



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

August 2023

Morro Bay, California



Commodore John Burgener

High hopes for High Sierra



The ship is not sinking
No leaks in the portholes
The stuffing box has but a dribble
Fair weather sailing is in the future
And the crew is fed well and rum is flowing making morale high.

Huntington Lake Regatta was a success and "Yes" MBYC dominated in the Day Sailer category. But all but one boat was from another YC. Rory McClish and Haydn Stephenson dominated across the board in first. Craig Lee and Mary Miederberger from Scuttlebut Sailing in second.

Third place was Greg Miller and Silvia Suarez in Jersey Girl. Followed by Simon Graves, Todd Hansen, Dan Hack, Kendall Welch, Carlton Smith, Mark Soll, Dana McClish, and Kieran Hansen.

Congrats to all.

Yes- there were no fights to be had or name calling whatsoever. But still they seem to have fun... Now I heard there was a lot of stealing wind with the exchange of smug stink eyes forcing port starboard, starboard port tactics to spice the domination factor to an extreme but all is fair in times of WAR... thankfully there was only wet powder in the canons.

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Lido 14 Class

Tom Jenkins and his son totally smoked the field as we expected, (lol), representing the MBYC. Good on them.

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John Papadopoulos from WSA-OC second

Ryder Nesbitt ABYC got third but said

"If it wasn't for this young lady "Paige Jenkins" MBYC, Telling me what to do, well...

Paige will be sailing with Ryder in the Nationals in Oregon

Just an update: The Fresno Yacht Club is wanting help from MBYC to keep the Regatta going full steam next year. Dana McClish, your Commodore Extraordinaire Johnny B. and Kendall Welch met with FYC for an extensive meeting at the lake to discuss their needs.

So - next year, we will be hopefully working with them to make it happen. This is a lot to work and the 3 of us need help from You. Please step forward. This could be a profit center for our Club. Our duties, dinner organization, vending selection and scheduling, tables/chairs, beer sponsorship, art creation, hats, glasses, t-shirts and sales staff in the tents plus FYC will also help.

Kendall and I, your Commodore, have camped up there on many occasions and love it. There are many areas to camp and there are condos to rent plus fun fishing, kayaking, great hiking trails to waterfalls and streams and this list goes on and on but be aware of the trout/sharks in the streams. They will attack the hairs on your legs for a quick meal. We enjoy the east end camping at Rancheria where there is a lot of open space to take in the smells of the pines and watch the chipmunks scurry about the campsites doing their dance routine.

We have been having dinner parties at various sites and there are happy hours all around the lake so there is a great social gathering that is a constant. So - bring your electric bikes or mountain bikes and get serious or just breath in and enjoy.



Some more notes:

Elections are coming soon so if you want to be involved in running a part of the Club please talk to Carlton Smith ASAP. All positions are open. Great way to really enjoy meeting people and getting recognized.

I hope all of you appreciate Lori Toft who runs the cleaning service at the Club. We all can help make her job easier and she notices it and thanks you.

Vice Commodore Charlie Roberts and I have a few more fun things to do to make the Club more pleasurable and fun for you before I ride off into the sunset and with a smile of accomplishment on my face. We know you will be pleased... Charlie has been great in watching over the Club as Vice and following up on his duties. He is a tough act to follow and is always available to assist.

I am on the long term planning committee and will keep you informed on what we are thinking. If you like, I can use your opinions.



July was a good month for Fun Floats. First we had our 4th of July Fun Float party. Attendance was good, the weather was good, and we had a good time. I provided and cooked tube steaks. Everyone brought something for the buffet table, and Joyce and Armand provided the bar with ice, beverages and wine.

WOW!

Our July 16th Fun Float was the most highly attended one we've had this year. Twenty-five members and prospective members participated in a nice paddle down into the bay and a lunch together on the sandspit. We did introductions for all of those who hadn't participated recently. It was a sunny and warm day with little wind.

I try to take at least a couple of pictures of each Funfloat as a record, but it is nice to look at the pictures that have been taken at a Fun Float. Anyone who takes pictures on the Fun Float is able to post those pictures to our Fun Float pictures. In order to add images select this link -> [Link to funfloat pictures](#)

Select the icon that is near the top right to add pictures. Select the Join option to receive notifications.

I always send a reminder email a few days before a Fun Float to let people know when it is and what to expect in terms of weather. If you would like to be on that mailing list choose this link to send me an email. [Link to request sign-up for the Fun float mailing list.](#)

All members, prospective members and guests are invited to participate in our Fun Floats. They happen at least twice a month and specifically when the tide is high between 11 AM and noon. We do leave the dock at 11:00, so if you are late you will have to catch up.

Often, members join us on the float after leaving from different places in the bay. We almost always head south along the sandspit, so it isn't hard to find us. We usually stop, eat, and chat for about an hour before heading back, and we are usually back between 1:00 and 1:30 PM. Please come join us anytime.

Fun Floats are posted in our website's club calendar for the entire year.



Come Float With Us
Tuesday, August 1st
Wednesday, August 16th
Friday, September 1st
Friday, September 15th



Calling all the kids of yesterday who grew up around the yacht club, who sailed the yacht club, and the adults who helped teach them to sail!

Morro Bay Yacht Club



2023 JUNIOR ALUMNI Reunion

FUN SAIL ★ LUAU DINNER ★ SILENT AUCTION
SLIDE SHOW ★ DJ ★ EVENING PROGRAM

OCT 21 | SATURDAY
11:30 AM ONWARDS

541 EMBARCADERO, MORRO BAY

Let your Junior Buddies know!

NEXT DAY, OCT 22, JOIN US FOR THE
Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta

Contact us at reunion@mbysf.org

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Summer Sailing Scholarships Now Available

Scholarships for youth sailing lessons at the Morro Bay Yacht Club are available for local youth ages 8 to 18. The "Learn-to-Sail" lessons run in a 4-day session from Mondays- Thursdays, 9am to 3pm and cost \$275. Completion of lessons qualify the new sailor to apply to join the Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club in which all junior sailboats are supplied for year-round sailing. Read more about sailing lessons at www.mbyc.net/learn-to-sail.

Scholarship Rules:

- Youth ages 8 to 18 who live in San Luis Obispo County.
- Must have parental permission to attend.
- If they have already signed up, they may apply.
- If they are Junior Sailors, they may apply.
- The scholarship must be used in 2023.

A total of ten 2023 Summer Sailing Scholarships are being offered by the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation for summer youth lessons. Read more and apply at mbysf.org/scholarships-and-grants. Questions to apply@mbysf.org.

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)
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4 x 8 Brick

8 x 8 Brick

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Morro Bay Yacht Club
541 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Vice Commodore

Charlie Roberts



Dog Gone it!

Summers are busy times at the yacht club. Summer Sailing is going on six days a week. We have the addition of hamburger nights for our summer fun along with all the summer races. I'm so impressed with the summer sailing team. They have the new sailors so engaged, and the ratio of trainers to students is really high. It makes for a memorable summer for all.

Volunteerism is at the heart of our club, and like summer sailing, there is a lot of volunteerism going on. Plumbing and electrical issues have all been solved with volunteers. I really appreciate the help I do get around the club. Most members are so conscious of taking care of our building, and it is being cared for all the time.

It is important that if you do make a mess or cause damage that you take care of the problem and not leave it up to others to take care of. When you are through using the facility, clean up after yourself. House rules prohibit pets from being inside the building. It is inappropriate to use the showers to wash your dog or to groom your dog in the building.

Finally, I would like to encourage those who really want to help at the club to run for office. The responsibility of the flag officers is to take care of the club. Each officer has responsibilities that are essential to the operation and management of the club. The club needs members to step up and run for these positions. We especially would like to see someone step up for Rear Commodore. Please consider taking a greater responsibility for the well being of the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Let any of the other club officers know of your interest if you are willing to do so.

House Rules and Officers' Duties can be found under the Member tab of MBYC.net.

Juniors

Chris Matson

Our Junior Yacht Club had another great month. We've been welcoming new members from our Summer Sailing School program. We are super grateful for our summer sailing program volunteers and coaches. They have been doing a great job teaching sailing and getting kids interested in the sport.

We have been focused on fun this summer, and we've added another sailing day to our calendar. We're doing "Friday Fun Sails" from 2:30-5:30 before Happy Hours and following it with a "Juniors Pizza Happy Hour" downstairs. We're planning on sailing Friday afternoons until school starts. We just wrapped up the month's Juniors with a capsizing day where we all had fun capsizing Optis and Lasers.

Thanks for your support and remember to drop a buck in the tip box next time you're enjoying the club.



Sailing Through History

For Those Who Give Shelter

James Koss, Life Member, joined the Morro Bay Yacht Club in 1978. He lived in the area for one winter, asked to join the yacht club, and then retained his membership over the years from far away. What caused him to fall in love with MBYC and keep that membership for so long?



James Koss, s/v Nimue, lying at Point San Pablo Yacht Club, Richmond, CA

MBYC Club Member Howard 'Howie' O'Daniels (1907-1991) is mentioned in the story, who was the owner of the 45' Casey Ketch Nereid from 1964-1985, beloved multi-sport coach and administrator for 40 years at Cal Poly, member of multiple yacht clubs, highly-skilled skipper of ocean races throughout the Pacific, and owner of the Circle Inn in Morro Bay which today is Legends Bar.

"Howie is something of a legend on the coast here," notes Don Lockwood. Much more could be written about Howie, but let's focus back to James Koss's story of his life and how he came to join our club:

"My MBYC history dates to when O'Daniels was active at the club.

In the 1970s, a buddy and I were returning from San Diego in his Vanguard 32. As beginner sailors, we were ill-equipped to make a coastal passage from San Francisco to San Diego and return. Our gear: a copy of Chapman's, charts, a compass, three sails, a length of nylon, no chain, one anchor, a

non-functioning RDF, a depth sounder and loads of enthusiasm and innocence. Lady Luck must have been our third crew member as she sailed with and protected we-the-innocent!

Returning north, we sailed into Morro Bay for a rest. On a yacht club mooring after breakfast, as I drained the galley sink, the sea cock pulled out of the hull. The mushroom fitting was gone, wasted! Blue bay water poured in. I quickly stuffed the threaded remainder back and pumped until my buddy returned from shore. Silent electrolysis must have occurred during our extended stay in Quivira Basin, Mission Bay, San Diego.

Howie O'Daniels kindly drove us around to obtain the needed skin fitting. Heeling the yacht using her halyard at dockside, we replaced the fitting.

Repair effected, once again heading north, off San Simeon, we felt a thud and a sudden prop vibration. Limping back to the Club we found one of the three propeller blades missing. More Quivira damage.

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For Those Who Give Shelter

We then careened Sirocco, two pilings on the spit, repeatedly rising and falling with the tides. Replacing the prop and once again off, thanking Howie and the club for its support, we made it to Oakland.

Years later, my wife and I sailed our 45 foot S&S Yawl, s/v Nimue, south, much better equipped and much better prepared for this adventure. Arriving in the bay after an exciting downwind sail in a storm, I, like so many others, sought relief and rest in the bay. The Morro Bay Yacht Club was so friendly that we chose to remain, wintering on a mooring, enjoying the idyllic experience.

My job entailed flying to work one week a month, returning to Nimue and my wife to enjoy the Morro Bay experience. Heating with firewood obtained from the sea side of the spit, we cut storm-driven drift wood with a bow saw, picnicking on the sand with salami sandwiches and a few beers; we could not be happier.

Not a joiner, we so respected and appreciated the club's friendliness, we asked to join in 1978. Howie was our sponsor. I retained the club membership out of appreciation of the club and hopes to return.

Continuing to the Channel Islands for the season, then San Diego, anchoring in the Commercial Basin, we continued to live aboard, and even became parents, twice. Further adventures included two years in the Sea of Cortez. As life has it, our future direction was work, kids, and San Diego until tragedies struck; losing my wife, then later my first daughter.

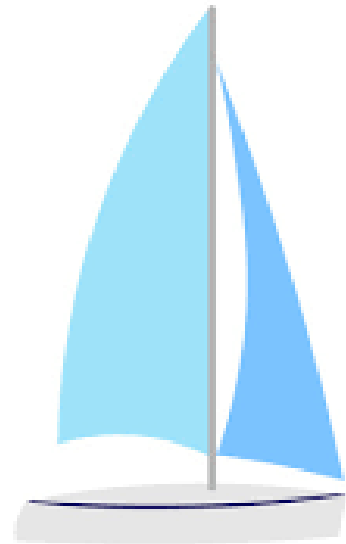
Nimue ultimately returned, instead of Morro Bay but to San Francisco, where she, my second daughter, and I now reside, berthed at Point San Pablo Yacht Club, another friendly harbor. I retain Morro Bay and Morro Bay Yacht Club memories as highlights of my saltwater life, with fond memories of Howie O'Daniels, and the club membership's support, encouragement, and assistance. I am a proud Life Member." **By James Koss**

-- Andrea Surfleet, Historian



Morro Bay Yacht Club

Junior Reunion



**Calling all the kids of yesterday who grew up around the yacht club, who sailed
with the Junior Yacht Club, and the adults who helped teach them to sail!**

Please join our current junior and student sailors for a

Morro Bay Yacht Club Junior Reunion Saturday, October 21, at the MBYC

Join us for Fun on the Water, Luau Dinner, Silent Auction, DJ, and Evening Program

Stay for the

Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta Sunday, October 22, 2023

Let your Junior Buddies know!

Contact us at reunion@mbysf.org

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Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation**





MBYC welcomes three new members this month:

Ken & Laura Green have a long sailing history, including Ken's development of the sailing program at CSULongBeach. The holders of many sailing trophies (and 4 Emmys), Ken and Laura are eager to join in the many activities offered through our club.

Joanne Freemire is a lifetime sailor, having owned and crewed on everything from kayaks to Tall Masted Schooners. She's sailed on the Pacific Coast, the East Coast, in the Caribbean, Hawaii, and in Turkey. Joanne is looking forward to sailing and racing with other MBYC members and is looking to buy her own boat locally.



Prospective members: **Reid Hester** and **Shannon Donahue**, current members of the SLYC and Silver Gate YC (San Diego), are being sponsored by Charlie Nichols and Jon Hovdahl. Experienced in sailing both monohulls and multihulls, Reid is a US sailing instructor. Reid and Shannon have sailed throughout the US, in Belize, the Bahamas, and Baja Mexico and currently enjoy sailing out of San Luis Bay and in Morro Bay.

FYI: New members' first club key fob and name tags are included with their initiation fees. Additional key fobs for any MBYC members are \$15, to be requested from the Vice-Commodore. Rachelle Phillips is in charge of ordering \$15 name tags for all MBYC members.



Ladies Day On The Bay White Family Ladies Perpetual Cup

Left photos top to
bottom: Judi Sheesley,
Charlie Nichols, Lynn
Meissen. Center/right
photos: Dan Hack.



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB & SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB PRESENT:

ZONGO YACHTING CUP

SAIL • POWER • PADDLE • MORRO BAY TO AVILA!

PRE-PARTY @ MBYC: FRIDAY • AUGUST 4

LIVE MUSIC : ZONGO ALL-STARS

NO-HOST BAR, CUBANO DINNER BY RSVP

5:00 - 8:00 PM - ALL GUESTS MUST REGISTER

RACE & RECEPTION PARTY @ SLYC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

NO-HOST BAR, CASUAL DINNER BY RSVP

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High Sierra Regatta, Summer Sailing, Hamburger Nights, from the galley & Kendall Welch



The High Sierra Regatta found Morro Bay Yacht Club represented in the Day Sailer, Laser Radial, and San Juan 21 classes. As usual MBYC dominated the Day Sailer class with 10 of the 11 boats entered coming from Morro Bay. The weather was fantastic, the wind was great, and a fun time was had by all. The wild flowers



were having a mountain super bloom while we were there, and Rancheria Falls was roaring! Fresno Yacht Club has asked MBYC if we are interested in helping host the High Sierra Regatta in future years. This is something we have to discuss within the fleets in the near future. Let me know if you have any interest in being involved in this venture. If the High Sierra Regatta is going to continue we might need to lend an arm and a leg.



Summer Sailing is always a fun time to be at the club and watch the kids learn new skills. We don't have many more days left in the season. It is a perfect time to volunteer, as we always need adult supervision Monday - Thursday, so if you are interested in being involved in this program, we need your help. If you are interested in helping to run the program, please step forward. You can contact me, Angela Soll, or Chris Matson who runs our Junior Program. I believe that several of our instructors are hoping to still teach adult sailing lessons on weekends during the fall.

HAMBURGER NIGHTS have been rolling along. At the time of this printing there will be only 2 more left, August 9 - hosted by the Junior Sailors, and August 23 - Happy Unbirthday, hosted by the Fun Floaters. Please note if you belong to one of the hosting groups, plan on being at the club by 4:30 to help. We have a large group of regulars, but also get drop-ins and transients enjoying our \$10 dinners. If you can, please RSVP but it's not required unless you want a grilled Portabella. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in helping to run Hamburger Nights next year, please let me know. I would love to share the load. It's a popular event and is a fun time.

Twist and turns on the Bay

Sailors Challenge 2023 Laser Slalom



28 races in one day

Carly Kaiser photos above



Your Date to host

Name	Hosting Date
Paul Irving: ZONGO PARTY	8/4/2023
John Edell	8/11/2023
Glenda Boatman	8/11/2023
Jeanie and Charlie Roberts	8/11/2023
Joanne Freemire	8/11/2023
Angela & Mark Soll	8/18/2023
Ron & Marlys Boehm	8/18/2023
Brian Monroe	8/18/2023
David & Sharon Bufo	8/25/2023
Dana & Teresa McClish	8/25/2023
McClish Rory	8/25/2023
McClish Shannon	8/25/2023
Kay Milligan	9/1/2023
Kurt & Leslie Colvin	9/1/2023
Mike Munger	9/1/2023
Troy & Brooke Wieck	9/8/2023
Jim Kerman	9/8/2023
John & Judy Michener	9/8/2023
Carlton & Deborah Smith	9/15/2023
Michael & Brooks Measures	9/15/2023
Dan & Silvia Hack	9/22/2023
Greg & Martha Miller	9/22/2023
Greg & Rosie Larson	9/29/2023
Daniel Goldthwiate	9/29/2023
John & Wendy Mitchell	9/29/2023
John & Anika Clements	10/6/2023
Steve & Teri Reeder	10/6/2023
Ken & Melanie Coble	10/13/2023
Mark Buchman	10/13/2023
Aaron Young	10/13/2023
Patrick & Heidi Howe	10/20/2023
John & Brooke Bodine	10/20/2023
Carol Ann Stephens	10/27/2023
Michelle M. Voisenat	10/27/2023
Pandora Nash-Karner	10/27/2023
Tom Needham	10/27/2023



Carly Kaiser photos

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Jon Hovdahl

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Director:
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On the Horizon On the Horizon

Tuesday, August 1

Summer Youth Sailing Lessons

Fun Float

Wednesday, August 2

Summer Youth Sailing Lessons

Thursday, August 3

Summer Youth Sailing Lessons

Friday, August 4

2:30pm

Juniors Friday Fun Sail

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, August 5

Ocean race - Zongo Cup

Summer Adult Sailing Lessons

Sunday, August 6

Summer Adult Sailing Lessons

Tuesday, August 8

6:30pm

Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

Hamburger Night - Juniors

Friday, August 11

2:30pm

Juniors Friday Fun Sail

5:15pm

Membership Committee Meeting

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, August 12

Day Sailer Tune-up Race

Ocean Race - Summer I

4:00pm Hansen - Club Use

Sunday, August 13

Juniors

Wednesday, August 16

Fun Float

Thursday, August 17

6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, August 18

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, August 19

Day Sailer Invitational

Sunday, August 20

Day Sailer Invitational

Wednesday, August 23

Hamburger Night - Fun

Floater - Happy UnBirthday

Friday, August 25

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, August 26

Ocean Race - Summer II

Sunday, August 27

Juniors

Friday, September 1

Fun Float

5:15pm

Membership Committee Meeting

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, September 2

Juniors Boat Maintenance

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

Wednesday, September 6

6:30pm

MB Youth Sailing Foundation

Friday, September 8

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, September 9

Summer III - Bay

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The Morro Bay Yacht Club is a private, non-profit organization devoted to boating activities, along with the protection and enjoyment of our picturesque bay and coastline. We participate in both competitive and non-competitive boating activities throughout the year. Anyone at least 21 who owns a boat, is planning to buy a boat, or regularly enjoys boating activities in someone else's boat is invited to apply for membership.

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