

May 2020 Morro Bay, California



Fellow Yachties.

ell, it's now May and we are still living our life through Zoom. Speaking of Zoom, had I thought about things a little more, we could have held MBYC Opening Day over Zoom, which would have made the Vice's life easier in terms of the Spring cleaning and prep. I hear Brett is conducting Yoga and Zoomba classes over Zoom these days. I'll reach out to see if he can set something up for the Club. I wanted to provide everyone with an update on what our State and Local authorities are communicating, what the Board is doing to prepare for our re-opening.

On 4/28, Governor Newsom shared his four-phased reopening

California plan which you can read here.

From what I was able to learn speaking with local planners, MBYC "opening" could fall under the third phase of openings- even though we are a private club. Naturally, all this is fluid and we (the Board) will do our best to keep members informed on the latest.

In preparation for an eventual opening, the Board created a committee that will begin reviewing CDC, State and local recommendations, and the SCYA, which will influence and guide the team in developing processes ad protocols specific for opening up our facility and races when the time comes.

On a positive note, I did see that the Sierra Regatta is still planning to run, which is one of the few sailing events I know of that has not been cancelled. I'm definitely looking forward to getting up there and out of the house! - Ken Twist, Commodore

#### Side Tied Inside:

\*Trolled again \*Mv เรือใบบ้าบอ -- A 29er \*Rear Commodore's big boat sail \*State of the Bay \*128 fleet forms \*Blood, Sweat, and Beers



MBYC gets its own sail loft. Matching club spinnakers available. Director: Check story inside to get yours.

#### Officers & Directors

Commodore: Ken Twist

Vice Commodore: Chris Surfleet

Rear Commodore: Troy Wieck

Treasurer: Yvonne Lazear

Secretary: Jeanie Roberts

Senior Director: Alaine Steuk

**Greg Barker** 

## My boat tale

#### 'Crazy Sailboat'

I have just a short anecdote about purchasing my 29er, whose name is เรือ ใบบ้าบอ (Crazy Sailboat). I found it in Santa Barbara after a long Craigslist search. While towing it up Highway 101, I had traveled about as far as the western side of Goleta, doing about 55.1 miles per hour, when a driver in a sport sedan pulled up alongside, rolled down his window, and asked if I wanted to sell it. I thanked him for his interest but declined, and I have enjoyed being thrown into

the water by เรือใบบ้าบอ ever since.



#### Wikipedia

The 29er is a two-person high performance sailing skiff designed by Julian Bethwaite and first produced in 1998. Derived from the Olympic class 49er class, it is raced in ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

Upwind sail area: 13.19 m2 (142.0 sq ft)

Mast length: 6.25 m (20.5 ft)

Spinnaker area: 16.83 m2 (181.2 sq ft) Crew: 2 (single trapeze)

D-PN: 84.5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvdjs\_b1ZWQ

Sistership pictured above.

#### 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 <a href="http://www.mbysf.org/">http://www.mbysf.org/</a> 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





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**Vice Commodore Report** 



#### Safe harbor shelter's new meaning

#### Shelter at Home, Away From Beloved Club House

t the time of printing of this edition we will have had 1.5 months of Shelter at Home as ordered by the State of California and San Luis Obispo County. It has been disappointing to not see our membership enjoying our clubhouse and social events. It is difficult to say when or how we will re-open our facilities. The MBYC Board of Directors appointed a committee to begin evaluation of how a re-opening or partial re-opening might look like. Volunteers for the committee were Ken Twist, Troy Wieck, and me; these are the flag officers of our Board. We will meet in early May, I promise to report progress next month. For now

there is little we can do until the current state and county orders are modified or removed. An essential service our club does provide is shelter and facilities for transient sailors. If you have had a chance to look at the club webcam or walked by the facilities our docks and moorings are receiving lots of business. Nothing like serving a quarantine on an ocean voyage. We have maintained an increased cleaning of our restrooms to meet this essential service.

#### Everyone talks about the weather — but no one does anything about it!

Mark Twain's famous line is humorous but luckily not always true. We received bad news that Weather Element and SLOweather are going offline. These are the web platforms that our club weather station is hosted on. In other words that useful wind and temperature data that you could look up on your home computer or smartphone will no longer be available. But contrary to Twain's comment, we can do something about. We are looking into finding another host for the weather station. Staff Commodore David Hensinger volunteered to look into Weather Underground as a host. If that does work out then we will be seeking other solutions. Unfortunately, it does mean for a short while our online weather information will not be available. I have learned that it would be valuable to store some of the climate information we measure. As a hydrologist, this is something I know how to do. I plan to update our weather station with a data logger to record the historical climate informa-

tion. You can look forward to some articles in future years on our weather trends.

I am truly disappointed that our facilities are not receiving the use we have so long enjoyed. I am grateful that everyone is staying healthy in these difficult times and look forward to our future fun and comradery. — Chris Surfleet, Vice Commodore

The Vice Commodore's quarantine buddy Joel Surfleet assisted with securing the dock ramp wheel plates.



#### Rear Commodore's



Report
American
Pride (top
right) the boat
Sonja and I
sailed on to
Catalina about
a week before

Covid shelter rules for a swimrun race she did on the island.

Ladies Day race with the boats on the dock (below).

Lynn (lower right) having way too much fun during Spring III

Garry (middle right) as we are beating everyone during Spring III. LOL!

-- Troy Wieck, Rear Commodore









Apologies to Troy. I missed his report last month.



The Kurmudgeon Korner -- May 2020

The **Kurmudgeons** have had their **flabbers gasted**. We can only think that there is a deep conspiracy within the walls of the MBYC. How else could our limerick be awarded anything but first place. The rhyme and the meter were superb. The story incorporated pathos, joy, compassion, and a message will forever be embedded in the Yacht Club history. It is a sad day indeed when a few members who instead of being gruntled about the underground parking project, chose to be disgruntled and vented their anger with an attack against our inspiring work of art.

But not to wallow in past injustices, the **Kurmudgeons** ever continue to plan for new ways to enhance the beauty and functionality of our club.
As our next project for the club we feel that a **Kurmudgeon Aerie** on the Yacht Club roof would be a nice addition. For those not familiar with the terminology

those not familiar with the terminology, an aerie is literally an eagle's nest, but it also can also be an elevated viewing platform.

We feel it is needed for the Kurmudgeons to have an unobstructed view of the ocean and bay races. After all, how else can we conveniently view the ocean and bay races, and without it, how can we provide our much needed advice and critiques regarding the performances of our woefully inadequate Yacht Club sailboat racers? We are sure all would appreciate and benefit from our vast knowledge of sailboat racing. The Chaplain adds, "Tswv yim los ntawm lub siab." (Ideas from the heart.) The ghost, returning from a week long cultural visit with Northern California Hmong farmers, says, "Cov tswv yim hauv koj txoj kev npau suav." (Ideas in your dreams.)

As we envision our **Aerie**, the roof would be painted yellow, the seats would be brown, and the railings would be covered in genuine leather. Our **Member** suggested the sides should have isinglass curtains that could roll right down in case there's a change in the weather. Our **Chaplain** suggested that it would look nice if it had some kind of a fringe on top; he apparently saw one almost like it in *Oklahoma* a while back.

Unfortunately, some work on our projects may be delayed due to the Covid 19 virus, so the **Kurmudgeons** say to all, "Be careful, stay safe, and wash your hands." The **Kurmudgeons** will be doing this and practicing safe sex as well.

-- Larry Salas **President of the Kurmudgeon Debating Society** 

-- Duly recorded by

Don Lockwood **Kurmudgeon Secretary** and Leader of the **Kurmudgeon Acapella Marching Band** 



The Kurmudgeons demand a large aerie, and that in itself is quite scary. This nest of old birds is completely absurd, and their notion most unnecessary.

-- The Amorphous Ghost



#### Director's Report

#### **Beyond smoking signs**

#### **San Juan Islands call**

his month's progress report is pretty succinct: ordering information on no smoking signs has been forwarded to the Vice Commodore, I have a member to run a water line to the bar sani-

tizer, and my next task on the Launch Committee is waiting on SCYA information.

I do, however, have dreams of sailing that have not been entirely dashed by the pandemic.

Just before the shelter-at-home orders came down, I was on a team mobilizing to assist Whatcom County, WA plan some controversial new jail facilities in time for a bond issue on the November ballot. One of our team members owns a Catalina 32 in San Diego, and I have sailed with her and her husband before. We had planned to arrange



one of our trips to either precede or follow a four-day weekend to combine business with sailing.

It happened that soon after the idea was posed, I met Tom Wright's sister, a member of the Anacortes Yacht Club, at our Happy Hour (remember those?). She took great pride in sharing her

bucket list for a cruise of the San Juan Islands:



**Sucia Island:** among the northernmost of the San Juan Islands, this horseshoe-shaped island is accessible only by watercraft; **Stewart Island:** near the U.S..-Canada border, and you can also

only reach it by boat;

**Clark Island:** Midway between Orcas and Lummi islands, with a mix of beaches from coarse gravel to fine sand;

**Guemas Island:** Technically not a San Juan, but it is located north of Fidalgo Island and the city of Anacortes, and is accessible by private boat and by the Guemes Island ferry;

Eagle Harbor on Cyprus Island: located in the Cypress Island

Natural Resources Conservation Area nestled into the eastern shore of the island.

All of these descriptions were shamelessly borrowed from State of Washington websites.

I already had a cruising guide for the San Juans, and in looking through these locations it was clear we would not be able to do them justice in four days. So much the better, perhaps two charters would be necessary.

I checked the Internet, and San Juan Sailing has bareboat charters out of Bellingham. I called and chatted with them, and they sent me their sailing resume form. Normally, they only charter boats for less than a week in their off season, and we are now approaching their high season until the beginning of September.

Sad to say, but there won't be any chartering in the near future anyway. The good news is that the client affirmed they plan to go ahead with the project once these health restrictions are relaxed. Hopefully, we can be looking at a September charter when the weather is still nice but the crowds have thinned out.

— Greg Barker, Director

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### MB Day Sailer Invitational help needed

ike everything else, the Bay Fleet events have been canceled until decisions are made otherwise. We will have missed all of our Spring Series, the Laser Slalom, and I think we will miss our Bay Fleet Championship at the end of May. Even the 2020 Day Sailer North American Championship Regatta has been cancelled that was set to take place in Eugene, Oregon, at the end of July.

I'm hoping we can still hold our Morro Bay Day Sailer Invitational in the middle of August, but that remains to be seen. However, I am still planning for the event, and I am going to need some help to manage the race. Don Lockwood is going to be the PRO, but we are going to need all kinds of other help. If you are willing to help, please take a look below and send me an email on which position(s) you would be willing either to lead or help with.

Public relations	Advertisement, Coordination with local businesses
Boats	1 Committee Boat 2. Winward Mark Set 3. Whaler; Skipper and 1 crew; leeward gate mark set. 3. Baby Whaler; Skipper and crew; pin set 5. Optional shuttle boat.
Registrations	Pre Registration; Manage online and mail in payments, Site Registration Document Specialist; Handouts
Boat Yard Rearrangement	Coordinator and Crew
Club Host to safeguard the club while others are racing	Saturday: Sunday:
Saturday night dinner	Coordinator and crew (4) Cleanup — everyone
Sunday Bean Soup	Coordinator and Crew
Awards	A and B fleets
Dock Helpers	Crew to help launch boats and retrieve them to the dock.
Bar Stewards	Saturday and Sunday
Coordination	Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, City,

## INVITATIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### 2020 Daysailer Fleet 128 Invitational Regatta August 14-16, Morro Bay CA

I am looking for volunteers to lend a hand. Spread the word. Be part of the fun and excitement by supporting our fleet as we prepare to defend our waters from the out of town competition that is known to frequent the event with good success. We intend to extend our hospitality and honor the competitive spirit of sailboat racing. Below are positions to be filled. Please reply to:

Charlie Roberts, Fleet Captain chasmoes@gmail.com 435-574-9060

Public relations;	Advertisement, Coordination with local businesses	
Boats	<ol> <li>Committee Boat</li> <li>Winward Mark Set;</li> <li>Whaler; Skipper and 1 crew; leeward gate mark set.</li> <li>Baby Whaler; Skipper and crew; pin set</li> <li>Optional shuttle boat.</li> </ol>	
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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### 2020 Day Sailer Fleet 128 Invitational August 15 & 16, 2020 Morro Bay, California

#### **Notice of Race**

DS Fleet 128 (CCC Otters) cordially invites all DSA Fleets and Independent members of the Northwest, Northern California-Nevada, Southern California-Arizona, Intermountain and Southwestern Regions to participate in the 2020 Day Sailer Fleet Invitational at Morro Bay Yacht Club in Morro Bay, California. Fleet 128 is hosting this regatta under the sanction of the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

**RULES:** The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including US Sailing Prescriptions, the rules of the Day Sailer Association and the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the time of registration check-in on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> or Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES:** Morro Bay Yacht Club requires that all persons on board wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices while racing.

**ELIGIBILITY & MEASUREMENT:** This regatta is open to Day Sailer class yachts whose skippers are current DSA members in good standing. Yachts may be inspected during or after the competition.

**FLEETS:** Entrants will be divided into two. Fleets may have the same or seperate starts, but trophies will be awarded for both A and B fleets.

**RACES**: A total of 6 races are scheduled, 4 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday.

LOCATION: Morro Bay Yacht Club

541 Embarcadero Morro Bay, CA 93442

**PHONE**: (805) 772-3981

**LODGING:** Morro Bay is a popular vacation location and can fill up fast in the summer. AAA Tour book lists many motels in Morro Bay close to the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Camping is available at Morro Bay State Park and Morro State Beach. Reservations can be made through California State Parks Reservations at (800) 444-7275. Limited dry camping is also available in the MBYC boat yard.

Trophies, soup

QUESTIONS: For more information, you can call Charlie Roberts at (435)574-9060 or email chasmoes@gmail.com

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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Friday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Registration
		MBYC Happy Hour
Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-10:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
	10:30 am	Skipper's Meeting
	11:00 am	First of 4 races
	5:00 pm	Happy Hour
	6:00 pm	Dinner
Sunday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-10:00 am	Continental Breakfast
	11:00 am	First race of last 2 races

Following Races

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### 2020 Day Sailer fleet 128 Invitational Sailing Instructions

- 1. **Rules**: Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the day Sailer Association, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 2. **Skippers' Meeting and Changes:** There will be a Skippers' meeting at 10:30 am on Saturday for the Day Sailer Fleet 128 Invitational. Any changes to these instructions will be announced at the meeting and posted on the official bulletin board. Further changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official board at least one hour prior to the start of the racing on Sunday.
- 3. **Signals:** Visual signals will be made from the yardarm of the mast at the deck of the club. Individual over early and general recall flags will be displayed from a staff on the deck.
- 4. **Courses and Marks:** Courses are designated on the course chart. Marks are flags with letter designators located at the approximate locations shown on the chart and the Morro Bay channel markers. The course numbers will be posted five (5) minutes before the start on the course board at the deck railing. The start and finish lines are not restricted.
- 5. **Start Times:** On Saturday the start for the first race for Fleet 128 Invitational will be approximately 11:00 AM. The first start on Sunday for Fleet 128 Invitational will be approximately 11:00 AM. After finishing, competitors may return to the dock. Instructions for the start time of subsequent races will be provided at the Skipper's meeting.
- 6. **Number of Races:** The committee will attempt to provide four races on Saturday for Fleet 128 Day Sailer Invitational as well as two races on Sunday.
- 7. **Starts:** Signals for starting races will be at six (6) minutes intervals. The first warning signal will be made six (6) minutes prior to the posted time of the first start. The starting line will be between the mast on the deck and a mark as designated at the Skippers' meeting. Boats not racing shall keep clear of the starting line.
- 8. **Individual and General Recalls:** Individual recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.1 except that the committee will use reasonable effort to hail over early boats. Failure to be hailed, timing of the hail, or failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under Rule 62. General Recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.2.
- 9. Finish: The finish line will be between the mast on the club deck and bay marker 14.
- 10. **Time Limit:** The time limit of any race is one (1) hour for the first boat to finish. Others will have an additional thirty (30) minutes to complete the race after the first finisher or be declared DNF.
- 11. **Safety:** In accordance with the policies of the Morro Bay Yacht Club, all competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs. The Morro Bay Yacht Club also reserves for the safety boat the right to judge whether a competitor in the water shall be required to accept assistance.
- 12. Scoring: The Low Point system, RRS 90.3A will apply. All races will be scored; there will be no throw outs.
- 13. **Protests:** Protests are discouraged. Please resolve your problems on the water. Protests must be filed within thirty (30) minutes of the final finisher of the last race of the day.
- 14. **Right-of-Way:** USGS narrow channel rules apply. Racers MUST give way to larger vessels with limited maneuverability in the confines of the bay.

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

#### 2020 Day Sailer Fleet 128 Invitational Registration

**REGISTRATION:** Registration payment can be made online at mbyc.net/payment with PalPal.

And/Or, Bring this entry form and fees to registration at Morro Bay Yacht Club on Friday evening during Happy Hour or Saturday morning.

#### 2020 Day Sailer Invitational Entry Form

Skipper's Name			
Crew's Name			
Address			
City State	zeZip		
Phone			
Sail # Boat Name	DS Fleet		
Division A ( ) B ( )			
Entry Fee (2 dinners included) \$70.00  Number of additional dinners \$10.00  Amount Paid:			
Make checks payable to: Morro Bay Yacht Club			
I release the Race Committee, Fleet 128, the Morr from any liability for any damage to boats or equip	•		
Skipper's signature (Legal Guardian if under 18)	Date		
Crew's signature (Legal Guardian if under 18)	Date		

Return completed form to Charlie Roberts, Fleet Captain chasmoes@gmail.com 435-574-9060



Just a little off the top

We don't know what the world

COMMODORE'S BALL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

WINDOWS ON THE WATER

Event will be limited to 100



is going to look like in November, 2020, but if we are back to normal, save the date!



MOST OF HAVE SOMETHING THAT FLOATS (EVEN A RUBBER DUCKIE) **BEHIND EACH IS A STORY** 

#### SHARE THAT STORY

Tell us Who, What, When, Where, Why, How and send a picture of you or the boat (which ever is better looking) Or a picture of you using your boat. Anything that floats with you in it or on it counts. (Caution: Do not ride your rubber duck in the Bay or Ocean with out first testing in the tuhl

Even if you just have very short answers, send them along.

MARK@SCHOOLYARD.US

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT THEIR STORY.



re you in for the 12th Annual Zongo Yachting Cup? Clear your calendars for Friday and Saturday, August 7-8, 2020 for our annual super fun ocean race / cruise from Morro Bay to Avila Beach! We'd like to make sure this is the biggest & best yet, so all early entries will be entered for a drawing you won't want to miss. Not saying what it is here, but I am saying you don't want to miss it!

REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER SIGNUP IS OPEN NOW AT bigbigslo.com/cup

MBYC and SLYC members will have 1 week to purchase tickets to the exclusive concert event before being 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 3 or more of the same craft.** 

The current PHRF Cup holder is Kevin Williams, and I've heard that he thinks none of you can take it from him. Let's see what you've got!

- We'll be looking for some volunteers to help host the reception event on 8/7, and some folks to recruit other boaters. Please save the date, spread the word, and let me know if you have any ideas, concerns, or questions: paul@bigbigslo.com. Looking forward to a great race!

  Registration is now open at: BigBigSLO.com/cup
- Here are a ton of photos from last year https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yog28rjq9dsh360/AABI5s6Z7fjQphSp1z3W4A8Ya?dl=0
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- On Friday evening, August 7, Zongo All-Stars will perform upstairs in the MBYC clubhouse for a special racers' reception-party after Happy Hour.
- Meet back at Saturday morning, August 8, to run the race.
- Saturday evening, Zongo All-Stars will be playing at the Point San Luis Lighthouse as the racers finish below.

- Paul Irving, Cruising Fleet Captain

#### Spin a Yarn, Launch Your Story

hen I sit down with club members who share their stores, I record what they are saying and later transcribe those memories. But, it takes me a long time to get that done, and then I don't get their words shared with you in a timely manner. I hope to get caught up soon! I've also taken all of the Commodore pictures home to scan, and I hope to get those placed on our website soon.

Now that we are "House-Focused", you can help me to gather fond club memories by writing your memories of your time with the MBYC. Quite often your story helps me to date pictures or fill in the pieces of the puzzle that is the history of our club. You can let me know if I can share information on the website, in the Masthead or just keep to myself. You could type your memories in an email, in a document that you email to me, or dictate to a family member if you're shy of the keyboard. Here are some questions merely to get you started and

see where you end up! Send to atsurfleet@gmail.com.

- When did you arrive on the Central Coast?
   Where did you live?
- When/Where did you learn to sail?
- How did you learn about the yacht club? Who did you meet first?
- When did you join? Did you have children that sailed with the juniors?
- Which early members did you know?
- What old stories about the club did they tell?
- What boats, in order, did you own/race? Build?
- What club positions did you hold?
- What stories of the older clubhouses do you have?

Any advice for new members/sailors?

So, Spin a Yarn, Launch Your Story and type up your MBYC History today!

— Andrea Surfleet, MBYC Historian



John Edell out getting some sailing in during the shutdown. It seems that the sea lions have become a bit skittish without having all the regular tourist visitors.

#### Sailing Through History

## Building the Clubhouse – Dedication/Opening Day Ceremony, May 18, 1980

The year 2020 isn't the only year that Opening Day did not occur in April. In 1980, with the completion looming of the clubhouse, there was need to postpone the usual festivities and combine the effort with a large housewarming event. The Dedication/Opening Day Ceremony was held on May 18th and was well documented in the Sun-Bulletin on May 22. Has the bar held this many glasses since?

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The Morro Bay Yacht Club celebrated a very bubbly dedication ceremony for the new clubhouse facility May 18. Filling the champagne glasses for the 150 people toasting the membership efforts were: Don Lockwood, lower left; Port Captain Don Vest, left; Kasey Johnston, lower right; and Vice Commodore Doug Riddell, far right. For more pictures and an article on the opening, turn to Page 3.

#### Sailing Through History

## 'Blood, sweat, beers': yacht club dedicated

By Nancy Wishart

High spirits flowed through a crowd of more than 150 members, guests, and dignitaries as the uncorking of six cases of champagne capped off the Morro Bay Yacht Club's triumphant dedication ceremony.

The newly-completed two-story redwood clubhouse was entirely built by nine months and 18 days of the membership's volunteer efforts. The clubhouse's completion marked the closing of an era, the club's bare beginnings in 1956.

"I'm reveling. I can't believe this came true," beamed Ken Jenkins, an original member of the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

Indeed, the occasion of the spacious clubhouse dedication held a special thrill for Jenkins. The story, as he tells it, begins in 1956, the fall, he thinks, but it could have been in 1957. Jenkins and the late Barney Planks brainstormed that Morro Bay, Coast's midway harbor, needed a "sailing club for ordinary people, including the commercial fishermen and the sailors."

By 1961, the members were enjoying their first clubhouse, a houseboat moored for a while at an Embarcadero street-end and then moved to what is now the boat launch ramp area. That served members and visiting sailors fine until the houseboat broke loose in 1964 and hit a few dockings.

Morro Bay Yacht Club members moved into dry-dock and found the 541 Embarcadero site once the vacation spot for an oldtime San Luis Obispo county family was up for lease.

On Sept. 1, 1979, the smaller clubhouse was razed. Members began a seven-days-a-week 5,000square-foot construction project under the direction of Dev Devlin.

Presiding over the May 18 dedication ceremonies, Commodore Bob Mountain praised the membership for the many hours of "blood sweat and tears" donated to turn five years of planning into a reality.

"Blood, sweat and beers," chimed in another member, adding a more colorful chapter of club history to the proceedings.

The chilling morning was visited by gray foggy skies. However, it did not dampen the spirits of club members gathered on the first tier redwood deck. They watched the Coast Guard raise the American flag, set off the miniature cannon, and Mountain cut the red ribbon to officially open the new clubhouse.

On hand were local officials, county Supervisor Steve Mac Elvaine, Morro Bay Mayor Warren Dorn, council members Rodger Anderson and John Lemons, and the

Public Services and Community Development department staffs.

Morro Bay Yacht Club officials attending were Commodore Mountain, Vice Commodore Doug Riddell; Rear Commodore John Knowlton, Treasurer Elana Elster, and Secretary Carolyn Martin.

Reminiscences, congratulations and the ceremony offered a link to future sailing generations. Six-year-old Travis Clark, a blond and blue-eyed kid with front teeth missing, won the sailboat raffle. When his name was drawn, the Shell Beach resident announced he would donate the boat to the Morro Bay Yacht Club's junior sailing program.

Minutes later, as he went to look at his prize, Travis had a better plan.

"When I get bigger, I'm going to take you out for a ride," he said, hugging a school friend.

More than 150 persons attended the dedication of the Morro Bay Yacht Club's "home," a redwood two-story clubhouse, below. The facility was built by the membership and represents about nine months.





As club historian Gene Riley, above, holds up Travis Clark, Morro Bay Yacht Club dedication ceremony guests break into smiles. Clark, a six-year-old, left with the raffled sallboat. Presiding over the May 18 festivities was Commodore Bob Mountain.

Photos by Bill Faulkner

Young Travis Clark won the raffled sailboat and the minutes say he donated it to the Junior Yacht Club.



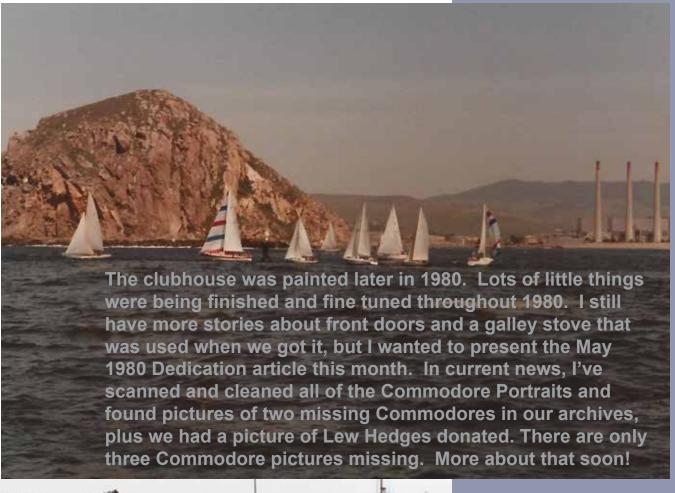
The picture of the 1980 Board was taken in December of 1979 for an article around that time. Doug Riddell and Carolyn Pye (then Martin) are still active. Treasurer Clara Elster was saluted at a 1980 board meeting for keeping the books for two years during the preparation and building process, surely one of our unsung heroes.



Here's the traditional Opening Day Boat Parade, with plenty of spacing for safety!

#### Sailing Through History

And here's a great shot outside the rock for some Opening Day Races. Shout out if you were there! Do I see two Rhodes 33s? Perhaps a PC?





Andrea Surfleet,Historian

## Members invent new clean air spinnaker

#### Now available free through a member near you



ith the shelter at home order in effect, and my crew locked away in some hermetically sealed container for the foreseeable future, I was "Davey Jones-ing" for some time on the water. Questions like: "Who will help me get the trailer off the sawhorse?" and "Who can I blame if I run into something?" kept me away from the bay for several weeks.

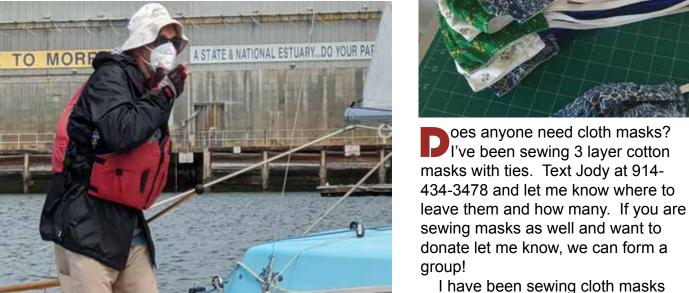
Then I hit upon the idea of getting together (distantly) with other like-minded day-sailers. With mutual assis-

tance (at proper distances) with boat movement, and sailing together, all worries would be gone. I found that Charlie Roberts and John Edell were willing to assist, and so I can report that the Morro Bay Fleet of the Socially Distant Day Sailers has been sailing regularly since mid-April.

We adhere to the Three Prime Directives of Socially Distant Day Sailing:

- 1. Don't worry about the crew. (There are none.)
- 2. Keep the boat upright. (Because it ain't easy righting the craft without help.)
- 3. Try not to run into the other boat so as to practice distancing. (Or at least, minimize damage.)

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donate let me know, we can form a I have been sewing cloth masks perhaps there are other club members who are making them as well. They aren't medical grade, of course, but definitely better than nothing. I have a feeling that even if the shelter in place gets lifted, reusable. washable cloth masks will become a big part of our daily lives. - Jody Lee

So Day Sailers, if you're "Davey Jones-ing" for some time on the water, let's make a plan for some Socially Distant Day Sailing soon. - Malcolm McEwen

#### **New Crew**

## Membership Report Perspective Members

A small group of members have asked to have these perspective members applications expedited as they are experts on odor control, exercise,



and eating habits. Thus taking part in three activities. Toilet habits to be evaluated.

#### Youth Sailing



Parent otters, desperate to have kids anywhere but on top of them all the time sheltering, keep calling about Summer Sailing Program. Photo by Jody Glover

#### 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 <a href="http://www.mbysf.org/">http://www.mbysf.org/</a> 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





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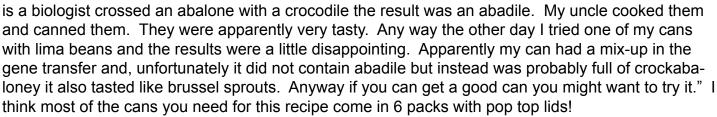
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## The great MBYC Cooking Challenge

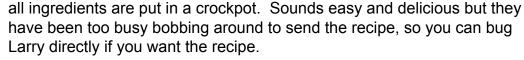
#### From the Galley

We all know that cooking most of your meals at home while limiting trips to the grocery store and dealing with various ingredient shortages is not the easiest feat. After nearly a month of shelter in place, coming to the end of anything fresh in my refrigerator, I made a dinner from my pantry using a canned ingredient and a dried ingredient - linguine with clams. I took a can of clams and some dried pasta - linguine. With the addition of some white wine (a staple in my home), parsley, shallots and garlic it was a most delicious dinner. I sent out a Can-You challenge on the alias, challenging our community to tell me what deliciousness they had made from their pantry or other shelter in place anecdotes. No one sent me a tuna casserole recipe. Here is what I received:

I am so grateful that Don Lockwood shared his recipe for crockabaloney, as I was always wondering where he got all his crockabaloney, but now we all know!! He stated, "My recipe may not appeal to very many. My Uncle who



Larry Gorman and Lisa, told me about an amazing lasagna recipe where nothing is precooked and





Mark Buchman asked, "Does a can of beans, dumped artfully in bowl, lightly tossed and microwaved to perfection count.?" I have to say yes even though he is missing his dried ingredient. Go ahead -- sprinkle a little oregano on the warm beans.!



#### From the Galley

Chuck Losness, SV Hale Moana, makes this dinner all the time. One can of Costco chicken in a 1 1/2 to 2 quart casserole dish. Cover this with diced tomatoes, or salsa or my favorite a can of cream of mushroom soup. Next is one cup of mixed vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned) followed by a layer of shredded cheese if you have some. The top layer is chicken stuffing. I use the water from the Costco chicken to moisten the stuffing mix. Bake uncovered at 375 until done. 30 to 45 minutes depending on your oven.

Another favorite of Chuck's is vegetable soup. One can of Costco chicken including the water in a saucepan. Add 4 cups of water and one cup of mixed vegetables. I'll add chopped onions or celery if I have some on hand. A spoon full of chicken or beef Better than Bullion. Bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Last add a package of ramen noodles and the seasoning packet. Cook for another 5 minutes.



Additionally, as he has many fruit trees on his property, Chuck shared his apple crisp recipe. In my apple crisp recipe, I use apples that I have preserved from my own apple tree. They are small apples. Probably 16 to 18 apples cored and then sliced into bite size chunks to fill a 1 1/2 to 2 quart casserole dish. I do not peel the apples. The apples are first preserved in a light syrup with a teaspoon of cinnamon and stored in my pantry until need. You could skip the preserving but would have to bake it longer and may be more successful if apples are peeled. Fill your casserole dish with apple chunks. Combine 1/2 cup of sugar with a tbs of floor and a tesp of cinnamon. Sprinkler this over the apples. Add 1/4 cup of water to the dish. I like to use the light syrup from the preserved apples in place of the water.



Next is the topping. Combine 1/2 cup of brown sugar, 1/2 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of oatmeal and 1/8 tesp of baking soda. Mix in 1/4 cup of melted butter. If you want a thicker topping just double the ingredients. Crumble this over the apples and bake at 350 to 375 for 45 minutes or until the apples are soft. You can use pears instead of the apples or mix the two

Lee and Sue Drocco could only respond with this picture. Unfortunately their pantry/cupboard was bare, and this was all that was left. The "Best way to start the day" may actually be better used to finish the day as in peanut butter squares made with corn flakes or many other cookie recipes using this crunchy ingredient. But my favorite use of corn flakes is as a crunchy coating for chicken, fish, shrimp, zucchini sticks, potato wedges, cheese sticks, etc – you get the picture. Don't forget them as a topping to tuna noodle casserole, but you will have to search the internet for that gem of a recipe.

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#### From the Galley

From Guy Bahringer we received a Yes We 5-canSsurvive Chili recipe using a large can of Tomatoes, a can each of corn, black beans, kidney beans and Cannellini beans (or any other white bean). He commented that he added a lot of fresh veggies too... jalapeño, Serrano, bell pepper, onion, garlic etc., and that he cleared out 5 cans from his pantry and 2 lbs of frozen meat of horded food. It looks delicious!

#### PREPARATION and INGREDIENT MATRIX

- 1. Heat the oil and bacon grease over high heat in a large heavy pot. Sautee the onion and shallot for 5 min and garlic, peppers for 1 min. Pour into bowl and set aside.
- 2. Into same pot add the meat and fennel seed. Cook until lightly browned, about 5 minutes, chopping down and stirring to break up any lumps.
- 3. Add the oregano, bay leaf, sprig of sage, Parmesan rind, chili powder, Cayenne, and cumin. Stir to blend well. Cook for 5 minutes.

Canned Ingredients	Pantry ingredients	Produce Ingredients	Spices	Garnish
1 Large Can tomatoes	1 lb ground turkey	1 jalapeño	1 TB Fennel Seed	sour cream
1 can corn	1 lb ground beef	1 serrano	Sprig of sage	Lime slices
1 can black Beans	1-2 cups chicken stock	4 cloves garlic chopped	1 TB oregano	Cheddar cheese shredded
1 can white beans	1 TB EVOO	3 shallots peeled and quartered	2 bay leaf	
1 can pinto beans	1 knob Bacon grease	1 onion coarsely chopped	1 TB cumin	
	1 inch piece of Parme- san rind	1 sweet red pepper cored, deveined and coarsely chopped	3 TBs chili powder	
			1 TB Cayenne 1 TB celery salt 1 TB Salt 1 TB black pepper	

Here's a fun one circulating on the internet: Sanity Pie Recipe - it's just your adult beverage of choice sipped alone in a closet for 15 minutes (this one is for all the parents with their school age kids at home).

— Kendall Welch, Galley Chief

# 2020 State of the Bay: A Report Card on the Health of Morro Bay

Morro Bay is a jewel on the California coast and central to many of our lives. For some of us it provides a livelihood. Others treasure its scenic views and recreational opportunities. All of these uses depend on a healthy bay. Every three years, the Estuary Program gathers all available data to create an environmental report card about the bay and the lands that surround it. These are some results from the 2020 State of the Bay report.

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## Is Morro Bay safe for swimming?

Yes, most of the time, in the locations we test. People sailing, paddling, swimming, and fishing on the bay is a common site. To do these activities safely, the bay waters must be clean; otherwise, people who recreate on the bay could become ill from pathogens like bacteria, viruses, and protozoa.

Sources of pathogens are varied and can include pet waste, agricultural operations, marine wildlife, and sewage spills from treatment plants or waste-holding tanks on boats.

How We Monitor Bay Bacteria

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#### Does Morro Bay support healthy eelgrass beds?

No, the amount of eelgrass in the bay has declined sharply over the past decade; however, the amount of eelgrass in the bay appears to have stabilized.

Eelgrass is a flowering plant that grows in Morro Bay, where it serves many functions. Its overlapping roots help stabilize the bay floor and keep the waters clear. It puts oxygen into the water to support other wildlife. And, its floating

Morro Bay

Morro Bay

Bay Bacteria Status

Very Good/Good
Fair
Poor
Very Poor

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This map shows the safe swimming status of eight bay sites using data from 2005 through 2018. Green indicates that the bacteria concentrations are low, and waters are typically safe for swimming. Even clean waters can be contaminated by storm runoff, so it is best to stay out of the water for seventy-two hours after it rains.

blades form an underwater meadow that provide shelter and a place to find food for the bay's aquatic life.

## Restoration Success

The Estuary Program has worked with partners including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California Sea Grant, and countless volunteers to conduct experimental eelgrass restoration in the bay. This small-scale experimental restoration allows us to test out timing, methods, and locations for transplant https://

www.dropbox.com/sh/ziqroxjfva2q8es/AABUe-FkFL2v-hd25HVSngrOra/Bathymetry%20Elevation legend.jpg?dl=0 ing.





#### Eelgrass Acreage 2007 and 2017

Eelgrass acreage (represented in yellow) has declined since 2007 when 344 acres were mapped. While beds toward the front bay and along the main channel have remained relatively stable, nearly all eelgrass was lost in the mid and back bay. Eelgrass loss has since stabilized, and the 2017 map shows small patches of eelgrass returning to areas that suffered almost total loss.



Staff and volunteers venture out on foot to collect eelgrass plants by hand at low tides. We collect plants from healthy beds in locations toward the front bay, including Coleman Beach and Tidelands Park.



Staff and volunteers carefully transplant 72 plants into each one-meter by one-meter section, anchoring them in place with U-shaped garden stakes.

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These are plots two years after planting. The white PVC square represents the original one-meter by one-meter plot that was planted. The bed has greatly expanded over two years

## Is the bay filling in at an unnatural rate?

Yes. While natural phenomena contribute sediment to the estuary, human activities within the watershed increase the rate and amount of sediment flow to the bay. Morro Bay is an estuary, an area where freshwater from land mixes with the saltwater of the ocean. Estuaries are destined to fill in over time, converting eventually to mudflats and then marshes. Under natural

conditions, this process would take thousands of years. Human activities can accelerate the sedimentation process, reducing the timescale of the process to hundreds of years. Natural phenomena like winds and ocean currents can also affect sediment transport to the bay.

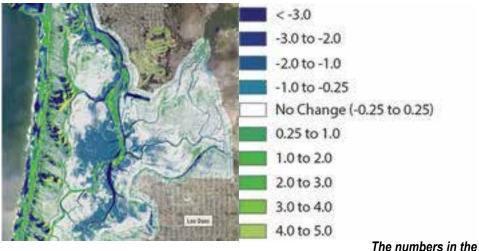


This aging WWII-era road is deteriorating. The dirt that erodes away washes into streams when it rains and ends up in the bay.

Mapping the Bay Floor

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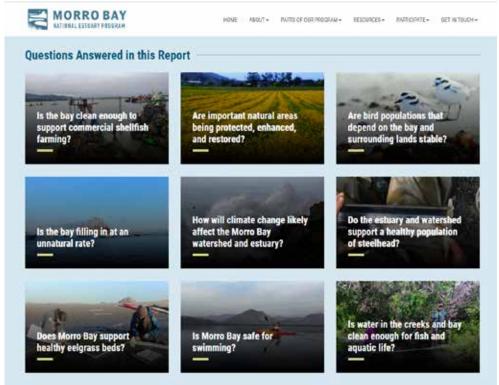
One way to study the changing bay is to conduct a topobathy lidar survey, which is an underwater map of the bay floor that shows elevation changes. A boat uses sonar to collect bathymetry data from the deeper channels, and a plane collects lidar data for the shallower areas. The data sets are combined to create a



comprehensive map of bay floor elevation. The Estuary Program conducted a topobathy lidar survey of the bay in spring of 2019. By comparing this 2019 data set to historic bathymetry maps, we can track changes in the bay over time.

#### Learn More

To learn more about these bay health questions and others, visit the Estuary Program website at https://www.mbnep.org/state-of-the-bay/ You can see the print version of the report. We also developed a webpage for each indicator question with additional content not included in the printed report. Each topic has a brief video summarizing the results.



legend for the topo¬bathy lidar map refer to the elevation of the bay bottom relative to the average height of the lowest tide of the day (referred to, here, as MLLW). The map shows approximate differences in bay depths in feet between a 2009-2010 survey and the 2019 survey. The white areas show very little change (between - 0.25 feet to + 0.25 feet in elevation change). Green areas have a higher elevation in 2019 than ten years ago, which means sediment was deposited there. Areas shaded blue have lower elevations in 2019 than ten years ago. This data is meant to be informational and should not be used for navigational, regulatory. or decision-making purposes.

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#### **Fun Float Update**

#### When Can We Funfloat Again?

sually, I provide an upcoming schedule for the Fun Floats for the next couple of months and cover what we did in the last month, but that isn't happening because none of that has or will take place in the near future. Consequently, I've decided to take a couple of minutes of your time describing why our Fun Floats are events in which you should consider participating when they start up again.

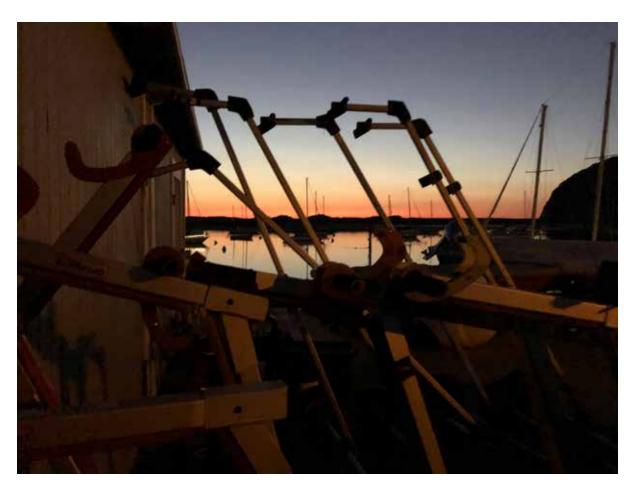
As the name implies, we go out to have some fun floating and paddling around our bay. Fun Floats are usually events where we begin by paddling for about forty-five minutes to get in some exercise and chat time before we stop along the sand spit to eat sack lunches we have each brought for ourselves, to share stories, and to play games. The paddle usually takes us along the sandspit and south into the bay. Paddle craft include canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, or anything else that floats and is paddled.

We plan our Fun Floats around the tide, allowing the tide to help carry us into the bay before we have lunch, and when after lunch the tide shifts, we let it help us get back to the clubhouse. That means we usually leave around 11:00 AM and return between 1:00 and 1:30 PM. The Fun Float provides us with some exercise, some good social interaction, and a chance to see our beautiful bay. Fun Floats are usually scheduled on weekdays or Sundays because our clubhouse and dock are usually pretty busy on Saturdays. Mondays and Tuesdays don't usually work well because of low participation, so they are usually scheduled on Wednesdays through Fridays but occasionally on a Sunday.

We often share treats we have brought during our lunch, and we almost always share two or three bottles of wine while listening to music. During this time we tell each other stories or just talk about things that seem to be of common interest. We will also usually play a game of bocce ball and toss some frisbees around in a game of frisbee golf. After our lunch and games, we load back up and head back to the dock.

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MBYC prepares for another lonely Friday night

#### fun float

Another very fun part of our Fun Floats are the Fun Float Parties. When having a party we usually just paddle over to Sandal's Cove, set up a picnic table, and start a party. Everyone brings something to share for lunch, sometimes we barbeque, and we always play some games. The paddle

is short, but the party usually lasts a couple of hours. Our parties are usually themed, such as a Valentines' party, a Cinco de Mayo party, a Fourth of July Party, a Halloween party or a Christmas Holiday party. Many of us will dress up for the theme.

I'm hoping to have our next FunFloat on the 3rd of July, and it will be a party at Sandal's Cove. I think we can safely practice social distancing and still have a good time. In the meantime I encourage you to get out on the bay any time. I have been out fairly regularly, and it is nice to see our quiet but beautiful bay during these times of isolation.

— Charlie Roberts



#### Ocean fleet

Ahoy MBYC,

I have missed seeing so many of you during this quarantine. I have been trying to get out on the water everyday either in my skiff or paddle boarding. It is nice to see members out on the water and using the dock. We have had a few transients that have really enjoyed our facilities and the bay. Needless to say it's nice to see people. Somehow it seems like life is the same on the water for me. I am able to chat with the live aboards, enjoy the great weather and take some great pictures of the wildlife which is in full force right now. The whales have even been spouting out at sea. A couple of times I have floated over to Dockside, tied up and climbed the ladder to enjoy some BBQ oysters and a refreshing drink. Here are some photos taken during this last month.

I hope everyone has been getting sunshine, rest and staying healthy.

Sea you on the water!

— Judy Glover, Ocean Fleet Captain



## High Hopes For High Sierra Regatta

Despite the continued C-19 lockdown, we remain hopeful that by July we will be allowed to hold the High Sierra Regatta. We have been in continuous contact with the US Forest Service and they must abide by the



current laws, but have also been reasonable about the infection risks associated with a sport like sailing. We may have to make social distancing changes to our format, but these should be tolerable.

Please register for the 2020 event at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\_registration\_form.php?regatta\_id=20399
The Fresno Yacht Club website also has several options for camping or cabin / condo rentals. If we are unable to hold the regatta, we will process a full refund of your registration and merchandise fees.

Bob Comstock Regatta Chairman

#### Thanks for all the stories Next month look forward to:

- · Shedding some lite on building your own boat
- Octoberfest 1998
- A royal invitation
- Joining the Freedom sail
- English canals
- North by Northwest
- Hale Moana,

**Send** something about your boating history mark@schoolyard.us



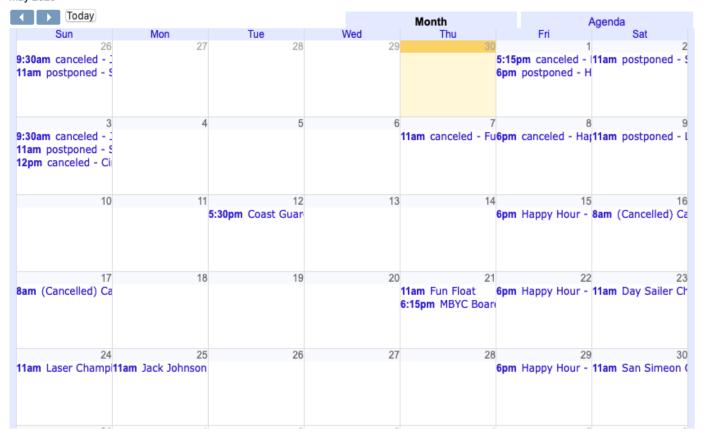
I used this time at home to justify buying a Ferrari, send me a few lines about your boat or project?

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Yes, my roots are showing.
Does anyone have a piece of toilet paper I can borrow?
Where's my mask?
What day is it anyway?
Can we please have another Zoom meeting?
What, beans again!
Can I moor at your club?



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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.

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