



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

September 2021

Morro Bay, California



Commodore Chris Surfleet MBYC 2020 summer ends with a roar

As summer wind down I want to reflect on some of our club's summer accomplishments. Of course, anything is an improvement from summer 2020, but we out did ourselves this year!

The summer sailing lessons were a sell out and we have a long list of folks who are interested in sailing lessons as soon as they can be offered. Andrew Monroe is interested in keeping up lessons for small groups throughout the year. A proposal is being worked up and provided the plan makes sense we hope to be able to offer adult lessons throughout the year. Stayed tuned.

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Burger nights were not always about burgers and held twice a month. This format seemed to work well. No one seemed to mind the increase in fee to \$10 nor not cooking their own burger. We had fish tacos, chicken parmesan, hot dogs, and of course hamburgers usually accompanied by great side dishes and one of Kendall's fantastic desserts! According to Kendall, the reservation system for burger night was successful at eliminating food waste. The bi-weekly agenda seemed to increase attendance and it limited burn out for the galley volunteers.

We hosted our two big summer sailing events in August, the Day Sailer Invitational and the Zongo Cup. Both events went well and had good attendance. Many thanks to Charlie Roberts and the many volunteers for organizing a fun Invitational weekend. The Zongo Cup was fun as ever, with the Zongo All Stars capping off the festivities at the Port San Luis Lighthouse. Thanks again to Paul Irving and all the volunteers for putting on this great annual event. Not to forget that loads of fun

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Zongo, Invitational, Sail, Pedal, Paddle

was had at the Sail, Pedal, Paddle event. Many thanks to Rear Commodore Judi Glover for the enthusiasm and efforts at putting on this unique event.

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for. As we transition from summer to fall, sadly there is a possibility for changes to our events. The Delta Variant of the Covid-19 virus has created a lot of uncertainty. So far, our County is still allowing many of the indoor festivities we enjoy. However, I must prepare you for the possibility that we might need to return to more restricted functions. As a policy, our club has chosen to follow the guidance of the State and County Health Services. If the State and County Health guidance becomes stricter, our yacht club will adhere to their guidance. If this happens please maintain the attitude that any restrictions will be temporary and done to provide us an even better 2022. We never closed our dock in 2020 nor restricted access for personal boating, you can anticipate that this will not change.

Finally, I have begun formation of a nomination committee for the 2022 Morro Bay Yacht Club Board of Directors. Please consider serving your club by being a Board member. If you have interest, please contact me.



Vice Commodore

Vice squad ramping up safety

This month had another vacation in the docket. This time into the mountains of Colorado out of cell phone range! Some work still got done at the club though.

I did a test section on the Dock Ramp stripping off the failing anti-skid material and replacing with anti-skid paint. The tester seems to be working well so multiple coats will be added and more sections done. It will take time since I don't want to block the ramp for long periods of time.

Terry Paris also did four hours of work on the dock pulling bent and protruding screws and replacing them. There are numerous planks on the dock that are in bad shape. I'm looking for volunteers to help work on the dock and replace planks and cleats. Please contact your friendly Vice! -- Troy Wieck

Happy Hour duties

Friday Happy Hours have been a source of connection and joy for many members in these post-COVID-lockdown times. Thank you to the hosts that have stepped up this summer and provided fun snacks and clean up with smiling faces and that wonderful spirit of volunteerism. I would like to mention a few reminders to keep our Happy Hour "Happy."

If you are unable to fulfill your Happy Hour duties on the assigned date, YOU are responsible for finding a member to act as your replacement. Please report schedule changes to Kayfrye.np@gmail.com or by text (559) 304-8336. Member contact info is available in the roster at MBYC.net. Changes that happen after the Masthead is published will be updated in the

Kay Frye, Social Hour Coordinator

MBYC Calendar on the website. Just click on Happy Hour to see the hosts. If you are experiencing even the slightest symptoms such as a scratchy throat or runny nose Do Not Attend Happy Hour. If you are particularly vulnerable please share this information with me or your co-hosts and duties can be worked out. If you need ideas for snacks or specific paper goods let me know. Food service starts at 6 pm and clean up at 7 pm. Have

Flack 9/3
MacDonald 9/3
Ridgely 9/3
Riener 9/10
Soll 9/10
Shinn 9/10
Riley 9/17
Blackwell 9/17
Cross 9/17
Williams 9/17
Prewitt 9/24
Arozena 9/24
Smith 9/24
Hensinger 9/24

Rear Commodore Judi Glover

Summer Series End

Ahoy!

August brought a lot of excitement at MBYC. We had our Day Sailer Invitational, Zongo, Sail, Pedal, Paddle relay and wrapped up our Summer Series for both Ocean and Bay Fleets.

September brings us into our Fall Series for the Bay Fleet, Jenkins Memorial, Devlin, and the Chris Lockwood Regatta.

Bay Fleet: We need PRO's, race committee and safety boat help. Check the race schedule board at the club to sign up. It is important as a fleet we each take our turn on deck. Our Fall I race on 09/11 needs a PRO.

Wet Wednesdays are wrapping up on the 8th. We had a few consistent participants every Wednesday since March. It has been a fun time, thank you for coming out and chasing other boats around. I hope that you continue to meet up and play in the water, but it will no longer be on the MBYC calendar for the remainder of 2021.

My second surgery was the first week of August. I appreciate all of the support and help. Thank you for jumping in when and where needed. This surgery already has shown improvement. I am hopeful to be back in the water before the holidays.

August Race Winners:

Daysailer Invitational:

1st Place: Tom Ingrahm & Ty Ingrahm "Life in the Fast Lane"

2nd Place: Greg Miller & Sophia Flumerfet "Jersey Girl"

3rd Place: Carlton Smith & Guy Behringer "Beach Party"

Bay Fleet Barney Pikes Summer Series:

1st Place: Tom Ingram/Jody Lee DS "Life in the Past Lane"

2nd Place: Dan Hack - Laser

3rd Place: Dave Sheesley/Judi Glover DS "Tru Blu"

Zongo:

1st Place: Mark Hilden/ John Krossa "Janina"

2nd Place: Kevin Williams "Fear Knot"

3rd Place: Tony Gomez "High Five"

Tony and the "High Five" crew also received 1st Place Cruising Class, first boat to cross the finish line.

Huge "Thank you" to Charlie Nichols, Tom Needham and Steve Borg-es with their help transporting and running the safety boat.

Sail, Pedal, Paddle: 1st "2 KOOKS and a MAMIL" Mary Witkowski, Marshall Witkowski & Will Bellis

2nd "Super Sailors?" Elias Blackwell & Alex Knight

3rd "Triple Tom" Tom Ingrahm & Brittany Tomosko

Membership Report



Patrick and Rose Denny

At the August 19th, the MBYC Board approved membership for Patrick & Rose Denny, Carly & Dale Kaiser, Greg & Martha Miller, and membership reinstatement for Neli (Ellie) & Martin Mongin.



Gregg Miller

At the September membership meeting, the committee will



interviewing Carly and Dale Kaiser Judy Mahan, sponsored by Lynn Meissen and Dana McClish. Judy is an eager, experienced sailor and is active in varied water sports. Joyce McAlexander will also be presented to the committee by Armand Boyer and Charlie and Jeanie Roberts. Joyce has enthusiastically participated in numerous MBYC activities including Fun Floats and Happy Hour

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to MBYC member Jim Clinton, who celebrated his 100th birthday in August!

-- Laurie Wright, Membership Chair

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Each time we go out for a FunFloat, everyone involved seems to have fun. Except for those rare, really windy days the FunFloats really go well. Our last FunFloat was no exception. The weather seemed perfect as we headed out on a glassy bay. The slack tide made paddling into the bay easy. We went down the sand spit and found a good place for a picnic. Coming back was just as nice, but we had the help of the

FunFloats current.

We have our FunFloats about every two weeks, and we are seeing anywhere from eight to eighteen people showing up for the floats. It seems being out on the bay on a paddle craft is



There were a lot of birds out on the bay.

especially relaxing, and many good conversations tighten our friendships. We usually leave the dock at 11:00 am and return around 1:00 to 1:30. I encourage all to participate.

Put dates on your calendar because they are not on the MBYC calendar.

Last night the FunFloaters provided the help for the Happy UnBirthday Hamburger Night. It was the largest turnout for a hamburger night this year. Besides the decoration, preparation, serving and cleanup



FunFloaters happily headed out onto a glassy bay.

FunFloaters provided a great variety of Birthday Treats. Thanks to all those FunFloaters who showed up to decorate, work and provide the treats. It turned out to be a fun-filled event at the yacht club.



*Hey,
wait
for
me!*

The end of Hamburger Night --from the galley, Kendall Welch



Today, September 1, is our last Hamburger Night for summer 2021. Our format was a little (maybe a lot) different than in years past, having them every other week, and asking for reservations. We didn't serve burgers every time either, slipping in some yacht club favorites like fish tacos, chicken parmesan sandwiches, and barbequed ribs. I hope you all enjoyed the summer.

Our hamburger night August 25 was hosted by the FunFloaters who all brought birthday cakes to share to celebrate everyone's birthday. The assortment of cakes and cupcakes was amazing! And as one can expect with the "FUN" floaters, the evening was great fun, and we ended up serving 82 people, including seven transients who were parked on the dock.

The reservations system has worked very well for me, the galley chief, as it has made it much easier to plan the food quantities, and we have had very little leftover food at the end of hamburger night. I hope that it has not been too difficult for all of you. Would love to have any feedback – so far most has been positive towards the new format, but a few persons have noted that they enjoyed having to BBQ their own burger.

We don't have specific events planned yet for the winter but expect something fun every month, that will be announced in the alias and hopefully in the Masthead. If you have any suggestions, please let me know – and of course we will have to keep watch on any potential Covid-19 restrictions. that may arise.

The below salad was a hit at one of our burger nights:

Grilled Corn Salad with Hot Honey-Lime Dressing

Bright and light, this grilled corn salad with avocado will go with everything else at your summer barbecue. This recipe is from B's Cracklin' BBQ in Savannah, GA. Learn more about pitmaster Bryan Furman at <https://www.southernliving.com/bbq/bs-cracklin-barbeque-is-back>

Eight servings. Do Ahead: Salad can be made 1 day ahead. Keep chilled.

Prepare a grill for medium-high heat. Brush ears of corn with butter; season with salt and

Ingredients

3 ears of corn, husked
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
1½ tsp. kosher salt, plus more
Freshly ground black pepper
3 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
2 Tbsp. honey
1½ tsp. Sriracha
1 tsp. granulated garlic or garlic powder
1½ avocados, cut into ¾" pieces
1 serrano chile, thinly sliced
½ cup cilantro leaves with tender stems

pepper. Grill, turning occasionally, until kernels are very tender and charred in spots, 10–12 minutes. Let cool slightly, then cut kernels from cobs.

Meanwhile, whisk lime juice, honey, Sriracha, granulated garlic, and 1½ tsp. salt in a large bowl to combine. Add corn, avocados, chile, and cilantro to vinaigrette and toss to combine; season with salt and pepper. Cover with plastic wrap, pressing in direct contact with salad to prevent avocados from turning brown. Chill at least 2 hours.



A PANAMA CANAL ALTERNATIVE

— MICHAEL MANCHAK

This article appeared in Cruising World magazine.

A proposed Trans-Isthmus Corridor project across Mexico would connect the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean by rail and highway, which could serve as an alternative to the Panama Canal.

When completed, cruisers could potentially haul out and truck their boat the relatively short distance from one side of the isthmus to the other. President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is urging approval to build transportation along the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

Nearly 190 miles across, the isthmus the narrowest landmass in Mexico. Cargo companies and private-vessel owners view the proposed project as an overland alternative to the Panama Canal, which many cruisers know can be intimidating, expensive, lengthy and sometimes dangerous.

Mexico sees the Panama Canal as a monopoly, and this project as an opportunity to help customers with a new route to save time, distance and, potentially, money. By avoiding the canal route, the distance saved could be up to 1,000 nautical miles in either direction, although any cost savings is undisclosed at this time.

The project would include a modern railway and highway to connect the Port of Salina Cruz in Oaxaca's state on the Pacific with the Port of Coatzacoalcos in the state of Veracruz on the Gulf. Mexico envisions this project as a source of new jobs and increased competitiveness for its economy; it includes wind energy, business parks, telecommunications and services for the region.

However, it is not without its critics, which include human-rights groups and environmental organizations. President Lopez Obrador cites a focus on helping the Indigenous people and the economy while protecting the environment—a tall order for a project of this size and complexity. If approved, the world will be watching to see that construction treads lightly because this region has one of the highest concentrations of biological species on Earth.

Historically, the isthmus was first used to haul ships by rail in 1907 when the American Hawaiian Steamship Company pulled its cargo vessels across on the Tehuantepec National Railway, carrying passengers and sugar from Hawaii to New York. This use ended due to politics between the US and Mexico, the Panama Canal opening in 1914, and World War I.

If this project is right for Mexico's people and economy, let us hope that it will set a standard for major projects globally by also protecting Indigenous people and the environment.





Sail-Pedal-Paddle



Great turn out for an event that has been on hold for 9 years! The last data I could find was from 2012.



Dave Hensinger, a wise man and Staff Commodore, once shared his wisdom "Cancel nothing!"

So, with little knowledge or experience, we threw this event together. 6 teams participated. We also had poker cards as "tokens" given at the checkpoints, which turned into a Poker Run of 5 card stud, bonus prize!



The wind was very light, the current was against them, which made for great entertainment.



Winners:

1st "2 KOOKS and a MAMIL" Mary Witkowski, Marshall Witkowski & Will Bellis

2nd "Super Sailors?" Elias Blackwell & Alex Knight

3rd "Triple Tom" Tom Ingrahm & Britany Tomosko

4th "G-Lover and The Sheesley Sauce" Dave Sheesley, Stanley Craig & Mike Tone (Mr. Fresno 1984)



5th "Neverlast" Mo McEwen, Rich Leamon, Karl & Melissa

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6th "Italia Summer Small Craft" Charlie Nichols, Paul & Jim

Winner of the poker run was "Neverlast" with three 6's (well, one was a joker!)

Cheating was encouraged (motors were excluded) and one team took advantage. Team 4 had a surfer give the boat a push while he was paddling out and also they towed a ride on the pedal leg with Ms. Joyce's golf safety cart. No one thought to use the paddles for their sail boat, may have been more of a nail biter if they had.

Everyone enjoyed burgers after the awards. Too many kids running around to count, curious spectators enjoyed ringing the cowbells at the wrong and right times.

Random gift cards and coupons were donated for prizes... I just want to say, I am glad we all love "ACE MINERS"!

Many hands made light work. Many thanks to: Bob Schwenoha, Pat Cowgill, Julie Thomas, Mark Brown, Jeremiah Blackwell (set up and galley crew), Joyce McAlexander (safety golf cart), Wendy Knight, Tru Forster, Jonah Konjoyan, Theona Hadijyane & Judy Bellis (check point crew & card dealers)



September
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For those frenzied fans of ours who were so disappointed that our **Kurmudgeon Male Dance Review** has been delayed, we wish to report that we have resumed our rehearsals and soon hope to be in a position to reschedule this much anticipated event. Our health problems have been largely resolved, and the only remaining issue is the costuming. It seems that the recent strained relations with China have resulted in a shortage of sequins. While we have located a source for this vital part of our costume, the price is extremely high and has strained our limited budget. We are loath to request additional funds from the MBYC as the Directors have been somewhat lacking in appreciating our artistic endeavors in the past. We hope to resolve these problems so that we can reschedule this event.



The Kurmudgeon
Korner



The **Kurmudgeons** would also like to report that there is a great deal of excitement over our plan to cut off the stacks at the base, roll them out the entrance, and position them as extensions to the current breakwater. Although they are keeping their enthusiasm quiet for now, both the plant owners and the city, we understand, are moving forward with plans to accomplish this very logical project. Another organization has suggested that an **Underwater McDonalds** should be included in one of the stacks. We **Kurmudgeons** find this idea to be frivolous.

It has been a long-term policy of the **Kurmudgeons** to support only projects that are based on sound economic and engineering principles. Indeed, the **Kurmudgeons** have established themselves over time as highly concerned about costs, and our engineering skills have long been admired. **The Chaplain** adds, "Ayóí yá'át'ééh." (Navajo - Have a very good day.) In Navajo, **The Ghost** replies, "Nizhóní. Ahéhee. Hazhó'ó naniná. Ádaa áhólyá. T'áá baa íiníltá' yéego baa ntsíníkees, sozdilzingoo shikisoo bánídaalnishígíí."

(For the English Translation:
email jeaniusr@gmail.com)

We have at times been accused of glossing over some engineering details. However, we feel that not getting bogged down in details is what makes us so exceptionally good at the great visionary work that we do. There are plenty of good engineering firms, such as Knudson, Knudson, and Knudson, to accomplish the engineering details. Consequently, the **Kurmudgeons** want to go on record as not supporting any additions to our original well thought out plan to extend the breakwater by attaching the three stacks linearly to the end of the north breakwater.



We **Kurmudgeons** are increasingly disappointed in the progress, or lack thereof, in our underground parking. Ever since the **Vice Commodore** trapped some members of our Knudson, Knudson, and Knudson engineering team under the Yacht Club, there has been a distinct lack of enthusiasm for moving forward. We would encourage the MBYC directors to facilitate this project with all the alacrity that it deserves.

Finally, some of us **Kurmudgeons** took part, as Staff Commodores, in the Wednesday night hamburger (ribs) feed. As usual, it was a pleasure to work with Kendall and marvel at her ability continuously to turn out the most enticing foods.

You **Kurmudgeons** invent brilliant projects
that defy all reason and logic,
but you're facing old age
and it's left you half-crazed,
so dear boys, there's no way you can dodge it.

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.



2021 Day Sailer Fleet 128 Invitational

Took place on August 7th and 8th, 2021. DS Fleet 128 (CCC Otters) invited all DSA Fleets and Independent Members of the Northwest, Northern California-Nevada, Southern California-Arizona, Intermountain and Southwestern Regions to participate in the 2021 Day-



Sailer Fleet Invitational at Morro Bay Yacht Club in Morro Bay, California. Fleet 128 hosted this regatta under the sanction of the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Unfortunately, no members from other fleets participated. The invitational regatta was a two-day race for our own club members.

Brooks Measures was the PRO (Principle Race Officer) for the regatta. Brooks, Michael, and Gail Condon manned the Race Committee Boat, and Tom Wright, Warren Flack, John Edel and Charlie Roberts were on the safety boats. The race took place at the entrance of the bay, just inside the main jetties. It was a wind-



ward-leeward style race that had the racers usually doing two or three loops around the course. On Saturday the sailors and the race committee stayed



out on the bay until all the races were completed. The advantage of the race location was that participants didn't have to dodge moving obstacles (kayakers, paddleboarders, and electric boats) that plague the rest of the bay during our busy summer. The disadvantage is that the race was void of spectators, and it was extremely hard to be a spectator because of the fog and distance of the race from the shore.

Eleven racing teams participated, nine in the A fleet and two in the B fleet. I am sure our Rear Commodore will provide the race results. Every team was able to receive a trophy. Carlton Smith was in charge of acquiring the trophies and found some useful and appropriate trophies for our participants. They were two styles of Swiss Army Knives designed for sailors. One was given to each skipper and crew of each team.



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Special thanks goes out to the group back at the yacht club who provided support for two continental breakfasts, a dinner, a lunch as well as happy hour and cleanup.



2021 Day Sailer Invitational

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The **Kurmudgeons** were on standby as the protest committee; however, no formal protests were filed.

--Charlie Roberts

1st Place: Tom Ingrahm & Ty Ingrahm "Life in the Fast Lane"

2nd Place: Greg Miller & Sophia Flumerfet "Jersey Girl"

3rd Place: Carlton Smith & Guy Behringer "Beach Party"



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Judi Glover

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SEPTEMBER

Wed Sep 1

5pm

Wet Wednesday

Fri Sep 3

5:15pm

Membership Committee

6pm

Happy Hour at MBYC

Sat Sep 4

1pm

Freeman's Party

Mon Sep 6

6:30pm

Finance Committee

Fri Sep 10

6pm

Happy Hour at MBYC

Sat Sep 11

Fall I (Bay)

Sun Sep 12

Devlin I (Ocean)

Juniors

Tue Sep 14

5:30pm

Coast Guard Auxiliary

Meeting

Thu Sep 16

6:15pm

MBYC Board Mtg

Fri Sep 17

6pm

Happy Hour at MBYC

Sat Sep 18

Jenkins Memorial

(Ocean)

Sun Sep 19

Jenkins Memorial

(Ocean)

Fri Sep 24

6pm

Happy Hour at MBYC

Sat Sep 25

Fall II (Bay)

Sun Sep 26

**Chris Lockwood
(Juniors)**

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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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