



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

May 2023

Morro Bay, California

Commodore John Burgener

Opening Day 2023 a great success

Spring is upon us and the winds are howling. Looks like rain is behind us and we have dried out. And the Beat Goes On.

Opening Day was a success and the Kurmudgeons and significant others were having a Grand Ol' Time. Staff Commodores got their moment of recognition,

The Ladies were dressed in their finest boating attire, and special guests all had smiles and praise for the Club. The Clubhouse was sparkly clean and Food, oh yes Food, and plenty of it.

Everything went smooth like clockwork and I didn't get any negativity. And now we are off and running into the sailing and power boating season.

Yea -

I want to thank Vice Commodore Charlie for helping us put the Club in Ship Shape for the great event and all the Volunteers that helped him.

Kendall and her crew were on top of it in the organizational factor applied. Thank you so much. Lori Toft didn't miss a thing on the spic n span detail.

All the people that brought food - whoa... Yes we are a Great Yacht Club...

Many out of town guests came to me with praise and appreciation. Many even said that this event was one of the best they had attended. We can be



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proud of that. A great stroke to our egos if I do say so myself.

As for you fishing enthusiast the Fishing Season opens up May first. The Salmon season is closed this year, There is an expected great Bluefin Tuna run coming up here. The Albacore may come in close, Probably real good Bonita. White Seabass and Squid are a given. Bottom fishing will be unlimited depths for the first time since I can remember which if you have cranking power, find those deep canyons and catch what is down there. Just don't get spooled. Lol. Big Red are there. I am going back to just North of the "Bacon Strip" where there is an awesome trench.

Btw, The Bluefin Tuna will be running up to 200 pounds so be prepared for a long fight. We just may have to talk about a fish fry don't you think?

As you probably have seen, we changed out the engraved bricks at the entry of the Clubhouse and they "Look Marvelous." Give some thought and buy another. I did.

MBYC Opening Day 2023

*Photos by Charlie Nichols,
Carly Kaiser, Troy Wieck*



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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 or Andrea: 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.mbyssf.org or send check to P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443.

Vice Commodore

Charlie Roberts



Only half of the members are volunteering

Two major events at the club besides racing this month were the annual Workday and Opening Day. Both events turned out to be very successful. I think the reason for such success was planning and rallying together by our volunteers.

I've only been a member for five years, so I don't have a lot with which to compare, especially when we spent so much time changing our behaviors during Covid. However, long-time members assured me that we had more member participation on Workday than some have ever seen. I was happy because we got a lot done in terms of cleaning and painting around the clubhouse.

Member participation is key to an active clubhouse and the quality of the environment we create when we are there. Concern has been raised at the clubhouse and at the board meetings about the amount of participation that is taking place by many members. We are an all volunteer organization, and everyone needs to take part in supporting the activities that take place at our yacht club.

One major concern is that nearly half of our membership have opted out of Happy Hour duties. This puts the burden for supporting Happy Hours on the other half of the membership, and that is not reasonable. Another concern is that only a small number of members are helping with all that needs to be done. It seems extremely difficult to find candidates for the board positions, and many committee leaders have a hard time getting committee members.

Possible solutions being considered include a mandatory volunteerism time requirement for all members and a reasonable fee for opting out of Happy Hour support. Both these items will be discussed at our next board meeting. I welcome any member input on possible solutions to increasing volunteerism at the club and to finding a solution for the Happy Hour problem. In the meantime, I do have a small list of tasks that volunteers could do in order to support the club. That list is posted in the cabinet in the lobby of the clubhouse. I also welcome suggestions to add to that list.

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Cinco de Mayo

A photograph of a group of people on a beach. A woman in a blue jacket is sitting and talking to a man in a blue jacket. A man in a white jacket is sitting and talking to a man in a blue jacket. The background shows a boat and various items hanging on the wall.

A Fun Float Party 5 May

If you have any questions contact chasmoes@gmail.com

Check it out, new fees, 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		



“MBYC is currently seeing a tidal wave of folks interested in joining the club!

Please welcome these newest members:

Sean and Dana O’Brien: Long-time participants in various water sports, they are looking forward to getting even more involved as members of the yacht club, when able to take a break from their busy construction careers.

Rodney Marble and Victoria (Tori) Luby: 30 + years of pleasure and competitive sailing have taken this pair from the Caribbean, South Seas and all along the Pacific coast to land here in Morro Bay. They are eager to join in on the fun to be had in local waters.

Jeff McKee and KeAloha Hendey-McKee: No strangers to yacht club membership, the two have twice sailed the Newport-Ensenada race, participate in local races and are enthusiastic supporters of their grandson, a MBYC Junior sailor.

The Membership Committee has scheduled interviews with the following Prospective Members:

David Gleffe & Sarah Sundquist: New to the area, these two have jumped in with both feet at the club – participating in and volunteering for many club activities, AND winning first and second place in the club’s latest MacnCheese contest! They’ve enjoyed sailing and powerboating and recently bought a Lido. They are sponsored by Kendall Welch and Bob Smirl.

Kim Brazeau: Also new to the area, Kim has participated in many club activities and eagerly crews during races. She has many years of sailing on Lake Michigan and cruising Canada, the East Coast, Florida & the Bahamas under her belt. Sponsoring Kim are Kay Frye and Marty Hovdal.

Tom & Nancy Andersen: Sponsored by Neli Mongin and Jon Hovdal. Previous members of the Fresno Yacht Club, the couple enthusiastically supports activities at the MBYC. Owners of a Lido 14 and capri 14.2, they frequently sail Huntington Lake and are looking forward to sharing boating expertise (Tom has been a sailing instructor) and sailing on Morro Bay.

Paul & Roxy Wolfrom: Mark Hilden and Bob Schwenoha are sponsoring this couple. These health care providers have 30 years of powerboating experience and are looking forward to taking up sailing and volunteering at the club.

Barbara Roche: Experienced San Francisco bay sailor, Barbara now comes to Morro Bay to participate in kayaking and power boating, and to



New members top to bottom: Dana and Sean O’Brien; Victoria Luby and Rodney Marble; Jeff and Kealoha McKee.

cheerfully pitch in and participate at the club whenever and wherever she can. Yvonne Lazear, Rich Leamon and Larry Gorman are Barbara’s sponsors.

Laurie Wright, Membership Chair

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The Morro Bay Marine Swap Meet is Saturday, June 24, 2023
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Morro Bay Maritime Museum.



Remembering Duncan McQueen

The MBYSF is honored to be the recipient of donations in the memory of Duncan McQueen, to support the Junior Sailing Program. We send our condolences to Marlene and family, as well as our appreciation for all the ways that Duncan supported youth sailing over the years. Thank you.

New Directors Join Board

We're grateful that Brett Cross, Chris Matson, Terry Paris, and David Platt have joined the board of the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation. They join current members Shelly Blackwell, Rich Leamon, Dana McClish, Ellie Mongin, Martin Mongin, Kai Ponting, and Andrea Surfleet to support youth sailing.



Help us Grow Sailing

- We've received donations for one-third each of the \$12,000 for coaches for Junior Sailors and the \$10,000 for a new FJ for Cal Poly Sailing. Thank you!
- Please donate at www.mbysf.org or send check to MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443.

Opening Day and Hamburger Nights, from the galley and Kendall Welch

Opening Day was a great success. It appeared that there were plenty of deviled eggs including some very tasty variations as well as lots of other delicious finger foods. We had over 150 people attending, including 28 Staff Commodores and their families, 21 guests from other yacht clubs, and lots of very happy members! Music by Riff Tide was rocking, and Paul Irving on the trumpet - couldn't have been better. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped set up and tear down.



I can't believe that we are already scheduling Hamburger Nights!!

Hamburger Night Date	Hosts	Note
May 31	The Board	Hamburgers
June 14	Bay Fleet	Chicken Parm Sandwiches
June 28	New Members	Hamburgers
July 12	Staff Commodores	Hamburgers
July 26	Ocean Fleet & Mooring Holders	Hamburgers
Aug 9	Junior Sailors	?? BBQ Chicken
Aug 23	Fun Float	Happy Un-Birthday

For new members and those that have forgotten – we serve hamburgers from 5:30-6:30. We are going to start the season at \$10 a plate (burger, bun, cheese if desired, tater tots, green salad, and ice cream - and occasional bread pudding), and hope that we can hold that price through the summer depending on costs. If your group is one of the hosts please show up to the galley by 4:30 to help set up. We are going to cook burgers for some, and let others stand elbow to elbow at the BBQ fighting for that hot spot, and cook their own. Our vegetarian option will be a grilled portabella mushroom. Gluten free option is no bun!

We will again ask for reservations, but that doesn't mean you can't just show up and get dinner as we will make 10% over our reservations. Just be sure to let me know if your preference is to be served a cooked burger with or without cheese, or if you want to cook your own. Please email reservations to kendallwelch@hotmail.com, or text to 415-307-3195, not more than 1 week in advance.

MORRO BAY Marine SWAP MEET

Saturday

June 24

2023 ✓

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

at the

Morro Bay Maritime Museum
1210 Embarcadero, Morro Bay

Free
Admission

Boats

Surf Boards

Marine Supplies

Marine Hardware

Fishing Gear

Nautical Antiques

Maritime Art &

Collectables

Dive and Scuba

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Purchase a Vendor's Space
online at friendsofthembhd.org
or in person at the Morro Bay Harbor Dept.
1275 Embarcadero Road, Morro Bay

EVENT PROCEEDS TO GO TO THESE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS



Questions? – (805) 772-6254



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

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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541 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, CA 93442

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April was a busy Month for the Ocean Fleet. We had the Jenkins Memorial April 1st, Opening day April 16th and Spring 1 on April 22nd. The racing was full of diversity with no boat competing in all 3 races and we had 3 Different winners!!

John Wimers Prudence and Jack Kislings Geronimo competed in the Jenkins Memorial yacht Race April 1st. This is the first time the Jenkins memorial has been completed correctly according to the deeded gift since 2009. The Jenkins is a 46 nautical mile distance race from Morro Bay to San Simeon Bay and then Back to Morro Bay. Geronimo and her Cal Poly crew finished just minutes before Prudence in a total time of 8 hours 39 minutes and 50 seconds. Team Geronimo recorded the 2nd fastest time in the races history. Wayne Ratliff's Voyager II owns the course record in 2004 with 7 hours 16 Minutes. Please see the detailed write up of the race in the Article "College Sailors take on Distance Racing" by Jack Kissing.

Team Jenkin's on DFZ, Team Krossa/Hilden on Janina, and Team Smith/Hennsinger on Mistess Quickly competed on Opening Day on April 16. For the first time in club history we had 2 Santa Cruz 27s and a Moore 24 (DFZ) compete in a race. Many a sailer has debated which classic ULDB (Ultra light Displacement Boat) one design racer is the better boat. After 13.3 miles of racing, Janina (SC27) finished 1 minute and 42 seconds ahead of DFZ (Moore 24). But after applying PHRF rating, DFC(Moore24) Finished ahead of Janina(SC27) in Corrected time. Team Jenkins DFZ won the race in corrected time by 2 minutes and 28 seconds. I think the debate on best of the classic ULDB's will continue.

Santa Cruz 27's Janina and Bridget were the only two boats that showed up for Spring 1 on April 22nd. The fog was thick and the breeze was strong. Team Janina decided to make the 13 mile course around Constantine bouy a little more difficult by sailing double handed. John Krossa and Lex budge traded off driving, trimming the sails, and checking the GPS. A working GPS turned out to be a key to the race with all the fog. In fact, Patrick Gorey's crew on Bridget never found Constantine in the fog because they could not get cell service north of cayucos. But, they did enjoy a great day of sailing in fun wind. *As the weather improves in spring and summer we hope to see more boats on the starting line. Come join the great sailing and friendly comradery in the ocean fleet. All are welcome.*

Jeanie Roberts finished this oil painting 5 years ago. It is from a Fun Float photograph Charlie Roberts took. It's Dot and Pat Rygh at the sand spit. The painting has a special place in her home and says: "This couple is very special to us all."





We are finally back on the bay after all the rain and bad weather, and it is really nice. February and March's weather forced the cancellation of more FunFloats than in the entire time I've been going on them. Now, I want you to know that I showed up to all of them, but there were three or four FunFloats where nobody else showed up. I didn't blame them. It was either raining or blowing too hard to have a fun FunFloat.

Next Fun Floats

May 5th and 19th,
both are Fridays
Saturday June 3

Even though it has been rather cool, we still had two successful FunFloats this last month. I have to say it really is nice to get out and paddle around the bay. The groups going out have been small, but they will grow as the weather improves.

As always, wildlife is abundant on our excursions, but sometimes we get to see something special. On the first float of the month we saw a pair of Bald Eagles out on Wednesday Island. That was unusual.

On the next float we kept the paddling distance short because of the wind, but we walked over to the ocean side of the sandspit. I'm always amazed at how pristine the beach is there. It was covered with sand dollars and clam shells. Another thing that was amazing was the thousands of 'by-the-wind-sailors' dehydrated to the point of being like little pieces of lightly colored paper. They formed wave lines on the beach.

We have our Cinco de Mayo FunFloat coming up on "Cinco de Mayo" We'll be taking a launch across to the beach, so if you need a ride we can help you with that. Food will be there. Everyone brings something to share with the group. The parties always turn out to be really fun events. I hope you can be there. Dress up festively, and be prepared to leave the dock at 11:30.



BE... HAPPY HOUR

Name	Hosting Date
Daniel & Kathy Veyna	5/5/2023
Carol Walker	5/5/2023
Faye Zeeb	5/5/2023
Cal Poly Sailing Team	5/12/2023
Sponsored by Salas and Marlins	5/12/2023
Wendy and Luis Knight	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
Guy Bahringer	6/9/2023
Dave Ray	6/9/2023
Mike and Catherine Manchak	6/9/2023
Scot & Jeanie(Yip) Turpin	6/16/2023
Jim & Christy Hoxter	6/16/2023
Bob & Laurie Neumann	6/16/2023
Laurie & Tom Wright	6/23/2023
John & Elaine Gajdos	6/23/2023
Ray & Leah Shady	6/23/2023
John & Candace Kincade	6/30/2023
Justin & Crystal Bradshaw	6/30/2023
Werner Weinstock	6/30/2023
Andrew Young	7/7/2023
Armand Boyer	7/7/2023
Jyoce McAlexander	7/7/2023
John & Nia Schmidt	7/7/2023
Kathleen Streeter	7/14/2023
Mary & Marshall Witkowski	7/14/2023
Dale & Carly Kaiser	7/14/2023
Brian & Lisa Granger	7/21/2023
William & Maryann Stansfield	7/21/2023
Greg & Jennifer Barker	7/21/2023
Terry & Charlene Paris	7/28/2023
Jayne & Peter Behman	7/28/2023
Paul Irving: ZONGO PARTY	8/4/2023



Juniors watch for crocs on a perfect day

Our juniors had a great sailing session this April. We finally enjoyed some perfect weather after a difficult winter season. Sun was shining and the weather was sweet. Luck was on our side as the wind was perfect for both our Optimist and Laser sailors.



We rode the outgoing tide to the forebay where we got relief from the current and the team was able to experience their first time sailing in gentle rolling swells. We played a game of sailing tag using my crocs to throw at each other's sails. After a quick visit to the sandspit we returned to the club right before the day's bay races concluded. Chaos ensued as the Daysailers returned to the dock right as we were pulling our boats up. We somehow managed to get everyone out of the water in a timely manner despite the tarmac looking like a Southern California freeway.

On another note, it has been really great this year having three paid junior coaches. Our junior sailors thrive when being coached by high school age kids. It gets pretty old for the kids to be coached by their parents (and grandparents). I believe it's a lot easier for them to receive constructive criticism from coaches closer to their age.

At this point, the best way to support our junior program is to donate money to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation (MBYSF). They are a registered non-profit, so all donations are tax deductible. If you can't afford to donate to the MBYSF, just put a couple bucks in the tip box on the port side of the bar. It's easy to forget the tip box as it gets buried behind other stuff on the bar, but we really appreciate all the money we receive from our members. Thank you for the support!

-Chris Matson

-- Charlie Nichols

This MAY be the first of a series of *Masthead* articles about the amazing amount of sailing entertainment available on the interwebs. These can range from YouTube videos to magazines on Substack, fantastic video magazines, DVDs, and even free audio books available on Audible or at the library. During the pandemic many of us retreated to the office, kitchen, or den to dive into sailboat content, I'm no exception and I'm hooked on a few excellent media productions. These articles intend to do two things. First to inform readers about what is "out there" and what I tend to like (hint, wooden boats, and sailing). And two, to invite readers to share their favorite landing spots on their desktop. I hope that we can exchange ideas via the new **Central Coast Sailing Forum**. Create your own login here: <https://centralcoastsailing.freeforums.net/> and share your thoughts and ideas.

This month I want to talk about Garret Jolly and Reid Brown. These brothers grew up on the Central Coast. As youngsters they were involved in MBYC Summer Sailing and Garret taught sailing for a couple of years. Reid was aboard MINKE this week doing a masthead inspection after the recent storm and we had a chance to sit around the cabin and talk. First, I'm happy to say that MINKE's rig is was undamaged although she did sustain some considerable storm damage to the boomkin and bulwarks.

Reid lives here in Morro Bay in his Landfall 39 "I MUA" along with his most excellent dog "Ellie". He has been preparing for his cruising "getaway" and expects to depart for the Baja Peninsula in early March. Reid has a YouTube Channel called *Odyssey: Alternative*. Check out <https://www.youtube.com/@odysseyalternative572>. Quoting Reid, his channel is about "Living life afloat aboard my sailing home 'I Mua.' I Mua is moored just a bit north of MBYC and I think she is probably the prettiest boat in the harbor. It will be fun to keep tabs on Reid's travels as he heads out cruising. Reid also appears quite often on Garret and Ruth's channel.

Reid's younger brother, and his wife Ruth, also have an excellent YouTube Channel called *Salt and Tar*. Check out <https://www.youtube.com/@SaltandTar/featured>. I'm not sure who is who in the title, but I'm guessing that Garret may be the "tar"? Their channel starts with the early stages of construction of a 35-foot custom George Buehler designed wooden gaff ketch named "REDIVIVA". You may recall this boat swinging to a MBYC mooring last summer. After a couple weeks here, they went to Port San Luis, then round Point Conception on the way south.

After about seven years of construction, they splashed in San Francisco Bay and are now in Mexican waters headed south. They are up to episode number 227 (that's right two hundred twenty-seven) if each episode is about 20 minutes, that is over 75 hours of binge watching!!!! (Way better than cable news!!!). The latest episode has them in Mexico headed south. Like many cruising sailors with a YouTube channel, they also have a Patreon site and would appreciate a donation for their cruising kitty. Here's a link: <https://www.patreon.com/saltandtar>

I know you'll enjoy Reid's and Garret & Ruth's channels. It's great to see local Central Coast sailors pursuing their dreams of blue water cruising. Many of us have had that dream, but never really "got around to it" and it's great to follow along with folks that are actually "out there". Fair winds and a following sea to these Central Coast brothers! In closing you've probably heard that David Crosby has crossed the bar



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Reid top, Garret below



this month. You may know that besides being a rock-and-roll legend he was a life-long sailor out of Santa Barbara. He sailed the Alden Schooner MAYAN. Here's a link to a great video about the boat: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AhFiePczT8>

In the future we'll talk about a few wooden boat build videos, video magazines, and a Substack magazine edited by another local guy. Please get in touch with your favorite media site and we can share among MBYC members! Keep the wet side down, and the dry side up!

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John Burgener

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Charlie Roberts

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Brett Cross

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**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT THEIR STORY.

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Cal Poly Distance Racing

The adage goes, it takes two boats to make a race, and that couldn't have been more true this past Saturday at the Jenkin's Memorial Regatta. In a building northwest breeze, John Wimer's Grand Soliel 50, *Prudence*, and Cal Poly's practice keelboat *Geronimo*, lined up just inside the Morro Bay buoy for the start. Despite the micro-fleet of only two boats, it was a close start with team Cal Poly just off *Prudence's* starboard side. On *Geronimo*, we tacked out early to try to take advantage of a lift and pressure increase we saw coming off the rock. Just after settling in on our new tack, there was a commotion forward as the jib flew free, the starboard sheet having come undone. We were forced to tack back to get the jib under control and we stood out to sea on starboard. This was an early omen that the day would not go strictly as planned.

The first bit of the upwind had gone well though, with a semi-successful lee bow on *Prudence*. We noticed our speed would increase the closer to shore we got and chalked it up to possible current relief in the shallower waters. We played this for what it was worth, but even so, on the smaller and lighter boat we could not power upwind the same way *Prudence* was able to. We watched as they charged into the wind at a clip we struggled to match, adjusting nearly every sail control at our disposal.

About two hours after the start, I had just come back to the cockpit from making sandwiches for the crew when a sharp jolt rattled the rig. Our jib slid 3 feet down the headfoil and we quickly realized the halyard had somehow come off. We had sheared

the titanium snap shackle on the jib halyard which was designed specifically for NASA missions and had a 14,000 pound test. The crew did an amazing job of wrestling the jib down on deck so we could re-hoist using the spare spinnaker halyard. We continued upwind, still significantly slower than *Prudence*.

Nearing the weather "mark", *Prudence* had a hearty lead on us. We had buried the bow past the fore-deck hatch at least half a dozen times between Cambria and San Simeon. This not only soaked the crew but also killed our boatspeed. Turning downwind was a relief comfort wise, but we were disheartened to see *Prudence* nearly 2 miles ahead. In the 25 knot northwesterly, we were going to have to be on our game if we wanted to set the spinnaker. We decided to take things slow and hold off for the time being. Settling into the downwind, it was clear we weren't going to catch *prudence* under main and number 3 jib alone. We were seriously weighing putting the kite up.

A meeting was called with everyone coming back to the cockpit to discuss our next move. I briefed the crew on what we were considering and our bowman said that he was on the fence about putting up a spinnaker. I appreciated him speaking up as the safety and confidence of the crew is a top priority. Ultimately, we decided to switch to a larger jib for the time being and see if conditions improved for the spinnaker.

Hoisting our largest jib was challenging downwind and it took two crewmembers using all their weight to get it up the headfoil. With the new sail set, we settled into a slightly faster broad reach, following *Prudence's* line. As we watched ahead, we saw that we were not catching *prudence* quickly enough by following their course. They were taking a more outside line, broad reaching off the coast. We decided that our play would be to sail wing-on-wing to cut inside of them thereby

sailing less distance. By putting the jib opposite the main, we exposed the full sail area to the wind. *Geronimo* is a light 40 footer with a design weight of only 9,000 pounds. This meant that we had the thrill of surfing back down the coast. As we surfed down the waves, approaching 14 plus knots under main and jib alone, we were finally gauging the distance *Prudence* had gained upwind. It was tiring work trying to keep the boat under herself wing on wing. We had many "death rolls" where the boat rolled to windward and was close to spinning out. This was surprising to me because I had only ever experienced this tendency with the spinnaker up. It was a sign we had made a good decision in keeping the kite tucked away.

For 3 hours we kept on this way, focused on extracting every ounce of power, speed and surf we could from the boat. *Prudence* was now only boat lengths in front of us nearing the finish. As the sun set and the wind began to lighten, we pulled ahead of them right before the finish line. Crossing the line, a sense of relief and accomplishment swept the crew. Having spent over 8 hours looking at *Prudence's* transom, it was a strange sight to now be looking at her bow as she glided across the finish only boat lengths behind us. Considering the race took nearly 9 hours, this was a photo finish to be separated by mere minutes.

I know that for me and my crew, this was a memorable day. The sailing was spectacular along some of the most beautiful coastline in the world. Good camaraderie, competition, and racing rounded out a winning combination to make this race so special. Though *Prudence* was a formidable challenger and we enjoyed racing against them, it would be great to see an even larger fleet next year take on this race.

--Jack Kisling

On the Horizon On the Horizon

Monday, May 1

First Day of Asian Pacific
American Heritage Month

Friday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo

11:00am

Funfloat

5:15pm

Membership Committee
Meeting

6:00pm

Happy Hour

Saturday, May 6

Cal Poly Alumni, Friends,
and Family Regatta

Jr. Boat Maintenance

Sunday, May 7

Cal Poly Alumni, F

Tuesday, May 9

6:30pm

Coast Guard Auxiliary

Thursday, May 11

4:00pm

MB Police Party

Friday, May 12

6:00pm

Happy Hour

Saturday, May 13

Ocean race - Spring II

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Juniors

Thursday, May 18

6:15pm

MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, May 19

Funfloat

6:00pm

Happy Hour

Saturday, May 20

Potters Yachters

Sunday, May 21

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Tuesday, May 23

10:00am

Member Sponsored
Memorial

Thursday, May 25

5:00pm

Fry party

Friday, May 26

6:00pm

Happy Hour

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Optimists - Jrs

Championship

Wednesday, May 31

6:30pm

Morro Bay Youth Sailing
Foundation

Thursday, June 1

First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride
Month

Friday, June 2

5:15pm

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