggling nursing and Spanish classes, she helped build the schooner from local mahogany and teak. Boat gear was purchased by mail order and delivered long distances by ship, including both masts and a Perkins engine from England.

Over those years of building her boat, which she later christened *Guayacan* after some of the local wood used for the cleats, among other things, reality became harsh. The boatbuilder was taking too long, and Lynn was wondering whether the whole project was a big mistake. Finally, an American boat carpenter completed the boat, and as he waved them off on launch day, the mostly finished *Guayacan* was lowered into the Rio Dulce without rigging or an interior, but with many boxes of parts. Lynn recalls that as they launched *Guayacan* in the blazing heat of the jungle, she asked herself, "Oh, what have I done?" She says she will never forget the piercing glances of the Guatemalan naval officers that day, as she imagined what they must be thinking.

After the crane lifted the boat gently into the water, Lynn started the engine and motored up to San Felipe. Running low on money, time, and patience, it was sink or swim to finish the boat. She and her husband swam. Defying naysayers, they finished the vessel over the next four months.

Back then, Lynn could not have predicted that her future home would be a classic that continues to turn the heads of

onlookers who admire its blue hull, elegant lines, and wood from stern to bow. Forty years and approximately 50,000 miles later, despite the vessel's lack of modern amenities, her boat has inspired many to live their dreams and with less, Lynn says. She is quick to tell anyone that it is her love of the sea that has inspired her life aboard *Guayacan*. It is easy to make life complicated and difficult to keep it simple, she says: "Life on a boat is not one of convenience, but sometimes it is sacrifice that leads to riches."

Early in her adventurous years, Lynn sailed *Guayacan* through Panama and the Caribbean, then to New England and across the Atlantic to Britain. Starting from Chesapeake Bay, it took 30 days to reach the Azores, and they rarely wore anything but storm gear.

Lynn felt that she and her classic schooner would

fit right in on the other side of the Atlantic - and she was right, although they got into hot water in Wales due to having cat, Chessie, on board. Feline friends were not allowed to enter the country, and the incident landed her on the front page of the local newspaper in an article headlined "The costly cat walk". The court levied a fine of £300 - a lot of money for a scrappy sailor - and they were given a warning to weigh anchor. Soon back under full sail (and with Chessie), Lynn says she experienced the worst sailing conditions of her life riding out a hurricane in the Atlantic.

Back home, she is notorious for racing *Guayacan*. She will never admit to being a fierce competitor, and her big smile and affable demeanour inevitably catch crew off guard, as they mistakenly assume she just wants to go for a leisurely sail. With a steady hand on the wheel, Lynn is known to push her crew: "Eight and a half knots, she'll do."

Former commodore of the local yacht club, Lynn is now port captain, as Morro Bay serves as

one of the few safe harbours between northern and southern California, a distance of 280nm. By no means a fair weather sailor, Lynn knows nearby Point Conception very well - at times it is one of the most dangerous stretches of the Pacific Ocean. Referred to as the Cape Horn of California, Point Conception caused one of the largest peacetime losses of Navy ships in US history, sinking seven destroyers and killing 22 sailors in a single day in 1923. Despite its potentially rough waters, the Pacific Ocean was named by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan as "mar pacífico", or "peaceful sea".

As Lynn and I conclude our conversation, the sun sets against Morro Rock, a 175m-high dormant volcano that dominates the landscape. Lynn's thoughts turn to her 98-year-old mother, Holly, who has given her daughter loving support from ashore, and always awaits the return of *Guayacan* over the horizon.



**"Life on a boat is not one of convenience, but sometimes it is sacrifice that leads to riches"**

## Sailing the High Seas by Lynn Meissen

Four boats, Sur La Mer, Guayacan, Janina, and Slider, prepared for a fine weekend race to San Simeon for the annual Jenkins Memorial. The weather had just days ago carried hints of fall - less fog and more wind. The wind forecast of just a little breeze on Saturday was perfect for the leg north. We all came to the dock to offload some equipment and onload other necessities to make room for the crew to sleep overnight. Departure was Saturday morning when ready. (The rules for this race have been adapted to current needs and conditions; thus, they are unusual for a race.) Sur La Mer left about 7 AM; Guayacan, Janina, and Slider cast off mooring lines around 11 AM. The weather was clear with cats paws from the northwest. Then it deteriorated.

Getting to Estero Point, our journey had become a wet, pounding ride north; we watched Janina come up and pass us as we left Estero Bay and saw several other boats sailing but could not identify Slider. Passing Cambria, Janina was making long tacks out to sea and back - a fast boat, well sailed, and an intrepid crew! Guayacan, making 130 degrees on a tack, decided to turn on the iron jenny and at least make it to the destination for the planned barbeque. Almost to Simeon, we saw Sur La Mer heading south. Something was wrong, but they were in control, did not hail us, and Charlie and Laura were both in the cockpit, so the problem couldn't be terrible, but we missed them at the barbeque.

As we came closer to the Simeon Cove, both seas and wind abated. Guayacan continued under iron jenny, and Janina was creeping close to the finish with full sail. It was a close match between Guayacan and Janina for who would cross the line first. Guess who?

Anchor down, we found the parts to launch the inflatable and ferry Mark and Jane back for dinner (a task made difficult since though I had oars and oarlocks, what happened to the hole pins? I don't know.) Troy paddled over dragging a line to pull them back. The barbeque had all its parts and the MAP torch to light the fire. It was a nice evening to watch the (almost) harvest moon rise over the bay.

Sunday morning we anticipated a downwind run home. So much for the anticipation; the wind was southerly and very light, and so it continued all day. Weighing anchor for an 11 o'clock start, Janina, that little bit of a thing, raised sail, and as usual ghosted by and was gone almost before Guayacan was under full sail. The cat's paws remained southerly, and again with nearly 0 vmg, we powered home.

So . . . northerlies when going north; southerlies when going south? And though the engine started to get us home, it would not start to get me to the mooring on Monday evening.

**I love sailing!**



Photo of Lynn Meissen re-printed from *Classic Boat* magazine, Oct. 2019, courtesy of Michael E. Manchak

**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, Kendall Welch, preferably by email: or by telephone.



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**OCTOBER**

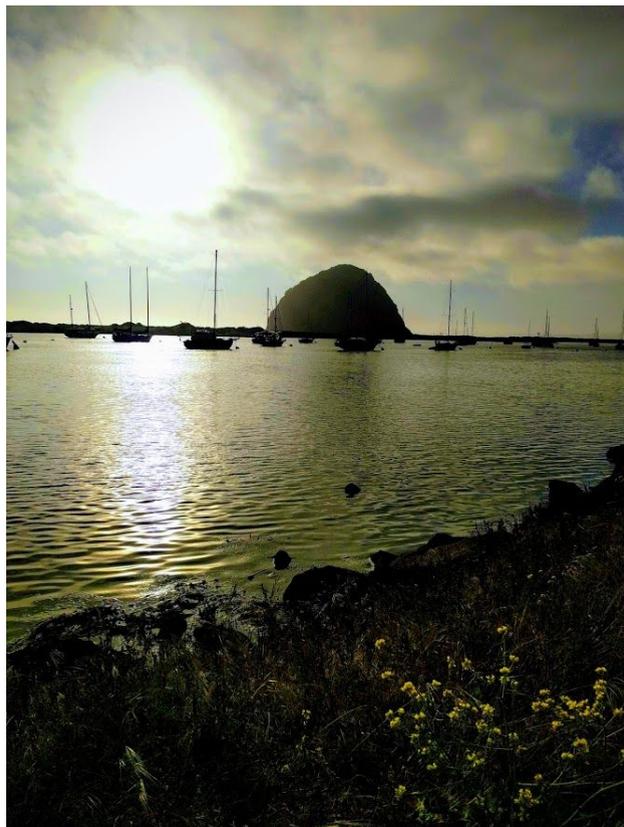
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John Gajdos & Blaine Giannini	2	10/11/2019
Armand Boyer	1	10/18/2019
John & Nia Schmidt	2	10/18/2019
Brian & Lisa Granger	2	10/18/2019
Carol Ann Stephens	1	10/25/2019
Michelle M. Voisenal	1	10/25/2019
Pandora & Gary Karner	2	10/25/2019
Tom & Nancy Needham	2	10/25/2019

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**NOVEMBER**

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Greg & Jennifer Barker	2	11/8/2019
William & Maryann Stansfield	2	11/8/2019
Terry & Charlene Paris	2	11/15/2019
Peter & Jayne Behman	2	11/15/2019
Charlie & Jeanie Roberts	2	11/22/2019
John Edell	1	11/22/2019
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# Fun Floats Club Sponsored Paddle Outings

## Future Fun Floats

September 30 Monday  
October 16 Monday  
October 30 Wednesday  
November 15 Friday  
November 29 Friday  
December 13 Friday  
December 30 Monday

**All Currently Scheduled Fun Floats  
will leave the dock at 11:00 AM**



Story telling seems to be a major activity on the fun floats with a captive audience, while on the other hand Bocce Ball is also an activity in which anyone can participate.



**Somebody paddled into the too shallow water...**

The above listed Fun Floats are the last currently scheduled. If you want to be involved in planning next year's floats, let me know because that needs to be done right away.

It should be noted that both the October 30th and the December 13th are going to be party floats. That means some food will be provided but participants are encouraged to bring a side dish. The October 30th will be a Halloween Float, so costumes will be appropriate. The December 13th will be our holiday celebration float, and a small white elephant gift exchange will take place.

The November 15th Float will take us down to the Back Bay Cafe for lunch

Fun Float notifications are sent out to club members who are on the Fun Float mailing list. If you are not receiving these notifications and would like to, please send me an email making the request to be added to the mailing list. In addition, future Fun Floats are always posted on the "Masthead", so you can always refer to the copy posted online to see what will be happening.



Any questions, concerns or thoughts can be sent to [chasmoes@gmail.com](mailto:chasmoes@gmail.com)



## Fun Floats since the last Masthead.



The fun Floats seem to be popular. We have had three since the last Masthead and all were well attended and those who participated really enjoyed the events. The weather has proved so far not to be any kind of obstacle, but rather it has enhanced the experience. Attendance really does vary; however, most of the floats have included good size groups.

On the Friday the 13th we had 13 people come paddling. The paddle was towards the south and on the sandspit. Some of us came across too shallow of water during the receding tide and had to get out and walk a bit, but it was no problem.

We had a party float for the Vernal Equinox. Initially, we went out to the most southern jetty hoping to land there, but the waves were a bit too much, so we came back in somewhat, and had a fun gathering across from Harbor Patrol. We shared a bunch of good lunch treats and played Bocce Ball in some rather soft sand.

One reminder, anyone's guests are welcome to attend the fun floats. They are excellent social outings that allow us to get to know each other much better as we share common interests and thoughts.



"The good seaman weathers the storm he cannot avoid, and avoids the storm he cannot weather."

--Author Unknown



# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Cal Poly Clinic	30  11 AM	Oct 1	2	3	4 5:15pm Membership C 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	5 Fall 2 (Bay) Harbor Festival
6 Junior Sailing Fall 1 (Ocean)	7	8 5:30pm Coast Gaurd A	9	10	11 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	12 Weekend Navigator
13 Weekend Navigator	14 Columbus Day (regi	15	16  11 AM	17 6:15pm MBYC Board M	18 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	19 Fall 3 (Bay) 4pm Dawn Huntsinger
20 Junior Sailing Devlin 2	21	22	23	24 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	25 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	26 Cal Poly hosts Fall A
27 Cal Poly hosts Fall	28	29	30  11 AM	31 Halloween	Nov 1 5:15pm Membership C 6pm Happy Hour - Hc	2 Winter 1 (Bay) 7pm General Meeting

[Web link to MBYC Calendar](#)

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