



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

April 2021

Morro Bay, California



Commodore Chris Surfleet **Work day and General Meeting**

Welcome spring! Along with your wonderful sun and wind.

April is a busy month for The Morro Bay Yacht Club. April 10 will be one of our club work days, followed by our Virtual General Meeting that evening. The agenda for the General Meeting and Zoom link can be found in this edition of the Masthead. There is nothing significant to vote on, except to approve our November 2019 General Meeting minutes. That is correct, it has been that long since we have met as a club. I hope we can get a quorum to try to get these minutes approved. We will provide a report on the status of the club and committee functions. We will end with a discussion on ideas to invest some of the club's funds in higher yielding mutual funds to achieve longer term growth of our assets. I promise you that we will not invest in a boat.



*What is at the end of the rainbow? Morro Bay
— Judi Glover photo*

On Sunday, April 18 we will have our Virtual Opening Day. The festivities begin at 10:30 am with some live jazz music with the ceremony at 11 am. Although we cannot claim to be fully open, we are getting close to it, certainly the yachting season can be proclaimed open even if many of our club functions are not yet

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*There are
some things
you learn
best in calm,
and some in
storm.
— Willa
Cather*

*— Mark
Buchman
photo*



Summer sailing lessons return

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open. A few members will be allowed to attend so please RSVP to Kendall Welch (Kendallwelch@hotmail.com). Only members will be allowed, no guests. The link for the Virtual Opening Day is found in an ad later in this Masthead. The limited participants will be selected on a first come first reserved basis. Although many will attend this ceremony virtually, I am happy that we can begin bringing some of the club functions back.

We are planning to offer summer sailing lessons this summer. We have not worked out the details of the format and may not be able to accommodate our normal amount of classes. But we are making every effort to ensure this essential service to our community resumes. Currently our biggest challenge is finding certified sailing instructors. If you are a certified sailing instructor or know a certified sailing instructor who would like to teach sailing in beautiful Morro Bay please send your interest to Dana McClish (Mcclishmb@charter.net). Currently we have Andrew Monroe wanting to teach sailing, we might get some of the Cal Poly Sailing Team to teach sailing. Anyone else? Let Dana know.

I will end with a reminder of our bar use policy. We

have been allowing limited use of the bar. The bar is for members over the age of 21 to enjoy alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. A non-member can get an alcoholic beverage provided they are sponsored by a member. The sponsor sign up sheet is at the bar and is the responsibility of the member sponsoring them to fill out and ensure that the non-member wears a name tag and follows club rules. We have had some recent problems where transient sailors have been allowed to drink at the bar without proper sponsorship. This is unacceptable and could jeopardize the club's liquor license. Having a bar in our clubhouse is an important part of our social functions. However, the serving and drinking of alcohol can have negative consequences which must be kept in mind. If you are not willing to take the responsibility of the sponsored person at our bar, then that person should not be served.



*Laurie
Wright
photo*



Vice Commodore Troy Wieck

Showers shine

Does it feel like spring yet? It's time for Spring work! April 10th is our Work Day in preparation for our Opening Day. I know we are all rusty, but let's get the club spick and span. I sent out a sign-up sheet via the Alias in March. Please sign up if you can. There are two shifts to keep the number of people working at the same time low—a morning shift and afternoon shift. I appreciate all your efforts in helping keep the club well maintained for all our use. Here is the link for the sign-up sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17AeEs88Mp2rVXxveiljlgq1n5HeCk-VXkkZuo-GG5xuM/edit?usp=sharing>

Some of the work completed in March:

1. Final painting of the deck and laundry room.
2. Copper downspouts installed to replace the really, really old ones.
3. Fob system was installed and is now functional on the main computer. The old computer is no longer needed.



4. The tile work is complete in the men's and women's bathroom. (Very sorry if any Kurmudgeons are trapped down there.)

Upcoming repairs and enhancements:

1. Outdoor shower
2. Sanitizer installation
3. Boat ramp resurfacing
4. Plans for rebuilding the Kayak racks

Thank you all for your help on work day and to all volunteers on these projects.



Rear Commodore Judi Glover, mbyc.rear@gmail.com

March passes quickly

“Ahoy!” From the Rear,

March went by surprisingly fast for me. Lots of strong winds, some rain and plenty of sunshine. Daylight savings took place on March 14th, the days are getting longer and Spring has sprung! One of my brothers, George, came up from Huntington Beach for a visit. It has been 6 years since he has been to Morro Bay. We took my boat out for a little cruise with my son & daughter. I love how boats and water can bring people together.

Race News

This month MBYC had one Bay Fleet Race and two Ocean Fleet races. “Ladies Day” Arbitrary Bay Race was March 6th with five ladies participating. “Bad Lattitude” Dawn Huntsinger and Cyndy Fee won the day and all of the ladies received beautiful bouquets for their efforts. Thank you Patrick and Michelle Gorey for PROing, Dan Hack and Charlie Nichols for running the safety boat. The Ocean Fleet had Winter III on the 7th and “Founders Cup” on March 28th. Jon Hovdal, our Ocean Fleet Captain, has the race report in his article. Sadly the Big Rock and Mustang Regattas were cancelled... Next year...



Race dates: Spring I Ocean 04/11 Opening Day Bay Race 04/17 Opening Day Ocean Race 04/18

Wet Wednesday's every Wednesday at 5PM throughout the Spring and Summer

We have had two “Wet Wednesdays” so far. The first one was on St. Patrick's Day, before Kendall and her leprechauns amazing corned beef and hash dinner. Four boats participated on March 17th, two lasers and two daysailers. Shenanigans were had and lucky charms were given out to the participants. On March 24th we had two daysailers, one laser and one paddle boarder. A prospective member showed up to help on the deck. All in all, it has been fun and I hope you can join us on Wednesdays. Spectators and hecklers welcome! Calling all Kurmudgeons!

Tune up Day

Tune up day is April 24th and 25th. Sign up online on the MBYC.net Google calendar. Each time slot is two hours long. Michael and Brooks Measures will be our tune up specialists. There is only space and time for 12 boats, space is limited. Please sign up and let's get our boats ready for our Opening Day Race and Huntington!

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Whaler is back, PROs needed

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Whaler News

The Whaler is back. Thank you Lynn for having her serviced and the Measures for getting her back home safe and sound. Both the Whaler and Baby Whaler need some attention. Contact me at mbyc.rear@gmail.com to get certified to use them. They are available for club member use when off duty, it is encouraged to keep them healthy and strong.

PRO's

We still need PRO's for upcoming Bay Fleet races. Sign ups are online and at the club. Want to learn how to PRO? Charlie Roberts will give you a one on one tutorial on how to do it. Contact Charlie at chasmoes@gmail.com. PRO'ing has benefits towards your racing score if you are a Bay Fleet participant. It is also a way to volunteer and introduce prospective members at the club.

Work Day is April 10th. There will be pastries and lunch provided. Again, this is another opportunity to bring a prospective member and a great way to meet club members. Sign ups are online on the calendar.

MBYC Interesting News

Did you know we have a cannon on our tarmac? It has been donated by Johnny B., who is hop-

ing to place it outside of the club by the entrance. Plans and ideas have been submitted and awaiting discussion. The history of this cannon is that it was recovered off the coast of Florida. It is dated back to the 1500's and is thought to be from a British or Pirate ship based on the rings around the barrel of the cannon.

Nice try Veep/Kurmugeons...

After careful inspection and some suspicion of the Vice Commodores the Kurmugeons attempt to sneak an underground parking lot during the so called "Plumbing Issues" in the heads, it is safe to report that they have only explored the idea and no such called "parking lot" has been erected. They did try to have additional "plumbing issues" addressed to extend their explorations but the board decided to wait until those issues needed to be addressed, which according to the plumber could be 8-15 years from now (I think the plumber is on the gals side). Ladies... we are still safe to use our designated heads for now!

"Launch me in the Sea of Love and let me sail" ~Rumi

~Judi Glover, MBYC Rear Commodore MBYC.rear@gmail.com

With Cannons Ablaze

-- Andrea Surfleet, Historian

Traditions associated with the Opening Day of the Morro Bay Yacht Club ebb and flow. We don't always remember when something started nor notice when it's let go. Recently, the foot-long Signal Cannon has been fired by the Junior Sailor of the Year as remarks declare sailing is open. It had long been fired toward the beginning, to add a loud triumph to the end of the Star Spangled Banner, but not so in recent years. When did the Signal Cannon join the yacht club and why don't we hear from it more often? And where did it wander in from?

I queried Don Lockwood of the cannon's origins, and he said it had been machined by Ed Carnegie. I tend to find Ed at the beginning of many of the club's stories and, as usual, he had tales to tell. He couldn't recall the year though, and it's the cannon that supplied that information. A plaque on the wooden carriage says, "Built for MBYC Race Committee by Ed Carnegie and Ed Wysocki, 1968."

Ed Carnegie (Commodore 1967/1968) worked as an engineering professor at Cal Poly and he found a piece of brass bearing stock in the Ag Engineering department. He thought it would be a good idea to build a Signal Cannon out of the 13-inch stock. He turned it on a metal cutting lathe at the department and added rings that look like reinforcement rings and added



Don Lockwood with the Signal Cannon for Opening Day of 1990

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Morro Bay Maritime Museum fundraiser

Tickets are available at the Museum -

**Friday, Saturday, Sundays,
10 AM - 2:30 PM or call
Bonnie Jones (602) 526-4367**

1210 Embarcadero, Morro Bay

YOUR PRE-PURCHASED TICKET INCLUDES:

**WHOLE SMOKED CHICKEN \$15.00 AND/OR
FULL RACK OF SMOKED PORK RIBS \$30.00 FROM
TOGNAZZINI'S**

**ADD A BOTTLE OF KELSEY SEE CANYON VINEYARDS
GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLE CHARDONNAY FOR \$20**

**Drive Thru Pickup: Tuesday,
April 13, 2021
From 5pm to 6pm**

**Or email kendallwelch@hotmail.com or text me
at 415-307-3195- I will put a box in the galley
at the yacht club where checks/cash and tickets
can be exchanged if you can't get to the
museum.**

Ticket sales end Sunday, April 4, 2021

With Cannons Ablaze

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1987 Opening Day at MBYC. Is the cannon being used for a Race Start? From left, Brooks & Michael Measures with Don Lockwood.



the trunnion. This is the cylindrical protrusion used as a mounting or pivoting point to join the cannon to the wooden carriage. Ed recalled that club member Ed Wysocki, who was a carpenter and plumber, made the wheeled carriage and they attached the cannon together.

They formulated the process as they went, never drew any pictures of it. They could have made it easier to load, instead of having to screw the cap in slowly, but he doesn't really know how they would have done it otherwise.

To fire, a blank shotgun shell is pushed in and then the compression cap is screwed in. A small hammer is used to tap the little rod or pin that sticks back from the cap and that fires the cannon, creating a loud bang. They thought it would be nice to use to start races and there's mention in the May 1968 "MBYC News" of using the cannon this way. The clubhouse at that time was the house that was previously on the property we have now. Did they use the cannon at races at local lakes?

Ed said that if they could think of some excuse to fire it, they did. But not too crazily. They were aware that an accidental live round could hurt someone, and so they'd hope for certain that the blanks weren't live. It wasn't fired at any Happy Hours. They'd use it at Opening Day and for New Year's Eve. At the current clubhouse, they'd fire it from the deck. But anytime it was fired, there'd be a bunch of people unhappy. Both safety and unhappiness have diminished the frequency of the cannon's use. Does anyone know the last time it was used for a race start?

Signal Cannons, also referred to as salute cannons were used aboard ship and on land to make salutes, to warn of danger, and to attract attention in the case of an emergency. They were also used to start yacht races. Signal Cannons are classified by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as saluting & signaling devices and not as a firearm or weapon.

On Opening Day, we do enjoy signaling that the bay is clear of ice, a joyful reminder that we sail year around, and don't have to wait for an actual day that's safe to sail. We look forward to announcing a certain virus has been conquered enough for safe activities everywhere. We wouldn't use our Signal Cannon for such an event, but that would certainly be fun! A new tradition, anyone?

If you have stories about the MBYC Signal Cannon, or anything else, please contact Andrea Surfleet at atsurfleet@gmail.com.



California Boater Card Workshop

Hosted by your Coast Guard Auxiliary 07-61

April 24-25 , 2021

8:30- 12:30 AM

Online via Zoom

Cost \$30 including mailed course material

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.

Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. Everyone under the age of 40 years old operating a powerboat is required to have a California Boater License this year. By 2025, everyone operating a powerboat will be required to have a license. Sailboats with motors larger than 15 hp are considered powerboats.

Contact Joe Fram, joeframindo@gmail.com to register.

TOPICS INCLUDE




- **Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
- **Boating Law** – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.
- **Safety Equipment** – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.
- **Safe Operation and Navigation** – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.
- **Boating Emergencies** – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.
- **Trailer**ing – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
- **Sports and Boating** – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

The “to do” list

— Greg Barker, Senior Director

This year’s Long-Range Planning Committee meet by Zoom on March 11 to get oriented, update the list of long-term projects, and discuss acquisition of the boatyard. The following highlights were discussed:







Acquiring the boatyard remains the number one priority. The committee’s efforts this year will focus on two issues: exploring ways to assure the club’s continued use of the boatyard into the future and improve our financial ability to act when the opportunity presents itself. About a dozen ideas have been suggested so far on the financial aspect. The following is a summary of long-term goal, in no particular order:

-  boatyard acquisition (clearly the top priority)
-  lower deck repairs (a few years off, continue setting aside money)
-  monitor the tarmac and sea wall for signs of deterioration, develop budget for possible future repairs to guide setting additional funds aside

Boat Tales and photos run as there is room. Please be patient and keep sending your photos and stories.

Many have submitted articles and pictures for Boat Tales. So much so that they cannot all run at the same time. They will all be in the Masthead as there is room. Thanks for those who have submitted their stories and thanks to those who will be submitting.



-  refine a plan and budget for improving the east property line of the boatyard
-  begin setting aside funds for replacement of the galley waste line
-  additional youth sailing programs (carried over from previous year)
-  club boats for use by members (carried over from previous year)
-  a full-time coach shared by the juniors, middle and high school kids, and Cal Poly (carried over from previous year);
-  elevator (based on the previously established fund)

If any members have ideas on the boatyard acquisition or other long-term projects to plan for, they would be welcome. Send your thoughts to Greg Barker at gabarker@sbc-global.net or (805) 704-8613.

'FunFloats' Return

It was really enjoyable to meet with a group to go out and do a FunFloat. We had our first FunFloat in a long time. It was the middle of March, and we hadn't seen each other face-to-face for months. However, I think our FunFloats will become a regular item again.

If you haven't participated in a FunFloat, then I will tell you what to expect. First, FunFloats are one of the MBYC calendared activities in which anyone can participate. Prospective members are encouraged to participate in order to meet some of the club members and to help qualify for membership. FunFloats are a good way to meet and get to know other club members, and they are a fun way for members just to get out and enjoy the bay while visiting with friends.



FunFloats involve getting together on some kind of paddle craft, paddling into the bay, picking a spot on the sand spit, having a picnic lunch, chatting and sometimes playing games, and then coming back to the dock with the tide. FunFloats are not designed for vigorous exercise; we paddle with the tides. Paddle craft include paddleboards, canoes, and kayaks.

Dates are selected so that the tide changes around noon. We meet at the MBYC clubhouse and depart from the dock at 11:00 AM. Some FunFloats are themed, such as a Cinco de Mayo, or Fourth of July event. On those themed FunFloats we often have a party on the sand spit and really don't paddle very far. Most FunFloats see us returning to the dock between one and two in the afternoon.

-- Charlie Roberts, Fun Float Captain

Membership Report

John Edell, Membership Chair

New Member

One new member was approved at the March 18th Board Meeting. Lucinda Quintanar, is currently working on her captains license. Sponsored by Troy Wieck and Judi Glover. Be sure to give Lucinda a warm welcome when you see her around the club.

Prospective Members

The Membership Committee approved David Sheesley. David owns a I-14 sailboat. Sponsored by Troy Wieck and Brian Monroe. Alvin O'Neal was also approved and owns a 32 ft Wayfarer sailboat. Sponsored by Judi Glover and Michael and Catherine Manchak.

Life Member

Roy and Sharon Gammill were approved for Life Membership by the Board of Directors.

New 2021 Membership Cards have been mailed.. The cards are valid through March 31, 2022.



New member, Lucinda Quintanar

Opening Day will be April 18th and we need to spruce up the place for the cameras. Please join us on Saturday, April 10th for Work Day!

To sign up go to : <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17AeEs88M-p2rVXxveiljlgq1n5HeCkVXkkZuo-GG5xuM/edit?usp=sharing>



MBYC Ladies Literary and Volunteering Society - submitted by many Joining the MBYC can mean sailing and other water sports, attending club events as well as volunteering. Members are encouraged to attend a variety of events that enhance both life experience and/or just plain enjoyment. We have sailing races, Fun Floats, Happy Hours, Junior sailing, holiday dinners and parties, club workdays, regattas, and lots more. These events provide a relaxed environment with other folks, allowing new members to form new acquaintances and do fun things – all you have to do is show up. Although these events appear to magically appear on the calendar, they are in fact, a feat of hard work and meticulous planning, by volunteers. These events are not just about the attendance, it is about getting involved and participating with others who share a common appreciation. Volunteering at the club is all about community. We get an enriching experience, exposure to interesting people, personal growth and have a lot of fun. Here are some reasons why some people like to volunteer.

Rachelle Phillips: When Jim and I bought our trawler, we were invited to join the yacht club. Because we didn't live here at the time, we knew we couldn't offer much in the way of help. So, ten years later we did join when we moved here. Our philosophy was always that when we join a group, we "join in." Volunteering and participating are the foundations of MBYC, and in order to feel part of this organization, we always found ways to volunteer. It certainly gives pride of ownership by always being an active member.

Lynn Meissen: I volunteer because it makes me famous and my ego is so weak it needs lots of reinforcement that I am important and everybody loves me and then I get to push others around and make them listen to me even if I am wrong. 🐱 Of course a few don't get it and ignore me, then I cry and my mother gives me a piece of candy.

Rich Leamon: For me volunteering is its own reward. I enjoy "solo" contribution such as reviewing and updating the club's insurance. I also enjoy the camaraderie of workdays. It's a great feeling to help the club.

Jeanie Roberts : Volunteer

I grow old as sun's
morning miracle reinvents
my current mortality
where time is mine to use
or give away if I so choose.
When I offer these hours
I birth avoidance
of day's unsightly weeds,
bedridden messages,
light dust in flight
on well-worn stairs,
but if I share time with you
I may avoid my own
infertile nemeses at least
until tomorrow.

Dot Rygh: I enjoy doing things for people. I also enjoy sharing what I have to offer and knowing it is appreciated. The joy someone shares in accepting what I have shared. When I volunteer for race committee at the Yacht club, I know it is appreciated by each and every sailor out there, and they know I am doing my best and enjoy doing it.

Gail Condon: My reason is boring. When I first joined the club, my brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Rosie Schneringer, were members and quite active so I thought I'd better be active too. I first volunteered to be the Tideland Parks coordinator, then Rear Commodore, and finally, Membership Committee Chair. Since I used to sail often, I now try to help out with the races on deck with the PRO.

Kit Lockwood: Why I volunteer with the Juniors. Well, I am a retired teacher and I do love watching the juniors learn how to sail. I've also been able to watch all the wonderful coaches who have given up much of their time to help the kids be more proficient at sailing and involve them in racing skills also. I'm physically limited now in what I can do but safety is big on my list. It's a big responsibility for everyone to keep the kids safe. I think the junior program is the future for our YC it has brought many younger, active families into our club. My job now is to support the coaches in any way I make sure no one has forgotten their life jacket when leaving the dock, stand by on deck with my radio on in case a sailor needs to come in, be there to oversee at lunch, and watch over the club when they are out sailing among other things. I especially enjoy watching the juniors leave their comfort zone and succeed in the Chris Lockwood regatta. Yep, that's why I volunteer.

The Kurmudgeon Korner -- April 2021



The **Kurmudgeons** are now thoroughly involved in their calendar effort. As readers will recall, the envisioned calendar will have enticing images of each of the five **Kurmudgeons** on five of the months. That, of course, leaves seven months with images to be assigned. We could fill these months with individual or group images of more **Kurmudgeons**, perhaps in provocative poses.



It has been suggested, in the interest of keeping the ladies of the Yacht Club happy, that we devote those extra seven months of images to female members of our club. This has led to some very sensitive issues on what these images would be like and how the images would be selected. We **Kurmudgeons** are painfully aware that a lack of sensitivity could result in another demonstration by the MBYC ladies. One of our group is still being treated for PTSD (Post Demonstration Stress Disorder).

For instance, should these images show ladies in long, prim frocks, or would it be more appropriate for them to wear bathing suits? Since all MBYC ladies are wholesome outdoor types, it seems more appropriate to go with the bathing suit theme. That leads we **Kurmudgeons** to the next question. Should the bathing suit be one piece or two piece?. In the interest of keeping costs down, (the **Kurmudgeons** are always concerned about costs), we think that the minimum bathing suit would be the obvious choice. That leads us to the conclusion that a bikini is the most appropriate attire for these calendar images. Of course, a bikini does not necessarily mean that it can not be a one piece suit. It might be that the most appropriate attire for this calendar might be half a bikini. That would meet all our criteria for being minimum. We, the **Kurmudgeons**, have had several very lively discussions on the subject as we have reported in a previous *Masthead*. We are concerned that if we select a half bikini we might, in fact, be overwhelmed with submissions from ladies who wish to be included. This is one of the key sensitive issues that remains to be decided. We feel it is instructive to the reader to see the nonemotional analytic rigor that we apply to these issues.

It has been suggested that the solicitation of images might be expanded to those yacht clubs that the **Kurmudgeons** plan to visit under our **Boaters' Ultimate Representation Project (BURP)**. This has been rejected because of the overwhelming interest from our own MBYC ladies. One need only review the March *Masthead* to see three of our ladies beginning their campaigns to be included. True, one needs to look very closely, but we know who you are.

Another key issue that must be resolved is who will select the images out of the considerable number we would expect to be submitted. Again, we **Kurmudgeons** do not want to expose ourselves to another demonstration. It has been suggested that the **Commodore** might be the appropriate person for this task. However, we **Kurmudgeons** unanimously agree that he lacks the maturity for such a momentous task. It is possible that we may have to undertake this task ourselves. As the **Chaplain** says (in Norwegian) "**Når det blir tøft, kommer Kurmudgeons i gang.**" (When the going gets tough, the **Kurmudgeons** get going.) The **Ghost** says, (also in Norwegian) "**Gammelt kjøtt er alltid tøft**" (Old meat is always tough.)

Another issue that remains is selecting which of the many enticing images of the **Kurmudgeons** will be used in the calendar. We have decided that the truly appreciative ultimate audience should have a say in this matter. To that end, we will provide a selection in the women's head of images of each **Kurmudgeon** suitable for posting. The MBYC ladies can then select from these images those they find most adorable.

We wish to thank the **Vice Commodore** for his cooperation in including our underground construction project as part of his piping repair, and no **Kurmudgeons** are missing as far as we know. Counting up to five has become somewhat of a challenge for some of us, so we are not too sure. We will check with our consulting firm of Knudson, Knudson, and Knudson who had people under the club defining the exact location of the parking headstones for each of the **Kurmudgeons**. They may still be down there.

Larry Salas -- President of the **Kurmudgeon** Debating Society-- -- Duly recorded by **Don Lockwood**. Recording Secretary and leader of the **Kurmudgeon** A Capella marching band.



We ladies are gorgeous, it's true so **Kurmudgeons**, all five of your crew, for your calendar's stages we should grace **all twelve** pages, and OUR portraits must hang in YOUR loo.

-- The Amorphous Ghost

Opening Day in the time of Covid, from the galley and Kendall Welch

St. Patrick's day 2020 was our last indoor yacht club event before the Covid-19 shutdown. I would estimate that half the attendees actually ate dinner at the yacht club and enjoyed the limericks, and corned beef dinner, the other half picked up their dinners and took



them home. A year later we are still social distancing but allowed to operate at 25% capacity as a restaurant facility. Again, about half of the dinner purchasers took their food away, but half enjoyed the dinner upstairs with the socially distanced companionship of their fellow yacht club members. Please check out the limericks submitted, on another page.



So our next event will be Opening Day. The Covid Committee is still working out details of Opening Day, probably because the Commodore doesn't want to miss out on firing the cannon or eating deviled eggs. The one thing we can be sure of is a virtual opening day ceremony hosted at <https://www.bigbigslo.com/mbyc> beginning at **10:30 on Sunday, April 18, 2021**. The Joel Surfleet jazz trio will be performing live and streaming on the website before and after the ceremony. We do expect that approximately 60 or so folks can attend the ceremony that will be held on the tarmac this year. We must accommodate social distancing, even though many yacht club members have already been vaccinated. If you are interested in attending in person, please visit the above website and hit the IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUEST button.



Instead of our usual buffet/flotilla of deviled eggs, the food portion of the Opening Day festivities will likely be a box of snacks. I was trying to think of what foods would lend themselves to a nautical theme, and how to organize a potluck- snack box throw together event in the morning before the ceremony. If you are interested in creating a snack type item for Opening Day and or loading boxes, please email me at kendallwelch@hotmail.com. Plan on creating 75 pieces of whatever hors d'oeuvre (bite size), small muffin, or cookie that you wish to make. Lets see if we can sail away with the food preparation for this event.



St. Patrick's Day Limericks

John Burgener

Pat Rygh – voted the best of the lot

The Kurmudgeons are crusty and cagey
and some think we're handsome tho lazy
but when it's all done
it's all in good fun
to have a good laugh and act
crazy

Honorable Mentions:

Troy Wieck

I once got a boat for free
It looked so enticing to me
I threw up the sails
Right during a gale
Now my boat's at the bot-
tom of the sea

Kendall Welch

There was a young girl from Morro Bay
Who didn't know a shroud from a stay
When she'd come about
She would always shout
Everyone get out of my way!

Yolanda Tarazon

There was a young lady named Banker
Who slept while the ship lay at anchor :
She awoke in dismay
When she heard the mate say:
"Now hoist up the top sheet,
and spanker."

Max Sicher

Jack and Jill
went up the hill
Both with a buck and a quarter
Jill came down with two and a half
they didn't go for water

Johnny B has a boat named Tan Feet
And catches more fish than he can eat
He sets up the taco bar
Yachties come from afar

*Little known installation of Blarney Stone at
MBYC sea wall. Commodore in white hat.*



'Cause his fish tacos just can't
be beat!

Lynn Meissen

She sails the seas and does
what she please
Watching the seas go down
when the sun comes up
Happy to be in a place that is
free
She needs nothing more to fill
up her cup.

Lori Toft

Yacht Club galley, Friday are you in?
Masks, Hairnets, gloves, goggles to begin
Not Happy Hour
But I'm not sour
Trust me, under the mask, is a grin!

Anonymous

There once was a Kurmudgeon
Who thought he was somethun
But the women all cried
That he was nothing but fried
So now he is drowning in rum

The Kurmudgeon Lament

There once was a Ubiquitous Ghost
Who bludgeoned the Kurmudgeons to toast
With the last word in the Korner
She made our egos a goner
But the Kurmudgeons still love her the most



Morro Bay Yacht Club

Cordially Invites You to Attend

Virtual Opening Day Ceremonies

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 10:30 AM

<https://www.bigbigslo.com/mbyc>

There will be limited in-person attendance at the actual event on the tarmac subject to existing Covid guidelines . You can RSVP to request to attend in person on the above website and you will be notified later (around April 11).

You do not need to RSVP to view the virtual ceremony.

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General Membership Meeting



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88248835596?pwd=LzJqQjNTdGg1d1YzVEdHN1pNc>

- Quorum Call
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Acceptance of Minutes
- Correspondence
- Reports:
 - Commodore
 - Treasurer
 - Vice Commodore
 - Rear Commodore
 - Senior Director
 - Director
- Committee Chair Reports
- Discussions: Investing club funds, other points brought by membership
- Adjournment

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.

MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

FEIN: 45-2901711

Message from Dinghy sailors

The Dingy Sailors would like to remind the club membership Yellow Dock Zone limitations during daylight hours except for race days.

Dock Use Policy, Policy Letter No.. 6. Revision H

4. Use of the south 25 feet of the dock marked by a yellow painted stripe is reserved for dinghy sailors during daylight hours. Member sailing dinghies shall have priority over all member or non-member ocean boats in the yellow zone.

6. On scheduled race days (ocean and bay), racers shall have exclusive use of the entire dock length from three hours prior to scheduled race start through the completion of racing as declared by the Race PRO or the Port Captain. The Race PRO or the Port Captain is authorized to require movement of non-racing boats or dinghies.

MBYC store new Spring gear



The 1st Day of Spring has come and gone, but it's still a little chilly. Here are some coolish Morro Bay spring items. I've been Pfizerized twice now. Immunity reigns! Call or text me, and I'll meet you at MBYC. (310)683-8180.

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.....	
Fun Float Captain.....	Charlie Roberts
Summer Sailing.....	Glenda Boatman
Cal Poly Liaison.....	Todd Hansen
Education Officer.....	Joe Fram
Historian.....	Andrea Surfleet
Insurance.....	Rich Leamon
Clean Marine Program.....	Julie Thomas
Library.....	Charlie Roberts
Mailing.....	Rachelle Phillips

On the Horizon

Thu Apr 1, 2021 5pm Wet Wednesday	Mon Apr 12, 2021 11am Fun Float	Wed Apr 21, 2021 5pm Wet Wednesday
5:30pm COVID-19 Committee meeting	Tue Apr 13, 2021 5:30pm USCG Auxiliary	Sat Apr 24, 2021 9am Tune up Day
Wed Apr 7, 2021 5pm Wet Wednesday	Wed Apr 14, 2021 5pm Wet Wednesday	Sun Apr 25, 2021 9am Tune up Day
Sat Apr 10, 2021 8am Work day	Thu Apr 15, 2021 6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg	Tue Apr 27, 2021 Fun Float
6pm General Meeting	Sat Apr 17, 2021 Opening Day Race (Bay)	Wed Apr 28, 2021 5pm Wet Wednesday
Sun Apr 11, 2021 Juniors Spring I (Ocean)	Sun Apr 18, 2021 Opening Day Race (Ocean) 10am Opening Day	Thu Apr 29, 2021 5:30pm COVID-19 Committee meeting

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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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