



# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

May 2021

Morro Bay, California

## Commodore Chris Surfleet

### Lots of summer events ahead at MBYC

The gray days of May are upon us, but they hint at the transition toward summer. Summer happenings at the Morro Bay Yacht Club with sailing lessons, burger nights, High Sierra Regatta, and the Day Sailer Invitation. Do you remember those carefree days of summers past? It appears we will enjoy them again! I cannot state specifics yet, but we are planning for all of those great summer events at the club. Admittedly they will be done a little differently, but I expect we will enjoy it. As we get events planned, you, our members will be first to know.

Speaking of summer, I must reflect on a person that has been very special to the Morro Bay Yacht Club as our summer sailing coordinator. Glenda Boat-



man has run our sailing lessons for 12 years. In 2005 Glenda was our Commodore, but her service did not end there. In 2006 she took over organizing the summer sailing lessons and ran it until 2010 and then again from 2014-2020. I remember coming by on summer days when lessons were going and Glenda was always there, making sure the instructors were OK, the kids were having fun, the adults comfortable. Imagine in 12 years of summer sailing the number of phone calls, emails, lists, more lists, schedules, instructors to recruit; Glenda did it all and did it well. What a wonderful ambassador she has

been for us. Glenda has pressing family matters that require her to step away from the sailing lessons. The Morro Bay Yacht Club expresses its appreciation to you and thanks you for a job well done!

We are working on re-starting our summer sailing lessons, however it has not been easy with the pandemic. Fortunately, we have found a capable team of Bob Schwenoha and Craig Levin to be the 2021 summer sailing lesson coordinators. They have been working hard to organize the schedule and plan for sign ups and lessons. We still need instructors, so if you know someone who would like to teach sailing this summer contact Bob! Please be patient as they work to make the lesson dates and sign ups available.

Finally, thank you for the members who participated in our Virtual General Meeting and Virtual Opening Day. With the Covid-19 pandemic we had to bend our rituals, even celebrate the irony in commemorating them so differently. But we don't let them go, because they mark the passage of time in a place where nature doesn't always do it for us. Our traditions are what make us who we are, let us never forget this.

Fair winds everyone, have a great month!

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# Opening Day 2021



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*Vice Commodore Troy Wieck*

## Work Day Wonderful Volunteers

### Work Day Success

The big ticket item for April was the successful Work Day in preparation for our first Opening Day in 2 years! Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and did a tremendous amount of excellent work. A huge shout out to Judi Glover and Chris Surfleet who coordinated work and breakfast and lunch in my absence! Here are some of the items completed by all the volunteers:

1. Weed abatement
2. Kitchen cleaning
3. Bar cleaning
4. Polishing and cleaning club interior
5. Tarmac cleaning
6. Touch up painting
7. and much more!

I got a nice list of to do items for fixing from the volunteers too. Great to know I didn't work myself out of a job yet.

### Push-Button Cleaning

Progress was made on our dishwasher/sanitizer. The team is honing in on some missing parts to complete the system and test it. Looking forward to push-button of cleaning glassware should everything work.

### Ramp Volunteers Needed

I would also like to call out to volunteers for fixing the ramp to the dock. The dock ramp is losing its grip, both on our feet and on reality. Please reach out to the Vice if you would like to help.

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## Summer Sailing Classes Are Alive And Well

Glenda Boatman ran our program for more than 15 years and did a fantastic job for us and the students. We cannot give her enough praise for what she accomplished. She is passing the tiller to Bob Schwenoha and Craig Levin who will be Co-Directors of the summer program this year. Craig has established an email address specific to the sailing classes and is working on an online application and registration form and also will incorporate online payment for those who prefer that to writing us a check.

Keep checking the website – it will be up and running soon. Bob will be out of town the month of May and Craig will handle everything during that month with registration and scheduling who is in

which session of classes.

Our goal at this time is to have 3 instructors with 12 students per session. We are also expecting to have some of our Junior Sailors work with us as apprentices. We will be training them to become instructors in the coming years.

Classes meet at the Morro Bay Yacht Club, 541 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442 (805-772-3981). Time is divided between “classroom” and “on the water” instruction.

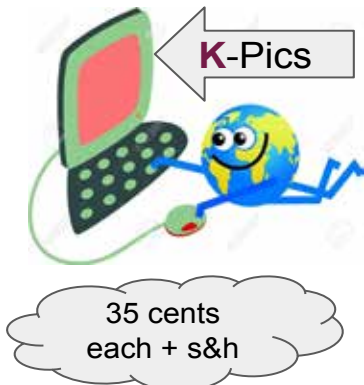
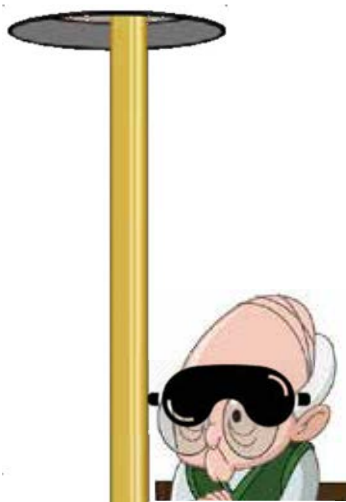
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<https://www.mbyc.net/learn-to-sail/>

## The Kurmudgeon Korner -- May 2021



The **Kurmudgeons'** attempt to adorn the women's head with adorable and perhaps provocative images of each of the **Kurmudgeons**, has run into trouble. We went to considerable effort and significant personal expense to hire a member of the female sex to post the pictures of us **Kurmudgeons** so the images that the MBYC ladies found most adorable would end up in our calendar. It was necessary to hire a lady to do this as no **Kurmudgeon** would consider a gentleman entering the women's head for such a purpose. In fact, the only time a **Kurmudgeon** plans to enter the women's head is the brief period when we slide down the firepole from the bar to our private parking beneath the club. As previously reported, the only logical place for the firepole passes through the women's head. Any other solution would have been prohibitively costly, and the **Kurmudgeons** are always concerned about costs. Readers will recall that when the firepole arrangements were being finalized, the **Kurmudgeons**, as proper gentlemen, pledged to close their eyes as they pass through.

After all these extraordinary efforts on our part, we have been told that the images of all the **Kurmudgeons** have disappeared. Is it possible that one of our fine MBYC ladies found them objectionable? We find this almost impossibly unlikely. There is, however, a rumor that some of the images have been seen for sale on the Internet. If so, it is a sad situation that someone would take advantage of our good efforts. Perhaps we may never know who has been behind this dastardly deed. However, it would be interesting to know what these images are going for on the Internet.



It would be nice if the **Kurmudgeons** could perhaps develop another source of income, as the MBYC officers have been less than forthcoming in funding our activities.

On another note, we wish to thank the **Social Director** and the **galley stewards** for the extraordinary welcome and fantastic service extended to the **Kurmudgeons** on Saint Patrick's Day. It was truly appreciated. We would also like to extend our thanks for including the wives of the **Kurmudgeons** for this special occasion. They are all homebodies, and this was an opportunity for them to get out and experience the fine dining and elegant ambiance that is the norm for the **Kurmudgeons**. They were all very excited for this opportunity to share in the privileged activities that surround the **Kurmudgeons**.

The **Kurmudgeons**, sadly, have to announce that one of their officers has had to be **reprimanded**. It seems that in the interest of pursuing a rhyme as part of an extraordinary prize-winning limerick, he intimated that the **Kurmudgeons** were "lazy" and acted "a bit crazy." As everyone knows, this is not the way the **Kurmudgeons** conduct themselves. While this sort of activity could be overlooked in some situations, we **Kurmudgeons** are very sensitive about our reputation and have taken steps to ensure this will never happen again. The **reprimanded officer** (The Ghost says we know who you are!) will be prohibited from writing any further limericks. In fact, the **Kurmudgeons** as a group have decided to refrain from writing any further limericks and in the future will leave that activity to the "Ghost." The **Chaplain** adds, "Би дахиж нүгэл үйлдэхгүй." (I will not sin again.) After a week's vacation in Mongolia where she ate much *buuz*, the **Ghost** observes, "Үүнд итгэхэд хэцүү байна!" (That's hard to believe!)



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



Those pictures the fellows have missed are probably now on Craig's List. It truly is wicked their goods have been nick-ed, and now the **Kurmudgeons** are p----d.

-- The Amorphous Ghost





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

## Bay. Ocean Racing Updates

This month the Day Sailer Quarterly came out and low and behold Kendall Welch, Olivia, the otter, and I were on the cover! I guess we can prove our legitimacy to being actual “Cover Girl” models to the Kurmudgeons. We are still waiting for them to reach out to us for the “search” for models for their upcoming calendar. Somehow, this seems like more ploys to gain access to the Ladies bathroom and to further research the underground parking facility they keep trying to sneak in.



### Race Results:

We had three races in April; two for the Ocean Fleet and one for the Bay Fleet.

Ocean Fleet Spring 1 had 4 boats in the race; 1st place was “Janina” Hilden/Krossa, 2nd place “Errant Belle” Tom Jenkins, 3rd place “Eleu” Patrick Gorey and 4th place “Slider” Mark Buchman.



*Dan Hack photo*

Opening Day Weekend Races took place on April 17 and 18. The Bay Fleet had 8 boats participate on Saturday. This was impressive turnout after the racing drought of 2020. Carlton Smith and crew Scott T (?)

sailing “Beach Party” took 1st Place Tom and Thai Ingram “Blue Bayou placed 2nd, Todd and Joyce Hansen “True Love” took 3rd.

Sunday’s Opening Day celebration had several festively dressed boats on the dock. After the ceremony seven boats competed in the Opening Day ocean race. Three boats completed the course. First place was Tom Jenkins on “Errant Belle”, 2nd place was Mark Hilden/John Krossa on “Janina”, and 3rd place was Brian Monroe on “Twin Fin”. Many thanks to all who participated and made this year’s “Opening Day” weekend races fun, safe and successful.

May Race schedule is: 5/1 Laser Slalom 5/8 Bay Fleet Spring 1 5/16 Ocean Fleet Spring 1 5/18 Bay Fleet Day Sailer Championship (PRO’s Needed) 5/22 - 23 Ocean Fleet San Simeon Weekend Cruise & overnight stay 5/29 Bay Fleet Wysocki (PRO’s Needed) 5/30 Laser Championship 5/31 Bay Fleet Jack Johnson (PRO’s Needed)

2021 Races are posted upstairs at the club. Bay Races that need PRO’s have space to write you name down. You can also email me at mbyc.rear@gmail.com and I will add you to the list. Want to learn or freshen up your PROing skills? Contact Charlie Roberts at chasmoes@gmail.com and he will show you the ropes.

### Ocean Fleet Race Marks:

There are plans in place to put one of our race marks back out in the ocean and make it permanent.. This has been on the agenda for sometime. We are looking for anchor chain, thimbles and other ground tackle that might be useful for this project. Contact me if you have any of these items and are willing to donate to the club.



*Patrick Gorey*

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# Rear Commodore updates

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## Tune Up Day 4/24:

Wow, what a great day we had! The “Im-measurable” Measures were fully prepared for the 5 boats scheduled throughout Saturday. Carlton Smith and Patrick Gorey also lent a hand in getting the boats tuned up. Thank you to all who signed up, showed up, and helped out. I truly want to encourage signing up with your boat next year. Two boats splashed after being tuned up, one of them being mine. Dave and I noticed a huge difference in “Tru Blu” and had a much easier time with some issues that were resolved earlier that day.



## Wet Wednesdays:

Every Wednesday at 5PM we are having fun on the water with our non-motor water crafts. It has been a great way to get out on the water, practice with others, enjoy a tasty beverage on the deck together and watch the sunset. Hope to see you soon!

## New Crew Attire:

If you are looking for the next trend to wear while crewing, check out Dave Barnard’s “Spir-it” avant garde attire. I am excited to see the chunky sweater comeback!

Fair Winds,

~Judi Glover, MBYC Rear Commodore,  
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# Membership Report

**John Edell, Membership Chair**

## Prospective Member

The membership committee will meet on May 7, at 5:15 pm in the yacht club.

Brian and Kelly Griffiths will come before the committee. They have attended work days at the club and happy hours last year, along with several boating events. Brian has been involved with boating most of his life. They co-own a Daysailer.



**Reminder to all members, we are accepting new members into the club.**



## Juniors continue sailing

Terry Paris, Junior Advisor mbyc.jrs@gmail.com

Report from the MBYC Junior Yacht Club. MBYC By-Laws ARTICLE II: OBJECT The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to encourage pleasure boating in this area, to promote races and cruises, to promote safety and seamanship, to promote the interests of yachting in general.

The Junior Yacht Club is back having hosted two scheduled sailing events in March and one in April. The remaining sailing dates are listed on the MBYC website under Junior Yacht Club. The MBYC is helping to fulfill the commitment of the club to promote sailing to the next generation of sailors. We are anticipating an increase in junior membership coming from kids completing the Summer Sailing Program. We have dusted off the cobwebs from the stored boats, equipment and looking for an exciting upcoming season.

The program is in need of skilled volunteers, so please contact me if you are interested. Terry Paris Junior Advisor mbyc.jrs@gmail.com 805 471-1887

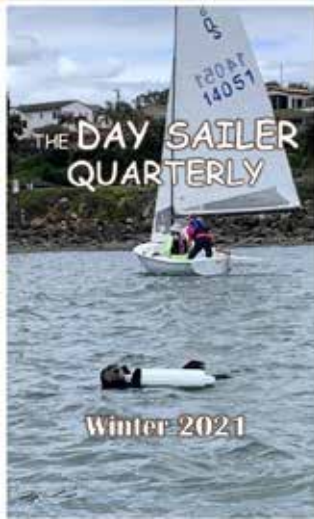




## **MBYC Ladies Literary and Day Sailer Society, submitted by Kendall Welch**

Of course, after taking a summer sailing course at MBYC, the obvious first thing to do is to go find an O'Day Day Sailer that can be your very own. Somehow sailing in Morro Bay, that seemed so easy in class with other novice sailors and an extremely competent and experienced teacher, is instantly daunting as well as dreadfully frustrating. This bay, so beautiful to view, is full of hazards to an inexperience sailor. From the strong current, to the moored sailboats that seem to fill the entire bay, to

the ever-growing sand spit, the clueless kayakers, the impatient fishing boats, and of course the capricious wind, it's enough to truly test even the bravest novice sailor.



Once you own the boat, the next thing is to get a spot in the boat yard. This also is no easy feat as there is very little turnover in the MBYC boat yard. If there is no room in the yard, the Harbor Department does have some boat storage down in front of the stacks. If neither of these works out, then the boat will have to be parked somewhere else. Most important item to note is that the mast must come down before the boat is driven up the hill from the Embarcadero. Many a mast has taken down power and cable lines on Marina Street.

The Day Sailer is considered by many to be a very versatile boat, that is easy to rig, sail, transport, and store. Some consider it a family boat with the ability to seat 6. Seems like that little boat that weighs about 575 pounds would be awfully weighed down with 6 adults, so let's stick with 2 people in the boat, maybe 4 for a picnic on the spit. The boat is easy to rig – tighten the stays and shrouds, mount the sails, hoist the boat in the water, mount the rudder and raise the sails. Getting off the dock can at times be a challenge if the wind is coming off the spit, but usually there is a helping hand that can push the boat off the dock.

So many things to remember and then its time to race! What is the course, how many horn sounds until the start, was that the one-minute horn, are the flags up or down, is the spinnaker rigged? What are the right-of-way rules and how do they change with overlap, and in the vicinity of marks. Oh well, someone always has to be in last place, as this club is full of very competitive sailors sometimes with extreme attitudes – have your squirt gun ready, or heavier armament. Maybe just be ready to protest we all have lawyers or is that liars!



So maybe racing isn't your bag, and you just want to cruise for fun. Watch out for the otter that is directly in your way. Oh yeah, then the fleet of kayakers, then the wind quits, the bay glasses off, and the boat is being swept away by an outgoing current – next stop Tahiti. Wait what happened to that fun cruise? Oh well there are always libations to be had back at the yacht club.



# Whether the Weather?

Fun Floats, Charlie Roberts, chasmoes@gmail.com



Spring always brings in blustery weather to Morro Bay, and one always pays attention to the forecasts before going out on the water. When I send out notifications for the floats I always check the weather and include appropriate advisories in the emails. In the spring, I often warn of cool and windy weather so participants will be prepared for the paddle.

The winds will often make the bay choppy and hard to paddle against when headed back to the dock. Frequently, when leaving the dock we head directly across to the lee side of the sandspit to reduce the effects of the wind on our paddling and to get into smoother water. On two occasions I have advised against going out on the Fun Float due to weather conditions, and both times I made the wrong call. The weather was easily good enough for an enjoyable Fun Float. Therefore, from now on I'm not going to make a "do not attend" advisory, but I will still report the expected weather.

Our recent Fun Floats have had a minimal of attendance, but I'm guessing that is due to the expected weather and the fact that we are still a bit reluctant about getting back together with a group of people. As the weather improves and we move into a time of fewer Covid safety restrictions, I am sure attendance will improve. We haven't planned any Fun Float parties yet, but I'm hoping we will be able to start doing that soon.

If you are not receiving email notifications of Fun Float events and you want notifications, then please send me your email address to add to the notification list. You can drop your name off the list any time by selecting the option at the bottom of the Fun Float email notifications sent to you.

We are still practicing Covid safety by maintaining social distancing and wearing masks while on the MBYC property, but the natural social distancing of paddling allows us to relax a bit more while on the water. We maintain social-distancing when we have lunch on the sand spit, but because we are outside we usually abandon the masks to eat lunch and share conversation.

I hope you can plan to attend an upcoming FunFloat. We leave the dock at 11:00 am and usually return to the dock around 1:00 to 1:30 pm.

## Dates for upcoming Fun Floats

May 11th

May 26th

June 8th

June 23rd



We walked over the sandspit and had lunch on the beach on our last Fun Float



# Cookie Therapy

from the galley and Kendall Welch

Opening Day 2021 was a successful event. Everyone looked so nice, dressed up for the event, and the cannon finally fired! It might be nice in future years to have more of the Opening Day festivities out on the tarmac. Because having a buffet is not particularly Covid conscientious, the galley packed box lunches for the event attendees and the bar served up Bloody Marys and Mimosas downstairs.



The galley angels, this time consisting of Tara Hanlon, Lisa Mia Williams, Kay Frye, Shelly and Doug Rogers, and Cinda Petit (our newest member jumping right into the fray) helped pack box lunches and decorate cookies for the box lunches. As always, we had a blast. Marlene McQueen and Dot Rygh handled the welcoming/check-in table. Dot

and Pat Rygh arrived early on Sunday to hang nautical flags all around the clubhouse. I am sure there are many more that were involved Opening Day prep but had to shout out to those who helped me the most. Of course, everyone that participated in Work Day – thank you all for the sparkling clean club and surroundings.



So what does cookie therapy have to do with these ramblings. Lisa Mia and I had raced in the bay race earlier on Saturday. We were happy to hold up last place in all three races so to drown our sorrows we decorated cookies for the Opening Day box lunches. We were joined in this endeavor by Tara and Kay. The cookies were Martha Stewart's Brown Sugar Easter Cookies (recipe is available online), rolled out and cut in anchors, sailboats, ship wheels, and dolphins. The cookies were glazed by dipping in thinned out royal icing and dried overnight. We then hand

Painted the cookies using food coloring. It was amazingly simple and lots of fun. I believe the cookies to have been the stars of Opening Day!





**Tune up  
day for  
Day  
Sailers  
a success**



## **Ship's Store when you need it**

**If anyone needs Ship's Store  
items text Orris at (310)  
683-8180 and he will meet  
you at the club**

## **Summer Sailing Lessons Information and Forms**

If you have questions, call 805-772-3981 ext 2,  
or email

[MBYC.lessons@gmail.com](mailto:MBYC.lessons@gmail.com).

We will respond as soon  
as we are able.

*Bob Schwenoha and Craig Levin*

## **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**

## **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

Fun Float Captain.....Charlie Roberts

Summer Sailing... .Bob Schwenoha, Craig Levin

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***

**Sat May 1  
Laser Slalom**

**Wed May 5, 5pm  
Wet Wednesday**

**Fri May 7, 5:15pm  
Membership Committee**

**Sat May 8, Spring I (Bay)**

**Sun May 9, Juniors**

**Tue May 11, Fun Float  
5:30pm Coast Guard  
Auxiliary Meeting**

**Wed May 12, 5pm  
Wet Wednesday**

**Thu May 13, 5:30pm  
COVID-19 Committee**

**Sat May 15, 2021  
Day Sailor  
Championship (Bay)**

**Sun May 16, 2021  
Spring II (Ocean)**

**Wed May 19, 5pm  
Wet Wednesday**

**Thu May 20, 6:15pm  
MBYC Board Mtg**

**Sat May 22, 2021  
Potter's Regatta  
San Simeon (Ocean)**

**Sun May 23, 2021  
Potter's Regatta  
San Simeon (Ocean)  
Juniors**

**Tue May 25, 2021  
Fun Float**

**Wed May 26, 5pm  
Wet Wednesday**

**Thu May 27, 5:30pm  
COVID-19 Committee**

**Sat May 29, Wysocki  
Race (Bay - Santa  
Margarita Lake)**

**Sun May 30, 2021  
Laser Championship**

**Mon May 31, 2021  
Jack Johnson (Bay)**

### **THE MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB**

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The Morro Bay Yacht Club is a private, non-profit organization devoted to boating activities, along with the protection and enjoyment of our picturesque bay and coastline. We participate in both competitive and non- competitive boating activities throughout the year. Anyone at least 21 who owns a boat, is planning to buy a boat, or regularly enjoys boating activities in someone else's boat is invited to apply for membership.

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