



# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

April 2025

Morro Bay, California

## *Ahoy from bridge*

**Tom Wright, Commodore**



## Five opening days in just a month

I had the honor of attending several (5) yacht clubs opening day events last month. We saw everything from a vintage 4 plane flyover, to a ukulele band. There were more mimosas, bloody Mary's and Irish coffee's than I thought possible. We were treated to several breakfasts, a Cuban lunch buffet and had plenty of deviled eggs. We saw some very nice ceremonies as well. Everyone was welcoming and I know that we here at MBYC will be gracious hosts for our friends and guests on our Opening Day.

Speaking of Opening Day, the recommended wear is your finest yachting attire. Red, white and blue are the colors of the day. Dust off that blue blazer, shine up those white shoes, it's Opening Day.

Sunday April 13, 2025 10 am registration - 11 am Ceremony, everyone who registers receives a free beverage.



*LMia photos*



The Club is looking rather ship shape with work days a big success. Thank you to all those who participated. Remember, we are an all-volunteer club and you do not have to wait for work day to help out.

Spring General Meeting is Saturday April 5 at 6 pm.

Come find out the state of the club and where this year's board is going to take us. If you have a question or concern, now is the time to bring it up.

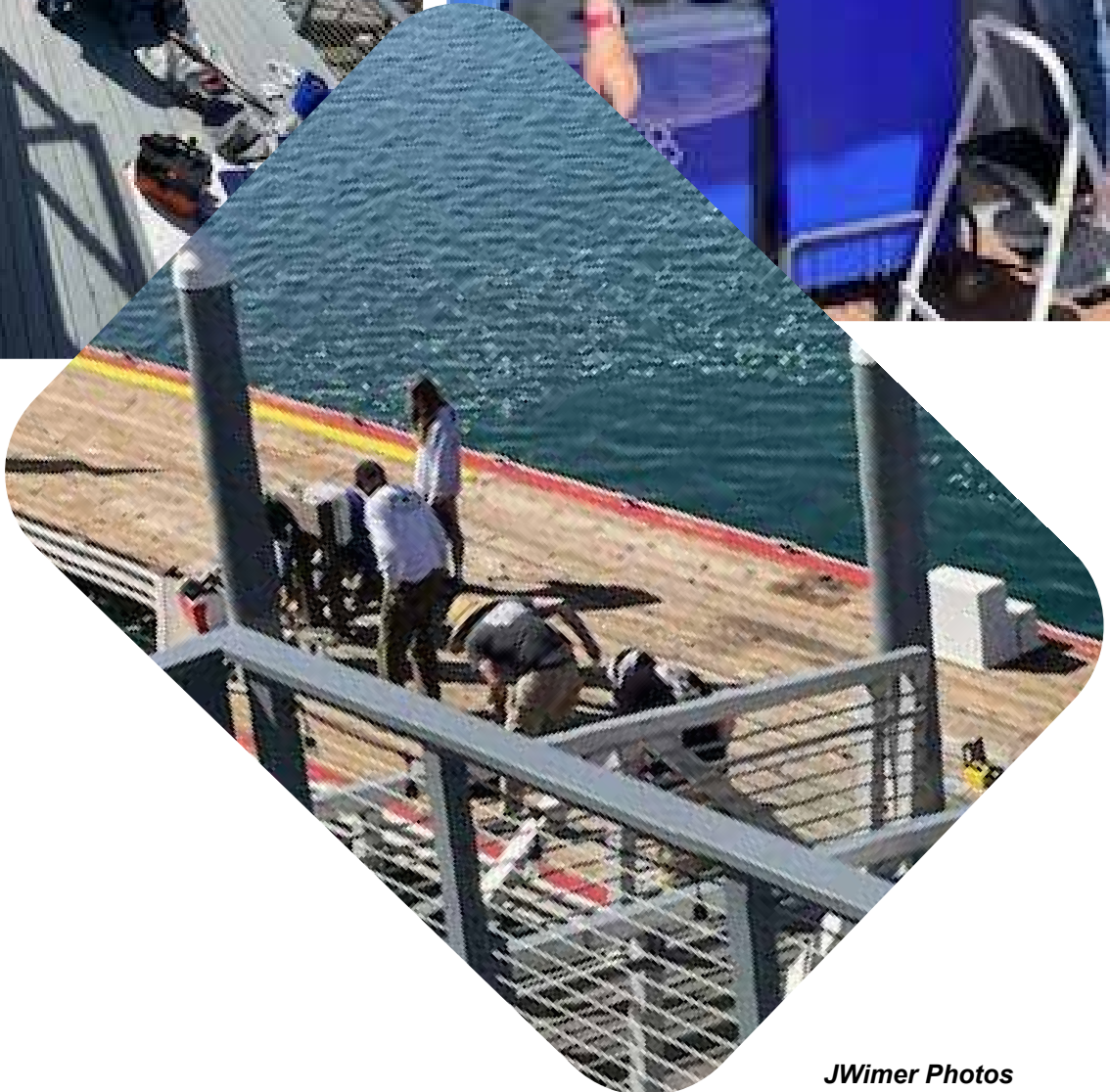
Bay races, ocean races, dinners, sailing classes, happy hours, fun floats, check the calendar and come on down and enjoy your club.

# MBYC Work Days



*LMia photos*

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Michael Manchak hard at work



Laura and Charlie McCarren painting club tables



Julie Thomas cleaning up the club landscape



Freshly polished bell  
thanks to Michael  
Manachak, Claire Erwin  
and Greg Barker

*LWright photos*



# Vice Commodore

– John S. Wimer

## Volunteers' work makes MBYC ship shape



Work day was a great success. Actually, there were two work days with the second day picking up with activities that were identified on the first day. Both days had great participation and the club is nearly ready for opening day. A couple of chores left that could not be done with other folks at the club and we'll be set to go.

Monday the 24th saw beautiful weather so John Edell, your Commodore and Vice got into grey paint and actually spread some on the lower deck. A special thanks to Aaron Young who spent the entire day cleaning the carpet. The odor is gone and you can now tell the carpet is blue. The warmth on the 24th and 25th really helped dry the paint and the carpet.

I'm looking for an electrician to help with lighting outside the front door. Anyone qualify before I hire an electrical outfit?

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*LMia photos*

# Vice Commodore

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## Repair rather than replace entire dock possible

The ideas for repairing the handrail near the hands are plentiful. We will be consulting with an engineer to make sure we get it right. More news on that front to come.

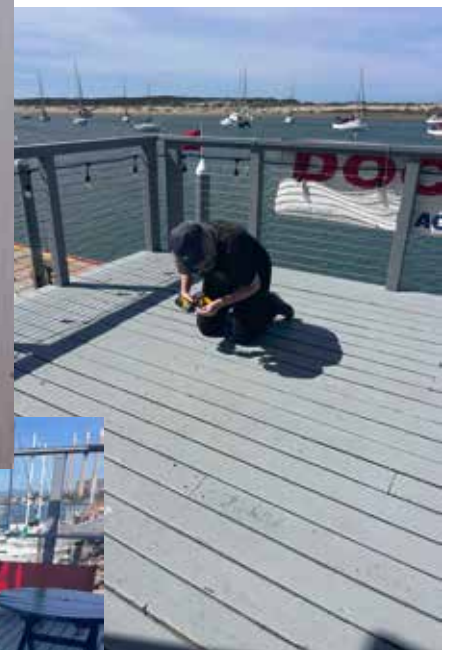
Several folks looked at the original plans for the dock and we may be able to find a way to repair it rather than replace the entire dock. This is a project in the works.

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.

See you at the club and on the water!



*Mia Bernt Director RBOC, Linda Blue VP of RBOC in the north, John Wimer, VP MBYC Representative Dawn Addis, Lee Coller SCYA Commodore*



*LMia photos*



# *Morro Bay Yacht Club*

## *Opening Day*

*Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10 AM*

10:00 – Yacht Club open - bar & finger foods, Music  
by the Duotones

11:00 - Opening Day Ceremony

11:30 - More MUSIC by the Duotones

11:45 - Boat Parade

1:00 - Ocean Race

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

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

# The Racing Sheet

- Jesse Ferris, Rear Commodore



## Fleets get ready for Spring Series

March on the water seemed to be the month of anticipation for the Bay fleet.

The month started off with a casual tune up day on the water and learning day on the race committee front. We also had Day Sailer measurement day as the anticipation and preparation for the 2025 North American Championship Regatta at Huntington Lake continues. It will be a good year to be at the High Sierra Regatta, as it always is!

The Mullins Memorial kicked off the month for the Ocean fleet, with Buzz, skippered by Surfleet, taking the honors. The Ocean Fleet got their Spring series pursuit races underway. Janina took first in Spring I. Spring II saw Tommy Jenkins on Errant Belle take first, Janina 2nd, Mistress Quickly 3rd.

The last weekend of March saw the start of the Spring series for the Bay fleet. April is the month where things start kicking into gear, the anticipation of Opening Day, and lots of days on the water.

Hope to see you at the club and on the water!



*JFerris photos*

### Upcoming in April

#### Bay

Opening Day- Saturday April 12th-  
PRO- Robert Schwenoha

Spring II- Saturday April 26th- PRO-  
Hansens

#### Ocean

Opening Day- Sunday April 6th

(May 3rd) Spring III

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Charlie Poggemann at [mbyc.bayfleet@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.bayfleet@gmail.com) of Jesse at [rear.commodore@](mailto:rear.commodore@)



Wishing all of our members a beautiful Spring season!

With great regret we say good-bye to Tom Tidyman, a member since 2007 and former Membership Chair, as he crossed the bar as Spring arrived. Tom's cheerful demeanor brightened the walls and decks of the club and the spirits of our club members. We extend our condolences to Tom's circle of family and friends and send him on his way with delightful memories.

We have sadly also learned about the recent passing MBYC member Bryan Griffiths. Our sympathies are extended to Bryan's wife Kelly and his extended family and friends as Bryan is wished fair winds and following seas as he crosses the bar.

The following members have resigned from the MBYC:

- Richard Evans
- Gavin Payne
- Scott Lewis and Rita Cassaverde

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Will and Judy Bellis are sponsored by Mary Witkowski (their daughter) and Terry Paris. The Bellises are long time and well-traveled sailors, having sailed in Alaska, from Costa Rica to Panama, and out of numerous ports in between. They

currently own a Day Sailer and a Cortez 22 power boat. They have become increasingly active in MBYC Bay races



and are eager to help with our Junior Sailing program.

Thank you to all who chipped in on our scheduled 2025 WorkDays. There are a multitude of ongoing projects that members can help with throughout the year: volunteering with projects and hosting Happy Hour are required criteria for membership.

**REMINDER:** The bi-annual General Membership Meeting is coming up on Saturday April 5 at 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to come learn about the status of the club, planned projects, updates from the Board of Directors and committees. This is members' opportunity to ask questions and to offer suggestions and support. 40 memberships are required to be in attendance in order to vote on club proposals, changes to bylaws and vote in club elections.

Our annual OPENING DAY ceremony is scheduled on SUNDAY, April 13. Historically among yacht clubs this is an event filled with both traditional pomp and circumstance, entertainment, musical performances, delicious goodies (please contribute your finger food/brunch items to the table), brief speeches, member recognition, and a number of fun surprises. Dust off your blue blazer, boater's hat, and white pants: traditional and expected attire to be worn to the festivities. We hope you'll attend!

# Limerick Contest Winners, Opening Day, from the galley & Kendall Welch



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I've cooked the cabbage and corned beef

The Guinness cupcakes, what a treat!

We'll then take some time

To see who can rhyme

Warm regards from your galley chief!

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Second Place - David Gleffe, 3/17/2025

At Morro Bay's yacht club, they say,  
The sailors get loose in the bay.  
With a wink and a grin,  
They invite the ladies in,  
And drop more than anchors to play!

Third Place - Pat Rygh, 3/17/2025

As virtuous leaders, the Kurmudgons stand tall  
An example of inspirational life for us all  
But a wee bit of whiskey  
That makes us feel frisky  
Makes living our life seem more like a ball

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# Which Friday you are hosting

## *MBYC Ship's Store* New items arriving in time for Opening Day



Lisa Mia & Steve Williams	4/4/25
John Burgener	4/4/25
Kendall Welch	4/4/25
Lori Toft	4/4/25
Kay & Mike Frye	4/11/25
Christine & Joseph Tomlinson	4/11/25
Sue & Dick Watson	4/11/25
Richard & Susan Schermerhorn	4/18/25
Anthony Gomez	4/18/25
Freeman Tideback	4/18/25
Andrew Bartlett	4/25/25
Brian Coggins	4/25/25
Cinnamon & Jason Redd	4/25/25
Doug & Shelley Rogers	5/2/25
Cynthia Hathaway	5/2/25
Ralph & Wendy Lewis	5/2/25
Kathy Egan	5/9/25
Marleen McQueen	5/9/25
Tara & Sean Hanlon	5/9/25
Robert & Lori Fiori	5/16/25
Greg & Rosie Larson	5/16/25
Bill & Nancy Albrecht	5/16/25
Reed & Hester	5/23/25
Laura & Ken Green	5/23/25
Marty & John Hovdal	5/23/25
Tom & Nancy Andersen	5/30/25
Yolanda & John Pederson	5/30/25
Ingmar & Sally Lauringson	5/30/25

# Sailing Through History

- Andrea Surfleet, Historian

## Stink-pots and sails -- 70 years

Next year we'll celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a volunteer boat club, built from the water up, that has been an important part of the boating community in Morro Bay for many years.

Formed in 1956 by the young sailing family of Ken Jenkins, and a retired stink-pot (motor boat) owner, Barney Pike, they were introduced by friends who heard them both asking about a boating group.

In Ken's words, "Barney Pike and I both agreed that what the area needed was a boat club for all comers, whether they were fishermen or stink-poters or sail boat people. Of course, there were only about three sailors in the area at that time."

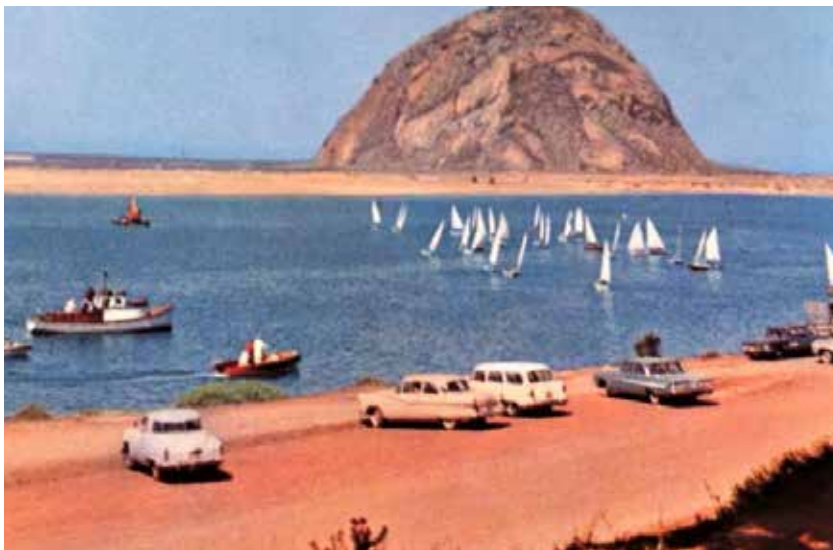
They spread the word that a club was to form and twenty people met at Barney Pike's home in the little bunker house at 180 Main Street, at the corner of Piney Way. That was likely in the spring of 1956.



They quickly organized themselves with officers and held meetings in the Grange Hall. Dues were \$1 per month with initiation fees of \$5 for family membership and \$3 for singles.

By April 1957, the Morro Bay Yacht Club was recognized as a non-profit corporation whose primary purpose was to promote boating. The thirty-three charter members stepped immediately into that role. Since then, the MBYC has helped

the harbor and boating community in enumerable ways. Read more at <https://www.mbyc.net/history-of-the-morro-bay-yacht-club/>. Stories and pictures of the club's achievements for the last 70 years will be shared in this column in the run-up to 2026. Archives will be added to the history section of our website. **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Planning**: Please send ideas for ways to celebrate and/or offers to help to Andrea Surfleet at [atsurfleet@gmail.com](mailto:atsurfleet@gmail.com). We're putting together a planning group now and look forward to hearing how you'd like to mark this important milestone for the Morro Bay Yacht Club.



**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
Planning group forming and seeking ideas for celebrating.  
Contact  
[atsurfleet@gmail.com](mailto:atsurfleet@gmail.com).

## Funfloaters Paddling Into Springtime

We have had a few issues with inclement weather that has affected attendance at our Fun Floats, so I hope conditions improve. We had to postpone our last Fun Float for a couple of days to avoid paddling in the rain. When we rescheduled, attendance wasn't big, but it was a really good float. We have been seeing lots of wildlife: shorebirds, migratory birds, otters, harbor seals and sea lions. The bay is quite active.

As usual we meet at the yacht club and leave the club dock at 11 AM. The Fun Floats are scheduled for when the tide hits its high point around noon. That allows us to paddle with the tide back into the bay. We eat a picnic lunch, chat for a while, and come back with the outgoing tide. We usually return to the dock between 1 and 1:30 PM.

Fun Floats allow prospective members a chance to participate in "on the water" club activities. Anyone is welcome to participate. Fun Floats members and prospective members interact with each other in a very fun and relaxed way as well as to enjoy nature and the wonders of the Bay.

I would like to encourage any club member or prospective member to come and join us for a short float outing. Our Fun Floats take place just about every two weeks. Members whose paddle craft are

**Upcoming Fun Floats:**  
Saturday, April 12  
Sunday, April 27  
Sunday, May 11





stored on the dock should certainly get them out on the water with friends and not just use our paddle craft racks for storage space.



I send a notice out to our Fun Float mailing list a few days before each Fun Float to remind those on the list about when our next float will take place. If you want to be added to that list, please send me an email. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. My email address is [chasmoes@gmail.com](mailto:chasmoes@gmail.com).

**--Charlie Roberts, Grand Poopah**



## **ASA classes begin with discounts available**

The first of the ASA sailing courses for 2025 is going to set sail on April 4-5-12. There are two people signed up and room for 1 more. Check the Yacht Club web site to sign up and for future courses. In 2024 there were 12 participants with 8 certified and one with partial completion. Students spend about 10 hours in the bay sailing and crewing. The balance of the time is spent rigging the boat, reviewing the work book, terminology and learning knots. Completion of the 20 hour course will have participants proficient in

safely handling up to a 30 ft. sailboat.

NEW FOR 2025, several discounts being offered. 10% off the ASA 101 Course fee if you complete the MBYC Adult Learn to Sail Course first. 10% off the course fee if two people sign up together. 25% off if you are a member in good standing of MBYC and challenge the course.

You can sign up on the MBYC web site, please reach out to me if you have any questions.

# 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>





# Registration for Youth Sailing Camp and Adult Sailing Lessons is 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 confirm your discount for a relative. We're looking forward to another great summer. Bob Schwenoha



## 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  
 Fun Float Captain.....Charlie Roberts  
 Happy Hour Coordinator.....Kay Frye  
 Historian.....Andrea Surfleet  
 Investments.....Cyndy Fee  
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 Masthead Editor.....Mark Buchman  
 Membership Chair .....Laurie Wright  
 Port Captain.....Lynn Meissen  
 Reciprocity Secretary.....Glenda Boatman  
 Sailing Lessons .....Robert Schwenoha  
 Ship's Store..... Gail Riley  
 Social Director/Galley Chief.....Kendall Welch  
 Technical.....Paul Kaspian  
 Volunteer Coordinator.....Joyce McAlexander  
 Windows.....Aaron Young

# On the Horizon On the Horizon

April 2025

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## 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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