# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB





Officers & Directors

Commodore: Ken Twist

Vice Commodore: Chris Surfleet

Rear Commodore: Troy Wieck

Treasurer: Yvonne Lazear

Secretary:
Jeanie Roberts

Senior Director: Alaine Steuk

Director: Greg Barker "Now then, Pooh," said Christopher Robin, "Where's your boat?"

"I ought to say," explained
Pooh as they walked down to the shore of
the island, "that it isn't just an
ordinary sort of boat. Sometimes it's
a boat, and sometimes it's more of
an accident. It all depends."

"Depends on what?"

"On whether I'm on top of it or underneath it."

-Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne





Commodore Ken Twist

Fellow Yachties,

Oh no, I've really stepped into it this time. I'm Commodore. I began to feel a little uneasy about this in October as Joe was already planning and executing his exit plan. Well, I'll keep my duct tape handy, my gavel close, and my earplugs closer for contentious Board Meetings. Speaking of which, I need to break bread with the Kurmudgeons. I may need them as "muscle" should Board Meetings and Happy Hours get out of hand.

Well, enough of that, so ho, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum. December was a whirling dervish of fun, festive holiday cheer at the club. We laughed, we cried, and we gained weight. In addition to our festive Happy Hours, the club hosted seven holiday parties (that we know of). Our largest events, the Lighted Boat Parade and Christmas Party were very successful, and the feedback from members and guests has been positive. The White Elephant gift exchange didn't disappoint. Santa dropped in to kick things off, (he looked a little like Johnny Burgener) and horse trading began in earnest with Dawn Huntsinger to control the chaos. I think Moe ended up with the prize of the night, but others thought beanies and booze to be the real elephants to chase after. Stanley Craig ended up with a coveted 4-liter jug of rum, which looked as if it had already been opened. It's probably re-gifted by now.



Santa, Johnny B, Bounds Upstairs to Spread Good Cheer

Moe with His Greasy Wiener



Naturally, all this fun would not be possible were it not for our wonderful member volunteers who worked hard all month so that we could enjoy our little Gem on the Embarcadero -- a BIG THANKS to you all. I'd also like to recognize Kendall Welch for helping spearhead both events AND Donna Arozena for donating and cooking the hams for the Lighted Parade. Great job!

Well, it's time to get back on/in the water, starting January 1st, with the Hangover Race. Come down and get your hangover nourishment in the form of Brett's world-famous pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, quiche, etc., and, as necessary, mimosas and Bloody Marys for the hair-of-the-dog. All members are encouraged to come feast and watch the races. You can also get autographs and take photos with your favorite sailors 30 minutes before racing begins. Betting, loud boisterous cheering, and noise makers are encouraged. Tim Volpi will be at the mike to sing our National Anthem.

Speaking of getting back on or in the water, for some of you scurvy knaves, in 2020 we are going to bring back two MBYC hallmark sailing events: Sail, Peddle, Paddle, and Shenanigans. We hope to release the dates in the next Masthead.

2019 has been another great year for the club. I wish to thank outgoing board member (but he can never leave) John Bodine for his many years of service as a board member. I also want to thank outgoing Masthead Editor Jeanie Roberts for her tireless contribution (she's also on our board) and diligence in making sure our articles are coherent and in on time for publication. But don't worry, her literary prowess won't leave the Masthead anytime soon. Moving forward, she has offered to continue helping with the monthly Kurmudgeon Report in the "Kurmudgeon Section" of the Masthead. Lastly, I want to welcome and thank Mark Buchman for volunteering as our next editor for the Masthead.

Please be sure to review our 2020 Committee Chairs so you know whom to contact. There are a few personnel changes and chair additions. In 2020, we've decided to add two additional chairpersons to enhance MBYC's event experience, Costume Consultant Chair and Activities Consultant Chair. After a lengthy and difficult search, we believe we have found the right person with skills that align and are commensurate with the roles. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that Brett Cross has agreed to move from role of Social Director and will become the club's new Costume Consultant and Activities Consultant. Please join me in welcoming Brett to his new role.

The 2020 calendar of races for Bay and Ocean Fleets are up and posted. The Sail, Peddle, Paddle and Shenanigans are still TBD. This year's Happy Hours are scheduled, and we will continue adding fun social events along the way. We are here for a good time, not a long time.

In closing, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for 2020; I consider it a great honor. The board members in place are thoughtful, detail oriented, and honest, and they will be great stewards of the club's funds and of conducting business on behalf of the club.

See you on the water!

#### Regards, Ken Twist, Commodore

The optimist expects the wind. The pessimist complains about the wind. The realist adjusts the sails.



Brett Cross, in Costume, Your New Costume Consultant and Activities Consultant -- Robin Volpe photo





Happy New Year! We have an exciting year ahead. I am looking forward to the work of the Vice Commodore position. For those of you who do not know me, I sail in the Daysailer Fleet and the Laser Fleet. I enjoy the speedy, responsive boats when I am sailing. I have served as the club's junior adviser for 3 years and as Rear Commodore last year. This means I am starting my fifth year of writing articles for the Masthead. You might call me a staff writer by now. My wife, Andrea Surfleet, is the club historian and my chief adviser. I have 2 children, Joel and Cassady. Joel is a former junior sailor and currently Cuesta College jazz band drummer. Cassady is an aspiring environmental health professional in her third year in college at the University of Washington. I teach hydrology and environmental sciences at Cal Poly.

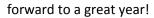
The Vice Commodore, for those of you who do not know, is responsible for the upkeep of the building, for the management of our club calendar, and for keeping our beloved Commodore in line. This year especially, we just have to say no to "allowing comfort pets of any species in the club;" I'm sorry Ken. You can think of it this way: the Rear Commodore organizes the



This Month's Slice from the Vice

the water-based activities while the Vice Commodore takes on the land-based activities. The Vice Commodore is a higher rank, but it feels more like a demotion moving to the land from the water in a yacht club. The important part I look forward to is that the Vice Commodore interacts with, recruits, and celebrates all you great volunteers. There is always lots to do, so please introduce yourselves to me and let me know how you can help. "Come out and do some yacht clubbing" is a quote made famous by Staff Commodore David Hensinger.

The year is just getting started, so I do not have an exhaustive list, but the big item for now is the building of the new pantry. This addition will provide increased storage space for the club and galley and will hold the washer/dryer. It will be an extension of the building below the stairs beside the galley. I plan to start the organization for this task in January with an overly optimistic goal of completion by Opening Day! The first step is determining building permit needs. Since the project was budgeted for last year, our past Vice Commodore lined up several volunteers. I am hoping the commitments still stand. Thanks for your trust by electing me to this position, and I look













Welcome to a new year of sailing! I am excited to be the Rear Commodore for 2020 and am looking forward to a fun and full year of racing with favorable winds. Getting acquainted with more club members this year is a goal of mine, and as Rear Commodore I am always looking for additional volunteers to provide a helping hand at the races. Personally, I held the role of Ocean Fleet Captain for the past two years and enjoy crewing consistently on the Guayacan. I also own and race the Yankiwi in the Daysailer races. During the day, I work as an actuary, the only certified actuary in SLO County in fact. My wife, Sonja, races triathlons, adventure races, ultra-marathons, and designs She-Sheds for A Place to Grow in SLO. My daughter, Annie, runs cross-country and track and sailed with the Juniors when she could fit in the Opti's, which was about 9 months.

Rear Commodore

**Troy Wieck** 

This year we have some excellent volunteers to head up our racing and sailing programs. Judi Forester and Mark Buchman will share the role of Ocean Fleet Captain, Charlie Roberts is the Daysailer Fleet 128 Captain, Dan Hack is the Laser 24.5 Fleet Captain, and Pat Howe will head up the Junior Sailing program this year. Coming soon is a new Daysailer

race, the Kurmudgeon's Klassic, on August 1st. I can't wait to see what this one will entail...

#### Fall Series for Ocean Fleet

August 1st: The Kurmudgeon Klassic

The Ocean Fleet's Fall Series third race ended neck-and-neck with Janina narrowly edging out Whizbang by only 20 seconds after adjustments. It was the closest race of the year and an excellent one to be a part of. Janina takes the win for the Fall Series with a clean sweep of all three races. Congrats!

Fall S	eries 2019	1					
				Total Score	Fall I	Fall II	Fall III
Rank	Boat	PHRF	Skipper				
1	Janina	138	Mark Hilden & John Cross	3	1	1	1
2	Whizbang	132	John Michener	6	2	2	2
3	Guaycan	291	Lynn Meissen	10	3	4	3
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#### **Drumstick Bay Race**

Thanks to the blustery Thanksgiving storm we received on the Central Coast, the Drumstick was rescheduled to December. Small Frye took the win on the 14th with Zopilote and OTay rounding out the podium. Cheers to Mike, Kevin, Dave, Nathan, Greg and Dan!

		Drumstick	date: 12/14	1/19					
Class	Sail#	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Rank	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
DS	1053	Small Frye	Mike Fry	Kevin Williams	1	5	1	2	2
DS	1594	Zopilote	Dave Hensinger	Nathan Hensinger	2	6	2	3	1
DS	3057	OTay	Greg Miller	Dan Hack	3	7	3	1	3
DS	1621	Feerocious	Tom Fee	Cyndy Fee	4	18	6	6	6
DS	163	Beach Party	Carlton Smith	Guy Berringer	5	18	6	6	6

"The wind and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator." --**Edmund Gibbon** 





"Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail, and mankind the vessel"

-- Augustus Hare

### The Bay Fleet

Like just about everything else at the club, the bay fleet starts the new year with a new Bay Fleet Captain, Charlie Roberts. It's not that he has any effect on the events, but somebody needs to be held responsible for bad weather and misguided happenings. Another thing Charlie will try to do is have a page about the Bay Fleet Events every month in the Masthead.

The Drumstick was postponed due to foul weather, but when the event did take place the weather wasn't much better. With wind gusts over 25 knots, most of the fleet chose not to participate. Three hardy crews took to the bay to join in on some very hard racing conditions. There was, however, quite an audience on the deck watching the race. Todd and Joyce Hansen did a great job doing the PRO.

#### **Upcoming Bay Fleet Events**

- Hangover Race , Jan 1 2020
- Winter II, January 18
- Winter III, February 1
- Ladies' Race, February 15



#### **Membership News**

One new prospective member will come before the board in January. Jim Kerman is applying for Associate Member. He has sailed with Cal Poly for the last 5 years and has served as president of the sailing club for 2 years. He has participated in many MBYC sailing events. Jim's sponsors are Dana McClish and Todd Hansen.

Coming before the Membership Committee on January 3 is John Weigold. John is a member of the Ponus Yacht Club in Stamford, Connecticut, and a past Commodore. He owned and raced his 30 ft. sailboat for twelve years. He has helped out with MBYC sailing events. John's sponsors are Stephen Frazer and the Ponus Yacht Club.

Andrew Bartlet is also coming before the committee. Andrew owns a 26 ft. McGregor sailboat and has participated in MBYC races. He was a member of the Mission Bay Yacht Club for many years. Andrew is sponsored by Nancy Craig and Malcolm McEwen.

John Edell --Membership Chairman

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

Copper Bottomed: a genuine, trustworthy, successful idea or object. The phrase applied to a copper covering on British Royal Navy ships in 1761 to protect the wood planking from shipworms and from barnacle infestations. This worked, but a serious issue followed.

Over time, the iron nails holding the copper on the ships was eaten away, and the copper sank to the depths below. The solution was to use copper nails. July 9th, 1796, *The Hull Adviser* records: *She is copper-fastened and copper-bottomed, and a remarkable fine ship.* 

Not until the 20th Century was the phrase adopted and used metaphorically, as it is today.



A copper-bottomed ship

Say this tongue twister, one of my English Grandma's favorites, ten times:

"Are you copper-bottoming 'em?"

No, I'm aluminiuming 'em, Mum."

(Yes, in England, aluminum is aluminium)

From the Ship's Store: Thank you to everyone who supported the Ship's Store last year. A special thanks to our great team of volunteers!



#### **Zongo Yachting Cup 2020**

Save the dates: Friday and Saturday, August 7-8, 2020 for the 12th Annual Zongo Yachting

Cup, the ocean race/cruise from Morro Bay to Avila Beach. This year, we are planning well in advance to make this the biggest and best yet. We're expecting the biggest turnout for many reasons, but here's the biggest: Kevin Williams currently holds the Cup! I know a lot of folk who would love to take it from him. Here's what we've cooked up: On

Friday evening, August 7, Zongo All-Stars will perform upstairs in the clubhouse for a racers' reception after Happy Hour. Then we'll meet back at the club to run the race on Saturday morning. Also on Saturday, Zongo All-Stars will be playing at the Point San Luis Lighthouse as the racers finish. MBYC and SLYC members will have one week to purchase tickets to this exclusive event before tickets are offered to the public. We hope to attract record attendance for PHRF, Cruising Class, SUP, Multihull, Outrigger, and any other ocean worthy craft. Please remember we will create a class for any three or more of the same craft. Please save the date, spread the word, and let me know if you have any ideas, concerns, or questions: Looking forward to a great race!

-- Paul Irving -- Cruising Fleet Captain

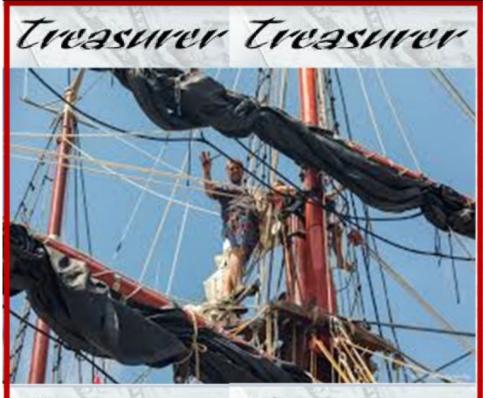












from the yacht club members to Donna Arozena who so graciously donated the hams for the Lighted Boat Parade dinner. Your kindness is greatly appreciated, Donna.

A huge "THANK YOU"

# treasurer treasurer

# Treasurer's Message:

Don't make us chase after you for your payment! *Please*, pay your Membership fee of \$325, due January 1, 2020.

Ahoy, There!



Important Incoming Message!



Join the Fun Floaters mailing and notification list by sending an email to

funfloaters@googlegroups.com
Put the word *join* in the subject line.





### Bay Fleet Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange, 12/14/2019



Tim, can I borrow this? (says Jeanie of "kayak tipping" fame)



Oh, oh, but Joyce is on the "Naughty List," Santa





Does Dawn think this is a lump of coal, perhaps?









Robin, I'll give you my Christmas list when we get home.



.....and a wonderful time was had by all! (Pics by Robin Volpe)

#### **Committee Chairs**

Committee	e Chairs
Port Captain	Lynn Meissen
Bar Steward	
Social Director	Kendall Welch
Costume Consultant	Brett Cross
Activities Consultant	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	Charlie Roberts
Laser Fleet Captain	John Wimer
Lido Fleet Captain	Winnie Pooh
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	Joe Fram
Historian	Andrea Surfleet
Insurance	Rich Leamon
Library	Charlie Roberts
Mailing	Rachelle Phillips
Masthead Editor	Mark Buchman
Membership	John Edell
Permit Processing & Plann	ningTBD
Reciprocating Secretary	Glenda Boatman
Roster	Gail Condon
Sommelier	Rich Leamon
Social Hour Coordinator	Kay Frye
Alias Troll	Don Lockwood
Webmaster	John Michener

#### On the Topic of Change

Change is the only constant in life, the old adage claims, and with a new year we accept change and move on. This is always both positive and sad. We let Joe cease his responsibilities as Commodore, and he'll move on to other pursuits. What will he do with all his spare time? Dawn can take care of that. We welcome Troy Wieck as Rear Commodore and anticipate he will provide informative monthly messages in the Masthead. We welcome Mark Buchman as Masthead editor; Mark has great journalistic experience and will do a stellar job. Please send your beautiful articles and pictures to him in the future. There are a few more important changes, so please review the list of Committee Chairs on the left as well as the list of Board of Directors on page 1.

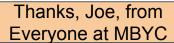
Thank you for allowing me to be your Masthead Editor for the past thirteen months. I have really appreciated the positive feedback you have given the publication. As has been noted, though, *The Ghost* will still haunt those wonderful Kurmudgeons in print and in person. No doubt they are trembling in their flippers and wetsuits at that little revelation. Farewell, and I'll now spend time engaged in my various other "literary" an "crafty" pursuits. -- Jeanie Roberts

# Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change -- Jim Rohn

Santa Arrives on the 47, Coast Guard Christmas Party -- Kendall Welch

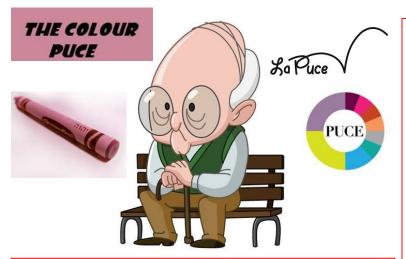


Troy Wieck, Rear Commodore









#### The Kurmudgeons' Korner

We would like to correct the impression that we have given up on our much needed underground parking. Absolutely not true. It is just a case where we feel we understand all the parameters required for the underground parking, but since we are in the unfortunate position of deciding between either creating the parking area or the Center for Reflective Action and Positivity (CRAP), we are directing our efforts toward defining the requirements for the CRAP.

It is indeed a great misfortune that they cannot both be implemented. There has been a great deal of support for the parking project by the pole dancers. There has also been a groundswell of support by club members who assure us that they are eager to give us CRAP. With all of this support it may be possible to crowd-source one or the other of our projects.

The Kurmudgeons would like to thank the architectural team led by John B. that produced the model of the club that properly depicts the underground parking. We approve of everything about the model with the possible exception of the gum drops. They may add too much to the costs, and the Kurmudgeons are always concerned about costs.

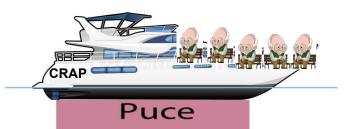
The Kurmudgeons have been investing a great deal of time in trying to define the exact parameters of the CRAP. We have moved directly to what we determine to be the most important of these parameters. Since the CRAP will most likely be moored at the north end of the dock, it will be necessary to paint a stripe on the dock defining this space. The Kurmudgeons have decided that the color of that stripe is an urgent parameter to be defined. After much deliberation, and in a totally bipartisan manner, we have decided the stripe color should be "Puce."



"The Ghost says, "In French, 'une puce' means 'a flea."" As a final note we have taken notice of the fact that as soon as the impeachment threat was over, the awning over the deck has disappeared. Though we have already experienced some discomfort from the heat, we are willing to overlook that in anticipation of receiving the heaters required for the upcoming season. The Chaplain adds," likizo njema kwa wote". (Good Holiday to All)

Larry Salas, Kurmudgeon President
Duly reported by Don Lockwood, Recording
secretary and leader of the Acapella Marching
Band

The Ghost says, "Tunakupenda, waendeshaji baharini wa kale"





"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore! Dream! Discover!" - Mark Twain

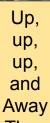
#### The Lighted Boat Parade Party at the Yacht Club





Cal Poly Decorated Slider

Thank you to all who sent photographs for this edition: Robin Volpe, Mark Buchman, Judi Forster, Kendall Welch, Ken Twist, Pat Cowgill





Lights Shine Brightly on Our Beautiful Bay



Peace on Water, and Goodwill to All

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.





#### **JANUARY**

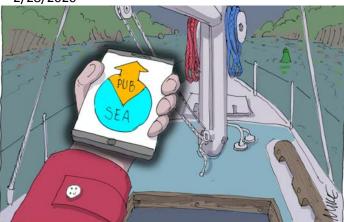
John Michener	1	1/3/2020
Steve Nukes	1	1/3/2020
Kurt & Leslie Colvin	2	1/3/2020
Greg & Rosie."Larson	2	1/10/2020
Carlton Smith/Deborah Paes de	Barros	1/10/2020
David & Sharon Bufo	2	1/17/2020
Daniel Goldthwaite	1	1/17/2020
Kay Milligan	1	1/17/2020
John & Wendy Mitchell	2	1/24/2020
John & Anita Clements	2	1/24/2020
John & Cindy Konrad	2	1/31/2020
Dan Hack & Sivia Suarez	2	1/31/2020

#### **MARCH**

I	Chris & Andrea Surfleet	2	3/6/2020
I	Jon & Joan Nackerud	2	3/6/2020
I	John Dilworth & Carole Maurer	2	3/13/2020
I	Patrick Howe & Heidi Freeman	2	3/13/2020
I	Dave & Alicia Shinn	2	3/20/2020
I	Joshua & Juliana Massie	2	3/20/2020
I	Marc Goldbert &		
I	Maggie D'Ambrosia	2	3/27/2020
I	Preston & Kari Holdner	2	3/27/2020
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#### **FEBRUARY**

John & Gwenn Krossa	2	2/7/2020
John Bodine & Brooke Towns	end 2	2/7/2020
Gary Raine	1	2/14/2020
Thomas Murphey	1	2/14/2020
Steve & Teri Reeder	2	2/14/2020
Matt & Adrianne Jenkins	2	2/21/2020
Simon & Hilary Graves	2	2/21/2020
Anthony Gomez	1	2/28/2020
Brian Monroe	1	2/28/2020
Jason & Cinnamon Redd		2
2/28/2020		



Brian was very pleased that he could now navigate.



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. 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 until 7:30 PM.



## **Fun Floats - Club Sponsored Paddle Outings**

#### **Near Future Fun Floats**

December 30 Monday
January 13 Monday
January 26 Sunday
Note: this is a changed date
February 11 Tuesday
February 26 Wednesday

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

The Christmas Party Fun Float proved to be a great event with plenty of holiday food and beverage. A white elephant gift exchange kept everyone smiling, and the event ended with a paddle back against a strong current.

Next Monday we have a regular fun float (December 30th), with a paddle south into the bay. The weather looks like it will be sunny but cool. Layer up on the clothes. We will have a picnic lunch on the sandspit, so bring your lunch and be ready to have a very enjoyable end of the year float.

Please note that I did change the last float in January from the 27th to the 26th. Hopefully, a Sunday will allow more people to participate.



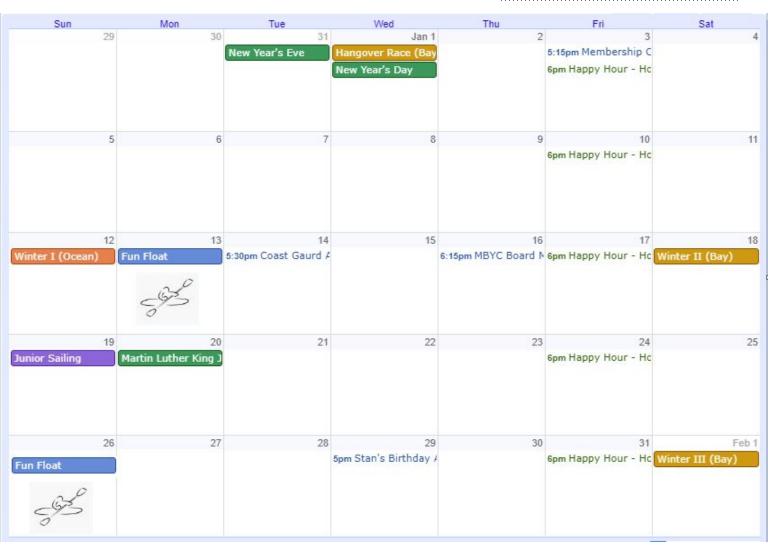




"The humblest craft that floats makes its appeal to a seaman by the faithfulness of her life." - Joseph Conrad



# January 2020



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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.

#### Web link to MBYC Calendar



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