



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

January 2025

Morro Bay, California

Ahoy from bridge

Tom Wright, Commodore



Ahoy from the bridge

Welcome to the 69th year of the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

2025 will bring many opportunities to be involved with the club:

We have sailing lessons, fun floats, bay races, happy hour, ocean races, wine and song Wednesdays, opening day, St. Patrick's dinner and limerick contest, Cal Poly sailing, and let's not forget work day. Come on out and enjoy the comradery.

We welcome the new board members, Jessie Ferris as Rear Commodore, Ray Shady as Treasurer and Cyndy Fee as Secretary. John Wimer is now Vice Commodore. The 2025 board looks well equipped to handle managing of the club in the coming year.

If you have an idea to improve to club, please bring it to a board member and let's discuss it. Make 2025 the year you get involved at the club.

Officers & Directors 2025

Commodore:

Tom Wright

Vice Commodore:

John Wimer

Rear Commodore:

Jesse Ferris

Treasurer:

Ray Shady

Secretary:

Cyndy Fee

Senior Director:

Brett Cross

Director:

Dawn Huntsinger



Vice Commodore

– John S. Wimer



WELCOME TO 2025!!!!

We kick off a new year with new officers and hopefully better sailing weather. I think we did a good job of providing an opportunity for all members to weigh in on the club calendar. It is all uploaded and online at the club website. Speaking of, we have plans to modernize club e-mail to facilitate communication amongst members. We also plan to make it a little easier to access club documents and the roster. Keep your eyes peeled for an announcement once some of the officers work out any bugs.

An added benefit from some of that organizing is that it should make it easier to contact folks with specific skills when the club is in need of volunteers. I will be ringing a few of you to assist with maintenance and repairs. Tom did a great job last year and has left the club in great shape for 2025. The dock may very well be one of the big ticket items we need to address sooner rather than later. I've heard from a couple of folks, like Terry Paris, that have offered to be on a committee looking at our options. In 2024 we applied for a federal grant to help cover a portion of the costs for a new dock, similar to the grant that we received for our pump-out station. We submitted to the state who in turns submits to the federal government and the state is very supportive of our effort. They've been in contact with us over the holidays to make sure the submission is as polished as possible for submission on January 6.

Now that I am Vice Commodore, please contact me if you notice anything needing attention on the house and grounds and I'll add it to the list (a very common saying at the Wimer household). Same for calendar activities and such. Text or cell is the fastest way at 650-740-0065 and my new e-mail is vice@mbyc.net - like that new e-mail address? You'll be seeing those for all officers soon.

See you at the club and on the water in 2025!

Fun at the Club Christmas Party



Charlie Nichols photo

December at the Yacht Club, from the galley & Kendall Welch



The club was so busy this December that we were unable to fit in the Cookie Exchange. We can enjoy cookies all year round so look for this event in the doldrums of January or February.



The Tree Decorating party started the holiday celebrations. Commodore Charlie Roberts and Staff Commodore John Burgener purchased and delivered a most beautiful Christmas tree. The Wednesday Wine Night crowd and our regular tree decorators adorned the tree with all of the club's ornaments, including our hand carved fleet provided by Dot & Pat Rygh.

Rich Leamon's 80th birthday party took over the first December Happy Hour. He was celebrated by many yacht club members as well as a host of old timers from Rich's working days - way, way, back then!! What a way to turn 80!!

Of course the Lighted Boat Parade could not have had better weather. It was a gorgeous evening and the club, tarmac, and dock were packed with approximately 230 people.

Lots of other private holiday parties, including Jean White's celebration of life, filled the club the rest of the days.



A few of us brave souls paddled out on the last full moon. It was chilly but beautiful.

The Racing Sheet

- Jesse Ferris, Rear Commodore

We spoke too soon, at least for the Bay Fleet when we said the weather had improved. The Drumstick Regatta was a bust. Not enough participants likely due to no wind in the forecast. We had great volunteers. Thanks to Reid Hester, Jim Krossa, Jesse Ferris and Rich Leamon.

The following weekend, December 9, we had a nine boat turnout for Winter I of the 2025 sailing season. Racing was tight and conditions were all over the map. S, SW, SE, S, but the wind speed enabled us to get off two races. Then the wind died, so we all took a brief break. Then the wind went N, NE, NW, N and we decided to sneak in another race with decent wind from 2 - 12. The course was about our only option but we managed some windward and leeward racing. No sooner did we finish all racers and get them to the dock before the wind did a 180 and came out of the South. Whew. Top honors went to Dan and Silvia, with second going to Carlton and Judi. Third place went to the Krossa. Check out the web site for all results once posted for the 2025 season. Thanks to our volunteers for helping to make everything going fairly smoothly: Dave Sheesley, Ingmar Lauringson, Jesse Ferris, Tom Murphey and Karl Collins.



Charlie Nichols photo

December 14 was to be the final Ocean Fleet race for the year. Unfortunately the harbor mouth was closed due to nasty waves and gusty wind. Thanks to John Krossa for being the Ocean Fleet Captain this year and signing up to do the same next year!

We had a great year on the volunteer front with many kudos to the aforementioned

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The Racing Sheet

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members, and all the others who volunteered their time. It is always appreciated. A couple others to note are Lex Budge and Mark Hilden, two consistent and always savvy Race Committee participants. I want to give a huge thank you to Bay Fleet Captain Dave Sheesley. The work he put in behind the scenes and on the water this year has helped the committee continually get better and has really set a foundation going forward so we can keep improving in the coming year and beyond.



Charlie Nichols photo

I also want to announce that we are grateful and excited to have a couple of fantastic gentlemen who will be both be great additions to our racing program this coming year. Chris Surfleet will be taking over duties as the DS 128 Fleet captain, and Charlie Poggemann will be stepping in as the new Bay Fleet captain. These two come in with a lot of experience and will surely add positivity to our racing program.



Charlie Nichols photo

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

Ocean Fleet:

Ron May Memorial/Winter I	January 4
Ron May Memorial/Winter II	January 25

Bay Fleet:

Hangover	January 1
Winter II/Founders Cup	January 18

Membership news:

The MBYC membership would like to express great appreciation for our 2024 Board of Directors and our appreciation for and support of incoming 2025 Board of Directors as they strive to ensure that the MBYC is the best club that it can be.

Thank you to ALL of our MBYC members who contributed so importantly to the success and enjoyment of the club, the dock and Morro Bay waters in 2024!

Thank you to our Membership Committee, to our many committee chairs, to our prospective members who then became members and to their sponsors, and to the MBYC Board of Directors for their support of new members.

Our current membership totals 271, with 25 new individual members and the departure of 26 individual members this year, including the recent resignations of:

Johann & Elanie Smit,

Dale & Carly Kaiser,

Jeffrey Smith & Dana Eagle-Smith

Judy Mahan

May 2025 bring continued camaraderie and positive experiences to those who belong to our treasured MBYC!

Laurie Wright,

MBYC Membership Chair

SLIDER hosts and is annually decorated for the Lighted boat parade by Cal Poly sailors



Cal Poly Sailing having a great year



Happy Holidays from Cal Poly Sailing! Our team has had a very successful Fall 2024 Quarter, between gaining new members, launching a crowdfunding campaign, hosting a very successful gear drive, and more. As the quarter comes to a close, here are some highlights and news we'd like to share:

REGATTAS

Our team traveled to 5 different regattas this quarter. Newcomers and experienced sailors alike braved a variety of conditions, from light-wind races to strong gusts.

EVENTS

We are grateful to have so many involved members who bring our team to life! This quarter featured Halloween contests, wholesome holiday festivities, and the beginning of Signature events to get to know our officer board.

MERCHANDISE

Cal Poly Sailing now has an official merchandise website! Show your support for our team with t-shirts, hoodies, stickers, and more. All of the proceeds go towards our student team members.

<https://sites.google.com/view/cpsailingmerchandise>



**Cal
Poly
Sailing**



Valentine's Day No-Host Dinner

Feb 14, 2025 6:00 – 6:45

**Santa Maria Style BBQ - Tri-Tip, Fresh Salsa, Grilled
French Bread, Tossed Green Salad,
Slow-Cooked Piquito Beans**

Must RSVP

to kendallwelch@hotmail.com

by Wednesday, Feb 12

\$20 payable by chit or cash

**Need volunteers for serving,
cleaning up and bartending**

Check out the Friday you are hosting



Name	Date
Char & Terry Paris	1/3/25
Brian & Lisa Granger	1/3/25
Carly & Dale Kaiser	1/3/25
John Edell & Glenda Boatman	1/10/25
Jeanie and Charlie Roberts	1/10/25
Bob & Claire Erwin	1/10/25
Angela & Mark Soll	1/17/25
Ron & Marlys Boehm	1/17/25
Brian and Andrew Monroe	1/17/25
Clan Mc Clish	1/24/25
Michael & Brooks Measures	1/24/25
Kay Milligan	1/24/25
Kurt & Leslie Colvin	1/31/25
John Michener	1/31/25
Joann Freemire	1/31/25
Jim Kerman	1/31/25
Mike Munger	2/7/2025
Troy & Brooke Wiech	2/7/2025
Brian & Brianne Mulligan	2/7/2025
VALENTINE'S DINNER (reserv req)	2/14/2025
Gary & Peggy Voss	2/21/2025
Carlton & Deborah Paes de Barros/Smith	2/21/2025
David & Sharon Bufo	2/21/2025
John & Susan Wimer	2/21/202



Laurie Wright photos

Funfloats

Funfloat report Charlie Roberts



MBYC Funfloating in the New Year

By Gran Poopa, Charlie Roberts

Get your paddle craft out on the bay for the new year! Going out on the bay with friends on kayaks, canoes, and SUPs is always enjoyable. Sometimes it's hard to set time aside for paddle adventures, but you might make a resolution to do it more often in 2025, and I will try to make the paddles a little more adventuresome.

The weather is often predicted not to be so great for our paddles, but I've found that on almost every occasion the weather has ultimately cooperated with us, and we have had a good time. Typically, we meet at the club for our paddles on days when the tide is high between 11 am and noon. This allows us to go into the bay with the tide, eat a picnic lunch, visit, and then come back to the club with the outgoing tide. That makes the paddle much easier.

Members and their friends are all welcome to join us. We often introduce new prospective members to the events so they can come to meet other members and become more familiar with our club. Anyone is welcome to attend. We usually leave the dock at 11am and are often back to the club between 1pm and 1:30pm. We all take a picnic lunch that we usually eat on the sandspit while we share stories and wait for the tide to change.

There are several paddle craft rental places along the Embarcadero for those who want to join the adventure but don't have a paddle craft available. It's best to get to those places a little early so that you can paddle to the club dock by the time we depart.

Upcoming
Thursday -
January 2
Thursday -
January 16
Friday -
January 31
Valentine's Day
Funfloat Party
- February 14th -
Leaving the dock at
11:30 am



Welcome to the Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club! The MBJYC is sponsored by the Morro Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) to promote youth sailing and boating and is open to children of members and non-members. Over the years, the Junior Yacht Club has amassed a fleet of approximately 19 sailing dinghies, called Optimists and Lasers, in which they train, sail for pleasure, and race. They have their own advisors, who are members of the MBYC.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone between the ages of 8 and 21 with basic sailing experience and the approval of the Junior Advisor. Fulfillment of a MBYC Summer Sailing course meets the requirement of basic sailing experience. A membership application, which is submitted annually to the Junior Advisor, can be found online at [Junior Application](#).

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Committee Chairs

Alias/Troll.....Don Lockwood
 Bar Steward.....Stanley Craig
 Cal Poly Liaison.....Mark Hilden/Sean Hanlon
 Chief Risk Officer/Sommelier..... Rich Leamon
 Clean Marine Program.....Julie Thomas
 Club Burgees around building.....Patrice Flack
 Custodian.....Lori Troft
 Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.....
 Bob Neuman

Fleet Captain - Daysailer.....Chris Surfleet
 Fleet Captain - LaserDan Hack
 Fleet Captain - OceanJohn Krossa
 Fleet Captain - Santa Cruz 27Mark Hilden-
 Fleet Captain - BayCharlie Poggemann
 Fun Float Captain.....Charlie Roberts
 Happy Hour Coordinator.....Kay Frye
 Historian.....Andrea Surfleet
 Investments.....Cyndy Fee
 Junior Sailing Advisor.....Chris Matson
 LibraryCharlie Roberts
 MailingRachelle Phillips
 Masthead Editor.....Mark Buchman
 Membership ChairLaurie Wright
 Port Captain.....Lynn Meissen
 Reciprocity Secretary.....Glenda Boatman
 Sailing LessonsRobert Schwenoha
 Ship's Store..... Gail Riley
 Social Director/Galley Chief.....Kendall Welch
 Technical.....Paul Kaspian
 Volunteer Coordinator.....Joyce McAlexander
 Windows.....Aaron Young
 Webmaster.....John Mchener

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January 2025

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Jan 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
		New Year's Eve	Hangover Regat New Year's Day • 10am Hangove 2 more	Funfloat • 4pm Sea Shan	• 5:15pm Membe • 6pm Happy Hc	Ocean Ron May
• 11am Junior Sa	• 4pm MB Harbc	7	• 10am MBMM E • 3pm Wet Wedr • 6pm Wine and	• 4pm Sea Shan	• 6pm Happy Hc	• 4pm Zeeb Birt
12	13	• 6:30pm Coast	• 3pm Wet Wedr • 6pm Wine and	Funfloat • 4pm Sea Shan • 6:15pm MBYC I	• 6pm Happy Hc	Bay Winter II/Fo • 3pm Surprise I
Junior Sailing	Inauguration Da Martin Luther K	21	• 3pm Wet Wedr • 6pm Wine and	• 4pm Sea Shan	• 6pm Happy Hc	Ocean Ron May
26	27	28	• 3pm Wet Wedr • 6pm Wine and	• 4pm Sea Shan	Funfloat • 6pm Happy Hc	Feb 1 Cal Poly Team F Bay Winter III/Fc

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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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