

### September 2020

Morro Bay, California



### **Commodore Ken Twist**

## Fellow Yachties,

Welcome September! Luckily for you, I don't have much to share this month as I was on vacation for most of August with my family in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Upon hitting Shasta on our return, I immediately wanted to turn around and head back to escape the thick red smoke waiting for us.

As 2020 winds down and with COVID-19 still among us, MBYC will continue to adapt its events to comply with current COVID guidelines to keep our members safe.

One event that will be impacted is our 2020 General Meeting. At the August Board meeting, the Board voted make our 2020 General Meeting electronic where we will vote for 2021 Officers electronically via email. The motion was a provide a seven-day window (begins November 1st and ends November 7th) for

members to respond with their choices via email. John Edell will be responsible for collecting and counting votes. We will be offering more details in October's Masthead and on the MBYC Mailer in the coming weeks.

Have a great September!



Never too far from water.

See you on the water! Regards, Ken Twist, Commodore

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### Vice Commodore Chris Surfleet



Upper Deck Remodel Planned

We love our deck, but it needs replacing for our future enjoyment. The transformation will begin this fall, if you can help let me know.



September features two big events for MBYC. First, A Celebration of the MBYC with a Luau will occur on September 12, time to be announced. The plan is to hold a brief ceremony with a few of our traditional elements from the opening day ceremony, however sadly we cannot call this opening day. It will be held in conjunction with a Luau meal. The dress code is Aloha, South Pacific island attire. Due

to physical distance requirements reservations will be required and attendance limited. Meals will be available for take out! But if you do not get a reservation do not despair, our own Paul Irving will be making an online video feed for anyone who wants to attend virtually live or later. The pandemic may limit our social interactions, but we can still celebrate our membership in the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

What is the second event? We plan to start work on a remodel of the upper deck of the clubhouse this month. With limited use of the club and support beams showing signs of rot it seems the best time to get this done. This will be a fairly large structural project. The challenge is this, the joists for the deck are also the joists



A red sun over the smoke covered Bay. August brought record heat and lots of the smoke from the many fires in California.

for the second floor of the club house. The exposed ends are deteriorating and are in need of repair and protection. If the rot continues into the building we will have a major problem and expense. The solution recommended by several of our contractors is remove the old decking, repair the joists, then make the new deck with a waterproof product to keep water off the joists. We plan to do this with a hybrid approach using paid and volunteer labor to moderate the costs. There will be many opportunities to volunteer this fall I hope some of you can make one or many of our work days.



### MBYC Ladies Literary and Clam Cracking Society, submitted by Brooks Measures



Salty Jane was on her kayak enjoying a casual paddle in Morro Bay when Olivia the Sea Otter jumped up on her bow to say hello. As the official mascot of Day Sailer Fleet 128 and the unofficial mascot of Morro Bay, Olivia likes to keep current on just about everything that goes on in the Bay. Olivia's curious nature and fun antics keep the tourists entertained for hours.

"So how are things going at Morro Bay Yacht Club Salty Jane?" asked Olivia. "Life as we know it has changed due to this COVID-19 virus, but we're smarter than a virus, so we are finding innovative ways to enjoy Morro Bay and have socially distance get-togethers" replied Salty Jane. "You've probably noticed our fun floaters back on the water and instead of Wednesday night hamburgers, we're enjoying occasional socially distanced Wednesday dinners a couple of times a month."

"Olivia, how about if you tell me a bit about yourself and living here in Morro Bay?" "Well sure" replied Oliva. "I was born here in Morro Bay and have lived in the Bay all my life. I live here with about 50 to 60 other otters, mostly all female and young pups. The boys will travel much farther out to sea, but us girls need to stay close together as we raise our pups. In the afternoons, we raft up together to get our naps, which keeps us all safer. We also spend a lot of time getting food. This is a great place to live with lots of fresh seafood including clams, crabs, mussels, oysters, sea snails, and one of my favorites, urchins. I usually use my favorite rock to crack the shells open."

"Here's some advice from my life's experiences:

- Stay active and play in the water everyday it's fun and it keeps you clean
- Eat lots of fresh seafood
- Take a nap every afternoon it gives you energy to enjoy a midnight snack
- Keep your children close it keeps them safe and love in your heart
- Be sure to check in with your family and friends on a regular basis
- Be OTTERLY amazing!"





Note from Oliva

I like to eat my clams fresh out of the shell, but I've heard that the BEST Clam Chowder is from *Windows on the Water*. Until they re-open and you can get your chowder from there, here is the recipe for their famous

Bouillon Style Clam Chowder Executive Chef Neil Smith

8 pounds Littleneck, Manila, Cockle or other small clam

- 1 cup chopped shallots
- 4 oz bacon, diced
- 2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes (peeled & cubed)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups chopped celery
- 2 3 sprigs chopped tarragon
- 8 basil leaves chopped
- 1 tablespoon Herbes de Provence plus 3 4 Bay leaves
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 1½ cups clam broth
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup buttermilk

Salt and Pepper to taste

- 1. Rinse clams several times. Steam clams for 6 to 8 minutes in 2 cups of water with 1/4 cup chopped shallots. Remove clams and strain and reserve liquid. Remove meat from clams and set aside.
- Sauté bacon until crisp. Add remaining shallots and sauté until translucent. Add bay leaves, herbs, potatoes and reserved clam broth to cover potatoes. Boil 10 minutes or until potatoes are almost done. Add cream and buttermilk and return to simmer. Add reserved clam meat.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

# The Bilge Pump Report

By JOHNNY B "Spindrift" (Burgener)

Ok - So Lynn, Captain of the Guayacan, put together a flotilla of adventurers--

To sail up to San Simeon for the night of August 15 and return the next day.

My first and best Mate, Kendall and I loaded up "da boat" Tanfeet for the challenge and headed off to fish a few secret spots on the way then join up for a "Q" on Skipper Lynn's vessel including libations ho hum...there were 9 boats that made it to the destination and I believe that 9 left Morro Bay. This is good. Glassy and smooth with little wind then 3/4 of the way up we got hit by wind not quite gale force but a good beat to weather for sailboats (and Victory at Sea for our power boat). Then in

the late afternoon it glassed off and I used my boat as a taxi for everyone to meet on Guayacan. Shish-ka-bobs homemade corn salad potato salad and of course wine was the fill for Captains and crew.

Night came and it was like the God of the heavens over indulged, got inebriated by the effervescent of their own veracity and one of then challenged another which started a ferocious battle of swords, sabers and shields with all who attended the celebrity ball in the heavens. It was obvious that Aphrodite the Goddess and protector of sailors, Neptune's many Concubines and the rest of the seductive Ladies of the evening, in the most lavish attire adorned with sparkles and bling dispersed from the heavens in every direction. The battle then turned into a Great War that lasted the entire night.



From the west were rumblings and cracks then going north were bolts of lightning smacking the ocean and reaching beyond the heavens turning to the east with flashes of blinding light and so much thunder there was no rest for the weary. The war raged, the swords clanged repeatedly, and the shields smashed into one another with relentless power. Is there no end to the fury of the Gods?

The winds would come from the west then swing from the Northwest, back to the west, then north then east with occasional calm for us mere mortals floating on the sea, but just for a moments tease. The sloppy seas came into the bay twisting and turning the boats upon their anchor lines mak-



ing sure that we were all sleeping with one eye open.

Finally, light came to the eastern sky, the Gods exhausted their muscles and stopped to enjoy the beautiful morn, and the gulls were once again fighting for the meal that should be theirs. Yes it was a beautiful morning which made the night all worth the experience. Calm seas, a warm and gentle breeze with the smell of the ocean pleasing the nose enough to perk up any sleepy eyes.

A Great Adventure.



Rear Commodore Troy Wieck Reports

**Boating galore** 

Things were afoot this last month! The Ocean Fleet Raced! The Cruiser Fleet Cruzed! And the Bay Fleet race pros went into hiding!!

On August 2nd the Ocean Fleet held the first in a new, and hopefully one time only, race series. The COVID Series. Judy was well prepared in keeping the racers safe for the start and coaching everyone on the rules. A bermuda start lead the day with three boats in the race. The fog was incredibly dense with nigh on 100ft of visibility. That didn't stop the racers from finding the marks - with the exception of Slider who experienced GPS problems. The wind was up in the dense fog - officially declared an impossibility by the Guayacan's skipper - lead the boats to the finish with Guayacan 1st, Far Away 2nd, and Slider DNS. The Ocean Fleet has organized more races with the following schedule:

COVID II - September 13th, 2020 COVID III - October 4th, 2020 COVID iV - November 4th, 2020

Fall/Devlin I - October 18th, 2020 Fall/Devlin II - November 8th, 2020 Fall/Devlin III - December 13th, 2020

In lieu of the Zongo Cup, and in tribute, a conundrum of vessels set sail on August 8th for San Simeon. The winds allowed for some sailing and the whales greeted the boats in every direction, breaching and tail slapping. Fish were caught, barbecues were lit, wine drunk, beer spilt, and long impossible tales were spun. We were graced with some bizzare weather that John Lindsey has never seen in all his days of reporting weather for Diablo - dry lightning storm. They danced up the coast and started a number of fires for our viewing pleasure. (photos courtesy of David Barnard.) There will be another cruise being planned for October to China Harbor. Stay tuned!







With the Bay Fleet pros in hiding I'll be looking to start a different kind of competition. Dave Hensinger came up with the idea with a combo of Sail, Peddle, Paddle. I'll be picking a day and a predetermined course. On that day bay racers can time themselves along the course up to three times and take their fastest time. Any vessel that can sail, peddle or paddle can participate. Stay tuned for the date and details!

San Simeon Cruise



Unexpected 10th participant







## **Membership Report**

Two new members were approved by the Board at the August 20th meeting.

Andrew Bartlett, sponsored by Nancy Craig and Malcolm McEwen and the Mission Bay Yacht Club. Andrew owns a 26ft Mc-Gregor Sailboat.

Chris and Michelle Matson sponsored by Terry Paris and Steve Nukes. Chris and Michelle own a Laser and were former members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

Welcome aboard to our newest members. John Edell, Membership Chairman



Andrew Bartlett

Chris and Michelle Matson

San Simeon Cruise



# **MBYC Ocean Fleet**



Covid Series Phase II September 13, 2020

1. The regatta will be governed by the General Instructions for MBYC Ocean Races & these sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility for the race is open to anyone eligible for a PHRF rating that signs up and pays an entry fee.

- 3. The handicaps will be the MBYC Ratings (in use since 2016).
- 4. The start line is between "MB" and the light on the breakwater, with MB taken to port. The race will be <u>Bermuda Start</u> with the first boat starting at 1200. Other boats will be given their start times at the Skippers Meeting. If fog obscures the light, start on a line perpendicular to "MB", within 150' of "MB", while on "proper course".

| Course |        |      |                | Distance |
|--------|--------|------|----------------|----------|
| MB     | Club-2 | 1CR  | MB             |          |
| Start  | Port   | Port | Finish to Port |          |
|        | 1.43   | 4.30 | 5.60           | 11.33    |

5. The course is:

**Bailout 1:** If the first boat has not rounded Club-2 by 1250, take Club-2 to Port and then finish.

6. The finish will be outside "MB" on a 150' extension of a line from the light on the breakwater through "MB." If fog obscures the light, finish on a line perpendicular to "MB", within 150' of "MB" while on proper course. Finish time is not necessary.

7. If able, monitor VHF channel 16 on the radio & switch to 68 to talk.

8. If you are not returning to the dock please leave a Cell Phone voice or text message @ 303-590-5473.

9. Results will be posted on the club website.



The Kurmudgeon Korner --September 2020

This month we would like to report on the various projects that the **Kurmudgeons** have undertaken. First, we would like to report that the long awaited boreing of the test hole through the women's head is about to start. Our construction team, a division of Knudsen, Knudsen, and Knudsen, is eager to get started during the club shutdown, as it will greatly reduce disruption to the ladies. We have also retained the Architectural and Engineering Division of Knudsen, Knudsen, and Knudsen to provide design work on the **Palace Of Otherworldly Pleasures**, (POOP). In that role they have become very enthusiastic about **POOP** and have even made the suggestion that the pole sliding through the women's head be included as a fourth thrilling ride in **POOP**.



Now of course, this is totally impossible. As the readers will recall, the pole is intended to be used only by **Kurmudgeons** to go from the bar to our private underground parking, and only <u>WE</u> have pledged to close our eyes as we pass through, thereby causing no concern for the ladies.

Our project to develop a method for drinking wine without removing a mask is still not moving as quickly as we had hoped. We are still hampered by the lack of raw materials for our experiments, (the wine). The officers of the club have not stepped forward to help with





the alacrity that we had expected. However, we, the Kurmudgeons, will soldier on as best we can. The project that is now demanding the majority of our

### time is the Palace Of Otherworldly Pleasures,

**(POOP)**. We have identified a significant engineering problem with the bungee jump. As readers will recall, the center stack at the Power Plant has been designated as a bungee jump

The problem is that we do not know how long the bungee should be. We need some jumpers to find out what length we need. Since the **Kurmudgeons** are always concerned about costs, we think that this function could be filled with volunteers. We, the **Kurmudgeons**, would volunteer if we had not already committed ourselves as volunteers on the mask/wine problem, so we are looking for



so we are looking for volunteers. Imagine being the first to experience the thrill of this jump and doing it for free. Certainly, there are some stout LADS in the club who would like

to avail themselves of this opportunity. Perhaps some of those bold and boastful members of the **Daysailer Fleet**, who face the dangers of the sea at every outing, might be interested. We do not want to exclude any stout **LASSIES** who want to take part either, as we do not want to face another demonstration. Helmets will be provided just in case the bungee is a little bit too long in the first few tries. If you wish to be part of this exciting activity please contact the Chaplain, as he is, we feel appropriately, leading this effort. The Chaplain adds, "xapaHxyй xoocoH газар pyy, " (into a dark empty place - Hmong). The Ghost says, Oh tsis muaj! Lawv cov cawv txiv hmab tsis muaj dab tsi ntxiv dua! (Oh no! Their wine bottles are empty -- again?)

The funding for this effort is coming together. The chest of gold coins from Nigeria should arrive soon. There have been some unexplained delays, but we have been assured that everything is alright. The response to our offer to sell shares at a bargain \$20,000 has been **unbelievable**.

Our progress on the **Center for Reflective Action and Positivity (CRAP)**, has come to a complete standstill as we are overwhelmed with all the efforts we have undertaken. Even we, the **Kurmudgeons**, can only do slightly more than is humanly possible.

-- Larry Salas. President

Respectfully submitted by **Don Lockwood.** Recording secretary and leader of the acapella marching band.

The Kurmudgeons this month are reviewing their four major tasks they've been doing, so they're all very busy and are in quite a tizzy since these many great plans are accruing. -- The Amorphous Ghost





# ON TOP OF SPAGHETTI!

Submitted by Social Directory/Galley Chief, Kendall Welch

August 5, 2020 found another beautiful night at the yacht club for another socially distanced evening. Scott and Kathy Erwin magnanimously volunteered to cook spaghetti for our crowd of about 50 happy people. It was pasta, pasta, pasta, with buckets of noodles, served with a beautiful marinara sauce with garden fresh zucchini, meatballs, corn on the cob, garlic bread, and a green salad.

Again Chris Surfleet managed the set-up crew to move tables outside to ensure social distancing and sanitize all the tabletops. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who came early and moved the tables and chairs outside. Our great crew of masked lunch ladies again did a marvelous job of plating the food and passing to our wonderful guests. Another round of applause for them.



Joe and Jill Fariss manned the bar with beer, wine and Aperol Spritz as the cocktail of the evening. The evening was topped off with a slice of tiramasu for everyone.

I know its redundant but again want to thank everyone involved, from setting up, to cleaning up, to just coming and enjoying the evening. In these COVID dominating times its nice to see smiling faces and folks having a good time at the yacht club. Stay tuned for future events!



MOPE SPAGHETTI! Submitted by Social Directory/Galley Chief, Kendall Welch

### OCEAN FLEET T-shirts are priced at \$30



# MBYC "Luau" and Celebration September 12, 2020

We are still working out details, but hoping to put together a short socially distanced program to celebrate the year, let the Commodore speak about the fog, honor those that have crossed the bar, bring the club together in a safe manner, and most importantly fire the cannon.

This will be followed by a Hawaiian inspired plate lunch of pork ribs, huli huli chicken, mac salad and rice and don't forget the coconut cake.

Announcement will be in the alias shortly. Reservations required for lunch, take-out welcomed.

# What floats

## Tell us the tale of your first,

# 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. You can help. Pleae share your story. 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. Send to atsurfleet@gmail.com. Next month look for: Hirtory of the club when the power plant had only one rtack AND The rtory of your boat(r)

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Fun Floaters practicing Social Distancing while having our lunch on the Sandspit



#### Fun Floats Are Safe As Well As Fun!

Every time a Fun Float reminder is sent to the mailing list, a copy of the Covid Safe Procedures is included in the posting. When our Fun Floaters show up to the club, they are conscious and courteous with regards to everyone's needs for safe social interactions. We have been having Fun Floats about every two weeks with about the same kind of attendance as we had before we had to shut down. Everyone expresses how happy they are to get out on the water, enjoy the fresh air, and socialize with friends.

Fun Floats are a good way for prospective members to add club activities to their application for membership and to get to know club members in a time where it is hard to participate in such activities. Anyone is welcome to join our Fun Floats using any type of paddle craft.

If you would like to be on the Fun Float mailing list in order to receive notifications of upcoming Fun Float events, send me an email. chasmoes@gmail.com

On our most recent float we found someplace shady for lunch. It was a very warm day.



Upcoming Fun Floats: All are scheduled to leave the dock at 11:00 AM

| Sept | Wed 02 |
|------|--------|
| Sept | Thu 17 |
| Oct  | Fri 02 |
| Oct  | Sat 17 |
| Nov  | Wed 04 |
| Nov  | Wed 18 |

The September 17th Fun Float is tentatively scheduled for the Bay Side Cafe, but the Bay Side Cafe part of the Float may need to be rescheduled. Fun Floaters will receive notification via the mailing list.

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Glenda and John launching their kayaks.





A floating pigeon coop shared with other waterfowl.



A lazy paddle back to the dock. Life is good in Morro Bay



## Merriam-Webster Nauti Origns of Everyday Terms

## Slush Fund

Definition: an unregulated fund often used for illicit purposes

In nautical jargon, slush is the refuse grease rendered from the salted meat cooked on board a ship. This slush was once commonly skimmed and put into barrels to be sold in port. The money received from sales was put into a "slush fund" and used to purchase luxuries for the crew that they otherwise could not afford. In the late 19th century, the term slush fund was appropriated for monies set aside for political ends. Such slush funds were used to supplement the salaries of government employees, bribing public officials, or carrying on corruptive propaganda on behalf of special interests.

## Three Sheets in the Wind

"Three sheets in the wind," or "three sheets to the wind," goes back to the early 19th century. The first known use in print is in British writer Pierce Egan's book Real Life in London (1821): "Old Wax and Bristles is about three sheets in the wind." The "sheets" in this expression are not bedclothes, as you might have guessed, but neither are they sails. The sheets are ropes or chains that are attached to the lower corner of a ship's sails and used to extend or shorten the sails. If you were on a three-sailed vessel and all three sheets were loose—in the wind—the boat would wallow about uncontrollably much like a staggering drunk. Old-time sailors would say that someone only slightly tipsy was "one sheet in the wind," while a rip-roaring drunk was "three sheets in the wind."

# Aloof

Aloof was originally a nautical term referring to sailing into the wind as a way to stay clear of the shore or a hazard. (Its opposite is alee.) The word is commonly found with keep, as 18th-century English poet Alexander Pope illustrates in his translation of Homer's Odyssey: "With all our force we kept aloof to sea." The "steering away" technique of keeping aloof influenced the general uses of the word relating to physical or emotional distance or indifference. Aloof is based on the prefix a- and louf, an older variant of another nautical term luff, which refers to sailing a ship nearer to the wind.



| Port Captain<br>Bar Steward<br>Social Director                                                                                   | Lynn Meissen<br>Joe and Jill Fariss<br>Kendall Welch |
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| Costume Consultant                                                                                                               | Brett Cross                                          |
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MBYC SHIP'S STORE FINED (B) FREASURE

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.



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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. © 2020 Morro Bay Yacht Club