



# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

March 2025

Morro Bay, California

## *Ahoy from bridge*

**Tom Wright, Commodore**



This time of year, I am thankful that we live here on the Central Coast of California. How many of us have friends or family that are shoveling snow with temperatures in the teens, as you read this edition of the Masthead? Next time you are rigging your daysailor, paddling across the bay, or just enjoying the view from the clubhouse deck, give a thought to those fellow boaters that are iced in for another month, smile and say thank you.

The Club has been a beehive of activity lately, Cal-Poly is back with a full team of enthusiastic sailors, the Founders cup race was well attended, Valentines' dinner was a romantic delight with fantastic food and surprise entertainment that made it a special evening for all.



The Clean Marine team is hard at work making sure that we will be ready for our inspection due later this year. Julie Thomas and her group have spent numerous hours writing, rewriting and collecting the documents to ensure compliance and accuracy.

Boat storage has become a hot topic,

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specifically unused boats in the storage yard and on the kayak rack. If you have a boat in the yard or rack and do not use it, have not used it or will not use it, please move it. You will save money and allow a club member who will use it a place to keep their boat.

Remember to serve alcohol from the bar you need to be RBS certified. The RBS certificate is valid for three years. When training is complete (initial or renewal) please update the log book behind the bar.

If you have a question, comment, concern, idea, complaint, please bring it up to a board member or via the suggestion box so the item can be addressed.

St.Patrick's day, Work day, Spring General Meeting, and Opening Day are all on the horizon,



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*Club Store*  
**New items  
arriving  
in time for  
Opening  
Day**



# Vice Commodore

– John S. Wimer



## Work Day March 15

### *Help make club ship shape*

Work day is around the corner! March 15 with back-up on the 22nd in case the weather is poor on the 15th.

You can put in your requested volunteer activity with me if you have not already signed up on the sheet at the club.

We have a stellar volunteer for windows so that sure is off the list!

Here is a quick list:

•Tighten hardware on chairs and table up-



***Registration for Youth Sailing Camp and Adult Sailing Lessons is now open. The fee is \$450.00 per youth or \$250.00 per adult but relatives of MBYC members get a \$25.00 discount. Go to [mbyc.net](http://mbyc.net) and find the link to whichever you choose. You'll need to write to me at [mbyc.lessons@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.lessons@gmail.com) to***

stairs

•*Inventory and discard bad folding chairs (Johnny B may already have performed this one)*

•Give all bar glassware a good hard hand scrub down

•*Wash the bar towels*

•Scrub tile floor around the bar boat

•*Asses and suggest an appropriate new anti-slam front door closer*

•Identify a new spot light outside the front door to illuminate our sign

•*Come up with a solution for a motion sensor for our porch lights.*

•Give our ships bell a good polish

•Lubricate all padlocks

•*Re-Lash the pennants on dock pilings*

•Clean and organize the storage yard

•*Clean the carpet with a heavy duty cleaner (not to be done on work day)*

•Weed the tarmac or spray weed killer (up to the team on which approach)

•Paint ladies restroom (not on work day)

•*Remove weeds in brick out front*

•Paint lower deck (not on work day)

•*Paint picnic tables (paint time of your choice)*

•Straighten up display burgees (maybe come up with a better method of securing them?)

•DOCK: we need a team to remove and relocate deck screw that are backing out. This will require power tools

•DOCK: As I mentioned in the last Mast-head, we need to assemble a group to come

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up with a dock replacement/repair plan. No time like the present to sign up for that.

•RAIL: On the tarmac just south of the dock ramp. When you are at the hoist or walking down the ramp you'll notice that the posts are rusted through and that the wood rail is rotted. Another no time like the present to get a couple of folks together to figure out how to get it fixed

Feel free to make more suggestions.

Thanks to Commodore Tom for securing a replacement fridge for beer kegs. That will help save Stanley's back.

Speaking of teams, I'm STILL looking for people to become members of the House Committee for 2025. If you have some time to volunteer for that please reach out to me.

*Prudence* now delayed until March. Some things just don't go to plan.

Thanks to those of you that have been giving

Lynn and/or me a heads up on the hoist. We've been able to get it back

up and running very quickly as a result. And thanks to prospective member Josh for lending a hand at the last bay fleet regatta for helping to get a boat out of the air.

Please contact me if you notice anything needing attention on the house and grounds and I'll add it to the list. Same for calendar activities and such. Text or cell is the fastest way at 650-740-0065 or e-mail [vice.commodore@mbyc.net](mailto:vice.commodore@mbyc.net).



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## MBYC Crew

Laurie Wright, Membership

### Greetings from Membership!

Congratulations to two MBYC members on their recent retirement from their service-oriented careers. We wish them many enjoyable years to come and offer our thanks for their years of dedication to community and national safety:

· \* Rose Denny retired in December after 32 years in law enforcement.

· \* Joseph Taverner retired in February after 24 years of active duty with the Special Warfare Group as a Navy Seal.

2025 Membership cards for our members-in-good-standing are available on the left side of the bar.

Laurie Wright, MBYC Membership Chair



# *Morro Bay Yacht Club*

## *Opening Day*

*Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10 AM*

10:00 – Yacht Club open - bar & finger foods, Music  
TBA

11:00 - Opening Day Ceremony

11:30 - More MUSIC TBA

11:45 - Boat Parade

1:00 - Ocean Race

*Morro Bay Yacht Club*  
*541 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442*

If you want to help put this celebration together email

[galley@mbyc.net](mailto:galley@mbyc.net) or text 415-307-3195

# The Racing Sheet

- Jesse Ferris, Rear Commodore



February on the water was a good month, and a busy one, especially for the middle of the winter “off season.” The Bay fleet, Ocean fleet, juniors and Cal Poly are all getting on the water regularly.

The Bay fleet winter series has a solid turnout throughout, and started out the month by finishing up the Founders Cup with Winter III. The series was tight overall and we saw some great races. John Krossa made the podium, with Dave Hensinger second, and congratulations to Carlton Smith and Judi Glover for taking home the 2025 Founders Cup. Big thanks to Patrick Gorey for taking PRO duties Winter III.

The middle of the month brought the Mid-winter regatta. A beautiful weather day until the wind got a bit feisty on us, still race committee got three good races

in, even with an abandonment due to the Chablis. Our sailors did well to avoid an issue after the Chablis sounded their horn, it was not ideal to have to abandon just before the finish, but we have no rights in regards to all other traffic on the water. Please always keep this thought front and center.

Dan Hack and Silvia Suarez came in third, with Sam Groom on the CFJ taking 2nd, and Todd and Joyce Hansen taking first place hardware on a nice day of sailing. Congrats to all. Thanks to race committee PRO Charlie Nichols, Charlie Poggemann and Jim Krossa on the whaler, Prospective member Josh on the deck, and our scorer Rich Leamon.

The Founders Cup on the Ocean had to be cancelled due to Weather.

The Ocean Fleet saw a nice resurgence with 7 boats taking the line in the chase for the Ronald May Me-



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morial and better weather conditions have greeted the Ocean Fleet as of late. Buzz, Janina, Osprey, Slider, Voyager 2, Whizbang, and Geronimo all made appearances. Chris Surfleet on Buzz, finished 3rd overall, Skipper Skip Kirk on Osprey raced in all three series races and took 2nd place overall. Hilden and Krossa on Janina took home the hardware for the 2025 Ron May.



The Spring series pursuit races for the Ocean Fleet are right around the corner. I myself am a big fan of pursuit races. Hopefully we see the boat count continue to rise!

I'd like to extend a big Thank You, to Mark Hilden and Micheal and Brooks Measures for spearheading volunteer efforts for the Mustang Regatta. Race Management has made the difficult decision to cancel the Big Rock Regatta for 2025. Junior advisor Chris Matson reports within the unfortunate news that the juniors are ready for big push in participation this year at the High Sierra Regatta.

Upcoming in March...

## **Bay**

Sunday March 2nd- Bay Fleet "Tune up Day" Casual day on the water

Saturday March 22nd- Day Sailor Measurement Day and rules clinic.

Sunday March 30th- Bay Fleet Spring I (As of this writing this event needs a PRO, for any and all interested parties reading)

## **Ocean**

Saturday March 1st- John S. Mullins Memorial

Saturday March 8th- Spring I Pursuit Race

Saturday March 22nd- Spring II Pursuit Race

Keep in mind everybody, Opening Day is not too far off!!! Volunteers are always welcome, and we always have a good time.






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**MBYC Bay Mid Winter Regatta**  
**Morro Bay Yacht Club**  
 (View in Media Format)  
 (View With Divisions)

**ARB (Portsmouth) (3 Inns) (1st)**  
 Series Standing - 3 races scored  
 Information is final.  
 Regatta results last updated: Saturday, February 15, 2025 3:58:48 PM CDT

Click on race number to view detailed race information.

Pos	Boat	Skipper	1	2	3	Total Pos
1	12118 Four Lines	Neil Jensen (Skipper)	1	1	1	3 1
2	12122 Nels Hays Squamish	Samuel Green (Skipper)	4	4	4	12 2
3	13074 Pines	Don Heck (Skipper)	4	4	4	12 3
4	142 Beach Party	Carlson Smith (Skipper)	5	5	10/9W	17 4
5	1084 Small Frye	Mike Frye (Skipper)	5	5	10/9W	17 5
6	9104 Blue Room	DONALD LAURSEN (Skipper)	7	10/9W	7	20 6
7	14031 Cuddlesong	Mark Miller (Skipper)	3	7	10/9W	20 7
8	13847 Sandbars	Steve Miller (Skipper)	6	7	10/9W	21 8
9	288 Kamea	10/9W 10/9W 10/9W				30 9



## Valentine's Dinner, St. Patrick's Day and more, from the galley & Kendall Welch

Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 14 was one of those epic events that occur at the Yacht Club. Not only were we celebrating Valentine's Day but also Dot Rygh and Tim Volpe's birthdays!! The dinner was fantastic - Tri-tip, Santa Maria beans, Green Salad and garlic bread, with a chocolate cake and raspberry mousse filling. Thank you to all that helped with cooking and clean up, especially Brett Cross, Tim Volpe, Donna Arozena, Robin Wessman and the people that helped clean-up whose names I am forgetting. Carol Vallely surprised us all by introducing her good friend, Steve Lively, who was visiting from the Los Angeles area. Mr. Lively is an accomplished vocal artist (amazing is a better adjective) and serenaded us with some great song selections. Clay Schmitt joined in some harmonizing. What an evening!!!



**St. Patrick's Day is Monday, March 14**, for the annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, and Limerick Contest. As always reservations will be limited, not sure of dessert yet, but will let you know via the Alias. Happy Hour will start at 5, Dinner at 6, and limerick contest 6:45.

**Winemaker Dinner** with Sextant Winery, Wednesday March 26, will have a menu shortly, and very limited reservations on this one. Price will be around \$75 and includes the 4 wines we will be pouring plus a sparkling for before dinner.

**OPENING DAY** is Sunday, April 13. Get your recipes out for those deviled eggs! Music by the Duotones - Ted Waterhouse and Johnny Johnson. Sign up will be out soon!!

# Find the Friday you are hosting



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## Shallow water in MB channel reported to Coast Guard

We wanted to update boaters of Morro Bay Harbor of some changes in the navigation channel in Morro Bay. The Harbor Patrol recently put a Hazard buoy out between the #10 and #8 day markers to warn boaters of increased shoaling along that entire section on the sandspit side of the channel. Keep center channel and make sure to go around the #8 properly.

We have also noticed several high spots center channel between the #14 and #17 markers. Watch your depths while transiting through this area especially at a lower tide. Some areas only have 4-5'.

We are in communication with the Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team and the Army Corp of Engineers for dredging and buoy placement and hope to mitigate these issues as soon as possible. Dredging is planned for the Harbor Entrance in May and the inner harbor main channel in December of this year.

Thomas Murphey	3/7/2025
John & Anika Clements	3/7/2025
Steve & Terri Reeder	3/7/2025
Mark Buchman	3/14/2025
Dave Ray	3/14/2025
Preston & Kari Holdner	3/14/2025
John & Wendy Mitchell	3/21/2025
Ken & Melanie Coble	3/21/2025
John Bodine & Brooke Townsend	3/21/2025
Matthew & Jaqueline Piper	3/28/2025
Tylor & Sarah Mason	3/28/2025
Simon & Hillary Graves	3/28/2025

## Club backyard checkup

Just a reminder to all with boats in the backyard: The policy letter requires all boats stored on club property to have current registration and 2023 stickers. (The state does not but we can make our own rules.) I have recently walked the yard to identify those without current stickers and trailers without names and will repeat this exercise in 2 weeks. Non compliance will invite a notice to vacate the spot.

Port Captain-- Lynn, SV Guayacan



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## Everyone needs to be boat carded

If you enjoy the water, being on a boat, yachting perhaps, it is time to know that 2025 is now mandatory for all people in California, regardless of age, to hold a California Boaters card if they plan to be on the water. It is now the law. Thanks to the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) this card IS NOT tied to the DMV, and therefore is good for life once you pass the test.

As a Yacht Club it is in good diligence for all of us to set a good example around such topics. Please everybody, obtain your card, it's a one-time deal.

You can take the online class or find an in person class to attend There is also a leaflet on the notice board next to the bar at the club with the information needed.

Jesse Ferris, Rear Commodore

### How to get your California Boater Card

- Take and pass an approved boating safety course
- Apply for your card at [CaliforniaBoaterCard.com](http://CaliforniaBoaterCard.com)
- Carry your card while boating



# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Regatta May 17-18, 2025



## Come Join the Fun!

All dinghies and keelboats welcome.  
Four or more races over two days.  
Lake Yosemite, Merced, CA.  
Saturday night BBQ dinner.  
Free tent and RV camping.  
Legendary LYSA hospitality!

*Registration will open in mid-March.*

Contact: Race captain David Strubbe, [dstrubbe@gmail.com](mailto:dstrubbe@gmail.com)

More information at <https://lakeyosemitesailing.org/spring-regatta>



# MBYSF Fundraising Drive Successful!



As of the end of 2024, the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation Grow Sailing Campaign came to a close by raised \$26,540, far exceeding the Goal of \$22,000. Started in 2022, this Campaign gained momentum each year. More importantly, these funds enabled significant growth in Youth Sailing including the following.

- Nine weeks of Summer Sailing for over 100 Junior Sailors
- Thirteen certified coaches and instructors
- Scholarships for summer sailing and instructor certification
- One new FJ
- Maintenance of Opti, Laser & FJ Fleets



The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation will continue to Grow Youth Sailing. Watch for a future campaign to insure further growth.



**Help us Continue to Grow Sailing!**

Donate: [mbysf.org/donations](https://mbysf.org/donations) Mail check to:  
 MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443  
 Questions: [info@mbysf.org](mailto:info@mbysf.org)



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# Where's the oil spoil kit?

Find out Friday March 7 or read here

## Where's the oil spoil kit

"As announced last month, MBYC is re-newing its Clean Marine Certification this spring. At the Happy Hour on March 7th, we will be showing members where our Oil Emergency Clean-Up Kit is and giving a 2-minute overview of what the contents of the kit are and how to use them. See you then!"

## Officers & Directors

Commodore:

Tom Wright

Vice Commodore:

John Wimer

Rear Commodore:

Jessie Ferris

Treasurer:

Ray Shady

Secretary:

Cyndy Fee

Senior Director:

Brett Cross

Director:

Dawn Huntsinger

## 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 - Laser .....Dan Hack  
 Fleet Captain - Ocean .....John Krossa  
 Fleet Captain - Santa Cruz 27 .....Mark Hilden  
 Fleet Captain - Bay .....Charlie Poggemann  
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 Volunteer Coordinator.....Joyce McAlexander  
 Windows.....Aaron Young  
 Webmaster.....John Mchener

# On the Horizon On the Horizon

## March 2025

https://www.morrobyayachtclub.com/

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Cal Poly Mustang	24	25	26 3pm - Wet 6pm - Wine and	27 4pm - Sea Shanty	28 12pm - RBOC 6pm - Happy Hour	1 Funfloat Ocean John S.
2 Bay Fleet tune-up	3	4 7pm - Speaker	5 3pm - Wet 6pm - Wine and	6 4pm - Sea Shanty	7 5:15pm - 6pm - Happy Hour	8 Ocean Spring 6pm -
9 Daylight Saving Junior Sailing	10	11 6:30pm - Coast	12 10am - MBMM 3pm - Wet 6pm - Wine and	13 4pm - Sea Shanty	14 Funfloat 6pm - Happy Hour	15 7:45am - MBYC
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 5pm - St. Patricks	18	19 3pm - Wet 6pm - Wine and	20 4pm - Sea Shanty 6pm - MBYC	21 6pm - Happy Hour	22 ASA 101 Class Day Sailer Class 1:30pm - Ocean
23 ASA 101 Class	24	25	26 3pm - Wet 6pm - Wine and	27 4pm - Sea Shanty	28 6pm - Happy Hour	29 ASA 101 Class Funfloat
30 Bay Spring I	31	1	2 3pm - Wet 6pm - Wine and	3 4pm - Sea Shanty	4 ASA 101 Class 5:15pm - 6pm - Happy Hour	5 ASA 101 Class Sailing Class 6pm - Spring

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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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