



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

November 2023

Morro Bay, California

Commodore John Burgener

Voting and Thanking



And the Commodore Speaks

Turkeys are on the Run
And so are the Candidates.
General Meetings and Elections
If that is not enough to scare them than
Ye shall hang from the highest yardarm.

Yes the General Meeting shall be interesting as we talk about all the wonderful things that we have accomplished at "The Club," election prospects get to "stump" their Positions.

We all get to vote on each candidate to lead us into the future.

We want to thank the volunteers for their help.

Talk about future projects.

Get reports from the Directors.

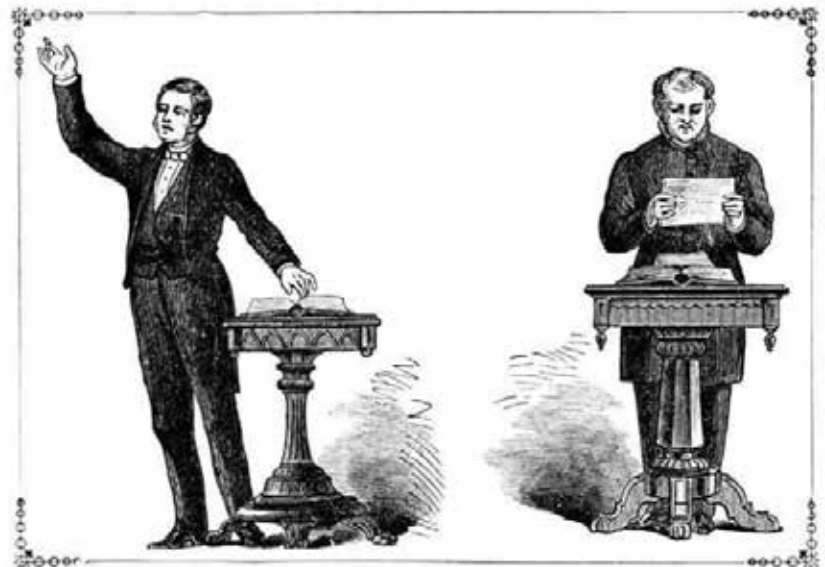
Then,

After that, the bar is open and your weapons shall be returned

So, as members, you should come and participate.

We need a quorum. Very very important...

If you missed it, the Junior Sailing Program served a great day of sailing and a fabulous dinner. To see the little tikes running a muck about the Club was fun to see. The pork ribs were way overboard and to see the sauce on their



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Laurie Wright Photo

Side Tied: Junior sailing reunion.....14 lockwood Reggata..9
Two Gun Salute.....2 Vote Nov 4 at Genral Membership Meeting.....15

Two-gun salute

faces were a scream. We forgot to get a picture and it was definitely a Kodak Moment Lost. Here a pictures of the Optis at the start of their race doing 360's waiting for a puff

Last note:

Commodore's Ball is in November and it will be at The Siren in Morro Bay Sunday, November 5. We are getting our ducks in order and are finalizing the particulars. Do stay tuned.

Wait: One more thing on a lighter note: Remember when your Parents, or Grand Parents, use to use the words "It was a Grand ol' Party. I had a Swell Time?" Well - Kendall and I "Your Commodore" We're invited to our Club Member's Wedding

Now Introducing- Admiral John and Megan Weigold Megan - You Look Marvelous Welcome to the Morro Bay Yacht Club

And Welcome to the United States Navy

Congratulations To You Both It was a "Grand Wedding" on the USS Iowa World War II Battleship with two-canon salute.



Laurie Wright Photo

Everyone had a "Swell Time"

We all were stepping back in time then spending two nights on the Queen Mary in Long Beach



Blue and Gold were the colors they chose. Beautiful people, perfect venue and delicious food and dancing. Kendall built 12 layer cake with three tiers. Many flavors and many delightful smiles with lip smacking goodness. Ho Hum...



Vice Commodore

Charlie Roberts



First and foremost: Please attend our Fall General Membership Meeting November 4th, 6:15 PM, at the Morro Bay Yacht Club Clubhouse. The meeting provides members with semi-annual reports from all of our committees and board members on what is happening with our yacht club. The meeting lets members know the direction our board is taking the club and the plans for the future. We also elect our board for the coming year. Come be an active part of our all volunteer club. Your participation helps guide our organization, so be sure to be a part of that.

As usual MBYC has had an active month. Most of the big events of the month are reported here in the *Masthead* by those who participated and led the events. Unusual events included a visit and tours on the Polynesian Voyaging Society's Hōkūle'a, a Polynesian Long Boat that spent nearly a week on our dock, the Small Boat Society Morro Bay Rendezvous organized on our side by Charlie Nichols, the Maritime Fun Day, organized by Kendall Welch and the Morro Bay Maritime Museum, and the Junior Alumni Reunion, sponsored by the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation. These events along with our usual bay and ocean races (including the Chris Lockwood Regatta) made for a busy October. Finishing up the month will be (was) the Fun Floaters' Halloween Party.

All of this happens because of the level of volunteerism we have at our club. I'm always so impressed with how our members come together to make our yacht club an incredible place to be. If you want to be a regular volunteer and take on some responsibility at the yacht club, let us know. There is always more that can be done to help the club look and function better. Finally, if you see something at the club that needs attention, please let me know. Sometimes it takes a long time to find out when something is askew.



A small crew began working on the dock cleats. This is the only crew member whose picture was taken.

Mark Buchman Photo

Turns out we need to elect a new Director to replace current Director Todd Hansen who will have served as a director for three years.

We found an excellent candidate for the Director position in Dawn Huntsinger. I apologize for causing such a problem.

We are supposed to give a 15-day notice, but that isn't going to happen. Dawn Huntsinger is now going to be on our 2023 ballot running for the Director position.

from the Helm

Rear Commodore Jon Hovdahl



Race bouys coming

Brrr...! The nights are getting colder and the days are getting shorter, Fall is in the air! Where did summer go..? The Holiday season is upon us and the end of the year is near. Our annual Bay fleet/Ocean fleet Christmas party is being planned for December 9th, I will send out more details and sign up information shortly, probably before this goes to print. The annual Chris Lockwood Regatta was held last Sunday and I have posted the results on the website already. If anyone has any photos of the event that they would like to share, please contact me and we can get them linked to the results page.



With the help of Chuck Lossness's awesome map making skills and consultation with Charlie Nichols, I have made a large dry erase map board of the Bay Regatta course and flag positions to help anyone visualize the course and learn pin positions if you are new. I feel this is a great tool that anyone can use to explain the planned course or where something is. You can also use a dry erase pen on this. Charlie Nichols, Chuck Lossness and I have made a course map revision and it is reflected on this board. We are now using course "O" maps and they are available to anyone who wants one. Please toss out any previous course maps as they are no longer valid.

Approximately nine months ago, I started researching what and how we could legally put spar buoys out in Estero Bay for the ocean racing sailboats to have a proper buoy racing course on a semi permanent annual basis. I learned from

making phone calls to the Coast Guard which sent me around the tree and down a few rabbit holes. I finally reached the person I needed to talk to about my plans.

At a point not far in, during one or more conversations with my friend Chuck Lossness, I expressed my desire for a proper sailboat course, he got on board and offered to help. Chuck Lossness brought his wealth of sailboat racing and course knowledge he gained from his tenure at the Dana Point Yacht Club and offered to start work-

2023 Regatta winners

The HangOver Special Trophy – Dan Hack and Dave Sheesley

Morro Bay Laser Fleet Championship Trophy – Dan Hack

Big Rock Regatta Optimist Class – Jackson Rushing

Morro Bay Harbor Cup – Greg Miller and Karlee Liddy

Barney Pike Perpetual Trophy – Team Jenkins

Daysailer Fleet 128 Championship Trophy – Greg Miller

Founders Cup – Ocean – Janina, Mark Hilden and John Krossa

White Perpetual Women's Trophy – Silvia Suarez and Kim Braseau

Opening Day Races Perpetual Trophy – Bay, Judy Sheesley and Carlton Smith

Ocean, Team Jenkins

Ocean Fleet Spring Series Perpetual Trophy – DFZ Team Jenkins

Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta – Optimist- Corinne Matson and Laser- Clint Bryan

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from the Helm

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Trophies being engraved

ing on the layout of the course. I shared what I have learned racing in the bay and we started collaborating on course design and layout. In the meantime he made a few phone calls and found the right person to talk to. He explained and emailed our course map and plans of the spar buoys we want to put out and we have gotten a green light on most of the buoy positions and are waiting to hear back on a couple.

Chuck and I will begin checking depth of the buoy positions and testing the proper weight and design we have for the buoys we are going to launch. We are planning on setting these buoys on a semi-annual, non-permanent basis and retrieving them during the worst

month(s) of the year for cleaning and inspection and repair if necessary. Previous attempts at putting buoys out there have failed because of using rope and the wrong type of buoy. I was involved with the last attempt and we used chain and line which lasted for a couple of months and it was a lot of fun having the buoy to sail around! Again, it was the rope that failed. There will be no rope used in our new design and we have put a lot of time into researching the design of our spar buoys. After our testing, we are pretty confident we will have something that works!

As we near the end of the year, I have been gathering together regatta results and taking in the trophies to have the 2023 winners engraved on them. They are starting to come back and I have a few to send in yet because the regatta has not been run yet. I will finish those as they get completed.



THE MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

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Support our Grow Sailing Campaign

Contact Rich Leamon, Fundraising Chair, for ways to maximize your donation.

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MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443

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Fun Floats

Fun Float report Charlie Roberts



Even though the weather had promised not to be so nice, both our Fun Floats this month took place in sunshine and calm winds. Those who participated really enjoyed the paddle, time on the beach, and good conversations with friends, new and old.

MBYC's Fun Floats are regularly scheduled activities sponsored by the club for those who enjoy getting out

Upcoming Fun Float Events.

***November 17th - Friday
December 1st - Friday
December 15th -
Christmas Party
December 30th -
Saturday***

on any kind of paddle craft with other members and relaxing while spending time on the water. Most of our Fun Floats take place when the tide is high between 11 and noon. This allows us to paddle with

the current, both into the bay as we venture out to find a picnic spot, and then when the tide changes, allowing us to come back to the clubhouse with the tide. It makes the paddling easier and lets us go further into the bay.



Fun Floats are promoted as a way to introduce prospective members to club activities and provide the opportunity to get to

know other club members. Anyone can participate. Some members are fortunate enough to be able to store their paddle craft in our paddle craft storage area. Others bring their craft in on their vehicles. There is always someone around to give a hand moving the kayaks and canoes into and out of the water. Dates for the Fun Floats are planned well ahead. If you look at our club calendar you will see they are already posted for 2024.

Commodore's Ball at the Siren.

Sunday, November 5

Details to follow soon



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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Morro Bay Yacht Club
541 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, CA 93442

From the Galley and Kendall Welch

Upcoming Events

November 4 - MBYC General Meeting - non food event

November 5 - 5:00 - 9:00 PM - Commodore's Ball at The Siren, Morro Bay, Band is Mini Novca, sit-down dinner, complete bar available. Event is reservation only

November 24 - No scheduled Happy Hour hosts because of Thanksgiving holiday.

November 29 - Tree trimming party and gingerbread decorating. Be ready to string lights and hang our lovely boat ornaments - 5:30 PM Bring a pot of soup to share.

December 2 - Lighted Boat Parade 7:00- PM - Club opens at 6:00 PM - Limited to members and maximum of 4 guests with a total limit of 240 people. Reservations will be required. Note: Rotary Judges will be located at YC, so boats will be doing their turns in front. Dock will be closed until 9 PM except for participating boats.

December 9 or 16- Bay and Ocean Fleets Holiday Party with White Elephant gift Exchange, reservations will be required more to come via the Alias. This event may be postponed to the 16th if Lighted Boat Parade gets rained out.

December 10 - Junior Sailors Holiday Party

Not on the Calendar yet - **Trim the Club** will be announced via the Alias, **MBYC Cookie Exchange** will be announced via the Alias



The Chris Lockwood MBYC Junior Regatta



Gunner Paris, Corinne Matson and Charlie Rice



James Perrine, Clint Bryan and Loic Jallias

This regatta was developed 17 years ago, to introduce our junior sailors to how a sailboat race is started, sailed on a course, and finished. The very new sailors are introduced to how the horns, flags, courses, and finishes are done. While others get a refresher course. Coaches are in boats on the water to assist, teach, and encourage the sailors during the race.

This year 18 juniors from ages 7 to 16 years old raced all 3 races before a lunch break. There were hopes to have one more race after lunch. The Lasers started first while the Opti sailors sat on the dock ready to go...BUT the Lasers were going nowhere...the wind really died and the Lasers were called in. It's always good to get 3 races in before lunch on a light air day. Boats were put away and everyone came up for trophy presentations and then root beer floats for everyone.

The trophy winners were:

Optimist 1st Corinne Matson, 2nd Gunner Paris, 3rd Charlie Rice

Laser. 1st Clint Bryan, 2nd Loic Jallais, 3rd James Perrine



Welcome aboard to our new MBYC members

Rachelle Paris and Tim Bowker: the 3rd generation of the Paris family to belong to MBYC, parents of Junior sailors, active in fundraising for and supporters of MBYSF.

Brian Coggins: owner of a 32' Valiant Cutter Rig, musician, retired service member

Sadly, we say goodbye to Jack Keely, Life Member, who joined the club in 1973, membership # 55. Jack passed away on September 28 and is survived by his wife Barbara and family.



Hamburger Night Needs YOU!!

Hamburger Night Volunteers can help me plan the summer, determine “theme nights” and put their own spin on Hamburger Night, making it more fun and interesting for everyone. There will only be 7 of them scheduled with ready volunteers. Please email me at kendallwelch@hotmail.com if you are interested so we can meet in January to plan the summer

Lockwood Regatta and Junior Luau Fundraiser

Once again this year our Juniors had the pleasure of participating in the Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta. We had an amazing turnout with 14 Optimists and 4 Lasers. The wind was light, but steady until afternoon when it died down to nothing. All the kids completed the 3 races and we even went around most of the buoys the correct direction! I was especially proud of our newest sailors who all showed persistence and made it around the course, even with giant clumps of eelgrass on both their rudders and dagger boards. We finished the day with root beer floats and an attempt to burn off the sugar rush at the sandspit. Our Optimist fleet was won by Corinne Matson, followed by Gunner Paris in second, and Charlie Rice in third. Jason Stones, who sailed really great, lost a tie breaker for third and ended up in fourth. The Laser fleet was won by Clint Bryan, who is a con-



Laurie Wright Photos

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summate waterman. Clint was followed by Loic Jallais in second, and James Perrine in third. The first three finishers in each fleet took home really cool handmade trophies. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped out especially Dana McClish, Elias Blackwell, Pat & Dot Rygh, Michael & Brooks Measures, Terry & Charlene Paris and of course, Don & Kit Lockwood.

The MB Youth Sailing Foundation hosted the first ever Junior Fundraiser and Reunion on October 21. We sailed, hung out, talked story, ate really good food, and raised a bunch of money for junior sailing. Everyone involved worked really hard to make it a success. I want to thank everyone who volunteered, participated, and bid in the silent auction. We are so lucky to have so many hard working people willing to take the time to help grow youth sailing. I was blown away by everyone's generosity with their time.



**Be
happy**

**Happy
Hour**

**Find
your
time
to
share**

Name	Hosting Date
Thomas Murphey	11/3/2023
Tom Tidyman	11/3/2023
Matthew & Jacqueline Piper	11/3/2023
Tylor & Sarah Mason	11/10/2023
Simon & Hilary Graves	11/10/2023
Richard & Susan Schermerhorn	11/17/2023
Johann & Elaine Smit	11/17/2023
THANKSGIVING No Happy Hour	11/24/2023
Kendall & John	12/1/2023
Lisa Mia-Williams & Steve Williams	12/1/2023
Lori Toft	12/1/2023
Christine & Joseph Tomlinson	12/8/2023
Mike & Kay Frye	12/8/2023
Anthony Gomez	12/15/2023
Freeman Tidaback	12/15/2023
Judy Mahan	12/15/2023
Andrew Bartlett	12/15/2023
Winter Solstice Happy Hour Potluck	12/22/2023
Holiday Week Break no formal HH	12/30/2023
Jason & Cinnamon Redd	1/5/2023
Ralph & Wendy Lewis	1/5/2023
Scott & Rita Lewis/Casaverde	1/12/2023
Kathy Egan	1/12/2023
Marlene McQueen	1/12/2023
Sean & Tara Hanlon	1/19/2023
Mark & Julie Brown/Thomas	1/19/2023
Robert & Laurie Fiori	1/26/2023
Bill & Nancy Albrecht	1/26/2023

Thanks for the Memories!

The Junior Alumni Reunion was a great success! Over 90 people attended on Saturday, October 21st, to enjoy the comradery of both new and old friends, to celebrate the volunteers who make the Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club strong, and to share their memories of being a Junior Sailor. Almost \$5,000 was raised for the "Grow Sailing" Campaign to support youth sailing and coaching, with a special big thanks to Charlene Paris for an amazing Silent Auction! Thanks to Kendall Welch, Johnnie B. and the Galley Crew for a festive Luau dinner, and to everyone who helped in so many ways. What a fun party!



Past Juniors Tom Jenkins and Caleb Cole with Kit Lockwood. 🌊



Chris Surfleet and Pat Howe, past Junior Advisors, with Heidi Freeman and past Junior Coleman Howe.



Laura Masterson, Mark Tilden, and Marrie Brown with past Junior Advisors Lex Budge and Bruce Masterson.



Past Junior Advisor, Gwenn Krossa, with new member and Junior parent DJ Tim Bowker.



Gayle Bruce with former Junior Joel Crow Bruce and his daughter.

HOKULEA Friday Night At MBYC

*Crew enjoys dinner.
Lots of lines to
choose from.*

Mark Buchman Photos



If knot now -- when

A random column knot seen on a regular basis

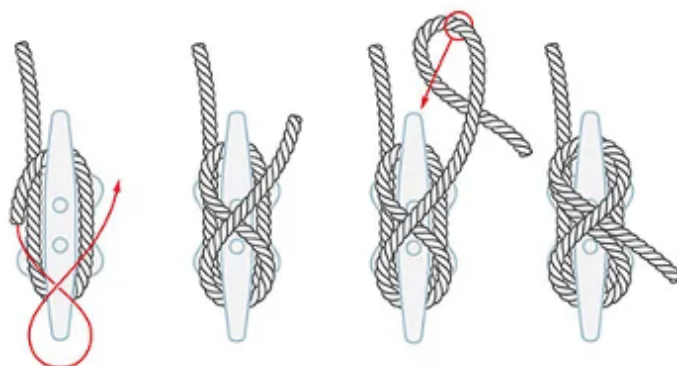
Cleat Hitch

There is, in fact, a right way to tie a dock line to a cleat. There are also a whole lot of wrong ways. Most of the wrong ways also work reasonably well, but if you're leaving your boat for an extended period of time or in challenging conditions, do it right.

Here is has a good illustration. Important things to notice are:

1. If your dock line is at an angle to the dock, go around the far side of the cleat first.
2. Take at least half a turn around the base of the cleat, as shown in the NetKnots illustration, before going over the middle. For a more slip-resistant hitch, take a full turn

CLEAT HITCH



around the base before starting your first figure-eight.

3. A single figure-eight locked with a half-hitch is plenty. Many new boaters keep wrapping and wrapping until they've buried the cleat under a big ball of rope. That doesn't do any good. Keep it simple and neat.

--Boat Outfitters

Did you know that volunteering can benefit your health?

Your actions, big or small, can help others and benefit your health. Research has shown that volunteering offers significant health benefits including:

1. Improves physical and mental health.

Volunteer activities keep people moving and thinking at the same time. Volunteers report better physical health than nonvolunteers. Research also has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression and anxiety. Volunteering reduces stress and increases positive, relaxed feelings by releasing dopamine.

2. Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills.

The work that volunteers provide is essential to everyday activities, giving volunteers a sense of purpose, especially

when giving their time and talent in the areas they find meaningful. Volunteers experience greater increases in life satisfaction and self-esteem.

3. Nurture new and existing relationships.

Volunteering increases social interaction and helps build a support system based on common interests. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to participate

in a shared activity.

In many cases, volunteers have diverse backgrounds, which helps expand their social network and allows them to practice social skills with others.

All volunteers share a common desire to improve the health and welfare of people in their communities.

By Angela Thoreson, Mayo Clinic. Edited for the Masthead.

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Commodore:
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Charlie Roberts

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Director:
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On the Horizon On the Horizon

Wednesday, November 1

First Day of American Indian Heritage Month

6:30pm MB Youth Sailing Foundation

Friday, November 3

5:15pm Membership Committee Meeting

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, November 4

“Canceled” - Kurmudgeon Klassic - Bay

6:15pm Fall General Meeting

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends Juniors

Commodore's Ball

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

Friday, November 10

Veterans Day (substitute)

5:00pm DaySailer Fleet Meeting

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, November 11

Veterans Day

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

Commodores Cup

Thursday, November 16

6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, November 17

Funfloat

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, November 18

Ocean race - Devlin III (3 of 3)

Sunday, November 19

Juniors

Tuesday, November 21

6:30pm Coast Guard Auxiliary

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24

Native American Heritage Day

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, November 25

Drumstick - Bay

Friday, December 1

Funfloat

5:15pm Membership Committee

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, December 2

Ocean race - Fall II

6:00pm Lighted Boat Parade

Sunday, December 3

Juniors

Monday, December 4

5:30pm Advisory Board Appreciation

Friday, December 8

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, December 9

Fall III - Bay

5:00pm Bay Fleet Christmas Party and White Elephant

Gift Exchange

Sunday, December 10

Jr. Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 12

6:30pm Coast Guard Auxiliary

Friday, December 15

Fun Float - Christmas Party

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, December 16

Ocean race - Fall III

Thursday, December 21

6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, December 22

6:00pm Happy Hour

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Friday, December 29

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, December 30

Ocean race - Devlin make - up

FunFloat

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

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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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