



# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

December 2023

Morro Bay, California



**Commodore  
John  
Burgener**

## And The Commodore Speaks

**'THIS IS THE END  
MY ONLY FRIEND  
THE END'**

This is my last Masthead as a Commodore for the year 2023.

I promise to make it short because of the "brutal" response I got from the peanut gallery at the General Meeting. Lol. It was a

lot of fun talking in circles about how great this administration was in their performance this last year. And with that "I STOP."

Ah - The Commodores Ball. Everyone had fun at the Siren and WOW - the band MiniNova was



**Smiles  
Everywhere  
You Looked**



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*Commodore Ball photos by Laurie Wright*

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## Dancing Was A Given At Commodores Ball

“Over The Top.” All award winning and hall of fame musicians from War, Steve Miller Blues Band and The Eagles.

Every song they played they had something to do with and are probably getting royalties from them. We all knew the songs so the dancing was a given. Food was great and libations were flowing...

Dana McClish was Master of Ceremony and made it easy for me to survive.

We added many model boats, flags and table decor to create an ambiance. “STOP” I hope your gobble-gobble was a “most delightful” experience with family and friends. “STOP”

Now - Santa Claus and or your favorite Holiday Delights are in order and coming to town. We are getting the tree, ginger bread houses, gift exchange,

Fun foods and the flavors of the Holiday Season in order so you have to come and take in the holiday spirit of your choice. “STOP” No more speeches by me. “STOP” I will be wading about in a pond as a “Lame Duck”





# Commodores Ball





# Vice Commodore

Charlie Roberts



Over the last year I've tried to share with the Masthead readers what has been going on at the yacht club with respect to our building and grounds. Maintenance has been regular. Our building is always in need of a little boost here and there, but overall it is looking good. The dock is holding up to all the use with some regular support. The hoist has finally been inspected and serviced, although it seems to have continual issues. All-in-all, I think things have held up well this year.

Our annual work days have provided some of the needed maintenance, and volunteers have continued to work on projects that make our club look better. Many people step up to repair and replace weather worn elements of our building. Our entrance, our decks, and both floors of the building have been upgraded over the last year. I would like to thank again all those who have been willing to spend some of their time making the yacht club a better place for all of us.

The yacht club is a busy place that supports events almost on a daily basis. Check out our calendar to see what is going on. We are lucky that the yacht club is available to all members for personal and family events. Many members take advantage of this privilege and hold events at the clubhouse. Most of the time those are birthday parties, anniversaries, memorials, and graduation parties. In order to hold an event at the club, members need to fill out club use requests and submit them to the Vice Commodore or any board member.



# from the Helm

Rear Commodore Jon Hovdahl




The Holidays are upon us and so is the cold! I hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving with friends and family. Christmas and New Years are fast approaching! I hope 2024 brings prosperity to everyone and people get out and sail more! This month has been a disruptive one with the boat hoist giving up and screaming for retirement! A couple of regattas were lost due to the hoist being down. At the time of this writing, I don't know when it will be operational again.

It is time for our annual Bay Fleet Christmas Dinner, December 9 at 4:57 pm. There are only 55 reservations for this dinner and no more! There are no reservations needed for the White Elephant Gift Exchange, which will follow immediately after dinner. Great Lasagna, cheese or vegan with bread, salads, and desserts -- \$15.

Please RSVP to Brett. [brettcross@yahoo.com](mailto:brettcross@yahoo.com)

Please include: Your Name, number of dinners and what type of Lasagna (helps with food planning).

## Great year for DS Fleet

 Fleet 128 held great events this year: the Morro Bay Fleet 128 Championship Regatta, a Sail Trim Clinic and Start Sequence Coaching Session, and the Annual Central Coast DS Invitational. Before going any further a HUGE thanks has to go out to all the people that brought hard (but fun) work to the events that made them fun for all involved - THANK YOU VERY MUCH WE ALL APPRECIATE YOU AND THE EFFORT!

The annual Championship Regatta was held on June 3. This year we raced in the Turning Basin or southern part of the Bay. The day started with typical local "June Gloom" but gave way to a beautiful day with about a 7-10 knot westerly breeze. After the race we gathered to "race around the bar" upstairs in the Yacht Club where amazing sea stories were spun and awards handed out. Those taking podium spots were Greg Miller (DS 111) for first place, Carlton Smith and Judi Sheesley (DS 163), and Dan Hack with Jesse Ferris (DS 316).

**-- Day Sailer Fleet Capitan Charlie Nichols**







## Day Sailer Fleet 128



DS Fleet 128 met on Nov 10 and elected Fleet Captain Charlie Nichols and Secretary Ray Shady for 2024. THANKS to Patrick Gorey for taking on Fleet Captain for 2023! The fleet is once again hosting the annual Christmas Party and White Elephant exchange. Brett Cross is in the lead on the event and taking reservations. Earlier in the fall the Fleet developed input to the 2024 MBYC Calendar. At this meeting we began to encourage leaders for each event. Of course other fleet members will pitch in to help, but each activity will have someone(s) to coordinate. Here's a brief list of the events and activities Fleet 128 has planned and the leaders for each:

- Racing Rules Seminars (tentative Jan 13 and Feb 11) - Chris Surfleet, Jon Hovdah leading. These will be open to all interested sailors
- DS Fleet Start and Mark Rounding Practice (sch Feb 3) - Greg Miller / Carlton Smith leading
- DS Boat Set-up, Sail Trim, Measuring Day (sch 3/24) - Greg Miller / Carlton Smith leading
- Trailer Maintenance Seminar & Workshop (sch Apr 6) Charlie Nichols / Jon Hovdahl leading (This will be open to any interested trailer boat sailor)
- DS Fleet Summer Meeting, BBQ, Fun Sail (sch Sun Aug 25) - Kendall Welch leading

These activities still need leaders:

- DS High Sierra Road Trip Coordinator / Camp Counselor & Cruise Director
- DS Fleet 128 Championship Regatta (scheduled for 8/31, Labor Day Weekend)
- DS Invitational Regatta (scheduled for Oct 26 & 27)

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## Day Sailer Fleet 128

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At our meeting many members talked about “focusing on FUN” in the coming year. Events that increase the fun factor will be added as we get new ideas. Any ideas or thoughts are welcome on this topic!

There are a number of very nice Day Sailers for sale. If you’ve been thinking about joining in the fun of owning and sailing a great trailer boat; now could be your time! Get in touch with Ray or Charlie if you’re looking for a boat.

Finally a couple of reminders:

- 1) Day Sailer Association Dues are due soon - you can pay (or join) anytime. To participate in DS Races the boat owner / skipper must be a paid member. [CLICK HERE TO GO TO DS ASSOC DUES PAYMENT PAGE](https://www.daysailer.org/join-us) (<https://www.daysailer.org/join-us>)
- 2) The DS Fleet 128 WINTER MEETING is scheduled for Friday, Feb 23, 2025. More information will be coming about the meeting.

**-- Day Sailer Fleet Capitan Charlie Nichols**





## From the Galley and Kendall Welch

Commodore's Ball at the Siren, upcoming events

Too bad, so sad if you missed this party. Definitely the most fun



Commodore's Ball I have attended and I received similar comments from many others that also attended. We were able to fit 93 members into the facility, that was decorated with our maritime flags and many boat replicase. The staff at the Siren were so helpful. The food was great, grilled



halibut with a lemon caper beurre blanc sauce, or ribeye steak with a mushroom bordelaise sauce. Yes the steaks could have been thicker but the food was delicious. The band

4 piece band with 2 Hall of Famers, the audience with danceable rhythm melodies. The dance crowded most of the venue, from the full in the garden of the the Siren for the party next year. Don't miss it!!



MiniNova, a Rock n Roll delighted their very and floor was night. Everyone enjoyed the bar, delicious food, to the firepit Siren. We have already booked



December 9 is the Bay and Ocean Fleets Holiday Party with White Elephant gift Exchange, reservations will be required, contact Brett Cross.



# FunFloats



We held our annual FunFloat Halloween Party out on Sandal's Cove again this year. The weather and the tide worked well for us. The whaler made two trips, one to haul supplies and the other to haul people. We all had a very good time. Our parties are pot luck with a little BBQ. There was plenty of food and drink.

Our most recent FunFloat was abandoned due to high winds and potential rain, but that won't deter us. We still have some Fun floats planned for the rest of the year. Our next FunFloat is Friday, December 1st, and on the 15th we'll have our annual Christmas Party with a White Elephant gift exchange. If the weather cooperates we'll have it out on the sandspit, otherwise we'll have it at the clubhouse. It is another potluck event, so plan on bringing some kind of holiday treat to share with the group, and bring a White Elephant gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. As usual, we'll provide a ride to the sandspit if you prefer. We hope to see you there.

We will complete the year with a regular FunFloat on December 30th.



"Prospective MBYC members and their tentative Membership Committee interviews (with brief bios posted in previous Mastheads):

Claire and Robert Erwin, sponsored by Glenda Boatman and Jeanie Roberts, December 1

Beau and Karjana Goddard, sponsored by Aaron Young and David Sheesley, TBA 2024

Tim and Christie Cowan, sponsored by Mike Frye and Tara and Sean Hanlon, January 5, 2024

Jennifer and Mark Manduffie, sponsored by Maryanne Stansfield and David Ray, January 5, 2024

Greg and Jeanie Frye, sponsored by Mike Frye and Sean Hanlon, February 2, 2024

And the following prospective members not previously noted in a Masthead:

Matt McCoy, sponsored by Robert Schwenoha and Armand Boyer. December 1. Matt is the proud new owner of a classic 1986 Menger Cat

boat which he hopes to make available to others in the club once it is refurbished. An experienced and enthusiastic sailor, Matt spent close to a year sailing a 70' schooner throughout the South Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Cynthia Hathaway, sponsored by John & Gwen Krossa and Chuck Losness, February 2, 2024. Cynthia spent 7 years cruising the South Pacific in a 33' Kantola trimaran and currently owns a Westsail 32' sailboat. She has helped design and build numerous boats.

Member REMINDER: Your bill for your annual dues for 2024 will soon be arriving in your email in box. To retain your "Membership in Good Standing" status please remit payment to the MBYC bookkeeper no later than January 31, 2024 (even sooner is preferred). Once your dues have been paid you may collect your 2024 MBYC membership card at Happy Hours and other MBYC events beginning mid-January.

The Membership Committee of Laurie Wright, Lynn Meissen, Rachelle Phillips and Gail Riley welcomes back John Edell as a member. Tom Wright has resigned from the committee to fulfill other MBYC duties in 2024.

## 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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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Morro Bay Yacht Club  
541 Embarcadero  
Morro Bay, CA 93442



# THE MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

## Make a Year-End Donation

### Support our Grow Sailing Campaign

#### ★★★Maximize Your Donation★★★

Employer Match: Your employer may match part or all of your donation to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation (MBYSF).

Bunch Donations: If you itemize your deductions, both cash donations and donated boats and equipment values are deductible. Bunch donations in a single year large donation to exceed the standard deduction limit instead of several smaller donations over multiple years.

IRA RMD Direct: You can reduce the taxable portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by instructing your IRA Custodian to contribute directly to the MBYSF from your IRA.

Donor Advised Fund (DAF): Contribute appreciated assets to a DAF, which will then donate cash to the MBYSF on your behalf. This allows you to receive a tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax on the donated assets.

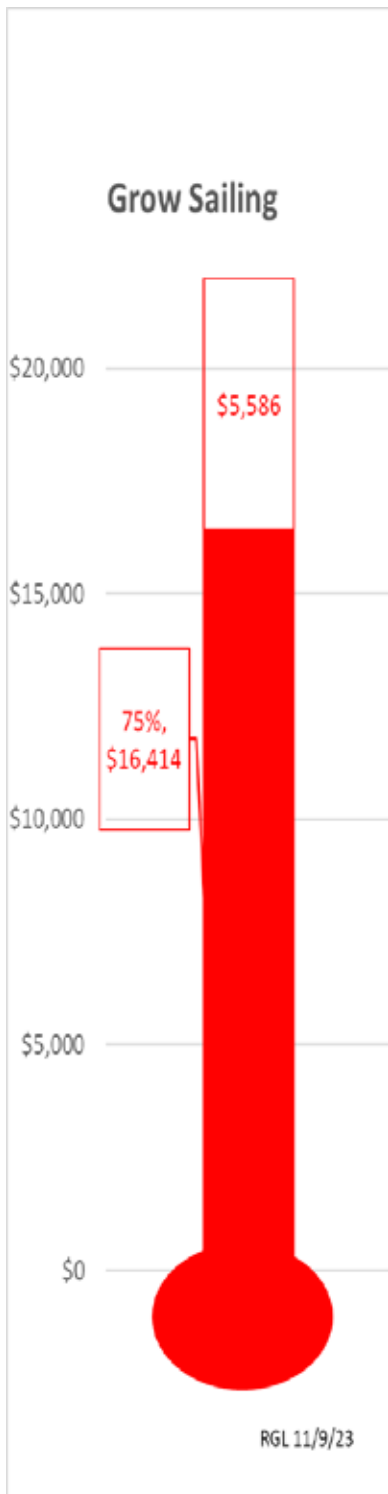
Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT): By designating the MBYSF as a charity in your CRT, you can benefit from certain tax deduction advantages while also receiving an income stream for yourself.

For further information, please contact Rich Leamon,  
Fundraising Chair

Donate cash online at <https://mbysf.org/donations/> or by  
check sent to: MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443

The MBYSF is a non-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue  
Service Code 501(c)3, and donations are tax deductible.

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# Bay Fleet and Friends Christmas Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange

*Saturday, December 9th  
4:57 pm to 8:12 pm*

Not quite a Happy Hour and Appetizers  
4:57pm to 5:43pm

**Lasagna Dinner \$15**  
Traditional, Cheese, or Vegan (gluten free as well)  
(Includes bread, salads, desserts)  
5:46pm-6:28pm  
MBYC

*White Elephant Gift Exchange  
Immediately Following Dinner*

Please RSVP to Brett. [brettcross@yahoo.com](mailto:brettcross@yahoo.com)

Please include:

Your Name

Number of dinners and what type of Lasagna (helps with food planning)



# Your Friday to Volunteer

## MBYC Small Boat Activities

Here are a few reminders about small boat events at MBYC:

- ☐ DS Fleet 128 (sponsored) MBYC Christmas Party / White Elephant: **12/9 5:00pm** (RVSP to Brett)
- ☐ MBYC Bay Fleet Commodores Cup - stay tuned, **re-schedule will be announced ASAP**
- ☐ MBYC Bay Fleet Drumstick - **Nov 25**
- ☐ MBYC Bay Fleet Fall III - **Dec 9**
- ☐ MBYC Bay Fleet Hangover-Race - COMBINED with 2024 Winter I - **Jan 1, 2024**
- ☐ MBYC Bay Fleet Winter II / Founder's Cup - (tentative) - **Feb 17, 2024**
- ☐ DS Fleet 128 Winter Meeting **Feb 23, 2024** - email

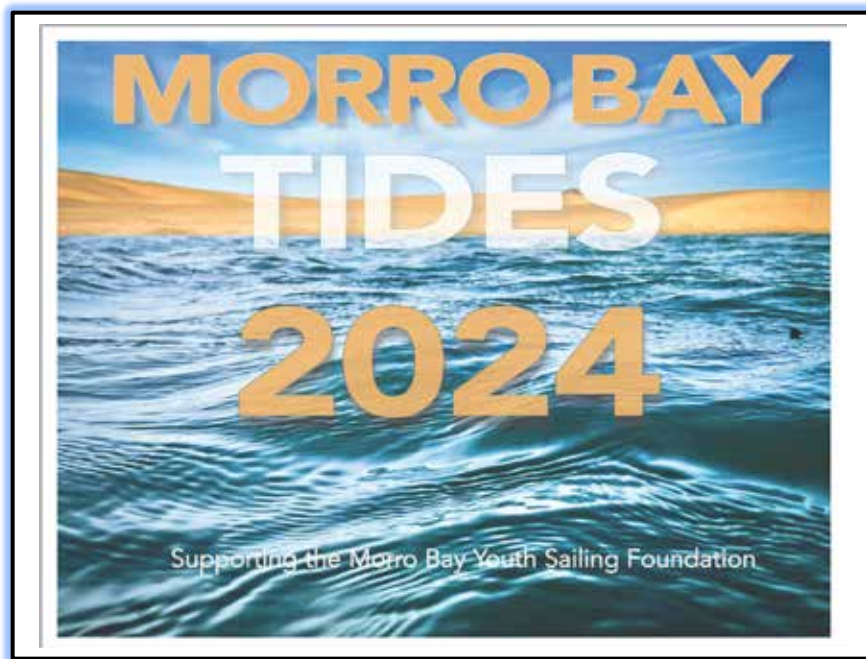
## You Are Responsible

Members are responsible for noting the date of entrance and exit from the dock. If the member does not complete the record, the Daily Assistant Port Captain will do so and the billing will reflect this.

All members get two free dock days which are assignable to another member though exceeding 5 days per month still requires Port Captain approval.

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

# Morro Bay Tide Calendars For Sale!



- Find the best days to sail using our tide charts.
- \$20.00 Donation to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation.
- Available at Happy Hour, December club events, or online at [www.mbysf.org](http://www.mbysf.org). Can be picked up at the club or shipped.



Please support  
MBYC Junior Sailors and Cal  
Poly Sailing!

Thanks to ASAP Reprographics, owned by club member Roger Marlin,  
for the quality printing and support!



# fit to be tied

*A random column knot seen on a regular basis*

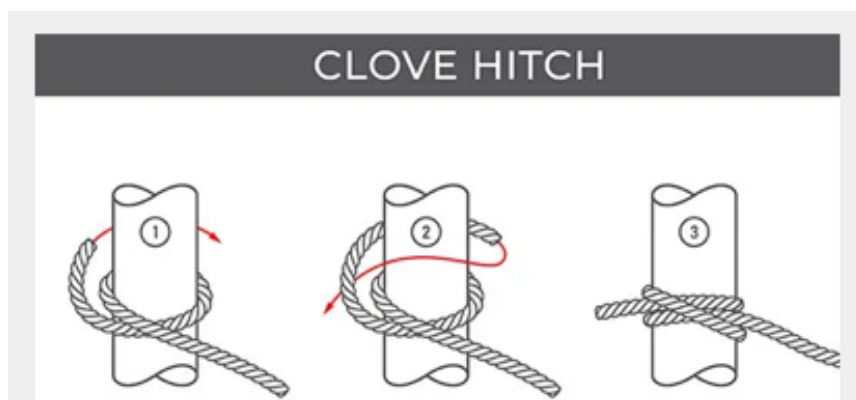
## Clove Hitch

Another “short-term” knot, the clove hitch is quicker to tie, lower profile, and takes up less line than a round turn with two half-hitches. Clove hitches can slip — especially when not under tension — but they’re still a nifty way to tie off quickly to a rail or bar. They have the added advantage of being easily adjustable, which makes them ideal for things like hanging fenders from a railing.

You can make a clove hitch more secure by throwing a couple of half-hitches around the standing part with the tail. Or, substitute a rolling hitch, which is basically a clove hitch with one extra turn, making it a little

more resistant to slipping.

“They have the added advantage of being easily adjustable, which makes them ideal for things like hanging fenders from a railing.”  
**--Boat Outfitters**



## Officers & Directors

**Commodore:**  
John Burgener

**Vice Commodore:**  
Charlie Roberts

**Rear Commodore:**  
Jon Hovdahl

**Treasurer:**  
Tom Ingram

**Secretary:**  
Lucinda Quintanar

**Senior Director:**  
Todd Hansen

**Director:**  
Brett Cross

## Committee Chairs

Port Captain.....	Lynn Meissen
Bar Steward.....	Stanley Craig
Social Director/Galley Chief.....	Kendall Welch
Membership.....	Laurie Wright
Ship's Store.....	Lisa Mia
Junior Sailing Advisor.....	Chris Matson
Ocean Fleet Captain.....	John Krossa
Day Sailer Fleet 128 Captain.....	Charlie Nichols
Laser Fleet Captain.....	Dan Hack
Fun Float Captain.....	Charlie Roberts
SC 27 Fleet Captain.....	John Krossa
Sailing Lessons .....	Andella Soll, Craig Levin
Investments.....	Tom Ingram
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Education Officer.....	TBD
Historian.....	Andrea Surfleet
Chief Risk Officer/Sommelier.....	Rich Leamon
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Library.....	Charlie Roberts
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# *On the Horizon On the Horizon*

## Friday, December 1

*Funfloat*

*5:15pm Membership Committee Meeting*

*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 Meeting*

## Friday, December 15

*Funfloat - Christmas Party*

*6:00pm Happy Hour*

## Saturday, December 16

*Ocean race - Fall III*

*5:00pm Mary Witkowski*

## 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*

*New Years Eve Party - Kendall Welch*

## Monday, January 1

*New Year's Day*

*Hangover - Bay*

## Friday, January 5

*5:15pm Membership Committee Meeting*

*6:00pm Happy Hour*

## Tuesday, January 9, 2024

*6:30pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting*

## Wednesday, January 10,

*6:30pm MBYSF Board Meeting at MBYC*

## Friday, January 12, 2024

*6:00pm Happy Hour*

## Saturday, January 13, 2024

*DS Fleet Race Rules - Seminar Day 1*

*Funfloat*

*3:00pm Jayne Behman - Club Use*

## Monday, January 15, 2024

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

## Thursday, January 18, 2024

*6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg*

## Friday, January 19, 2024

*6:00pm Happy Hour*

## Saturday, January 20, 2024

*DS trailer maintenance seminar*

*Ocean - Ron May Memorial (Winter I)*

*10:00am Budget Meeting*

## Friday, January 26, 2024

*6:00pm Happy Hour*

## Saturday, January 27, 2024

*DS Fleet Sail Trim and Boat Set Up Seminar*

## Sunday, January 28, 2024

*Funfloat*

### THE MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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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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