



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

June 2020

Morro Bay, California

Commodore's Report



Welcome to June- I have great news to share. I'm very excited to announce that MBYC is in the process of opening back up to members after being on hiatus for nearly three months!

As we move toward opening back up in compliance with State and local guideline, please be patient as the Board, in conjunction with our COVID-19 Re-Opening Committee, are developing a phased-opening plan with associated protocols, procedures, which will be communicated to members soon.

For the near-term, the Re-Opening Committee and Galley Chief are evaluating ways to quickly open a modified version of Burger nights for take-away and dine-in options. We are also looking to get the Fun Float underway again followed by full facility opening, Happy Hours, Junior Sailing and racing.

Each of these will require specific protocols before enacting but we are enthused that the Committee is moving diligently in the right direction to ensure a safe and thoughtful approach to re-opening the Club.

I hope each of you are well and able to get out and have some fun on the water. Speaking for myself, the surfing and fishing have been great over the last few weeks. There's been lots of life in the water and soon, I hope to see a lot more MBYC sails on the water! See you on the water!

— Ken Twist, Commodore

Side Tied Inside:

- * Plan for removal of MBYC surplus
- * Teddington Lock
- * Welcome Ladies Literary and Bread Pudding Society



Commodore Ken and his son Gavin catching salmon

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

My boat tale

Kayaking: Teddington Lock, River Thames

Mark has asked for our “boat” stories, so as past editor of the Masthead, I want to support him at this difficult time with a story for the publication. It is a journey back in time, a time before I knew all of you, and a time before I realized the pleasure of kayaking with you in our Fun Floats. — Jeanie Roberts

Here is my story:

I was born in England and lived there until I came to America at age 19. My brother is a little more than three years older than I am, and at age nineteen he had finished his high school senior project and hoped to obtain a college degree to become a shop teacher. He was a master at creating beautiful items in wood, so his senior project was a handsome, heavy, handmade wooden kayak.

He stored the kayak at Teddington Lock on the River Thames because as a boy he had a summer job helping the lock keeper there. With the advent of autumn, he needed to transfer the kayak from Teddington 15 miles upstream to Laleham on Thames, where he would store his kayak through winter. The kayak was a two-seater, and the obvious person to help him paddle this very heavy craft that far was his little sister. I was 15 years old.

The journey took us all day, with a stop for lunch to eat cucumber sandwiches our mum had made for us. By late afternoon, we arrived at Laleham where our father helped us stow the kayak safely and drove us home. Every bone in my young body ached for days, but that was nothing compared with the huge bone-crunching hug my big brother gave me as we drove home.

I have ignored kayaks through the years until moving to Morro Bay three years ago. I remember being introduced to Dot Rygh at Morro Bay Yacht Club months before our membership was approved when she invited us to join the Fun Floats. I may have been hesitant but not for long.



**Summer of '56
Spinning the old spoked wheels,
two lock keepers, one
my brother just a boy,
spoon white water river
beneath the tug boat's bow;
its pulse beats downstream
through blue-green arteries
from Teddington, as waves
stirred in its wake float
like clotted cream whipped
beneath the willow's web.**

Nevertheless, now in my seventies I perennially experience shoulder pain, aching bones, and sore muscles after every bay float. The point of this story is that the urge to glide through water begins very early in life and permeates no matter where life leads, for we must recognize our existence is eternally influenced by sun, moon, wind and tides. Some years ago I wrote a poem for my big brother as a reminder of his boyhood summer job. By the way, it was my big brother, not Charlie, who taught me that the person in the back of the two-seater kayak gets absolutely soaked, and being soaked (twice) is a story for another day.



When is Opening Day

Loving the Weather!

Last month I shared the news that Weather Element was losing their server, which meant MBYC would have to find a new site to host our weather station. Fortunately, Weather Element was able to find a new server and we never lost our online access to our real time wind, temperature, and rainfall information. Hooray! The fellow that coordinates Weather Element is one guy, Chris Arndt, who cares about people getting weather data. He does not charge for his service or place

any ads. The change to a new server does cost 50% more, so if anyone is inclined to donate you can PayPal to chris@tbo.net. Several others and I have donated. If you love being able to check the wind and weather in real time, consider helping out!

When is opening day?

I was doing a quick look around the facilities the other day and I spotted a couple of my favorite long time members, Marlene and Duncan McQueen as they were enjoying some fresh air, sun, and views on the club deck. After some hellos and sharing of news, a kind request for opening day was brought up. It was not a criticism or a demand. Rather someone's heart reaching out and desiring more time with our friends and members. I understood the request completely and felt the same. When I volunteered to serve our club by being on the board of directors, I never ever thought I would vote to cancel sailing races, summer sailing, junior sailing, or happy hours. To say that these decisions were difficult is not easily stated. Fortunately, I believe our efforts to slow the Covid19 virus spread in our area seem to be paying off. I would be surprised if we were not sharing each other's company this summer, maybe not the same way we have in the past. But social distancing is being replaced by physical distancing and that suggests we will socialize; with care!

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THE MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

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

Donate online at <http://www.mbysf.org/> or by check or money order sent to:
MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443
Contact Rich Leamon, MBYF Fund Raising Chair, for IRA or Estate Giving



The MBYSF is a non-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)3, and donations are tax deductible.
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WORKING DAYS - RID CLUB OF SURPLUS SUPPLIES

Working Days

I have a long list of improvements that our club would benefit from. I am using this article to solicit volunteers to take on a few of the tasks on my list. These are tasks that I feel can be done without large crowds, maybe 1-2 people at a time. These items do need coordination, if you feel you can spare some time over the next month or two to work these tasks, please email me at mbyc.veep@gmail.com, or call me at 805-458-6690. — Chris Surfleet, Vice Commodore

- **Prep the Boston Whaler's bottom and put a coat of bottom paint. (This task requires coordination, the Whaler needs to be taken to the launch ramp, put on a trailer, then brought to the club for work, we will service the engine at the same time).**
- **Paint the door and trim of our new pantry closet (paint and brushes provided).**
- **Re-fresh the red and yellow paint on the dock designating the member and dinghy areas.**
- **Weed, trim, and spruce up our outdoor planters.**
- **Do some weed control in the boat yard, particularly along the back fence.**
- **Clean the club's glass windows and sliding doors.**
- **Move the upstairs furniture off the carpet to allow the carpets to be cleaned.**
- **Drink the surplus beer and wine because of our bar closure. Just kidding, in time.**



We got you covered, to protect our laser sails

UV covers, Sun Block for the Laser Sails

Yep, after many promises and delays we now have a UV cover for our Junior Sailing Laser sails. Many thanks to Joel Surfleet for assistance putting these up. I learned that the roof joists for our shed are not square. Swearing like a sailor took on a whole new meaning, but we prevailed.

Rear Commodore's Report



As we are preparing and planning when and how we will start racing again. Here is an image to keep you inspired!

You can still sail. Just not do a coordinated race yet. Look at the MBYC calendar when we are able to schedule races again and for announcements in the Masthead and from the Alias.

The MBYC COVID Committee is planning, planning, planning. Look for the articles from Charlie on the Fun Float!

*-- Troy Wieck,
Rear Commodore*



Covid Cruising at MBYC





The Kurmudgeon Korner -- June 2020

Greetings fellow members of the MBYC. After much soul searching and anguished hand wringing, the **Kurmudgeons** are reluctantly considering impeaching our Commodore. Although shutting down the club and the bar would have been sufficient for the membership to rise up in righteousness indignation, his specific failing was to neglect to provide for bar take out service. Consider the hardship he has imposed upon the **Kurmudgeons**; with the club house closed we can no longer access the **kurmudgeon** cushions for the chairs on the upper deck, and we are forced to sit on the cold metal ones on the lower deck. Also, we are not able to support our club financially by purchasing libations. It has been suggested that in the past the **Kurmudgeons** contributions to the bar represented the majority of the club's revenue.



In spite of the present world health concerns, the **Kurmudgeons** have a new project. Since the upper floor of the club is essentially vacant, if we moved the furniture and installed grow lights on the trusses it would take no time at all for our first pot harvest.

Depending on how long this lockdown continues and the dedication of our sales force, we may be able to suspend dues and may even declare a dividend. Since the club is a no smoking area, we were thinking that maybe the ladies of the club could come up with a great recipe for our produce. **King Kong Kroissants** or **The Kurmudgeon's Kreative Krunchy Kookies**, possibly even something more creative.



Anyway, that can come later, but for now we need to begin a warp speed implementation of plans for operation "**Sailing High.**"



The Chaplain adds, "మందులతో ధ్యానం మెరుగుపడుతుంది." (Meditation improves with medication) After a week long visit with the Telugu population of the Nicobar Islands,

The Ghost says, "గంజాయి విత్తనం నుండి నిజమైన జ్ఞానం పెరగదు." (True knowledge cannot grow from cannabis seed.)

Regarding the progress of the **Kurmudgeon Kalendar**, we are currently looking for a bear skin rug of sufficient size to allow a **Kurmudgeon** to recline in a fetchingly reposed position. At this time his attire has not been decided, but whatever it is we're sure it will be quite appropriate.



The Kurmudgeon Kalendar
2021

As always, be good, stay safe, and wash your hands.

-- **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, this month, say they need upstairs in the club to grow weed. It's for medication, and not recreation, most likely they'll sow milkWEED seed.

-- The Amorphous Ghost

MBYC Ladies Literary and Bread Pudding Society

Submitted by Kendall Welch, Recording Secretary

The MBYC Ladies Literary and Bread Pudding Society is made up of exquisitely refined, sophisticated ladies of the yacht club that wish to contribute to the Masthead with our spontaneous, considered and serious cogitations to help improve members well-being as well as pursue ideaquatic shenanigans and occasional evil doings. To join the fun email kendallwelch@hotmail.com

Sole Food

Salty Jane was so looking forward to Hamburger Night at the yacht club. The thought of a juicy charbroiled burger, and especially the fresh baked bread pudding made her mouth water. Salty Jane jumped in her Carp and sailed down to the yacht club to find the galley chief and see what was happening.

Sweet Sally was walking up the dock ramp when Salty Jane fishtailed onto the tarmac. Salty Jane said "I'm surchin for the galley chief to find out when Hamburger Night resumes. I looked for her but I never flounder."

Sally replied, "Jane you always barge in. I don't think we can have burger night this summer because our world has fish scaled back due to that pesky coronavirus. Schooner or later we should have some guidelines on what we can do! Just for the halibut let's get the bread pudding recipe for all of our members!"

Salty Jane exclaimed, "Go ahead, Bake my day!"

Food historians trace the history of bread pudding to the early 11th and 12th centuries, as frugal cooks looked for ways to use stale, leftover bread instead of letting it go to waste. We especially love our MBYC Bread Pudding made with leftover hamburger buns.

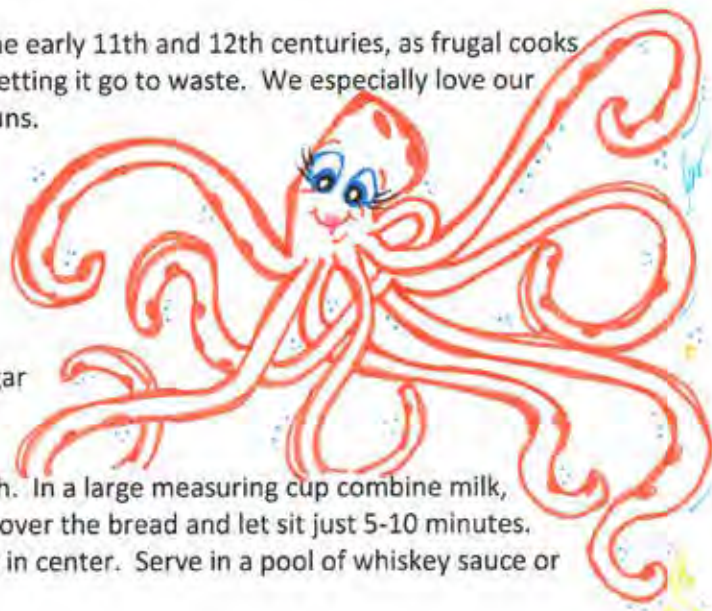
MBYC Bread Pudding – for 8 or 9" square pan

- 8-10 slices white bread, cubed (4 cups)
- 2 cups milk, warmed
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sugar – 1/4 c brown sugar, 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 Tablespoon vanilla

Heat oven to 350°F. Lay bread in greased casserole dish. In a large measuring cup combine milk, butter, eggs, sugar, vanilla. Mix well. Pour this custard over the bread and let sit just 5-10 minutes. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes until puffed, golden and set in center. Serve in a pool of whiskey sauce or pour the sauce over the pudding.

Whiskey Sauce – ½ cup cream, ½ cup sugar, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, 1 TB butter, ½ tsp cornstarch, 3 TB whiskey. Mix cornstarch with whiskey and set aside. Heat cream, sugar, cinnamon and butter together until almost boiling. Stir in whiskey/cornstarch, bring just to a boil.

*Ask not what your Yacht Club can do for you,
but what You can do for your Yacht Club.*



Director's Report

Another Harbor

Fills My Time

Most of my efforts in the reopening committee will be reported by others. El Dorado County announced recently that property owners from other counties were welcome back to check on their properties, so we are currently doing much the same in Tahoma along the West Shore of Lake Tahoe, with the addition of maintenance projects to our daily routine.

During my down time I'm reading *Treason's Harbour*, the ninth book of Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey/Maturin series. I've selected the following passage to share. Capt. Aubrey and his crew of the *Surprise* have boarded a merchantman of the East India Company with a detachment of Turkish soldiers to intercept a galley with French silver bound to support a change in administration at a port to the French advantage. They are now in the harbor of Suez waiting for favorable conditions to depart:

"He had acquired the ability to go fast asleep at any time early in his naval career and although years had passed since he kept a watch he still possessed it; he could still sleep on however great the din and the discomfort, and it still needed some significant nautical disturbance to rouse him. A coir cable being dragged across the deck with shrill Indian cries was not enough, nor was the sound of his own enormous snoring (for his head had fallen back and his mouth had opened), nor was the smell of Turkish cooking that came eddying aft as evening fell. What woke him, and woke him completely, was a change in the wind: it had quite suddenly shifted two points; it was slackening and coming in gusts.



"He went on deck, on to the unusually crowded little quarterdeck; his officers at once lead the Turks and the Arab to the lee rail, uncomprehending, but meek aboard a ship. The windward side was cleared in a moment, and he stood there looking at the evening sky, the broken clouds high over Africa and the haze on the Arabian shore. The weather was on the change, he was sure; and that too was certainly the opinion of a number of the *Surprise's* forecastle hands, elderly men with an immense experience of the sea; they were as sensitive as cats to these alterations and they now lined the gangway, directing meaning glances at him.

" 'Mr. McElwee,' he said, turning to the Company's pilot, 'what do you and the serang make of it?' " 'Well, sir,' said Mr. McElwee, 'I have not often been north of Jeddah or Yanbo, as I said nor has the serang, but we both think it looks mightily like dropping for the night, with maybe an Egyptian coming on tomorrow.'

"Jack nodded. The Egyptian wind, though by no means as favorable a breeze as could be wished in so narrow a channel as the Gulf of Suez, with its strong currents and its coral reefs, would at least be abaft the beam; and if the *Niobe* was as weatherly as she was said to be and skillfully handled, in might carry her down into the relatively open sea. 'Well,' he said, 'I believe we may lay out a kedge, so that if this damned breeze has slackened enough by the height of flood, she may be warped out beyond the harbour mouth, not to lose a minute of the Egyptian, if ever it comes on to blow. — **Director Greg Barker**

New Crew

Membership Report

New Member

Jon and Marty Hovdal were approved at the May 21st Board Meeting. They own a FJ, and just purchased a Daysailer sailboat. Jon has sailed with the bay fleet for the last year. Marty took Summer Sailing in 2019. Please give all our new members a big welcome when you see them at the club.



Prospective Members

We have several in the works once the club reopens.

Resignation

Beth Yudovin resigned from the club.
— John Edell, Membership

We don't know what the world



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

HAMBURGER NIGHT???

We cannot have Hamburger Nights this summer, at least in the form they have been done in the past – self cooking burgers, and buffet sides.

We are working to create some other form of community event monthly, possibly take-out BBQ food, where a select few will prepare the food (per restaurant opening guidelines) and it will be available to consume outside or off-site. Appreciate comments & suggestions to: kendallwelch@hotmail.com

Spin a Yarn, Launch Your Story

When I sit down with club members who share their stories, 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

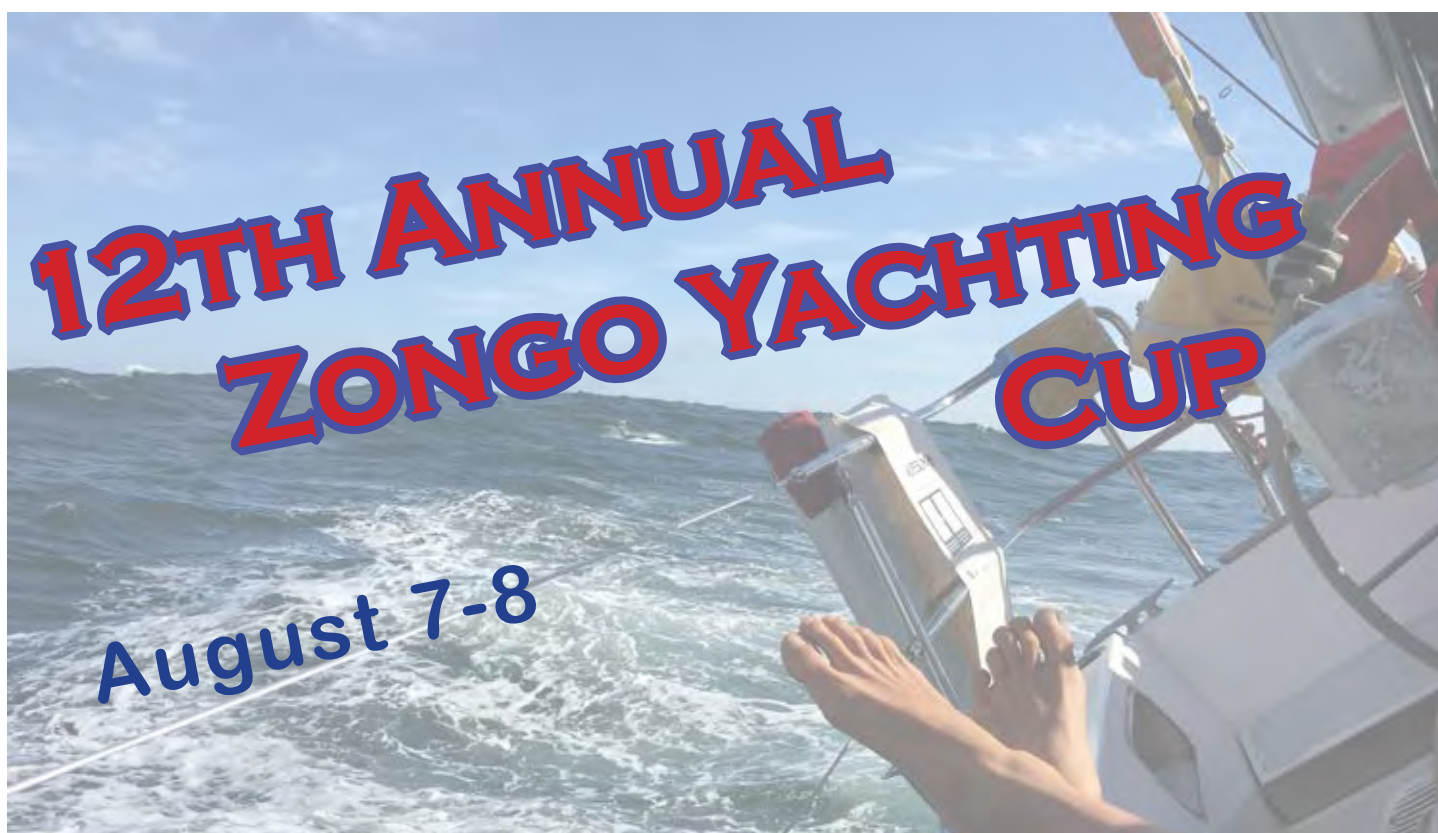
you end up! Send to atsurfleet@gmail.com.

- 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



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

- 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 Light-house as the racers finish below. REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER SIGNUP IS OPEN NOW AT bigbigslo.com/cup

Sailing Through History

I've updated our history page on the club's website with more facts of interest and four pictures of our clubhouses. <https://www.mbyc.net/history-of-the-morro-bay-yacht-club/>. You'll also find our rogue's gallery online, that is, the past commodores are now ensconced in history at: <https://www.mbyc.net/commodore-gallery>. I'm working with Troy Wieck, Rear Commodore, to place our Club Trophies, Deeds of Gift and Past Winners online. I look forward to placing more of our historical documents and interviews online, but that involves a lot of scanning and organizing before it'll come to life. Meanwhile, I'll leave you with this fun photo of Speed Boat Racing in the Bay! Remember, we started as a club of fishermen, sailors, and "stink potters" or motor boaters, all who enjoy the water!



*Racing in Morro Bay,
1960*

— **Andrea
Surfleet,
Historian**



We do not know yet when we can begin
celebrating Happy Hour at MBYC.



Happy Hour Hosts will be given at least 4
weeks notice before hosting resumes at the
yacht club.

Fun Floats Are On

Throughout the pandemic, many of us have continued to use our paddle craft to go out and enjoy the bay in relative solitude. Although the activity had been officially canceled, (along with all of our other activities) some of us still seemed to show up on the scheduled Fun Float dates to go out and experience the bay, the sunshine, and the sand spit, but not as a group. We each seemed to head in different directions.

During the last board meeting our board members approved moving ahead with Fun Floats. Fun Floats will be one of the easiest activities to resume as we begin to open up. With a set of guidelines established, we feel we can move ahead safely with the Fun Float activities.

Guidelines for post-pandemic Fun Floats:

- When you arrive at the MBYC practice safe distancing.
- Wear face masks while at the club and on the dock, as well as anytime you go ashore for lunch.
- Move your craft to the dock for launch after the dock has been cleared. One or two people only on the dock at one time.
- Do not linger on the dock or at the club. Launch your craft and move out into the bay so that others can safely launch their craft.
- When coming back to the dock, allow those who have already arrived to disembark and move their craft off the dock before docking yourself.
- Practice safe distancing on the tarmac and at the club at all times.
- No spitting on or kissing other club members.

Here is a list of the upcoming Fun Floats. We will still plan on stopping somewhere along the sand spit to have lunch, so bring your sack lunch and your face masks. We are planning on some fun activities that will allow us to maintain safe social distancing. I hope to see you out on the bay.

June	Fri 05	11:00 AM
June	Sat 20	11:00 AM
July	Fri 03	11:00 AM
July	Sat 18	11:00 AM
August	Sun 02	11:00 AM
August	Sun 16	11:00 AM



**First responders shocked
by unreported COVID im-
pact on Morro Bay
critters**



Marlene and
Duncan
McEwen
celebrated
Valentine's Day
at MBYC



MBYC SHIP'S STORE

There have been requests for items from the Ship's Store and it occurred to me there may be other members desiring the same. Therefore items can be purchased by calling Orris, (310)683-8180, and arranging to meet me at the MBYC. I'm also at the club on Monday mornings being Captain of the transient fleet.

The Store has new hats with the MBYC logo and Lat/Long embroidery. As well as hoodies, denim shirts, Tees and polo shirts.

Support your Ship's Store. Hope to see you soon.

Committee Chairs

Port Captain.....	Lynn Meissen
Bar Steward.....	Joe and Jill Fariss
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.....	Judi Glover
Daysailer Fleet Captain.....	Charlie Roberts
Laser Fleet Captain.....	John Wimer
Lido Fleet Captain.....	Pooh Bear
Fun Float Captain.....	Charlie Roberts
SUP Fleet Captain.....	Ken Twist
Cruising Fleet Captain.....	Paul Irving
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Roster.....	Gail Condon
Sommelier.....	Rich Leamon
Social Hour Coordinator.....	Kay Frye
Alias Troll.....	Don Lockwood
Webmaster.....	John Michener

Jun 2020

Today		Month						Agenda	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	
12:30am San Simor 9:30am Junior Sailir	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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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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