



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

December 2022

Morro Bay, California

Commodore Troy Wieck

Thanks to all for a great year



I am glad to get to my last masthead article - always the hardest part of the job for me. The officer positions are fun but also hard. Thanks to the board this year

- Laura, Tara, Greg, Todd, Charlie, and Johnny B - for making it easy and sticking to 2 minutes for your reports (at least some of you!). And thanks to all the Committee Heads. Your service keeping our dock and our club in ship shape (Lynn!), our Junior program growing (Terry!), our sailing lessons expanded (Angella and Craig), our bar stocked (Stanley), and our amazing social chair (Kendall!). And all the others running the ship's store (Mia), our fleet captains (Jon, Charlie, Dan), historian (Andrea), CRO/Sommelier (Rich), bringing in membership (Laurie), starting our club investments (Tom), reciprocating with other clubs (Glenda), mailing all our notices (Rachelle), keeping up our website (John), trolling all the members (Don!), and editing all the mastheads (Mark!). You are all amazing.



***Troy and Brooke
were the hit of the ball***

Side Tied

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You're new board was voted in at the General Membership meeting:

Treasurer: Tom Ingram

Secretary: Cinda Quintanar

Director: Brett Cross:

Sr. Director: Todd Hansen

Rear Commodore: Jon Hovdal

Vice Commodore: Charlie Roberts

Commodore: Johnny B

Good luck to you all!



I really enjoyed the Commodore's ball. I hope others did too! There was a great band and great dancing and great people. Thanks to all who came. The Commodore's Cup also had a great showing with first place taken by Carlton Smith and the Sheesely's.

While we have challenges ahead, thinking about the hoist, the yard, the dock, etc., if we think about what is sustainable for us and what we can do that will outlast us then we find the solutions that are best for our membership.

I will see you all at our last board meeting and I hope everyone enjoys the holidays, your families, and your friends.

Peace out.

Troy Wieck

2022 Commodore - The Morro Bay Yacht Club



Bilge Report

Vice Commodore John Burgener



Gobble Gobble

That is what is happening to the year day by day:

Santa Clause is coming

Our bellies are getting bigger.

Happiness is everywhere.

And my term as Vice Commodore is coming to an end.

We got a lot of things accomplished around the Club but

We still have things to do.

Charlie Roberts will take the helm as Vice and I will be helping

Him with "all of you" Right?

A gift for all

There is plenty of time to order

A Brick for Christmas

We have had a great response and there is plenty

Locations to mark your brick territory.



I have some issues with "some people" Taking advantage of the dumpster.

This is not a business or home depository I had to make a big dump run on my time to clean up your mess. This is not the first time Future Vice Commodore Charlie Roberts does not have a pickup truck. Must I say more?

Thanks



Bilge Report

Vice Commodore John Burgener

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BTW - Charlie Nichols, with the help of Jon Hovdal, Keith Valley, Chuck Losness and of course his lovely inspiration, Lisa, who sent them off on an adventure with a bible in her hand held high and praying to the wind gods for a safe and pleasant journey, sailed into the sunset challenging the elements upon his new sailing vessel "Minke."

She is a 30 foot Fairmouth Cutter with a proud bowsprit. They sailed this handsome vessel up then around Point Conception to MBYC Last week with no worries, lots of rum, finger foods and a lot of enthusiasm. Now he must put his pride and joy cleated on the dock and have a welcome Aboard party with pupu's, libations and maybe a band for all yachties so we can view this fine work of art and seaworthiness. Make reservations now with Charlie. Seating is limited.



This is my last Vice Commodore newsletter and I have a new and exciting business to take care of for the next year so stay tuned and keep the faith for the wind always blows somewhere and don't leave good waves in search for better waves.

Be in the moment.

My new Gig...

-- Commodore Johnny B.

The Basics of Marine Radio Use

To use your VHF, turn it on and pick a channel, set the squelch to the point where you don't hear any white noise, and begin talking. Things to remember when you are on the radio:

Monitor channel 16 when you are not actively in conversation with someone else. While not required for recreational boaters, it is an unwritten rule for radio users.

Don't tie up channel 16 or channel 9. If you are talking with someone, switch to a working channel so you are not keep-

ing others from using channel 16 or 9. In some instances, the Coast Guard may even order you to switch channels if you are talking excessively on 16 or 9.

A VHF radio is not a telephone. When you use your VHF, everyone tuned to that station in the area can hear you! Watch your language, and try to keep your conversations short and to the point so that others may use the channel.

It is unlawful to intentionally transmit a false distress alert, or intentionally transmit a false alert without taking steps to cancel that alert.

— BoatUS

Rear Commodore

Charlie Roberts



For me, it was a great year as the Rear Commodore for the MBYC. I have learned a lot about our organization, and as the new Vice I am sure to learn a lot more. I have to give our members credit for such a positive year. It is always a pleasure to work with our club members and to participate in our club's events. Besides reporting race results, there are two items I would like to address in this last article I write as Rear Commodore.

The first is the thanks I want to give to all of those who supported our club and me in our quest to make the club a great place to be. The Rear Commodore ensures that the races can and do take place. I wasn't so successful with the ocean races, but they had a year that was highlighted by the new Santa Cruz 27 fleet and their sponsorship of the SC27 Nationals. I primarily focused on the bay races, and it was also a good year for those races and their participants. I want to thank all those who volunteered to PRO the races. It does take some work to pull a team together to facilitate a race, and almost all the PROs pulled that off. We really only canceled one bay race, the Wysoki, and I'm not sure if that will run again.

I have to give thanks again to Glenda Boatman for taking care of the race trophies and

awards. We handed out gift certificates to the bay racers for awards and that turned out to be a very positive experience. Glenda would purchase the awards before every race and put a lot of thought into where she went, supporting local businesses. Glenda made my year much easier.



I would like to thank John Edell for taking care of our chase boats and making sure that they remained in working order. It was a weekly maintenance task, and some repairs took quite a bit of work. John has been doing this for the last few years and I'm sure he will continue for some years to come.

There are a number of members who made life easier for me in terms of helping with the races and providing advice. A few names that come to mind are Gail Condon, Kit and Don Lockwood, Dot and Pat Rygh, and of course Jeanie Roberts. Chuck Losse also always seemed to be around to help and provide advice. We are lucky to have these people as club members.

I will continue to make noise as the Vice Commodore in terms of how people make our club a good place to be and how volun-

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Rear Commodore

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teerism is the basis for success in what we do at the club. Now I will turn this year's position over to Jon Hovdal and will support him as he serves as Rear Commodore.

Bay Races:

We've had two bay races since the last *Masthead* report: the Commodore's Cup and Fall III. I was on the safety boat for the Commodore's Cup, but I'm sure Troy will do

a nice write-up for that in his column since it was his race.

The second bay race was the Fall III Bay Series. Tom Ingram served as PRO for that race. Complete race results can be found on our MBYC website under the "Fleets" drop down menu. Bay Fleet results can be seen here: <https://www.mbyc.net/bay-fleet-race-results-2022/>

Commodore's Cup November 12, 2022

Arbitrary - 8 Boats Participated

Class	Sail #		Skipper	Crew	Rank	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Portsmouth
DS	163	Beach Party	Carlton Smith	Sheesley's	1	8	3	1	1	3	98.5
DS	316	Vieja	Dan Hack	Silvia Suarez	2	9	1	4	2	2	98.5
DS	111	Jersey Girl	Greg Miller	Sheesley's	3	10	2	2	5	1	98.5
DS	2574	Super Wiener	Patrick Gorey	Scott Turpin	4	18	4	6	4	4	98.5
Lido14	6244	SNFU	Tom Jenkins	Paige Jenkins	5	19	5	3	6	5	98.9
DS	13150	True Love	Todd Hansen	Joyce Hansen	6	23	6	5	3	9	98.5
DS	14051	Coddwomple	Kendall Welch	Kay Frye	7	31	7	8	7	9	98.5
DS	6149	Amanda Boo	Charlie Nicols	Jon Hovdal	8	32	8	7	8	9	98.5

DNS DNF

Race Committee: Course Chart "A"

PRO Troy Wieck

Deck Hands Jesse Ferris, Jodi Ingram, Tom Ingram, Chuck

Safety John Edell and Charlie Roberts

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Rear Commodore

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Fall Series - Osos Trophy

Morro Bay Yacht Club

Fall Series Bay Races

					October 1	October 15	November 19		
Class	Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Fall I Rank	Fall II Rank	Fall III Rank	Series Totals	Series Rank
DS	2633	Katie B	M. Soll	A. Soll	4	4	4	12	1
DS	2574	Super Weaner	P. Gorey	S. Turpin	6	4	3	13	2
DS	14051	Coddiwomple	K. Welch	A. Herring	2	5	8	15	3
DS	1831	Slow Children at	J. Krossa	G. Krossa	7	9	2	18	4
Lido14	6244	SNAFU	Tom Jenkins	Paige Jenkins	19	1	1	21	5
DS	13150	True Love	T. Hansen	J. Hansen	3	3	19	25	6
DS	268	Ramona	S. Graves	M. Graves	9	5	19	33	7
DS	13074	Pirratt	S. Craig	K. Brazeau	10	19	6	35	8
DS	111	Jersey Girl	G. Miller	S. Flumerfelt	1	19	19	39	9
DS	163	Beach Party	Carlton Smith	Sheesley's	19	2	19	40	10
DS	1621	Ferocious	T. Fee	C. Fee	5	19	19	43	11
DS	316	Vieja	Dan Hack	Silvia Suarez	19	19	5	43	12
DS	28791	Predator Otter	Lex Budge	Lolo Budge	19	6	19	44	13
DS	1970	Ready or Not	Cinnamon Redd	Jason Redd	19	7	19	45	14
Laser	70260	Laser	Dennis Derickson		19	19	7	45	15
DS	3875	Snap	M McEwen	R. Leamon	8	19	19	46	16
DS	1053	Small Fry	Mike Frye	Kay Frye/Rich L.	19	8	19	46	17
Picnic Cat /Compa		Jade	Charlie Nicoles	Kath Veld	19	10	19	48	18

18 Boats Participated in the Fall Series

BoatUS Crew Overboard (COB)

Preventing an overboard situation is relatively easy when you use a little common sense. Sadly, one of the most common causes of COB and subsequently drowning is a crew member relieving himself over the side of the boat in a standing position. Avoid this disaster; go below and use the head.

Three Points of Contact

While on board you should always strive to have three points of contact with the boat. This means, you should have both feet planted and holding on with at least one hand. Or, if you are moving about, hold on with both hands to something firm like a grab rail or stanchion and take one step at a time. If seated, have your feet touching the

floor, or holding on with both hands.

Having three points of contact assures that your body is positioned in such a way that the majority of your body is in contact with the boat, and you won't be set off-balance easily.

Avoid standing and sudden movements whenever operating your boat and plan ahead to avoid unsafe operating & environmental conditions.

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Rear Commodore

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Fall III - November 19, 2022

Arbitrary - 9 Boats Participated

Class	Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Rank	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Portsmouth
Lido14	6244	SNAFU	Tom Jenkins	Paige Jenkins	1	6	1	3	2	98.9
DS	1831	Slow Children at Play	J. Krossa	Guenn Krossa	2	8	2	2	4	98.5
DS	2574	Super Wiener	Patrick Gorey	Carlton Smith	3	10	4	1	5	98.5
DS	2633	Katie B	M. Soll	Angela Soll	4	11	5	5	1	98.5
DS	316	Vieja	Dan Hack	Silvia Suarez	5	12	3	6	3	98.5
DS	13074	Piratt	S. Craig	Sarah	6	17	7	4	6	98.5
Laser	70260	Laser	Dennis Derickson	-	7	22	6	7	9	91.1
DS	14051	Coddiwomple	Kendall Welch	Kay Frye	8	26	8	9	9	98.5

PRO Tom Ingram

On Deck Jody Lee, Don Lockwood, Kit Lockwood

Safety Boat Mark Hilden and Richard Schermerhorn



Ocean Fleet celebrates



December
2022

Well, a Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
From the **Kurmudgeons**
to all of the
Morro Bay Yacht Club



The Kurmudgeon
Korner

With the holiday season and all the work that the **Kurmudgeons** put in just to keep the Board of Directors from screwing up the Club, we find ourselves somewhat exhausted. If that isn't enough, we also are faced with an avalanche of our unfinished **Kurmudgeon** projects that the Board has

failed to take the necessary action to complete. I guess we'll just have to follow the old saying, "If you want the job done right, palm it off on some unsuspecting person before he knows what's up." At least that way someone else gets the blame. Ah well, I guess it's just our burden to lead the young whipper snappers until they can fend for themselves.

The Kurmudgeon Klassic Regatta has now passed on into yachting legend. The planned grassy island circumnavigation did not go as planned due to difficulty setting marks, but the **Kurmudgeons** cleverly devised an alternate problem for the racers to solve. For the first race the **Kurmudgeons** arranged that the current and the wind would be the same speed and direction. The apparent wind for the boats was then, of course, zero. The result was that, as a popular MBYC song verse says, all the boats were sailing backward down the bay. Eventually, as anticipated by the **Kurmudgeons**, the wind came up, and one by one the boats made it to the start line and completed the course. Having extracted a significant level of frustration, we **Kurmudgeons** ran two more quite normal races. The results were that first place was Dave Hensinger and Carla who got 3 bottles of **Kurmudgeon Vintage** wine and a \$10 certificate at the Hofbrau. Second place was Kendall Welch, Kaye Fry and somebody named Kevin with two bottles of **Kurmudgeon Vintage** wine and a \$20 certificate to the Hofbrau. Third place went to Dan Hack and Jesse Farris with one bottle of **Kurmudgeon Vintage** wine and a \$30 certificate to the Hofbrau. As is customary for a **Kurmudgeon Klassic Regatta**, third place is declared the overall winner.

For several years the **Kurmudgeons** have devoted a great deal of time and effort to intellectual guidance for the MBYC. The time has come for us to undertake a more expansive project to test our depth of knowledge. We have decided that we would like to undertake an understanding of the connection between conscious thought, as an observer, and quantum reality. Does consciousness come first and networks of simple conscious entities ultimately realize the mathematical structures of physics? We may even find clues as to how Einstein's smooth space-time appears out of the grainy picture depicted by quantum theory. Surely this is a problem worthy of our attention.

However, because of all this new endeavor and the backlog of our work, we have decided it would be best to scale back somewhat. To that end, we decided it would be best to produce the **Kurmudgeon Korner** on no more than a quarterly basis. Of course, we realize we are leaving some unfinished tasks like the **flooded** underground parking, the **sauna**, the **CRAP** facility, the **Kurmudgeon Male Exotic Dance Review**, and several others, but we must set them aside for now and move on for the greater good. Therefore, unless some disastrous event at the MBYC requires our intellectual input, the **Kurmudgeon Korner** is signing off for now.

Hope to see you in April.



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



Happy Holidays. The Amorphous Ghost, having lurked around for years now wafts away, the Spirit of Christmas Present, and wishes Season's Happiness to her five **Kurmudgeon** friends.

MBYC New Crew



“ Welcome Aboard to new MBYC members **Ron and Marlys Boehm** (R), bringing their extensive and prestigious sailing expertise to our club and to our section of the coast. **Raymond and Leah Shady** (L) and kiddos Cora, Owen and Calvin are a water loving family, active with sailing, canoeing and kayaking, and surfing. Look for them out on the bay in their Day Sailer ‘Blue Bayou’. Werner Weinstock, briefly on hiatus from the club, has been reinstated as a member.

Your 2023 dues should be paid ASAP . As dues are paid, membership cards will be prepared and ready for distribution by the beginning of February. For those members not in the area, cards may be postal mailed or sent digitally if you let me know your preference. Local members should collect their cards at the club during Happy Hour.

All members are asked to review their infor-



mation on the MBYC rosters and note any needed changes. If you have not submitted your watercraft details, please include that as well. The printable roster is updated annually, while the on-line roster is updated on an on-going basis. You may send any changes or updates to Laurie Wright.

Thank you to those on the Membership Committee – Rachelle Phillips, Lynn Meissen, Tom Wright and Gail Riley – who strive to ensure that our incoming members have demonstrated an avid interest in recreational boating and will be assets to our very precious club. Thank you to sponsors who accept the responsibility for supporting, encouraging and orienting prospective and new members to MBYC. Thank you to the Board for voting in new members, and to club members for welcoming those interested and those who have newly joined.

– **Laurie Wright, Membership Chair**

Commodores Ball and more, from the galley, Kendall Welch

The **Commodore's Ball** on **Sunday, November 6** was a rousing success. SLO Brew Rock hosted the celebration, and Water Tower provided the outstanding music. Troy certainly danced the night away with his lovely wife Brooke.

We are going to have a **Tree Trimming party on Thursday, December 1, 2021, 5:30 PM**. Bring a pot of soup to share (at least 10 servings) and dress warmly because doors and windows will be open.



December 3 - Trimming the club - 12:00 Noon - come ready to string lights all over the club

December 11 - Junior Sailors Holiday Party watch the Alias

December 17, 5:00 PM - Bay and Ocean Fleets Holiday Party and White



Elephant Gift Exchange - reservations will be required, more to come via the Alias

Morro Bay Lighted Boat Parade, Saturday Dec 3, 2022, 6:30-8 PM - club opens at 5

The club will be open by reservation only and this year (as last year) dinner will not be served. Members are encouraged to bring their own picnic, but please clean up after yourselves. Members are allowed to host 4 guests per membership and reservations need to be made by emailing mbyc.veep@gmail.com or texting Kendall at 415-307-3195. These reservation requests are always confirmed by a reply. The MBYC Board of Directors asked that we limit this event to 250 people.

Please enter by the front door of the yacht club only, there will be someone at the back gate limiting access to persons participating in the parade. If you plan to sit on the dock please be sure that all children wear life preservers.



Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation

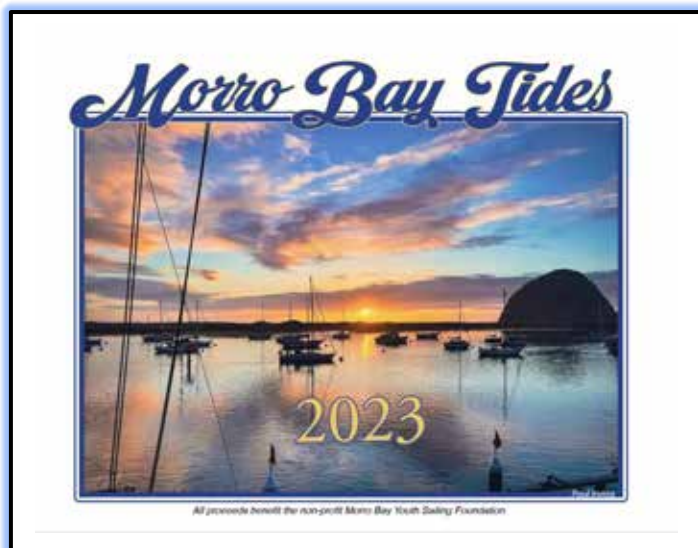
2022 Year-End Highlights

- Welcomed New Board Members Shelley Blackwell, Martin Mongin, and Ellie Mongin.
- New Optimist boat for the Junior Yacht Club.
- 6 Scholarships awarded for Sailing Instructor Courses.
- 14 Scholarships awarded for youth Summer Sailing Classes.
- Launched fundraiser for Coaches for Junior Sailors, Summer Sailing Scholarships and new FJ for Cal Poly Sailing.

Note: 2 Scholarships for Small Boat Instructor Courses for adult volunteers helping with Junior Sailing are available. Inquire at info@mbysf.org.

Consider the MBYSF in your Year-End Giving!

Morro Bay Tidal Calendars for Sale



\$20.00 Donation to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation.

Available at Happy Hours, December events, the MB Maritime Museum, and mbysf.org/items-for-sale/.

Can be shipped or picked up at the club.



Have a Happy and Merry Fun Float This Holiday Season

Just like Happy Hour and all of our sailing races, the Fun Floats are regularly scheduled events at our yacht club. Anyone can participate by bringing some kind of paddle craft and joining us at the dock at 11:00 am on the day of a scheduled Fun Float. Some members paddle in from other places in the bay to begin the float with us. Everyone is welcome.



Fun Floats we usually paddle back into the bay and pick a spot on the sandspit to have lunch, socialize, and generally enjoy our-

selves. The floats are scheduled so that we paddle with the tide in both directions, they are scheduled so that high tide happens sometime between 11:00 and noon. This allows us to have less strenuous paddles and to go at our own pace.

On occasion we do have party events, with less paddling and more eating and playing. All of our events are on the club calendar, <https://www.mbyc.net/calendar/>, so you can go there to plan ahead. Fun Floats are good events for new or prospective members because we all sit down together on the beach and do a lot of visiting and getting to

know each other.

Access to FunFloat photos can be found by selecting this link, bit.ly/3GDBNLY, or scanning this bar code.



Happy Hour Schedule

BoatUS Foundation

Name	Hosting Date
December 2022	
Tom & Gail Riley	12/2/2022
Jeremiah & Shelly Blackwell	12/2/2022
Kevin Williams	12/9/2022
Truman Prewitt & Faith Frankel	12/9/2022
Jeffrey & Dana Smith	12/9/2022
Joshua & Juliana Massie	12/16/2022
David & Kim Hensinger	12/16/2022
January 2023	
Brett Cross	1/6/2023
Lucinda Quintanar	1/6/2023
David Barnard	1/6/2023
Tim & Robin Volpe	1/13/2023
Patrick & Michele Gorey	1/13/2023
Todd & Joyce Hansen	1/20/2023
Lorraine Budge	1/20/2023
Lex Budge	1/20/2023
Keiran Hansen	1/20/2023
John Dilworth & Carole Maurer	1/27/2023
Donna Arozena	1/27/2023
February 2023	
Orris & Patricia Cowgill	2/3/2023
Gary Raine & Peggy Voss	2/3/2023
Michele Latin	2/10/2023
Andrew & Marie Brown	2/10/2023
Michael & Eda Bonilla	2/10/2023
Jeff & June Jones	2/17/2023
Christopher & Michelle Matson	2/17/2023
Richard & Alaine Steuk	2/24/2023
Stanley	2/24/2023

Cleaning

Keeping your boat clean is important part of maintenance

But soaps and harsh cleaners running off into the water can have a negative impact on our waterways. While a few bubbles in the water seem harmless, soaps work by breaking down cell membranes, that is why most cleaners are toxic to marine life.

Here are few tips to minimize the impact of boat cleaning:

If your marina has a designated wash down area use that for all boat cleaning.

Regularly rinse the boat with fresh water to avoid needing harsh cleaners. Power washing or high pressure washing can remove bottom paint so it is especially important to save pressure washing for when your boat is in the washdown area.

When you must use soaps, read the labels carefully. Look for non toxic and biodegradable products and use them sparingly. Don't believe all environmental claims. Most products require treatment in wastewater treatment plant to be truly non toxic and biodegradable, so use them in an area that doesn't drain directly to the water.

Grassy areas can help absorb runoff. To learn more about green boat cleaning products, you can view our independent study of various green cleaning products.

Free Clean Boating Course: Learn more about taking care of our waterways.

FINAL THOUGHTS ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Over the last three years I've usually only submitted a Masthead article to give members an update on long-term planning or solicit ideas and opinions. With only one issue left before my term ends, I'd like to throw two thoughts out for members to think about in the coming year.

First, the club is in decent shape financially for its current needs, but we're not positioned to meet important long-term goals. As I said at the November General Meeting, about 30 years ago some members with foresight established what at the time was called the 2011 Fund, with the intent to save money to buy the boatyard we lease across the street. Some have been dispirited that the value of the site has risen above what we have been able to set aside, but it is not all glum... we do have enough for a traditional downpayment.

However, our income may be another issue. We've started looking at financing options, but there remain some blanks to fill in, most importantly the annual revenue we will need to show to qualify for a loan to balance. Tom Ingram has had some conversations with local banks, and I have reached out to a loan officer with Chase who specializes working with non-profits. In the near future we need to determine the criteria we must meet to finance the boatyard if it becomes available, determine what we have to do to meet those criteria, and if necessary adjust our dues and fees so we will qualify for a loan when the boatyard becomes available. This will also help us with other important needs such as addressing the maintenance or replacement of our hoist. We will need to develop a consensus of the membership that we can get passed at a general meeting.

Second, I would like to say something about the elevator assessment. There have been complaints that at the rate the fund is growing that it will take 40 years or so to install an elevator, and there are members who don't see putting money in for a project they are unlikely to benefit from. The elevator assessment was intended as seed money to stimulate other fundraising and eventually roll into the annual expenses to maintain an elevator. The fundraising efforts got started but wained pretty quickly. To me, the argument should not be that the assessment and its related fund should be eliminated if it cannot deliver on an elevator in our lifetimes — it should be what to do with the assessment and fund if there is not enough support for the elevator to do the intended fundraising.

We'll have some decisions to make and act upon in the coming year or two. Think about what you would like to see the club accomplish in the future and how you are willing to support that to make it happen.

Greg Barker
Sr. Director, MBYC



A look Back at the 27 Nationals:

A True Story About the Power of Our MBYC Community!



Who knows when it started?

Was it Greg Miller talking to Bill Lee, the famed designer of the 27 and former Cal Poly graduate last summer in Santa Cruz?

Was it John Krossa talking to Mark Hilden while hanging out with Captain Morgan in our bar?

It doesn't matter really.

Somehow around here we got this crazy idea that our new 27 Fleet should host the Nationals.

Totally crazy, huh?



A then it happened. A Notice of Race was sent out. Twelve boats showed up and we had a regatta — a national one. Easy, right?

Not so much —

Now that all the salty spinnakers have been dried out, blocks and winch-handles stowed, lines coiled, beers drunk, chants chanted (“Fast is Fun, fast is Fun...”), and all the Santa Cruz 27s washed down and loaded back on trailers and towed back to their far flung homes—how long has it been, a month, two?—some of us in the 27 fleet thought it might be in-structive to take a second look back highlight some of the moments that made the race a triumph, both on the water and off. Doing so reveals the power of community and incredible people who make up the MBYC! Here’s the debrief:

Shifty winds, north, then south, then north-west; tides along the beach; crazed skippers fighting for space on short starting lines; strange marks—you name it, we had it. We started with buoy races on the first day, short ones that required great starts and errorless execution of maneuvers. One long-time 27 racer announced at the bar: “Hardest racing I’ve ever done. Crazy. Morro Bay is cool.” Congratulations to prospective member Ron Boehm for his excellent racing — seemingly always out in front and making the right moves. He’s the 2022 National champ. FYI: Ron is amazing gentleman and a past Nationals champion who happened to be so impressed with the regatta and everyone who helped put it on that he is now a perspective member!



The Race Committee (and crew of supporters) —

Judi and Dave Sheesley, Charlie and Lisa Nichols. Caly and Jessy Ferris. For seven months planning and hitting the streets, running Zoom meetings, practicing mark setting, envisioning pub crawls (and then crawling to pubs), designing and producing posters. No way the event happens without them!



Flying the MBYC burgee on Lady Mermayd, they ran amazing races under the shadow of the rock, no small effort which required countless line and pin shifts given the unruly winds. Helping out on deck and chase-boats included club members Chuck Losness (seemingly at the club 24-7 to help), Chris Matson, Guy Bahringer, Ralph Lewis, Chris Surfleet, as well as a host of Cal Poly kids (as well as others). It's no wonder the Race Committee was given a standing ovation by the racers! "They killed it," one said loudly, pounding a beer. "Unbelievable effort," said another. "Judi, Judi, Judi" came the chants.

Trophies —

And then there were the trophies. Literal works of art, half-hull models, mounted by Charlie Nichols on hardwood cut to look like our beloved rock (Charlie hand-crafted the Day Sailer trophies as well, in collaboration with a local model boat builder). Nothing like the look on Bill Lee's face when he ran his finger over the hulls arrayed on the award table and offered an appreciative, proud smile. You could almost see him thinking, "Yeah, I designed that little beast."

Speaking of trophies, how touching was it that our own Greg Miller received the Rob Schuyler Sportsman of the Year trophy from the National fleet and gave a touching speech about engaging in



dinghy and booze fueled Miller-mischief with the trophy's late namesake years before.

Food and Refreshments —

When was it, six months out when Gwen Krossa came up with her soup spread sheet? (She no doubt wanted to one up John Krossa's organization skills, the Fleet Captain being the undisputed King of Lists and Things to Do before the regatta). And sure enough-as if there was any doubt, members stepped up. Kitchen helpers and soup and taco dinner providers included Kendal Welch, Brett Cross, Tim Volpe, Glenda Boatman. And barkeep Stanley Craig probably put 500 miles on his odometer making trips to the liquor store to restock the bar (turns out drinking fast is fun, too).



Morro Bay Merchants, Harbor Patrol

Let's not forget our local community friends beyond the tarmac and backyard storage gates of MBYC. Harbor Patrol hand-delivered a special dolly to launch boats and offered advice on crowd control and race plans.

(Okay, so the Harbor Patrol wasn't down with Krossa's insane idea to have twelve 27s do a spinnaker drag race down the bay with a finish in front of the club. I mean what's up with them—are they like responsible adults?) And local merchants up and down the Embarcadero jumped on board, sponsoring the event with money and prizes. No less helpful was our neighbors at Associated Pacific Constructors who wanted to help, offering us crane services for half the going rate. And how cool was it that many of the merchants got to say hi to the racers on one of the pub crawl nights (please destroy the photos).

Costs/Benefits —

For five months Judi Sheesley and company pounded the pavement, amassing incredible donations from local merchants and supporters; that effort, combined with race-fees, raised \$9,000, which more than covered the regatta costs. In fact, MBYC actually came-in ahead about \$600 and will be able to keep the Sailbot (a new automated start- sequence horn



system), as well as some new race committee flags. And it shouldn't be a surprise that the bar brought in an additional \$3000 over the weekend for the club (like we said, "Drinking is Fun!").

What Did We Learn?—

In the end, we learned what we already knew. MBYC is a special place. A place in the literal sense — our stately building, the docks, the decks that look out onto the rock, sure — but more than that, a place made up of truly cool people. In his closing comments, our Fleet Captain John Krossa said that the race was more about "friends and community" than about what happens on the water.

We in the 27 Fleet couldn't agree more. To each and everyone who helped (those mentioned here and others who were not), thanks again for making the event happen.

***--- Carlton Smith
on behalf of the MBYC 27 Fleet***

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Charlie Roberts

Treasurer:
Laura McCarren

Secretary:
Tara Hanlon

Senior Director:
Greg Barker

Director:
Todd Hansen

MOST OF US HAVE BOATS AND BEHIND EACH ONE IS A STORY.

SHARE THAT STORY

Tell us Who, What, When, Where, Why, How and send a picture of you or the boat (which ever is better looking) Or a picture of you using your boat. Anything that floats with you in it or on it counts.

Even if you just have very short answers, send them along. MARK@SCHOOLYARD.US

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT THEIR STORY.

Committee Chairs

Port Captain.....Lynn Meissen
Bar Steward.....Stanley Craig
Social Director/Galley Chief.....Kendall Welch
Membership.....Laurie Wright
Ship's Store.....Lisa Mia
Junior Sailing Advisor.....Terry Paris
Ocean Fleet Captain.....Jon Hovdahl
Day Sailer Fleet Captain..... TBD
Laser Fleet Captain.....Dan Hack
Fun Float Captain.....Charlie Roberts
SC 27 Fleet Captain.....John Krossa
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Cal Poly Liaison.....Todd Hansen
Education Officer.....TBD
Historian.....Andrea Surfleet
Chief Risk Officer/Sommelier.....Rich Leamon
Clean Marine Program.....Julie Thomas
Library.....Charlie Roberts
Alias/Troll.....Don Lockwood
Mailing.....Rachelle Phillips
Webmaster.....John Michener
Masthead Editor.....Mark Buchman

On the Horizon On the Horizon

Thursday, December 1

5:30pm
MBYC Tree Trimming
-Soup Potluck and ginger-bread house decorating

Friday, December 2

6:00pm
Happy Hour

Saturday, December 3

12:00pm
Trimming the Club

6:00pm
Lighted Boat Parade

Monday, December 5

6:30pm
Finance Committee

Tuesday, December 6

City of Morro Bay Retirement Party for the Harbor Director.

Friday, December 9

6:00pm
Happy Hour

Saturday, December 10

Fall Ill (Ocean)

Sunday, December 11

Fun Float
Junior Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 13

6:30pm
Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

Thurs. December 15

6:15pm
MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, December 16

6:00pm
Happy Hour

Saturday, December 17

Winter I (Bay)
5:00pm
MBYC Fleets Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18

Schermerhorn 50 th wedding Anniversary
Devlin Ill backup (Ocean)

Tuesday, December 20

2:00pm
Sheesley Party

Friday, December 23

6:00pm
No Happy Hour

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

Monday, December 26

Christmas Day (substitute)
Fun Float

Tuesday, December 27

4:00pm
Maurer Event

Friday, December 30

6:00pm
No Happy Hour

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1

Hangover (Bay)
New Year's Day

Monday, January 2

6:30pm
Finance Committee

Friday, January 6

5:15pm
Membership Committee Meeting
6:00pm
Happy Hour

Saturday, January 7

4:00pm
Welch Party

Tuesday, January 10

6:30pm
Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

Wed. January 11

6:30pm
MB Youth Sailing Foundation

Friday, January 13

6:00pm
Happy Hour
Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 1

6:15pm
MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, January 20

6:00pm
Happy Hour

Friday, January 27

6:00pm
Happy Hour

Saturday, January 28

10:00am
MB Harbor Dept Party
Showing events until 1/31

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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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