



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

January 2021

Morro Bay, California

Commodore Chris Surfleet Welcome to the New Year



Happy New Year! Andrea and I send our best wishes for a successful, happy, and healthy New Year. With the change of the calendar year comes a new Board of Directors for the Morro Bay Yacht Club. I must begin by thanking outgoing Board Members Yvonne Lazear, Jeanie Roberts, Alaine Steuk, and Ken Twist. Your club appreciates your service. The incoming Board of Directors is excellent and will serve our club well. Please welcome Troy Wieck as Vice Commodore, Judi Glover as Rear Commodore, Laura McCarren as Treasurer, Tara Hanlon as Secretary, Greg Barker as Senior Director, and Todd Hansen as Director.

I looked back at past January Masthead articles and I noticed a common theme with the new Commodore's message. The theme was along the lines of 'why the heck did the club choose me?'. I will not indulge with the fact that I feel the same way. However, with the benefit of hindsight these past Commodores did fantastic jobs. I cannot promise you that the same will be said of me in the future, but I do promise to give my best. I love that our club is a volunteer organization with low annual dues and gladly donate my time towards its success.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, little can change with our postponement of organized boating and social events at the club. I do want to remind members that our dock and deck are still open for use. The State and County guidance during our lockdown still allows outdoor recre- — Continued on following page



Officers & Directors

Commodore:
Chris Surfleet

Vice Commodore:
Troy Wieck

Rear Commodore: †
Judi Glover

Treasurer:
Laura McCarren

Secretary:
Tara Hanlon

Senior Director:
Greg Barker

Director:
Todd Hansen

Commodore: Looking forward to all Club activities

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ation. Sailing, kayaking, SUPs, and boating are associated with outdoor recreation. Please try to limit or avoid time in the clubhouse, maintain physical distance from others, and wear a face covering to protect others and yourself when near others or inside the clubhouse. Your Board of Directors and Social Chair will attempt to be creative in providing opportunities for us to socialize and gather until most of us receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To quote Penny Boernstein, San Luis Obispo County Public Health Director, "We might feel done with COVID-19, but it is not done with us yet..." Please be careful and respect each other's health when interacting at the Yacht Club. I am hopeful as 2021 progresses we will be able to host sailing races, summer sailing lessons, happy hours, and regattas.

For the time being the MBYC Board Meetings will continue in a video conferencing format using ZOOM. Further, approximately 1-2 times a month a COVID-19 Committee will meet to discuss protocols and events during the COVID-19 pandemic. These meetings are open to MBYC membership. For the link to join these meetings go the MBYC calendar on our club website (www.mbyc.net), select the meeting date of interest, the ZOOM link or call-in information will be available.

2021 Committee Chairs



Port Captain:	Lynn Meissen
Bar Steward:	Joe and Jill Fariss
Social Director/Galley Chief:	Kendall Welch
Membership:	John Edell
Masthead Editor:	Mark Buchman
Ship's Store:	Orris and Pat Cowgill
Junior Sailing Advisor:	Terry Paris
Ocean Fleet Captain:	Jon Hovdahl
Daysailer Fleet Captain:	Charlie Roberts
Laser Fleet Captain:	Dan Hack
Lido Fleet Captain:	TBD
Fun Float Captain:	Charlie Roberts
Summer Sailing:	Glenda Boatman
Cal Poly Liaison:	Todd Hansen
Education Officer:	Joe Fram
Historian:	Andrea Surfleet
Insurance:	Rich Leamon
Library:	Charlie Roberts
Mailing:	Rachelle Phillips



Congratulations to the new Board of Directors for MBYC. I made the new flags for the Commodore's Ball and would like to say, Thank you for serving MBYC for the coming year 2021. We're all glad for your dedication to the club and hope it's a great year for you. Thank you.
— Dot Rygh



The last month of the year was full of sailing... individually, independently and separately that is. Unfortunately the lockdown prevented us from having any official events. But we sailors are an industrious and creative lot. So there were a lot of lasers on the bay, daysailers, and ocean goers operating within the confines of what we have been given but not deterred to still see the bay and the ocean and feel the wind in our faces. There are a few sailing stories I would like to leave you with. And, as with all sailing stories I have ever heard, don't make any sense and very likely DID NOT HAPPEN!

The first canceled event was the Lighted Boat Parade. For those that were on the Embarcadero would not have seen any boats on the water, lighted, playing music, and singing songs. They would not have heard the Christmas cheers from the diners. But the spirit of the parade was still in the air. And those with a powerful imagination might have envisioned a few independent boat goers that randomly and in uncoordinated fashion strung up lights and went up and down the bay after sunset.

The second event that unfortunately was canceled due to the lockdown was the third race in the Devlin series. And despite the sailors that showed up that day, motored out to the starting buoy and set their sails; their efforts would not make it any more official nor reverse the lockdown of the sea gods. So, in pirate fashion, we made up our own tale. This one consists of two boats in the running for the Devlin Series trophy. The third race would be the deciding factor, the boat finishing first after adjusted time would take the series for the Covid year. The weather did not cooperate. The wind knew there was a lockdown and did not show up to blow any boats around. Instead sent jellyfish to taunt the sailors and prove to them that they were indeed sailing backwards in the current. Battling the wispy puffs, the boats (we'll call them Guayacan and Spirit just to give them names) were neck and neck to the Club 2 buoy. So close was the race that water cannons were exchanged along with threats of boarding.

There was an overtaking penalty as the Guayacan passed the seemingly faster Spirit. It took 5 minutes to spin the giant schooner. After rounding the first mark after bailout, the Guayacan, thinking that no boat could possibly finish the race with no air moving, gave up the ghost and headed in --- just as the air turned frigid and the skies opened up and fell in buckets. But Spirit was undeterred, after all there was a trophy on the line and if they had to drift in the windless raining day until sundown, slapping their thighs and drinking brandy for warmth, then they would stick it out. Hours of spinning, drifting, and watching the jellyfish swim by in the cold, cold rain they passed the finish line and took their time. Taking the day and the series!

At the end of the race the skippers and crews of both vessels were blessed by the presence of series founder, Devlin himself. He had tragically and recently lost his wife. Bestowing Mr. Devlin with a bell and on it his wife's name engraved on the side, he ragaled the group with stories of racing Rhodes 33's. And pointed to the pictures on the walls and the boats that he was on. A truly special evening. Especially for those that did not partake in those times or were too young to experience them.

This story of course is not true and never happened. But, just to bolster the legend of this tale, future passersby of the trophy case in the Morro Bay Yacht Club may just see the names of the the skippers that won the 2020 Devlin Covid Series engraved there for all time: David Barnard and Jon Hovdal sailing aboard Spirit with their undaunted crew.

Thank you all for enduring this year. I will see you all in 2021 both in the bay and on our beautiful ocean.



Vice Commodore Troy Wieck

Tall tales from the Sea



Port Captain Lynn Meissen

Big Boat dock guidelines announced

Our objective for the dock is to maximize its use for our members and accommodate as many transients as possible. With that objective in mind the following standards have developed over the years.

1. Always tie up as far to the north as possible and as close as reasonable (2- 3 feet between each vessel).
2. The red and yellow zones marked "member" and "sailing dinghies" are for a priority situation. If needed, a member may request a transient to move (and give him assistance); a dinghy sailor may ask for the yellow zone to be cleared.
3. Dinghies will be charged if they increase the amount of dock space used by the vessel (e.g. 40 ft boat + 10 ft dinghy will be billed as 50 feet).
4. Side tie aka rafting is mandatory for all members and transients.
5. Side tying a dinghy prevents another boat on the dock thus is not allowed.
6. Any boat of whatever size tied on the outside of the dock overnight will be billed.
7. Per Policy Letter 6H a member may use the dock for up to 5 consecutive days (and nights) or a total of 10 per month. Additional time requires Port Captain approval.
8. Members must sign in and out each time the dock is used.*
9. If the member neglects to sign in or out, the daily assistant Port Captain will do so.
10. For electrical cord security please check that breakers are off when not in use and secure the cable with a retention ring or string tied on the cleat.
11. Per municipal code extension cords and 20 to 30 amp adaptors are not allowed.

Mooring holders--One dinghy, maximum length 10 feet, per mooring is allowed on the dinghy dock which must be identified with "T/Tmother ship name" or owner's name on the inside of the transom.

These conventions may be amended by the MBYC Board of Directors at any time.

If you have questions, please call me 805 772 0679, or email guayacanc@gmail.com, or I am around the club a lot.

*The member sign in sheet has six boxes (three examples below) to allow the boat to be signed in/out six days each month. Member sign in sheets are at the back of the binder where transients sign in.

Boat Name _sv Argo_	Date in_07/3/802_bc	Date in___7/14/802bc	Date in_07/23/802bc
Member Name Jason	Date out_07/7/802_bc	Date out_07/15/802bc	Date out_07/28/082bc

MBYC Ladies Literary and Tablecloth Embellishing Society

submitted by Kendall Welch

2020 has been a year of new experiences for all of us. Time honored annual traditions have been set aside for the sake of social distancing and attempting to stop the spread of COVID-19. Not only family holiday traditions were foregone but also Opening Day for Morro Bay Yacht Club was



postponed and finally cancelled. The tradition of opening day in the yachting world started years ago where yacht clubs closed down for the winter and re-opened for the summer sailing season. Of course, here in Morro Bay, California, we don't close the yacht club seasonally – only COVID-19 has done that this year! Because we have missed opening day in 2020 and may still miss it in 2021, new members to

the club have not been able to observe any of the MBYC traditions.



Besides being drowned in a flotilla of deviled eggs, it is tradition at MBYC to introduce the Flag Officers, remind us of former Staff Commodores, bless the fleet, ring the bell for members that passed, shoot the cannon "to break up the ice" and officially open the sailing season. These ceremonies are followed by a parade of boats and then sailing races. It is really an excuse to spiff up our boats, drink bloody marys in our finest clothes, and try to figure out who the camouflaged pirates are.

MBYC has an additional tradition that new members sign a tablecloth, and their signature is later embroidered. I tried to sleuth out who, and when this tradition began but I was not successful gleaning that information from anyone I spoke to. In my quest for information I did enjoy talking to many of the early, early members of the yacht club



which is always fun. I did find out that Karen Clinton is responsible for much of the embroidery over the years (see picture of Karen and her husband Jim with the tablecloth). Pat Cowgill is the current keeper of the cloth and was kind enough to share some of the pictures.

Unfortunately, there is no permanent display of this lovely piece. Hopefully we will all get to see this lovely tablecloth again at our next Opening Day Celebration!

Happy New Year!!!





The Kurmudgeon Korner -- January 2021



Hello from the **Kurmudgeons**. We'd like to wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, but that might be difficult, so we'll settle for a wish that things improve for everyone really soon. As you might guess, the **Kurmudgeon** projects will have to remain on hold for a while, but never fear, we will return just as soon as the YC bar is back in business. Also, we're sure the ladies of the club will be happy when they can get out of politics and back to being **housewives** again.

The **Kurmudgeons**, all of whom are past MBYC commodores, would like to thank our 2020 Board of Directors. We never had to face a situation so formidable as those guys have. We feel very fortunate to have had people of that caliber who could take the lead in such totally uncharted territory. Well done! Unfortunately, the battle is not yet over, but we feel that the board has the knowledge and experience to weather the remainder of the storm. Hang in there.



Just because there is a global pandemic the **Kurmudgeons** have not totally shut down. We have been in constant contact with our highly qualified architectural firm of **Kundson, Knudson, and Knudson**, and we are planning to begin work on the geological test bore in the women's head just as soon as the side effects of the Covid vaccine and the excess imbibed alcohol wear off.



Also, the beautification project for the women's head is going ahead at **WARP SPEED**. We expect to have the full complement of photos of the **Kurmudgeons** to enhance the walls of said facility. To add some spice to the project, we will use the pictures from the **Kurmudgeon Kalendar** that was postponed last year.

In this time of trouble our **Chaplain** would like to announce that he will provide a new service; he will be available to hear confessions from the ladies of the MBYC. Anticipating a large turnout for this very popular service, advanced reservations will be necessary. For sins of a sexual nature, several private sessions with the **Chaplain** may be required. The **Chaplain** adds, "**vendere non è confessare**," (Selling is not confessing.) **The Ghost**, fresh from a visit to Italy, says, "**e chi è stato inghiottito quella mela?**" (and who was it gobbled that apple?)

Well, I guess that's about it, so as Tigger from *Winnie the Pooh* would say TTFN.

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

-- Duly recorded by **Don Lockwood**. Recording secretary and leader of the **Kurmudgeon A Capella marching band**.

Kurmudgeons will find out instead
of their scheme to take over the head,
the ladies must show
just how skunky and low
those fellows have slunk and misled.
They seem to be on quite a bender
and fences they'll soon have to mend, for
housewives are not slaves
and those arrogant knaves
know females are **the** finer gender,
for Eve was a beautiful winner
and Adam the ultimate sinner,
so man was quite free
to shun apples, and he
should have gone off and fixed his own dinner.
And as for the Chaplain, his lesson
from women demands intercession,
for Kurmudgeons by far
seem to be those who are
more in need of immediate confession.

-- **The Amorphous Ghost**





All decked out

Membership Report

John Edell, Membership Chairman

Membership Report January 2021

The Membership Committee will be meeting via Zoom for our next meeting. This will be our first time attempting a virtual meeting, so we will see how it goes. There are four sponsors applications received. Charlie and Lisa Nichols sponsored by Todd Hansen and Michael and Brooks Measures. David Barnard sponsored by Troy Wieck and Lynn Meissen. Jason Jarvis sponsored by Michele Latin and Lynn Meissen. Lucinda Quirtanal sponsored by Troy Wieck and Judi Glover.

David and Deborah Abrecht have resigned from the Club. As always, we are sad to see them go.

Join boat yard discussion

Greg Barker, Senior Director

My first report of the New Year begins with the status of last year's business. There are three tasks remaining on the installation of the bar sanitizer: repair the drywall where the water supply was installed, run a drain line to the floor sink under the ice machine, and install the new cabinet with the sanitizer in its final home. When asked at the last board meeting when it would be done (it has been almost a year), I replied something to the effect of, "by the time the bar reopens."

For the next two years I chair the Long-Range Planning Committee. Most of you concerned about our long-term tenure in the boat yard have already seen a number of emails about that. My goal is to get the club positioned to act when the current owner is ready to sell. I'm hoping to get the participation of every boatyard constituency: the Day Sailer Fleet, Laser Fleet, Summer Sailing, Juniors, Cal Poly Sailing Team, and owners of miscellaneous other boats stored in the yard. I hope to schedule a meeting sometime after the Budget Committee meets on January 14. Ideas and volunteers are welcome from every quarter. Sr. Director — Greg Barker



*Optis
social
distancing*



A horizon is the winter sky

Ship's Store offers more



New items for the Ship's Store. All the items will be embroidered. For toting wine 🍷, we have single and double wine totes, also a neoprene tote to keep wine cool. For you hoodie fans there will be hoodie Tees 👕, along with some new short sleeve Tees. And, large and medium tote bags, handy for packing food and those last minute boating essentials.

And just A reminder to those who ordered CHART MUGS, they are available and I have them at my home...2991 Sandalwood Ave, Morro Bay...310/683-8180. Just call ☎️ ahead and let me know when you would like to come by. Also I have the MBYC 2021 calendars. As a BONUS, if you live in Morro Bay I will deliver the Chart Mugs you ordered if you take a calendar. Calendars are \$20 cash only.

Please Donate and Keep our Kids Afloat!



- Supports local youth sailing such as the Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club and Cal Poly Sailing.
- Raises funds for sailing equipment, boats, coaching, scholarships and regatta fees.
- Provides tax deductions for donors.
- Please donate online at www.mbysf.org or send check to MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443.

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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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