



# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

April 2023

Morro Bay, California

**Commodore John Burgener**

## APRIL - NO FOOLING, NO FOUL

### ***BIG ROCK REGATTA - A must read.***

Big Rock Regatta was everything you could imagine. There were lots of Opti's on tarmac with moms and dads helping the mini sailors rig big. Boys chasing



girls chasing boys chasing girls and laughing as a criteria.

There were massive amounts of pre-racing sugar delights being consumed prior to the races so the sugar rush was over the top. And of course the styles they wear - OMG - only the most classy sunglasses and the best name brands, foul weather gear you can fashionably wear on any Paris runway.

The smiles of anticipants during the whole event brought out the pride from all parents and spectators from the many yacht clubs and of course MBYC and our volunteers.

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## ***Around the club, around the world***

### **Duncan McQueen, 1937 - 2023**

Duncan, Morro Bay Yacht Club Lifetime Member #16, passed away on March 4th.

He joined the Yacht Club in 1977, and was thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Through all the years when he learned to sail and entered races with his Lido 14, he had so much fun and couldn't wait to get on the water. The trips to Huntington and other venues with all of our friends meant so much to him and he loved the competition and camaraderie. He later bought a Laser, then decided to graduate to an ocean going boat, a 30 ft Islander in which he made two trips to Mexico, entered the Ensenada race, then crossed the sea to Hawaii with his son and nephew. But that wasn't his ultimate goal, he wanted to Circumnavigate the globe. So in the late 80's he bought a Cal 39 and readied it for the long voyage. It was a good boat but had only been used for partying and needed a lot of equipment. In May of 1992 he felt Thistle was ready and sailed out of Morro Bay for the voyage that would take him around the world in seven years, visiting 24 countries. He crossed The Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Ocean by himself and Marlene was with him for the rest of the way. He was never afraid, believing whatever obstacles that would be encountered, could be



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walking by saw the event and wondered “what a wonderful thing is happening here.” Oh my, they are having so much fun. Yes, This is MBYC and this is what it is all about. We, as members were so happy with the event, we could not do anything but have smiles on our faces.

Oh but the races, of course the committee boats had the best views and the action was so intense as the competitors raced by. The wind and weather was perfect and the professionalism by all was turned on to high as they rounded the course. Ten races in all and the packs were tight with the sailors bantering with each other with verbal techniques as “SLOW DOWN”, “STARBOARD,” “WHAT ARE YOU DOING,? HE WON HIS FIRST RACE EVER AND YOU ARE GOING TO PROTEST?” and of course “HEY MARSHA, I SAW YOU KISS TOMMY BEHIND THE GYM.”

After each race, the coaches on their

deluxe inflatables would huddle the sailors around them like Mother Goose and wave their arms around like flight simulators explaining sailing techniques and kill strategies so elegantly, resembling a ballet dancer. Then the sailors performed and would boast about their strategy. “Well done,” the coaches would say.

Those kids ride their craft so skillfully with balance that it is as though they are riding a skateboard. Carving turns around dimes, banking off the wind swell to get optimum lift and speed then turning again with their rolling tack technique, almost capsizing but skillfully jumping to the windward rail and leaching forward to gain an advantage.

### **No Problem. All Technique...**

Even though there were only a handful of winners, everyone that competed, knew they were the best this sport has to offer and they knew that the next race, they were going to “smoke” them. They are all winners.

Next time we have a Regatta, whether it be Cal Poly Mustangs, Big Rock or any bay race, you members should pack a picnic on



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# Commodore

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your boats, invite as many friends as possible without sinking and anchor next to the course. Yelling and screaming is encouraged.

As for the Club and projects here and about, all is good and we are still shining the place up. The storm did no damage except for two boats on moorings collided with considerable damage. What can we expect with 55 mph winds. We have mooring anchors that are being addressed.

### ***St .Patrick's day was a hoot***

Yes there was a lot of hoots. Kendall went far and beyond, of course, and the galley crew were great help and fun. They are "So Busted" that we are considering drafting a policy letter in order to control their behavior.

### ***Long Term Planning Committee***

I am working with the Long Term Planning Committee about what the hoist and tarmac configuration can be and it is all about money, enthusiasm of members, coastal commission, city, environmental impact report, harbor advisory board, engineering, eel grass, etc. etc. etc. I do have faith (funny word) but this will happen and happen soon. No Kicking The Can Down The Road for this crew. Please give us input, opinions and suggestions now so we can make this go smoothly.

### ***Vice Commodore Charlie Roberts -***

I want to thank you for caring for the Club. You have stepped up and proven your value. We do have our projects don't we. He is here. He cares and is here for You. Thank him will you...



Remember Mattie's,  
Ye shall run the rig on all yonder landlubbers  
Who hang the jib with a frown  
For we will shoot a clap of thunder of ye finest grog  
And sing a chantey  
Of me Mattie's and fair maidens.  
"Commodores Orders"

## **Attention Day Sailers and Lasers**

***Due to an overlap with the Santa Cruz 27 Nationals Memorial Day weekend, the Day Sailer championship is moved to Saturday, June 3. The Laser championship is moved to Sunday, June 4. If you have questions please direct them to Patrick Gorey (DS Fleet) or Dan Hack (Laser)***

# Vice Commodore

Charlie Roberts



The yacht club has still been a really busy place this past month. Cal Poly's Mustang Regatta and the Juniors' Big Rock Regatta brought a lot of out of town people to our yacht club. Other activities such as the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and our annual workday brought many of our members to the club in March.

The annual workday was a big success. Many of our members showed up to do a lot of the work that needed to be done. Almost everything was cleaned, and we accomplished a lot of painting and some repair. Also, a team accomplished a lot of yard work, and we have a large pile of green waste that we still need to ship out.

I should have taken pictures, and I should have had members sign in on our workday, but I was really busy making sure people had the resources to clean, paint, and repair. Consequently, there is not a long list of participants to take up my space for this article. However, I would really like to thank all of those who participated and made our work day a huge success. Everywhere in and around the clubhouse looks better.

There is still a lot that needs to be done, so if you didn't get the chance to volunteer to help on workday, you can still come down to the club and help out. Let me know when you can come down to help, and I will arrange to have something for you to do. We still have a lot of outside painting and repair that needs to be done.

Our dock is starting to show its age and is in need of some work. The lag bolts and other fasteners holding our dock together have rusted and deteriorated to the point where most of them need to be replaced. I don't think it will be long before we have to consider some major repair and upgrading of the dock.

We are an all volunteer organization, and all the work that is done at and around the yacht club is completed by members. **Everyone needs to do his or her part, and we have lots of work that needs to be done** year round. Let me know if you want to come down and help, and you need to know what items are available. I will be very happy to arrange small tasks for you to do.

Finally, we have two major activities coming up: our Annual Spring Meeting for all members, and Opening Day. As active members in our organization, I hope you will consider attending these events.



These costumes may be a bit much for MBYC Opening Day - April 16, 2023  
It's time to dust off that blue blazer, and search for your nautical attire in red, white and blue.



## ***Around the club, around the world***

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Duncan loved doing the Octoberfest events and took much joy in getting everyone involved. He so loved hamburger nights and wrote the song, Thanks for the Hamburgers which we still sing to thank all those who had worked so hard to prepare them.

Telling jokes and stories were one of his favorite things to do and at the yacht club he had a captive audience.

Thank you all for being his friend and putting up with his corny jokes. Some of his best memories were at the Morro Bay Yacht Club. -- Marlene McQueen

# from the Helm

Rear Commodore Jon Hovdahl



Didn't I just write an article? The year is going by so fast! I can't wait for the warm weather of summer to return and the rain to take a break! We were able to run a successful SCYA Midwinters regatta for the first time and the Spring I bay regatta was fit in. Thank you goes out to Dave and Judy Sheesley, Charlie Nichols and the rest of the volunteers that helped with this event. The regatta was held in the turn around basin in the back bay. The conditions were on the cold side but perfect for Day Sailer racing. I worked with Charlie Nichols on the Whaler setting up the course as well as the safety boat. Lady Mermaid was the R/C boat. The trophies from SCYA were pretty cool! I had never been on that side of things and it was a lot of fun! I sure wanted to jump into a sailboat that day!

The Big Rock was an amazing regatta too! I helped pull the Optimists out of the water for the youth and parents who were struggling. Coming from the ocean fleet side of things, I had no idea how good and competitive the young sailors were! There were so many of them! I hope to increase the competitive sailing for all ages from the bay boats into the ocean racers. Chuck Losness and I are working on a fixed, semi permanent race course just outside the Morro Bay harbor entrance using semi permanent racing buoys. Once we have cleared it with the Coast Guard, we will build and place the marks and hope to have a proper course marked off. We plan to leave them out there and bring them in when the weather and sea goes bad. I continue to follow my senior officers around and help them fix things where I can. We have some great improvements planned and hope to see them till the end. See you out there on the water!



## MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

### Save Your Stuff!

Boats, gear, clothes, hats, beach toys....

Please donate anything nautical for the Juniors to sell!

The **Marine Swap Meet** will be Saturday, June 24, 2023.

8 am to 1 pm at the Morro Bay Maritime Museum.

Arrange for pick up or leave it at the club:

Dana: [mcclishmb@gmail.com](mailto:mcclishmb@gmail.com) or Andrea: [atsurfleet@gmail.com](mailto:atsurfleet@gmail.com).



- Help us support local youth sailing such as Cal Poly Sailing and the Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club.
- Please donate online at [www.mbysf.org](http://www.mbysf.org) or send check to P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443.

# Adjustments to Fees and Dues

-- Treasurer Tom Ingram

Problem: Most of the club's costs are either directly or indirectly linked to inflation. Last year, we operated at a slight deficit. This year we are budgeted at a slight profit. We do not have any wiggle room for inflation or contingencies, let alone funds to pay for a much-needed replacement hoist. We will not be able to contribute to reserves for other needed capital projects. We have not raised dues or fees for many years.



Consequently, the board has unanimously voted to ask the members to vote to raise dues to \$450 per year and the initiation fee to \$1200 at the April general meeting. The \$25 elevator assessment will terminate. If members agree, these changes will be in effect for 2024. Secondly, the board has voted to raise fees on rentals for mooring and boat/kayak storage and an increase of each alcohol drink by a dollar. Increases are shown on the attached schedule, and will go into effect June 1, 2023. As treasurer, I think these changes are necessary to support our sailing and other boating programs such as youth and adult instruction as well as our social activities. With these changes, the fabulous volunteers of MBYC (We know who you are!) will permit us to continue to be the best club at the best price anywhere!

Below are the increases in fees approved by the board.

Increases Approved by the Board	Was	Now
Member Mooring (per month)	\$175.00	\$200.00
Transient Mooring / night - < 40"	\$20.00	\$25.00
Transient Mooring / night - >= 40"	\$25.00	\$30.00
Transient Dock / night	\$1/foot	
Tarmac / Month / Craft S.U.P,		\$8.00
Kayak	\$12.00	\$18.00
Canoe	\$15.00	\$20.00
Opti	\$10.00	\$15.00
Boat Yard / Month / Sq Foot Less than 110 Sq Ft.	\$25.00	\$30.00
110-135 sq ft	\$30.00	\$35.00
135-150 sq ft	\$35.00	\$40.00
150-175 sq ft	\$40.00	\$50.00
175-200 sq ft	\$45.00	\$55.00
Over 200 sq ft	\$0.24 /sq ft	\$0.30 / sq ft
Alcoholic Beverages raised by \$1		
Effective June 1, 2023		

## SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB OCEAN RACES START JUNE 2

Our southerly neighbors set the 2023 Ocean Racing Schedule starting on Sunday June 2. SLYC Ocean Races are monthly during the summer on Sundays. Here's a link to the SLYC race schedule: <https://www.slyc.org/Racing/San%20Luis%20Yacht%20Club%20Race%20Schedule%202023.pdf>

Maybe some of the MB Ocean Fleet can make an appearance at the races in San Luis Obispo Bay - it's about a 20 mile downwind run down and could make a fun Saturday sail.

Here are the race dates: June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1. You can email SLYC Fleet Captain David Ouellet at [FLEETCAPTAIN@SLYC.ORG](mailto:FLEETCAPTAIN@SLYC.ORG)



We deeply regret the passing of one of our legendary members on March 4: Duncan McQueen. Duncan delighted us with his brogue, charm, twinkling eyes and his many stories. His mostly solo circumnavigation of the world was immortalized by his dear Marlene in "Thistle's Seven Year Odyssey", available in the MBYC library. Duncan was remembered at the club's recent St. Patrick's Day dinner, with glasses raised and a dedicated poem written and presented by Pat Rygh. Duncan's internment, followed by a Celebration of Life at the South Bay Community Center) will take place on April 8 at 1:pm. RSVP to Marlene if attending. May Duncan forever be granted fair winds and following seas.

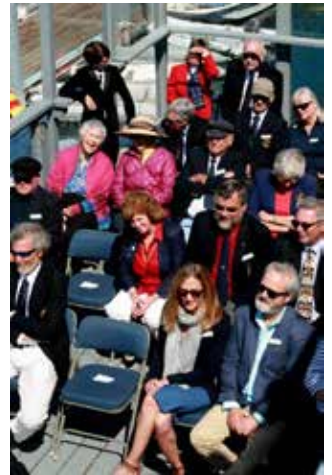


### Prospective members:

In addition to Sean and Dana O'Brien, mentioned in the previous Masthead, the Membership Committee will soon be meeting with:

Rodney Marble and Victoria Luby- Kayak owners with a 30+ year history of sailing along the Pacific Coast, in the Caribbean, South Pacific and Mexico. They are sponsored by John Wimer and Mark Hilden.

Jeff and Kealoha McKee- Life-long sailors, Kealoha is a staff Commodore. Their grandson is currently a part of MBYC's Junior Sailors. Their sponsors are Bob Schwenoha and Charlie Nichols.



Departing Member: Steve Frazier

April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 p.m., is MBYC's General Meeting. ALL MBYC members are strongly encouraged to attend to learn about news of and future plans for the yacht club. Voting on proposals that will affect all members in the days and years ahead can only take place with a minimum of 15% of our membership attending.

April 16, 10 a.m. OPENING DAY. ALL MBYC members are invited to participate in this festive and fun event, which officially opens MBYC's 2023 sailing season. Cannon blasts, music, the Coast Guard Honor Guard, speeches, remembrances, food and drink, visiting dignitaries and a boat parade are many of the planned activities. Attire is sophisticated red, white and blue.



# *Morro Bay Yacht Club*

Cordially Invites You to Attend

## *Opening Day*

*Sunday, April 16, 2023, 10 AM*

10:00 – Yacht Club open - bar & finger foods, Music  
by Riff Tide

11:00 - Opening Day Ceremony

11:30 - More MUSIC by Riff Tide

11:45 - Boat Parade

1:00 - Ocean Race

*Morro Bay Yacht Club*  
*541 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442*

# Limerick Contest Winners & Opening Day, from the galley & Kendall Welch

The St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was a huge success!! We fed 79 people. The limerick contest was outstanding as well. The top three limericks are below:

1st Prize to Doug DeVaney entitled The Commodore and his Adore

There once was a Commodore named John  
Who's skilled hands born a ganglion  
Add a bad shoulder  
And the fact that he's older  
It's no wonder his term is only ONE

His work on the Spindrift is well noted  
His yacht club efforts are devoted  
He works well alone  
Most of his friends are unknown  
That's probably why he was promoted

Commodore was his goal  
To restore his lost soul  
First step was to be Vice  
And needing to entice  
Voting members to give him control

Her name is Kendall Colleen  
She's known as a cooking machine  
A fair maiden she was  
It was only because  
Others kept her kitchen so clean

Cookies, burgers, and wedding cake  
Are a cinch for her to make  
She's a nanny and granny  
Very kind to so many  
But now we're waiting for the clambake

Let's raise a glass in the air  
Showing all that we care  
They deserve the best  
Maybe more than the rest  
For there's none to compare

2nd Place to Jeanie Roberts

My husband is Vice Commodore of late  
So I'm standing before you to state  
In this club by the bay  
He's your "helmsman" by day  
But at night, he's my loving first mate

3rd Place to Pat Rygh

There once was a man named John B  
Who worked on the club like a bee  
While his work really mattered  
Twas oft overshadowed  
By Kendall who has us eating with glee

**OPENING DAY IS SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023.** We still need volunteers for set-up, clean-up, food items, etc. We have booked Riff Tide for the music - a little background music, a little rock and roll. We may need shade canopies depending on the weather - so keep an eye on the weather and if you think we need shade, please bring your canopies. Sign-up sheet is upstairs in the club, or contact Kendall.

# MBYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION





## Close until the finish

Top left, right, bottom right, Charlie Nichols  
Top center, bottom left, Carly Kaiser



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

## BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

We are selling bricks to raise money for the General Fund that can be used for special events, and to improve our club. Create a memorial or a legacy for your friends, family, your boat, or perhaps a nautical saying or favorite quote.

4 X 8 Brick - \$125 8 X 8 Brick - \$250

Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)  
ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

4 x 8 Brick


8 x 8 Brick


EXAMPLE

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B	R	I	N	G		L	O	T	S		O	F		C	A	S	H

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Morro Bay Yacht Club  
541 Embarcadero  
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## label them or loose them

-- Lynn Meissen, Port Capitan

An appeal to all who have a boat stored on club property, dinghy dock, mooring, tarmac, or back-yard. All together, there are 122 boats at the club excluding MBYC titled boats.

The owners of each of those boats have signed a storage agreement which requires, among other things, that your boat be labeled with your name. The label must be clearly and easily visible.

A recent incident highlights the need for the identification;

In a recent storm a SUP was blown off the rack. Unlabeled the SUP was shifted from place to place to get it out of the way. After some time, 2 months or so, I sold the SUP. The owners show up and unable to find their property, are upset. The item was returned to them but the incident would have been avoided with a LABEL.



## DS Spring 11

Charlie Nichols, photos



### 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/](http://mbysf.org/items-for-sale/).

Can be shipped or picked up at the club.





## Fun Floaters Cinco de Mayo Celebration

I've only lived here for six years, so I don't have a lot to look back on here, but this is the first time that both of our Fun Floats for the month have not happened due to weather. On the other hand, this is the first time I've ever seen the weather here like this. Consequently, there's not much on which to report.

However, given that we are not sure how the weather will affect us in the future, I'm going to plan some non-scheduled Fun Floats for the near future. They will be based on the weather. I'm considering a sunrise and sunset fun float. A dinner Fun Float down to Bayside might work too. Any feedback from you on a good idea for a Fun Float would be appreciated. I typically send notification out for Fun Floats on the mailing list, so if you want to be on the mailing list, send me an email.

Remember, anyone can attend Fun Floats, so bring a friend, family, or even a prospective member. We usually leave the dock at 11 AM, and we bring a picnic lunch to eat on the sandspit somewhere.

### ***The next regularly scheduled Fun Floats***

Friday, April 7th

Wednesday, April 19th

Friday, May 5th, Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

The Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held in Sandal's Cove, and we will leave the dock at 11:30. Come with treats to share, and be ready to have a good time. It is always a fun party.





BE...  
HAPPY  
HOUR

## Just like That We Had lakes Again Don't Forget Quagga Mussel Sticker!

Lopez Lake spilled this week for the first time in TWENTY FIVE YEARS! WOW!!! Years ago we kept sailboats in the marina. We sailed several times every week and raced with SLYC and MBYC a couple times each month. During the summer Lopez was a windsurfer go-to. Several one design sailboat races and national events were held at the lake. That was decades ago! But now the lake is full! Santa Margarita Lake is full and the Dragon about 90%. At about 60% full, San Antonio Lake has turned back into a lake from a meandering stream in a meadow. San Antonio is a pretty good sailing lake with a decent and consistent afternoon breeze in the summer, Nascimento not so much! I'm really looking forward to getting back out to our great local lakes for some spring sailing. A day sail without current and moored boats will be a nice change!

### But - DON'T FORGET YOUR MUSSEL STICKER!

A couple years ago the CA DMV stopped sending mussel stickers along with your boat registration. Now they are purchased separately. The sticker can be ordered when you register your boat but it isn't automatic. You can get one in person at the CA DMV (don't forget to get an appointment), or on line at: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/new-registration/register-your-boat-vessel/quagga-sticker-request/>. Also, AAA can provide a Quagga Mussel sticker if you're a member. Quagga Mussel Stickers are \$16 and will expire at the same time as your boat registration. You cannot buy a sticker at the lakes, and they will not let you launch your boat without one! They will do a mussel inspection before allowing you into the lake, and will also seal your boat to make the next launch at the lake quicker.

Name	Hosting Date
Gavin Payne	4/7/2023
Rachelle Phillips	4/7/2023
Robert & Holly Smirl	4/7/2023
Joe & Dawn Huntsinger	4/14/2023
Tom & Cyndy Fee	4/14/2023
Ted & Iris Jacobson	4/21/2023
Paul & Kathleen Reichardt	4/21/2023
John & Terry Miron	4/28/2023
Joe & Becky Fernandez	4/28/2023
Daniel & Kathy Veyna	5/5/2023
Carol Walker	5/5/2023
Faye Zeeb	5/5/2023
Wendy & Louis Knight/Zimmerman	5/12/2023
Michael & Catherine Manchak	5/12/2023
Guy Bahringer	5/19/2023
David Ray	5/19/2023
Dennis & Rosemarie Boertje	5/19/2023
Bill & Joyce Cockrill/Hunter	5/26/2023
Judy Lynn & Rocky Setting	5/26/2023
Judi Glover Sheesley	6/2/2023
David Sheesley	6/2/2023
Patrick & Rose Denny	6/2/2023



April 2023

Hello again from the **Kurmudgeons**. As promised, we are providing a quarterly report on our activities; we know the membership has a keen interest in everything the **Kurmudgeons** do.

It has been a very fruitful time during which the **Kurmudgeons** have undertaken to explore a

deeper understanding of some of the most fundamental properties of the physical world. We now would like to take an opportunity to share some of this knowledge with the MBYC and perhaps the outside world. To that end, we are proposing to present a lecture entitled, "The mathematical implications of chromo-dynamical calculations relative to the quantum wave states in crystals and lattices." We expect there will be immense interest in this lecture. We propose to offer it at the very low charge: \$250 for the public and at the discounted rate of \$200 for MBYC members. We will keep everyone informed concerning the development of this lecture and will give preferential access to MBYC members.

Now we have returned from our deep dive into the quantum world, we feel it is incumbent upon us, the **Kurmudgeons**, to apply ourselves to more urgent local problems. Therefore, our plan is to



The Kurmudgeon Korner



A Pretty April Quantum Wave



Wind Farm Waves

provide consulting support to the developing wind farm effort, which seems to be the most pressing local issue. The Kurmudgeons feel that our considerable experience with, "Thermally Enhanced Atmospheres," will give us much to contribute. We have often exhibited our expertise in "Thermally Enhanced Atmospheres" within this column. Readers may wish to review the true meaning of this area of expertise.

The deteriorating situation with China has led us to the unfortunate conclusion that we will never receive our sequins for the Male Exotic Dance Review. In addition, we have all forgotten our dance steps. Therefore, we, the **Kurmudgeons**, have decided to cancel the Dance Review permanently. We hope this will not be too big a disappointment for our many followers.

There is still water in our Kurmudgeon parking lot. Can nothing be done? Is impeachment required? How can we **Kurmudgeons** carry on with our important work when have not the barest of support?



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



The **Kurmudgeons** have gained quite a flair for imparting insight everywhere. There's no way they are dumb, so the Ghost says, "How come they are always emitting hot air?"

The Amorphous Ghost

# Juniors

*Chris Matson*

Our Junior Yacht Club had a great showing at the Big Rock Regatta. Conditions were really great and the race committee did a great job setting courses. We had 8 optimist sailors, 3 in the green fleet and 5 in the championship fleet. Marilyn Paris, Rylan Ender, and Corinne Matson sailed the green fleet and did a great job getting around the course. Our championship fleet sailors were Gunner Paris, Clint Bryan, Charlie Rice, Samson Stones, and Miles Blackwell. Miles was our most persistent sailor and completed all the races. Good job Miles! We all ended up having a great weekend and the whole affair was really well run. The MBJYC would like to thank all of our members who volunteered. The event was impressive from start to finish, the race committee did an outstanding job, and the taco dinner was really good. You did an outstanding job doing what we do best, making people feel welcome at our awesome and unique club!



# Daysailer Fleet 128, MBYC host Southern California Yachting Association 93rd Midwinter Regatta!

In 1928, SCYA and the LA Junior Chamber of Commerce teamed up to sponsor the first Midwinters which was promoted as an example of the sports “paradise” that Southern California offered in the winter. The SCYA Midwinter Regatta continues every year. This event is currently held at over 25 venues throughout the area served by SCYA. In the past host venues included clubs from as far north as Morro Bay, south to Ensenada MX, inland to Phoenix and Lake Havasu City AZ and most areas in between. If a fun regatta with lots of history. This year DS Fleet 128 held its first Midwinter Regatta at MBYC on March 4 and 5, 2023.

That “paradise” seemed a bit sketchy when the day started with showers and southerly winds left over from one of our dozen “atmospheric river” storms. The Midwinter Regatta planned several races over two days with the first three races on Saturday serving double duty as MBYC Spring Portsmouth Handicap Series Race I.

Regatta organizer and Principal Race Officer (PRO), Dave Sheesley, using LADY MERMAYD The Sheesley's 36' Grand Banks Yacht-Trawler as Race Committee Boat. Windward-leeward courses were set in the turning basin between the MB Launch Ramp and Fairbanks point near Channel Markers 17 and 18. This allowed the race to take place outside of the commercial channel and the mooring area across from MBYC building. The start was delayed almost an hour when our leeward mark disappeared. It was pulled underwater by a fast current! The Mark Boat had to return to the club and retrieve another mark and return to the course. Lessons learned here — bring a spare mark and let's get a set of medium sized tetrahedron marks and ground tackle to support small boat racing!

By 1230, with courses set and everyone finally ready, several intrepid MBYC sailors were on the starting line and Spring Series Race I and Midwinters Regatta got started. The Race Committee made use of a three-minute dinghy start sequence rather than the “Six-minute Sequence”. The three-minute sequence shaves time from the start and is preferred by most small boat sailors. The SAILBOT Race Timer, also lovingly referred to as “OOMPA LOOMPA”, enables use of the improved countdown and loud audible signals for the sailors. Purchased last year for the SC27 Nationals Regatta, OOMPA LOOMPA has a myriad of start sequences to choose from, with general and individual recall horn signals and also rolling start options.

The uncertain weather earlier in the day gave way to partial clearing and the southerly breeze filled in for an almost perfect day on the bay. The conditions were very good and since the following day's forecast was “iffy” the Race



Committee and racers all agreed to shorten the regatta to one day and continued to finish seven races. With seven races run, the Sailing Instructions allowed for a single throw out. The great weather, excellent sailing with tight racing allowed for three of the five racers ending with a bullet in at least one race, and four of five placed at least second in one race.

The day's racing ended with Greg Miller and Carla Geyer on JERSEY GIRL placing first with 10 points followed by Dan Hack and Silvia Suarez sailing VIEJA in second place with 11 points! Third place was taken by Carlton Smith and Judi Sheesley aboard BEACH PARTY with 16 points. There was a tie for fourth place between Patrick Gory and Scott Turpin with SUPERWEANER and Chris Matson and Marie Friauf on board SCRAMBLED EGGS each with 23 points. Using the RRS Appendix A tie breaking protocol fourth went to the Matson & Friauf team.

Everyone was back at the MBYC dock by about 1500 for the regatta “after party” with pizza, a few adult beverages and a LOT of storytelling! We are all looking forward to planning SCYA's 94th Midwinter 2024 and hoping it will become one of the Daysailer Feet 128 and MBYC's regular events.

Thank you to the Race Committee consisting of MBYC members Dave Sheesley (Organizer/ PRO), Ingmar Lauringson, Carly Kaiser, Guy Bahringer, Cal Poly Sailing Team members Andrew Harper and Eric Wang. On the Mark Set Boat Rear Commodore Jon Hovdal and Charlie Nichols. Thank you to SCYA & John Marshall for the awesome trophies. Most importantly thanks to Guy Bahringer for running out to get pizza!

To view a photo album from the Regatta, go to this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gfGg2DqtTFSFVcT29>



Oscar the Otter wanted to be in the Mast-head. He hangs out by Giovanni's. I was told he was named Oscar by local boat owners. He has his eyes covered because he is tired of seeing articles about SC27s. -- Photo and comment by Patrick Denny

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**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 (whichever 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](mailto:MARK@SCHOOLYARD.US)

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT THEIR STORY.**

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**Opening  
Day  
Volunteers  
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**MBYC OPENING DAY – APRIL 16, 2023**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ORGANIZING THE EVENT,  
INCLUDING DAY OF GREETING, ORGANIZING FOOD,  
DECORATING, SET UP, COFFEE & DESSERT, CLEAN-UP, ETC.**

**SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AT HAPPY HOUR OR EMAIL  
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# *On the Horizon On the Horizon*

## Saturday, April 1

Ocean Race Jenkins  
Memorial

## Sunday, April 2

Ocean Race Jenkins  
Memorial

Wednesday, April 5

6:30pm

Morro Bay Youth Sailing  
Foundation

## Friday, April 7

11:00am

Funfloat

5:15pm

Membership Committee  
Meeting

6:00pm

Happy Hour

## Saturday, April 8

6:15pm

Spring General Meeting

## Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

## Monday, April 10

Easter Monday

## Tuesday, April 11

6:30pm

Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Meeting

## Friday, April 14

6:00pm

Happy Hour

## Saturday, April 15

Juniors

Opening Day Bay Race

## Sunday, April 16

Ocean Race -

**Opening Day**

10:00am

MBYC Opening Day

## Tuesday, April 18

Tax Day

## Wednesday, April 19

11:00am

Funfloat

Thursday, April 20

6:15pm

MBYC Board Mtg

## Friday, April 21

6:00pm

Happy Hour

## Saturday, April 22

Ocean race - Spring I

## Friday, April 28

6:00pm

Happy Hour

## Saturday, April 29

Spring III - Bay

## Sunday, April 30

Juniors

## Monday, May 1

First Day of Asian Pa-  
cific American Heritage  
Month

## Friday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo

11:00am

Funfloat

5:15pm

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