



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

January 2024

Morro Bay, California

Commodore

Charlie Roberts



Outstanding People On Board

I am very honored to be elected Commodore of our yacht club. I will work hard to ensure that the duties of Commodore will be completed in an appropriate manner. I think we have an outstanding group of people on our board, and I look forward to working with them to make our club the best place it can be.

As a club we have been very lucky to have had Johnny B. as our Commodore. Johnny has accomplished a lot in terms of upgrading and repairing our building and property. He has been an excellent host to all those coming to the club. I really can't express how much I've appreciated working with him. However, I know that Johnny will continue to work on projects around the club, and I look forward to continuing working with him.

We have a core group of members who really take care of all that needs to be done around the club. I want to give a special thanks to Kendall Welch, because she has ensured that

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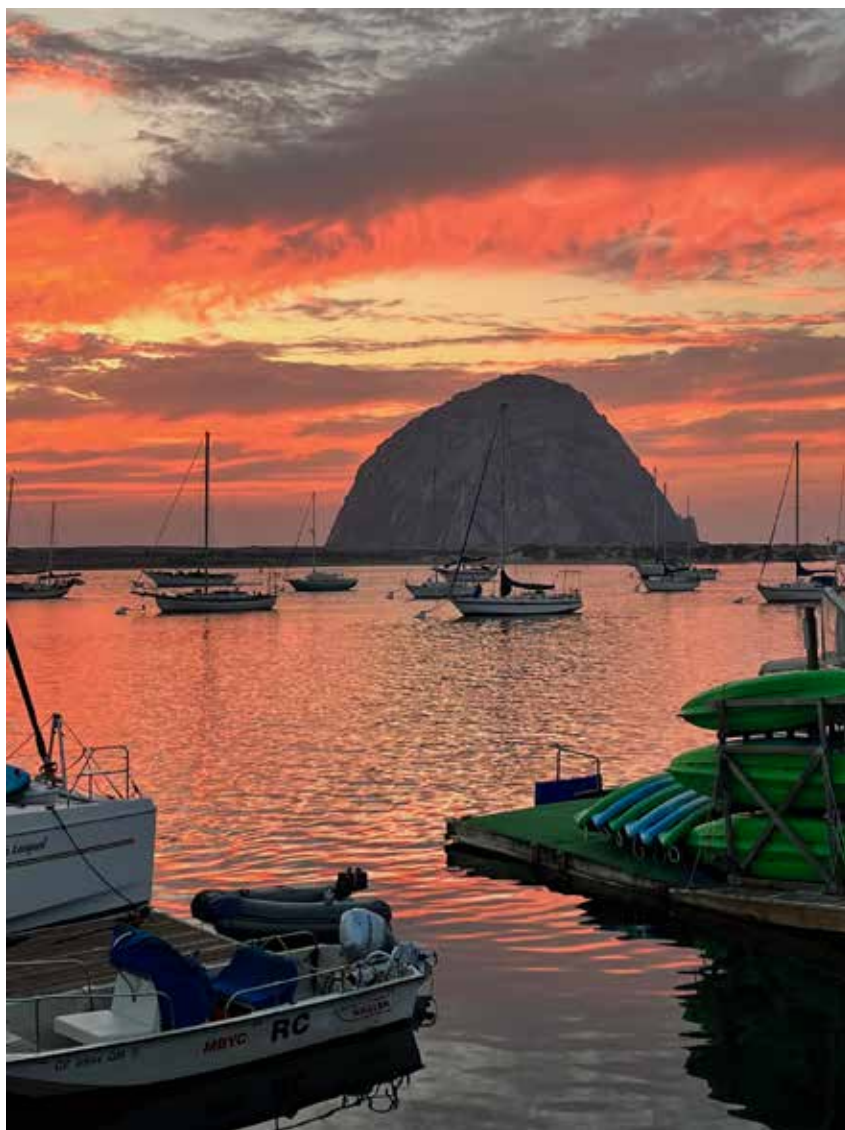
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Dawn
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Brett Cross,
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rector, John
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Core group make things work

all of our social activities have been successful. I don't think we really recognize how much she has done to make sure our club runs smoothly and how much she does around the club. Again, I really look forward to working with Kendall this next year and into the future.

When I refer to our core group of members who make things work, here is the list of our committee chairs and support people that has been approved by the board for the coming year. You may want to contact them directly if you have a question.

Finally, one of the first issues I would like to address as Commodore is making sure our members have a chance to address the board when they believe it is necessary, especially when a board action will resolve an issue. I would greatly appreciate all matters that will require a board action to be submitted to me via email before the board meetings so I can add them to the agenda. I will attempt to send out the board agenda via the "alias" to our members the day before the meeting.



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| Alias/Troll | Don Lockwood |
| Bar Steward | Stanley Craig |
| Cal Poly Liaison | Todd Hansen |
| Chief Risk Officer/Sommelier | Rich Leamon |
| Clean Marine Program | Julie Thomas |
| Emergency Preparedness Coordinator... | Bob Neumann |
| Fleet Captain - DS Fleet 128 | Charlie Nichols |
| Fleet Captain - Laser | Dan Hack |
| Fleet Captain - Ocean | John Krossa |
| Fleet Captain - Santa Cruz 27 | Mark Hilden |
| Fleet Captain - Bay..... | David Sheesley |
| Fun Float Captain..... | Charlie Roberts |
| Happy Hour Coordinator | Kay Frye |
| Historian..... | Andrea Surfleet |
| Investments | Tom Ingram |
| Junior Sailing Advisor | Chris Matson |
| Library | Charlie Roberts |
| Mailing | Rachelle Phillips |
| Masthead Editor | Mark Buchman |
| Membership Chairman | Laurie Wright |
| Club Burgees around the building | Patrice Flack |
| Port Captain | Lynn Meissen |
| Reciprocity Secretary | Glenda Boatman |
| Sailing Lessons | Robert Schwenoha |
| SCYA Primary Delegate..... | David Sheesley |
| Ship's Store | Gail Riley |
| Social Director/Galley Chief | Kendall Welch |
| Webmaster | John Michener |

Laurie Wright photo

Vice Commodore

—Tom Wright



Ahoy from the clubhouse

The end of 2023 saw the clubhouse in full use with meetings, happy hours and events including, a tree trimming party with delicious soups galore, the well-attended lighted boat parade, cookie exchange and numerous Christmas/Holiday parties. A big shout out to the club members that attended these events and a special “THANK YOU” to all the volunteers that make them so successful.

Save the Day: Opening Day is Sunday, April 14th; more to follow.

Our annual workday is just around the corner; participation is one of the few required tasks of MBYC members. We are looking for people to show off their skills, handy-persons, weed pullers, organizers, cleaners, painters, window washers, roofers, plumbers, electricians, dish washers the list goes on. Look for a sign-up at the club. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to where the club needs a little attention, or you have a particular interest please share them with me. We will be planning two workdays this year in an attempt to meet people’s busy schedules.

The House Committee is up and running, this month we are reviewing the house rules, so any input is appreciated. The new Kayak rack is scheduled to be here in January so keep your eyes open for changing conditions on the tarmac.

If you enjoy tending the club bar, have I got an opportunity for you, Become a MBYC Bar Host. The first step is to take the ABC server course, more information to follow or email VEEP.

Start the New Year off right, dedicate a brick at the club and begin or continue your legacy

Thank you for your support and here’s to an super 2024

Days on Dock

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.

— Lynn Meissen, Port Captain



**Paul
Irving
Photo**

The Racing Sheet

- John S. Wimer, Rear Commodore



First, thank you all for your vote of confidence and secondly your offers of support. We are getting the year off to a solid start with a comprehensive sailing and racing calendar. Many thanks to Charlie Nichols for being the mechanic behind the scene. We will also be improving ocean race courses by deploying our own racing marks thanks to the great effort Jon Hovdahl and Chuck Losness put in last year.

The racing calendar is set for 2024 and has been loaded into the master club calendar and I will distribute a specific calendar for each racing fleet in January. I hope to see many of you out in your boat or as crew on another boat.

Speaking of another boat, I am extending an offer to take prospective members out on *Prudence*, either on an ocean race or just a brief cruise as a way to get to know them. I always like an excuse to get out on the water and this is a great opportunity outside of our normal Happy Hours. Sponsors and/or prospective members should contact me to organize an outing. mbyc.rear@gmail.com johnswimer@me.com or johnswimer@att.net (650) 740-0065 cell/text.

It is time to sign up to be the Principle Race Officer (PRO) for the Bay racing events. There is a poster board near the bar in the club and I am keeping a master list which will ultimately be posted on the club website. Contact me with your preferred events and I will get you on my master list.

The Ocean Fleet had a couple of interesting VERY light air races. You could almost call them Floats. During the November race my crew decided to go swimming, so needless to say we dropped out to have some fun. The race on December 16 was nearly the same, but we had just enough breeze to make it around the shortest of the shortened courses. Winter racing at it's lightest - but beats sailing in the rain. Congratulations to Janina for taking home the Fall Series honors and for sailing all three of the races.

Wrapping up the Bay Fall Series and winning the Osos Trophy were Carlton Smith with crew Judi Sheesley. Congratulations on your win and participation in all races! For full series results look to the club website under fleets/Bay Fleet Race Results 2023 and Fall Series listed at the bottom.

Here is a list of events coming up in the near future:

Bay Fleet:

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| Hangover Regatta, Winter I (Founders Cup) | January 1 |
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Ocean Fleet:

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| Ron May Memorial (Winter I) | January 6 |
| Ron May Memorial (Winter II) | January 20 |
| Ron May Memorial (Winter III) | February 10 |

If you plan to race at Huntington Lake this year, remember to make your camping reservations at the first opportunity that you can in early January.

Day Sailer Fleet 128

– Charlie Nichols, Fleet Captain

After an active summer sailing our Annual Invitational and Fleet 128 Championship, the fleet participated in the Club Fall Small Boat “Arbitrary” (Portsmouth Handicap) Series and Osos Cup. A total of 12 fleet members participated in at least one of the three race days of the series during the months of September, October and December. Two DSs completed all three race days with Carlton Smith and Judi Sheesley (DS 163 “Beach Party”) claiming top honors and 2023 Fleet Captain Patrick Gorey and crew Scott Turpin (DS 2574 “Super Wiener”) second. The series win places them on the Osos Cup Perpetual Trophy - CONGRATS Carlton and Judi!!!



The fleet turned to some administrative activities this fall electing a new Fleet Captain (Charlie Nichols), and Secretary (Ray Shady) for the next year. Also several members participated in various calendar input drafting sessions for the Club Calendar. The DS Fleet’s two major events for 2024 are the Fleet 128 Invitational scheduled for October 26 and 27, and the annual Fleet Championship calendared for Labor Day weekend (August 31).

The annual High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake is planned for July 13 and 14. Camp sites are very limited, and if you go make sure to get a camp site soon as they become available for reservations. Reservations for most campsites open on 01/11/2024 at 07:00 AM PST (go to <https://www.recreation.gov/> to look for reservations). Note that the 2025 NACR is to be held at Huntington Lake. This is “THE YEAR” to get up to the High Sierra and get ready for 2025! *Continued on following page*



Day Sailer Fleet 128

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Huntington is said to be one of the “10 best sailing lakes in the world”, and it may well be that. If you haven’t experienced sailing at 7000 feet the High Sierra is surely a “bucket list” item (if you have one of those things). Stay tuned for more notices about getting ready for the High Sierra.

Other events the fleet has planned include another “road trip” to Margarita Lake (getting away from the winter tide changes and resulting current in Morro Bay). Don’t forget that for lake sailing you’ll need a Mussel Permit (separate from the boat registration) or you won’t be allowed into the park!. Mussel permits can be obtained at AAA, the DMV or I believe online at the DMV website. We will have a couple of racing rules clinics in January and February and hope to bring new sailors into the racing family. We also plan to have some on-the-water clinics to practice starts and mark rounding. In April there will even be a hands-on seminar on how to maintain your old trailer bearings.

MBYC’s annual Hangover Regatta is (as usual) on January 1. This year Hangover doubles as the Winter I Series Race also, this will be followed by Winter II on Feb 17.

A couple of re-re-reminders:

Don’t forget to pay your DS Association Dues - go to <https://www.daysailer.org/join-us> and pay-up for 2024 — PLEEEZE!!!

The Winter DS Fleet 128 Meeting will be held on FRIDAY February 23 at 5:30 PM at the Club downstairs. Let me know what you would like on the agenda. One topic will be gathering your ideas for having MORE FUN events next year! We will be encouraging volunteers to help with our two big events: Championship over Labor Day and the Invitational in October. Planning for these events will start soon.

WELCOME ABOARD to our new MBYC members:

Paul Kaspian: Owner of a Cal20 “SeaTea”, Paul is interested in ocean racing events and helping out at the club wherever needed.

Karl and Marilyn Collins: Interested in bay and ocean racing, Karl and Marilyn often sail their Catalina 36, berthed in Santa Barbara, to and around the Channel Islands.

Claire and Robert Erwin: Claire has been actively participating in and volunteering for club events and frequently joins the fun floaters in her kayak. Bob keeps busy as a member of a band but will join in at the club when he can.

Matt McCoy: The new owner of a Cat boat, Matt is looking for other boat purchases and is eager to share his boating experience and enthusiasm with other club members.

In addition to Tim & Christie Cowan (introduced in a previous edition), January Membership Committee interviews include: Mike and Lisa Harrold, sponsored by Charlie Nichols and Jon Hovdal. 10 year long owners of sailboats and powerboats, the Harrolds own a 38 Landfall C&C moored in Morro Bay.

FAREWELL to member Tony Gomez who has moved on to other interests and environs and has resigned from the MBYC.

Now is the time to look over your information listed in the 2 member rosters on the website. Is your contact information correct? Have you listed the type, size and name of your watercraft if applicable? Is your photo in the on-line roster? Send all updates and changes to Laurie Wright. The 2024 printable roster will be available soon. The on-line only roster is kept current throughout the year.

Membership cards will become available in mid to late January for those members in good standing (those that have paid their dues). Unpaid dues are considered delinquent February 1.

-- Laurie Wright, Membership Chair



Paul Kaspian



Kari & Marilyn Collins



Claire & Robert Erwin



Matt McCoy

Fun Floats

FunFloat report Charlie Roberts



Good people, good weather, good food, and good drinks marked our annual Fun Float Christmas Party and White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange. Those who attended will remember this event for quite a while; we all had a very good time.



We ended up spending a long time on the sandspit sharing food, drinks, stories, and gifts. A link to our photos : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4D6rU6ivHHA3qd6M8>

We look forward to another year of good get-togethers on our club's Fun Float adventures. Anyone is welcome to join us. We usually meet and leave the dock at 11:00, head into the bay, and find a spot on the sandspit to have lunch and share tales. All you need to join us is some kind of paddle craft and a desire to be with friends. You can always look at our online club calendar to see the Fun Float dates.

**Upcoming
Fun Floats:
We leave the dock
at 11AM
Saturday -
December 30th
Saturday -
January 13th
Sunday -
January 28th**



Help us Grow Sailing!

Morro Bay Tidal Calendars available
with a \$20 donation.

Scenic photos by club members!

Found at Happy Hours or online at
www.mbysf.org.

Can be picked up at the club or shipped.

Please support
MBYC Junior Sailors and Cal Poly Sailing with donations to the
Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation at
mbysf.org/donations.

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

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:

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Morro Bay Yacht Club
541 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Welcome 2024 - here's the schedule - from the galley and Kendall Welch

January 17, Wednesday, 5:30 PM - Appetizer/Hors D'oeuvres potluck - did you miss your favorite tasty bite because you were too busy going to parties that you didn't make it? Get out the puff paste and filo dough, or whatever tickles your fancy!

February 14, Wednesday, Valentine's Day, 6:00 PM - Reservation will be required - should I be boring and remake the Braised Beef Short Ribs in Port Wine Sauce (Vegie option is Braised Portabella) - stay tuned to the alias for details!

March 17, Sunday, St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Limerick Contest 5:30 PM - Reservation will be required - Even if you think you don't like Corned Beef and Cabbage, this is a very fun evening, as all of our fabulous bards come out of the woodwork!!

April 14, Sunday, Opening Day, 10 AM - Celebrate the opening day of yachting season. Details will be coming out soon!

May 15, Wednesday, Winemaker Dinner - TBD - We need a winemaker

September 15, Sunday, Luau - we likely won't be roasting a pig, but will have some pig parts to savor along with other goodies - our interpretation of a Luau - NO POI!!! Details will come out later

October 16, Wednesday - not sure what this will be, but certainly fun. Maybe a Pumpkin Soiree!

November 10, Sunday - Commodore's Ball at the Siren - band to be announced!

December 4, Wednesday, Tree Trimming Party - Soup Potluck!

| Date | Hosts |
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| May 29 | Board of Directors |
| June 12 | Bay Fleet |
| June 26 | New Members |
| July 17 | Staff Commodores |
| July 31 | Ocean Fleet & Mooring Holders |
| Aug 14 | Junior Sailors |
| Aug 28 | Fun Floaters |

HAMBURGER NIGHTS 2024

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, chips, green salad, and ice cream & toppings- 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.

Awesome '23



Junior Sailing had an awesome 2023 thanks to the support from our Yacht Club members. Reflecting back on my first year as Junior Advisor, I'm thankful for all the help that so many give to our program. MBYC really is a special place.

We finished the year off with a holiday party that was one for the books. Our kids received awards, ate, ran around, and finished off at the Sandspit jumping on the trampoline. We finished the afternoon by throwing a pie in my face and pushing me off the dock. It's pretty shallow at low tide off the South end! They even got to see law enforcement in action and got a lesson in how NOT to behave as a guest. I think all of us at the club that day were very impressed with our Harbor Patrol and MB Police department. It was a pretty wild day at the club. A great end to the year.





Celebrating Holidays Juniors style



Your Friday to Volunteer

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| 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 |

FIT TO BE TIED

A bowline can be used either to form a loop in the end of a line or to tie a line around a piling or rail. Lots of knots can do the same things, but what's special about a bowline is that it doesn't slip and doesn't tighten under load nearly as much as other knots, making it easy to untie.

Those qualities make bowlines ideal for towing and similar applications where lines are under sustained tension. For instance, use a bowline to tie a tow line to your bow eye. Boats tow better when the tow line is attached to the bow eye rather than to a cleat on deck. --*Boat Outfitters*



Southern California Yachting Association



Congratulations, 2024 Board of Directors!

OFFICERS

Commodore: Kathy St. Amant
Vice Commodore: Lee Collier
Rear Commodore: Jodi Masters-Gonzales
Secretary: Lorraine Collier
Treasurer: Chris Haro

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Howard Brenner
Herbert Brown
Themis Glatman
Rosalie Davis-Green
Vic Jedlicka
Scott LaMay
Marie Rogers
Judl Sheesley
Jeanne Stafford
Tamara Tatich

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On the Horizon On the Horizon

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day
Hangover Race - Bay

Friday, January 5

5:15pm Membership Committee Meeting

6:00pm Happy Hour

Friday, January 6

Ocean - Ron May Memorial (Winter I)

Happy Hour

Tuesday, January 9

6:30pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

6:30pm MBYSF Board Meeting at MBYC

Friday, January 12

5:00pm DS Fleet Race

Rules - Seminar

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, January 13

Funfloat

3:00pm Jayne Behman - Club Use

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 18

6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, January 19

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, January 20

Ocean - Ron May Memorial (Winter II)

DS trailer maintenance seminar

10:00am Budget Meeting

Friday, January 26

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, January 27

DS Fleet Sail Trim and

Boat Set Up Seminar

Sunday, January 28

Funfloat

Thursday, February 1

First Day of Black History Month

Friday, Feb. 2

5:15pm Membership Committee

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, February 3

Cal Poly - Team Racing

Ocean - Ron May Memorial (Winter II)

Sunday, February 4

Cal Poly - Team Racing

Friday, February 9

5:00pm DS Fleet Race

Rules Seminar

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, February 10

Ocean - Ron May Memorial (Winter III)

Monday, February 12

Funfloat

Tuesday, February 13

6:30pm Coast Guard

Auxiliary Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 15

6:15pm MBYC Board Mtg

Friday, February 16

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, February 17

Bay - Winter II

5:00pm Stanley Craig

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day

Friday, February 23

5:30pm DS Fleet meeting

6:00pm Happy Hour

Saturday, February 24

Cal Poly - Mustang Regatta Day 1

Sunday, February 25

Cal Poly - Mustang Regatta Day 2

Tuesday, February 27

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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