



# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

July 2021

Morro Bay, California

## Commodore Chris Surfleet Scarce campsites, lots of young sailors

Welcome July and all the great summer fun.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the High Sierra Regatta this month. Although camp sites were difficult to get and much of the forest around Huntington Lake was burnt last summer, the wind and the fun will still be had. We will be continuing our bi-weekly burger nights, Wet Wednesdays, and have several races, fun floats, and even some Shenanigan's in July. So come on out and enjoy some summer days with us at the club.

I want to give a big shout out to Kendall Welch for organizing our burger

nights and getting the happy hour schedule going. Joe and Jill Farris have ensured we have a well-stocked bar and have volunteered a bunch of time toward making our social events successful. Thanks to all of you that have helped plate the snacks and burgers to keep us safe and healthy.

The summer sailing lessons have been a big hit. I got a report that we over 100 kids signed up for sailing lessons! That is not counting the adults. Wow we are growing sailing here in Morro Bay.

Many thanks to all our volunteers working to get our boats ready like Michael Measures, Terry Paris, Charlie Nichols, John Ridgely, and Chris Matson. Our instructors Andrew Monroe, Nathan Hensinger, Cole Howe, and Owen Blackwell are doing great.

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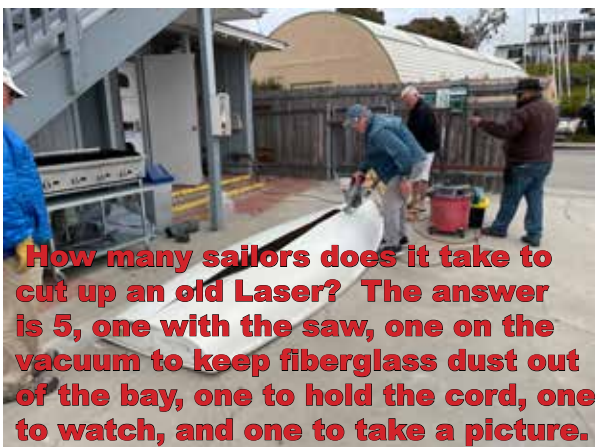
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Ditch.....12**

**The State of California has lifted **COVID-19 restrictions** on indoor capacity for buildings and events for sizes typical of MBYC events. However, masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses, this includes the MBYC clubhouse.**

**--Commodore**



**How many sailors does it take to cut up an old Laser? The answer is 5, one with the saw, one on the vacuum to keep fiberglass dust out of the bay, one to hold the cord, one to watch, and one to take a picture.**



*It's bigger when you are a junior taking lessons*



## Commodore continued

Typically, the thing that happens after sailing lessons is we get a big influx of kids in our junior yacht club. Terry Paris, MBYC Junior Adviser, is warning that he may have to limit the junior sailing numbers unless we can get more adults willing to volunteer and coach the junior sailors. Please consider donating some of your time toward helping our young sailors to learn safe and fun boating. Be a volunteer for the junior sailing.



## DAY SAILER Fleet News Tune Up Race July 3 Discounted NorthU Race Rules Class

We are back on a full race schedule, and the summer is passing quickly. We just recently held a race rules review that was attended by a group of enthusiastic daysailers. The discussion was lively and very informative. We should probably have these reviews a couple times a year.

We have a number of important races in the near future, so we have a tune-up race on July 3rd in front of the High Sierra and our own Morro Bay Fleet 128 Day Sailer Invitational. The Invitational is on the 7th and 8th of August, and those who want to participate can sign up online at our club website. Check out our club calendar for all the scheduled races this summer.

### EXTREME MBYC Discount on NorthU Learn the Racing Rules Seminar

In January US Sailing issued the 2021 -2024 update of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Sailors also want to brush-up on the rules and the new changes.

We have established an MBYC discount for members with North U for



Race Rules Review attendees participate in a lively discussion.

great on-line/on-demand rules seminar.

We have a Tune-Up race scheduled for next Saturday - 7/3 to help the DS Fleet sharpen up starts, mark rounding's, and other tactics as we get ready for the High Sierra. Here is a link to the NorthU page <https://northu.com/product/ltrr-2024/> where you will find information and directions for ordering. At checkout use the "MBYC" Coupon Code for the discount. After checkout you will be provided with access immediately via e-mail that will ask you to establish an account with the NorthU Learning Management System (TalentLMS).

If you have any problems signing up or with the application, feel free to call Charlie Nichols at (805)674-1038.





## Vice Commodore

# True tales of whales and kayak racks

Troy Wieck

Hi fellow yachters. It's been another quiet month. Mainly because I was in Mexico swimming with Whale Sharks! The club weather system is down but solutions are underway. It's believed that the server will be back up and running soon, i.e. a couple of weeks. (Or months or years if we don't provide enough beer. Tim and the Fariss' are working on supplies.)

I was very surprised to find out upon my return to the US that nothing had broken, blown up, disintegrated or stopped working. Either my email is down or we are under an unusually great spell of luck. I will take either.

Thanks to all for shooting over new kayak rack ideas. Keep them coming. The one with the most potential is building a space ladder where we can hold an unlimited number of kayaks, SUPs, and potentially even boats in Zero G, thereby saving us a ton of money and providing almost unlimited storage and club funds.



The Kurmudgeons have offered their services as Bellhops to man the elevator for only a small fee and a guarantee that the calendars in the women's bathroom be put back up. The MBYC Space Committee is considering their request.

## Membership Report



**New Members**  
Bryan and Kelley Griffiths were approved for membership by the Board on June 17th. They both have extensive boating experience, and own a tandem kayak. They also have helped out at work day, club maintenance, and attended happy hours.

Sponsored by Bill and Nancy Albrecht and John Weigold. Say hello when you see them at the club. There are currently 5 prospective memberships working their way through the process.

# A good Day for a Sail







### The FunFloaters Are Out in Force

Seventeen of us paddled together down in the bay and found a sandy beach to have a picnic lunch on our most recent FunFloat. It was another premium day on the bay. It seems that we are back to the new normal. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine, the warm sand, and being able to be close to each other to share the happiness of the day. A lot of us had not seen each other on a FunFloat since before the lockdown, so it was a great feeling to see so many of us together.

FunFloats take place every couple of weeks, when the high tide is between 11:00 and noon. Everyone is welcome to join in, and we encourage prospective members to participate. We try to leave the dock right at eleven. Any paddle craft is welcome to participate. If you don't have one, then there are two paddle craft businesses on either side of the club, and both have them available to rent. They both offer a local discount to our FunFloaters.

The schedule for the next four FunFloats is as follows: Wednesday July 7, Thursday July 22, Fri. Aug 6, Frid. Aug 20.



Carolyn and Rosemary enjoying the chance to visit.

## Happy Hour Hosting

July Happy Hour Hosting Assignments	
John Dilworth & Carole Maurer	7/2/2021
John & Gwen Krossa	7/2/2021
Dave & Alicia Shinn	7/2/2021
Joshua & Juliana Massie	7/9/2021
Marc Goldberg & Maggie D'Ambrosia	7/9/2021
Preston & Kari Holdner	7/9/2021
Jeff Eckles	7/16/2021
Michele Latin	7/16/2021
Werner & Lora Weinstock	7/16/2021
Charles & Laura McCarren	7/16/2021
Tom Ingram & Jody Lee	7/23/2021
Chris & Lynn Helenius	7/23/2021
Gayle Bruce	7/23/2021
Chuck Losness	7/23/2021
James & Charlea Bruzenak	7/30/2021
Mark & Jane Hilden	7/30/2021
Gerald & Erika Luhr	7/30/2021

August Happy Hour Hosting Assignments	
Harold & Elena Hartsell	8/6/2021
Rich Leamon & Yvonne Lazear	8/6/2021
Joe & Donna Dervin	8/6/2021
Moe & Megan McEwen	8/13/2021
Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day	8/13/2021
Ken & Mary Bradley	8/13/2021
Roy & Sharon Gammill	8/20/2021
Don & Kit Lockwood	8/20/2021
Pat & Dot Rygh	8/20/2021
Mary Flavan	8/27/2021
Steve Borges	8/27/2021
Robert & Holly Smirl	8/27/2021
Lee & Bonnie Piatek	8/27/2021

# Jack Johnson Optis 2021



**MBYC  
Pirates prep  
to honor  
Morro Bay  
High Pirates  
2021 grads**  
Parade cancelled  
when wind did not  
cooperate



## MBYC Ladies Literary and \_\_\_\_\_ Society, submitted by Kendall Welch

The MBYC Ladies Literary and \_\_\_\_\_ Society is made up of exquisitely refined, sophisticated ladies of the yacht club that wish to contribute our spontaneous, considered, and serious cogitations to help improve members well-being as well as pursue idle aquatic shenanigans and occasional evil doings. To join the fun email [kendallwelch@hotmail.com](mailto:kendallwelch@hotmail.com). We invite any and all written submissions and whimsical ideas





The Long-Range Planning Committee met again on June 3 to to move our goals forward. Hearing that the current owner of the boatyard is very supportive of our Juniors, Cal Poly, and Summer Sailing programs; John Edell suggested involving the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation in our push to acquire the boatyard. We have asked the the Foundation's board to take the idea up at it's September meeting and hope to work with them to develop a pitch to the current owner when Dana McClish normally meets with him in November. Leading up to these milestones we will be researching the transfer options and their tax implications.

The condition of the tarmac, seawall, and hoist are the other critical club facilities the committee is tracking. For the tarmac and seawall it was decided to begin with economical, non-invasive methods to track any movement that would indicate concerns. The first step will be to establish elevations and horizontal dimensions based on stable reference points to measure against every couple of years in the future. If any members have the required knowledge and survey equipment to do this, please get ahold of me at [gabarker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gabarker@sbcglobal.net).

Dana McClish will discuss ways to reinforce the rip-rap at the base of the sea wall and associated regulatory requirements the next time he sees the Harbor Manager.

We also suggest developing an annual inspection checklist for the boat hoist to help spot potential problems early. The inspections could be conducted at or around the time of our annual work day.



*Todd Hansen inspects a piling.*

Finally, we plan to provide guidance in next year's budgeting process by recommending priorities and target amounts for setting aside funds for future maintenance of the tarmac, sea wall, hoist, lower deck, and waste line under the galley.

I will now count from ten to one and you will wake up refreshed and ready to read about all the fun races, Happy Hours, and Burger Nights planned. Ten, nine, eight...

## Ship store is open Happy Hour evenings

LARGE decals, display them on your vehicle bumper or rear windshield or wherever. LARGE decals are available. Check out our wine totes for toting wine to the neighbors barbecue or as gifts for friends.

If the store doesn't have your size or you want something special, it can be ordered.



**I'll take  
mine  
over  
easy**  
*Learning  
to right a  
Laser*



# HAMBURGER NIGHT SCHEDULE REVISED

Date	Food Item	Hosted by:
14-Jul-21	TBD	Ocean Fleet
28-Jul-21	Burgers	Juniors
11-Aug-21	Ribs	Staff Commodores
25-Aug-21	Burgers - Very Merry Unbirthday	Fun Float
3-Sep-21	Burgers	Club volunteers

**Appreciate volunteering, comments & suggestions to:  
kendallwelch@hotmail.com**



## Happy Hour, Burger Night and the new BBQ, from the galley, Kendall Welch

Happy Hours are sailing along nicely and in July will begin every Friday. The hosts find that plating the food actually is making the process easier for them and I think members enjoy getting a plate of food all ready for them. The schedule is in the Masthead, as well you should be receiving emails regarding your specific scheduling from Kay Frye.

Hamburger nights are swimming along very well. The new BBQ is a blessing and I believe club members are enjoying the new format of being served a plate of food! It's a little more work for the volunteers, but so far, the feedback from members is very positive. By the time this Masthead has been published we will have had two burger nights and a fish taco party. We have been taking reservations for these events, but have so far had extra food to feed the few who showed up without a reservation. The reservations ensure that we are not throwing away extra food that was prepared when we did the buffet hamburger nights.

Regarding the new BBQ – it has significantly more BTU output than the previous BBQ, so be aware your food will cook very well. Below are some guidelines for lighting and using the BBQ that will also be posted on the BBQ Cart.

1. Connect the gas line and open the gas valve at the coupler
2. This BBQ has pilot lights that should be lit quickly after turning gas on, as they go on immediately. Pilots are on the right sides of the knobs about 12" in. Light pilot on the far right first, leaving the knob in the upright position. Once you light and turn the far-right burner on, the other burners will light as you turn the knobs on going from right to left.
3. Clean burner grates immediately after finishing cooking while the grates are still hot. The grill brush is in the galley hanging on the wall next to the stove. Scrub it thoroughly. Do not leave a dirty grill.
4. When done cooking turn the BBQ off, turn the gas valve off and disconnect coupling.
5. This BBQ has a slide out tray that is covered with heavy duty aluminum foil. Please do not remove this foil as galley chief will periodically replace. If you cook something especially greasy, please let galley chief know so that the foil can be replace. Check to make sure this tray is foil covered before BBQ is used.
6. Once BBQ has cooled, please cover and roll back under the stairs.

If you have any questions about the BBQ, please contact Kendall, Johnny B or Tim Volpe.



*Rear Commodore Judi Glover*

## All club activities are back. Hacks win Spring Series

Ahoy!" from the Rear,

It is great to see the club open and people enjoying all the club has to offer again.

Ocean Fleet had Spring III and Lady at the Helm races. Ocean Fleet has Summer I on 07/25. The Bay Fleet finished up the Spring series with Spring II & III. Dan and Silvia Hack won the series. Way to go you two!

A Race Rules Review was held on 06/25, followed up with a webinar "Learn the Race Rules" on 06/29. Charlie Nichols set that up with North U at a discounted price, \$32, for MBYC members. The webinar is also recorded. Go to <https://northu.com/product/ltrr-2024/>; use "MBYC" Coupon Code for the discount. The Race Rules Clinic on 06/30 with dinghies in the water, practicing starts, rounds and other tactics, made for a fun Wet Wednesday and a ton of Johnny B.'s "World Famous Fish Tacos". July 3 is the "Tune Up" Bay race in preparation for the High Sierras Regatta. Centerboards Race are 07/10-11th and Keel Boats are 07/17-18th at Huntington Lake. Charlie Nichols and I will both be on Race Committee the first weekend and cheering for our fellow sailors. July 5 is "Shenanigans Race" for the Bay Fleet. It has been awhile since we have had this race, be prepared for some trickery and foolery. Summer I & II are the last two Saturdays of the month. Looks like the Bay Fleet is back in full swing!

There are still some openings for PRO's, sign ups are upstairs by the bar. PROing for a series can increase your score if you are a competitor. Ask Dan and Silvia, they won the Spring Series because they PRO'd one of the races! Perspective members are invited to Wet Wednesdays and the Bay Races to help on deck or on the safety boat. It is a great way for them to meet other members.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Fourth of July!

Fair Winds,  
~Judi Glover, MBYC Rear Commodore



--Spring II Awards, top  
---"Check out those cheeks!" Charlie Nichols and Dave Sheesley, left  
--"Shipwrecks" in Cayucos, lower left.





## Spring III, Ladies At The Helm



Spring III started with light air and fog. The forecast promise of overcast skies and fair breezes by afternoon did not arrive. A light breeze and increasing fog was the order of the day.

Pau Hana while leading was approached by a pod of whales that needed watching and fell out to oblige.

Slider fell out as crew 'fed' the fish. She slid back to the harbor early and had her decks cleaned.

Guayacan, found the virtual mark in the soup and rounded it thanks to the focus of Skipper Lynn and Helmsmen Gale & John. It was three hours before the race was finished.

*Heading home from Ladies at the Helm race*



Fellow shellbacks, old salts, and you young pollywogs, mark your calendars. **August 20**, three of the **Kurmudgeons** will be hosting the **Yacht Club Happy Hour**, and they expect that the **Treasurer** and I will join in the fun. It will be their pleasure to bring you straight from **LAS VEGAS**, Texas, "**The Kurmudgeon Male Exotic Dance Review.**"

As you may have heard, this **Sexy Quintet of Octogenarians** have made a name for themselves that will echo through the halls of **assisted living facilities** throughout the country. We expect to provide, for the Yacht Club, a gala event that may even include introducing photos of some of the YC Ladies that will adorn the pages of the **2022 Kurmudgeon Kalendar**. We are not sure how that will turn out as our **Chaplain** is in charge of the photo shoot, and he has strong feelings regarding the bathing suits or lack thereof.

Some of the YC ladies have asked if the review will include **The Full Monty**. All we can say is that the **Kurmudgeons** move in mysterious ways, and you never can tell what we are planning, but whatever it is you can be assured that a video of the event will be recorded and will be made available to our members at a reasonable price.



We are, however, a little concerned that the video our agent took at the Vista Del Monte performance last month has gone missing. She claims she forgot to remove the lens cap before filming the performance. That excuse seems a little far fetched. There is a fear that the video, like our **Kalendar** photos, will end up on the internet. It's not that we're



embarrassed by them; in fact, all of us except our **Secretary** are quite proud of, how shall we say, "**our performance.**" The **Secretary**, however, has been muttering something about the **Declaration of Independence** being a little too generous in its generalities about all men being created equal. Therefore, if the above is not sufficient incentive to come to our Happy Hour, we can also tell you it is rumored that an invitation to **The White House** is in the works. We think it's the one in D.C.. but maybe it's the one in Tijuana. Our agent is sometimes a little vague about our itinerary.

On another subject, the **Kurmudgeon Subcommittee on YC Morals** has determined that despite the effects of the pandemic, **sinning** by club members has not abated. In order to combat this, the **Chaplain** will provide a seminar for the YC ladies in which he will enumerate the activities that are evil and should be avoided. He may include demonstrations. The **Chaplain** adds: "જેમણે પાપ કર્યું છે તેમના મારા સમુદાયમાં સ્વાગત છે. હું થોડા 5 dollarsલર માટે થોડી ક્ષમાની વ્યવસ્થા કરી શકું છું." (Those who have sinned are welcome in my community. I can arrange a little forgiveness for a few dollars.) **The Ghost**, who speaks many languages, one of her favorites being **Gujarati**, says, "મૂડીવાદ કમૂંડજન વિશ્વમાં સર્વોચ્ચ શાસન કરે છે." (Capitalism reigns supreme in **Kurmudgeon** world.)

As the pandemic fades, we, the **Kurmudgeons**, look forward to seeing our Yacht Club family again. Still, be careful and wash your hands; it's not quite done with us yet.

The **Kurmudgeons** have planned their "revue;" they'll Charleston and pole dance for you, and their Happy Hour's coming, 'twill be quite mind-numbing if they're scantily clad, it is TRUE!

**The Amorphous Ghost**



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



# Adult Summer Sailing lessons





*Excerpt from a letter to Latitude 38*

## **Janina does the Ditch**

*In their search for a picture of encounter with a tanker a letter was sent to Latitude 38. This is a small section. Hopefully more will be in future Mastheads.*

...After the tight reach in heavy wind, I was a little gun-shy to drive in the big air with the chute up again so we had Cousin Mark take over. Mark was doing a great job driving and playing the wind. He was increasing our lead on the boats behind us. He was doing such a great job playing the gusts that we forgot cardinal rule #1 – stay in the channel and watch your depth gauge. We all thought, as we passed reasonably close to an old piling, “that shouldn’t be in the middle of the channel!”. We changed direction to get back into the channel and watched in horror as our depth gauge went into single digits, though we were never in water less than 3 feet below our keel, we did feel a soft slow down, and the tiller started to cavitate in Cousin Mark’s hand. We continued to sail like this for a while, discussing what it could be, and wondering if we were going to lose our rudder. We were definitely going slower – but we were still sailing in the correct direction. That is when we noticed a tanker in the middle of the channel at a very narrow section of the course in front of us. Cousin Mark and I were having a discussion in the back of the boat, (Should we take the spinnaker down?) when Mark noticed that no matter what he did, the tiller had no impact on steering the boat. We just happened to be going dead downwind. We calmly said, “We should take the Spinnaker down!” That was when a big gust hit us so hard that we broached, turning us towards the middle of the channel, with the aforementioned tanker bearing down on us. (We later learned that it was not actually a tanker, it is technically called a grain/bulk carrier. But, for the sake of our story - we will stick with tanker for dramatic effect.)...

I wrote for Latitude 38 about our experience racing in the Delta Ditch (a race from Richmond yacht club to Stockton Sailing Club, up the delta.) It may run in the August Latitude. But they told me it is ok for us to publish it in our MBYC newsletter too.





## Officers & Directors

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# ***On the Horizon On the Horizon On the Hori***

## **Thu Jul 1, 2021**

4pm Race Rules Clinic  
5pm Burger Night

## **Fri Jul 2, 2021**

5:15pm Membership Committee  
6pm Happy Hour at MBYC

## **Sat Jul 3, 2021**

Tune up Race (Bay)  
11am Erwin's

## **Mon Jul 5, 2021**

Shenanigans (Bay)  
6:30pm Finance Committee

## **Wed Jul 7, 2021**

Fun Float  
5pm Wet Wednesday

## **Fri Jul 9, 2021**

6pm Happy Hour at MBYC

## **Sat Jul 10, 2021**

High Sierra Centerboards

## **Sun Jul 11, 2021**

High Sierra Centerboards  
Juniors

## **Tue Jul 13, 2021**

5:30pm Coast Guard Aux

## **Wed Jul 14, 2021**

5pm Burger Night  
5pm Wet Wednesday

## **Thu Jul 15, 2021**

6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg

## **Fri Jul 16, 2021**

6pm Happy Hour at MBYC

## **Sat Jul 17, 2021**

High Sierra Centerboards

## **Sun Jul 18, 2021**

High Sierra Centerboards

## **Wed Jul 21, 2021**

5pm Wet Wednesday

## **Thu Jul 22, 2021**

Fun Float  
Fri Jul 23, 2021  
6pm Happy Hour at MBYC

## **Sat Jul 24, 2021**

Summer I (Bay)

## **Sun Jul 25, 2021**

Juniors  
Summer I (Ocean)

## **Wed Jul 28, 2021**

5pm Burger Night  
5pm Wet Wednesday

## **Fri Jul 30, 2021**

6pm Happy Hour at MBYC

## **Sat Jul 31, 2021**

Summer II (Bay)

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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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