



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

May 2025

Morro Bay, California

Ahoy from bridge

Tom Wright, Commodore



WOW, What a spectacular Opening Day event. The weather cooperated, the food was devoured, the water cannon squirted, the band played on, the bay was filled with sea shanty music and laughter.

We hosted over 120 people, all dressed up in their finest nautical attire. We had 22 guests from eight different

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MBuchman(L), MWitkowski (R) photos

Ahoy from bridge

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Yacht clubs and too many MBYC Staff Commodores to count. The boat parade was a highlight with both members and guests. Thank you all who attended. Any photos of the festivities would be appreciated.

Thank you to all of the members who helped to make Opening Day 2025 so successful: At the door, at the gate, in the kitchen, handling chairs, moving furniture, decorating, the coffee bar, the cooking, the serving, you get the idea. You all did an excellent job and really demonstrated how a volunteer club functions. If anyone has a suggestion or a lesson learned from opening day, please send them to me via email. mbyc.comm@gmail.com



As you all know, prices have gone up. Our insurance premiums took an unexpected jump this year and we are facing increased costs across the board. The board has discussed the idea of an increase in fees based on the CPI. (Consumer Price Index) This



increase will have to be approved by you, the members. We will have a presentation and vote on any fee increases at the November General meeting. If you have any ideas, please submit them to any board member.

Next on the horizon, the start of Hamburger nights, Wet Wednesdays, Summer



Sailing, ASA sailing, the High Sierra Regatta, fun floats, bay races, ocean races, and what better place to come and sit and relax than on the deck. Come out and enjoy your club.

LWright photos



*LMia
photos
left, above*



Andrea Surfleet photos above



Opening Day 2025



Mbuchman photos



Vice Commodore

— John S. Wimer



Our collective hard work in March paid off as the club and grounds were in good shape for opening day. That also means they are in pretty good shape for the boating season to kick into high gear.

I asked this before and heard nothing but crickets. Anyone want to volunteer to help with lighting outside the front door before I hire an electrical outfit?

We'd like to make it operate with motion, photosensor & timer.



The railing near the hoist project is floating to the surface I chatted with an engineer, new member Will Bellis, and think there is an appropriate solution to make sure we get it right. Next up will be drawings and then fabrication and installation. I am looking for volunteers for all stages of this project.



Mark Hilden noticed that the limit switch was broken on the hoist and notified me. Rod Marble and I showed up to assess the situation and while staring at the hoist Kevin Williams volunteered to repair it. Timing is everything. While using the hoist please be mindful of how high the lead weights go and keep them well below the max.

Speaking of Kevin Williams, he was looking for another project to help the club and singled out refinishing the wooden stairs in the club. We'll arrange to close the club so that he can spiff up our stairs. Look for a notice



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MBuchman photos

Vice Commodore

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via the alias.

By the way, did I mention that the dock project is a long term project? Add your name to the list if you would like to help.

Lastly, by the time this Masthead is published, *Prudence* should be back in Morro Bay.

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!



LWright photos



The Racing Sheet



“Open season on the open seas, and the captain says ‘No prisoners, please’” Jimmy Buffett, Take it Back

April gave us some really nice weather windows to get out on the water. Not always a guarantee in Spring, and our Opening Day Ceremony and boat parade saw a great turn-out from visiting guests and officers.

The Bay fleet saw 11 boats take to the water on Opening Day with four races being held. We once again saw a nice turnout as well as an RS Aero, Banshee, and CFJ in the mix

with the Daysailers. Nice to see some variety and good number of boats on the water! Charlie Poggemann reported a good and spirited day of racing with some windows of challenging conditions. Dana McClish took 3rd, followed by Todd Hansen 2nd, and Carlton Smith and Judi Glover took the first-place hardware for this year's Opening Day!

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***Judy Glover aboard Lady Mermaid
Opening Day and Juniorrs compete at
harbor mouth MBuchman photos***



The Racing Sheet

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Congrats to all, and a good day on the water I would also like to extend a big Thank You for Bob Schwenoha and crew on Race Committee.

For the Ocean fleet five boats took to the start line. Though a good day of racing was had, there continued to be moments where the wind was more conducive to surfing rather than sailing. Smith and Hensinger on Mistress Quickly took 3rd, team Krossa on Janina got second, And Team Jenkins on Errant Bell took home Opening Day honors in 2025. The Juniors continue to be active on the water, and advisor Chris Matson is happy with the regular positive turnouts.

May is looking to be a good month on the water. pursuit racing finishes up the Spring series for the Ocean Fleet. Laser slalom, Day Sailor fleet 128 Championships, and the Optimist championships are all on the horizon for Memorial Day weekend. Summer is almost here. Whew, lets hope the fog stays a bit offshore.

Ocean

Saturday May 3rd Spring 3, final pursuit race

Bay

Saturday May 10th Laser Slalom

Sunday May 11th, Junior sailing

Saturday May 24th DS Fleet 128 Championships

Sunday May 25th Laser Championships

Monday May 26th MBJYC Jack Johnson Optimist Championships

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated

Memorial Day weekend is looking busy as always with lots of activity around the club. Come on down and spend a good day on the water with your fellow club members.

For details on Ocean racing please contact John Krossa, mbyc.oceanfleet@gmail.com

For Bay racing and Race Committee inquirers and volunteering, Charlie Poggemann, mbyc.bayfleet@gmail.com or Jesse, mbyc.rear@gmail.com



Opening Day on the deck. MWitkowski photo



MBYSF Fundraising Drive Launched!

The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation
Funds Continue to Grow Youth Sailing by
Building on the Success of the Grow Sailing Campaign

\$15,000 for Two New Optis and Trailer

- * Two New Optis will support continued growth of Junior Summer Sailing
- * A Multi Rack Trailer for Optis will allow our Juniors to attend away Regattas
- * Continuing a strong, safe, quality junior sailing program
- * Grow a future generation of sailors and future new MBYC families and members



\$10,000 for New Sails & Trailer Cal Poly Sailing

- * Growth of Cal Poly and the resulting heavy use of our FJ Fleet requires new sails
- * A new Multi Rack Trailer for FJs will allow Cal Poly Sailors to attend away Regattas
- * Continued growth and quality for Cal Poly Sailing



Help us Grow Sailing!

Donate: mbysf.org/donations Mail check to:
MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443
Questions: info@mbysf.org



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**MBYC 70th
Anniversary
Celebration**
Planning group forming
and seeking ideas
for celebrating.
Contact
atsurfleet@gmail.com

The MBYC is happy to welcome William (Will) and Judith (Judy) Bellis as our newest members. Owners of a DaySailer and a power boat, the Bellises are eager to participate in club activities and races, support the youth sailing program and become a valuable part of our club membership. Having sailed from Panama to Costa Rica, and recently the Caribbean, they will continue to enjoy the waters of our own Morro Bay and the Central Coast.



Please remember that our bi-annual MBYC General Membership meetings (April and November) are an important source of club information for our members. They provide the opportunity for member input and recommendations, voting on proposals, and electing the flag officers and Board members for the following year. A quorum of membership is required to be present to vote. Do mark your calendars for the next General Membership meeting on Saturday November 1.

**Opening
Day
2025**

MWitkowski photos



Opening Day, Hamburger Nights - from the galley & Kendall Welch

OPENING DAY was Sunday, April 13. We had a full house, and maybe we needed some more deviled eggs!! I am definitely going to add jalapeno poppers to our list of required foods, as those went in about a minute along with the eggs. Everyone looked great! Surprise visit from Roger Case, Staff Commodore from 1969 and his lovely wife. Paul Irving was awesome on the trumpet, as well as Zeb Taverner and Sean Hanlon on the cannon. Of course a big thank you to all that participated in the event!



Hamburger Nights are set to resume on June 4, 2025, to proceed every other week through the summer - check the Calendar at mbyc.net. Burgers are served from 5:30-6:30, and dessert from 6:15-6:45. The meal includes burger fixings, green salad, chips and ice cream sundaes for dessert, with an occasional bread pudding thrown in. We ask that you make reservations so food is not wasted but will always make 10% over reservations for drop-ins, transients and guests - its a rare occasion we don't have an extra burger laying around. Reservation requests should be sent to galley@mbyc.net or texted to 415-307-3195. If you would like to help along with the voluntold lists let us know.

**Which
Friday
you are
hosting**

*Mother's Day
Gifts In The
Ship's Store*



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| Doug & Shelley Rogers | 5/2/25 |
| Cynthia Hatheway | 5/2/25 |
| Ralph & Wendy Lewis | 5/2/25 |
| Kathy Egan | 5/9/25 |
| Marleen McQueen | 5/9/25 |
| Tara & Sean Hanton | 5/9/25 |
| Greg & Rosie Larson | 5/16/25 |
| Bill & Nancy Albrecht | 5/16/25 |
| Roid Hester & Shannon Donahue | 5/23/25 |
| Laura & Ken Green | 5/23/25 |
| Marty & John Howdall | 5/23/25 |
| Tom & Nancy Anderson | 5/30/25 |
| Yolanda & Jim Pederson | 5/30/25 |
| Ingmar & Sally Lauringson | 5/30/25 |
| Jeff Eckles | 6/6/25 |
| Gwenn & John Krossa | 6/6/25 |
| Jim Krossa | 6/6/25 |
| Jody & Tom Ingram | 6/13/25 |
| Gail Condon | 6/13/25 |
| Chuck Loiness | 6/13/25 |
| Doris Peir's 70th+Gammitt & Lockwoods | 6/20/25 |
| Tim French & Leah Bailey | 6/27/25 |
| Laura & Charles McCarran | 6/27/25 |
| Dave & Alicia Shinn | 6/27/25 |
| 4th of July no host/official plans TBA | 7/4/25 |

There is no doubt that the weather hasn't been particularly good for some of our last Fun Floats. The winds can be a bit hard to battle when paddling around on the bay, so



Some of us can manage not to get our feet wet.

understandably attendance at our events has been reduced a bit, but I'm sure we'll see better weather soon. There is no Cinco de Mayo Fun Float party this year, because I won't be around then,

but our next party is planned for July 4th.

Upcoming Fun Floats:

May 11th,
Sunday
May 26th,
Monday
June 9th,
Monday
June 23rd,
Monday

In the meantime, there are plenty of Fun Floats scheduled. Anyone can come on a Fun Float. Prospective members are encouraged to attend in order to demonstrate participation in our MBYC activities. We almost always leave the club dock at 11:00 am and head south into the bay to eat lunch on the beach. Bring a picnic lunch and come to join us.

Volunteers needed for LA Olympics

The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) is preparing for the upcoming Olympic games in Los Angeles in 2028. They want clubs throughout Southern and Central California to know that this is a great opportunity for sailing clubs and yacht clubs to volunteer.

For anyone with interest in volunteering or wanting more information as it becomes available, there are two suggested avenues.

Firstly, go to <https://ocroc28.org/>

This is the official site for the Olympic Class Regatta Organization Committee, OCROC28. With an email signup, you will receive updates and news as made available.

Secondly, by keeping tabs on the SCYA website, and specifically their monthly Searchlight newsletter, you can be in the loop as more information is published. The Southern California Yachting Association will be a primary source of information regarding volunteer opportunities.



HAMBURGER NIGHTS 2025

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Hosting Group</u> |
|----------------|--|
| <u>June 4</u> | <u>The Board</u> |
| <u>June 18</u> | <u>New Members</u> |
| <u>July 2</u> | <u>Bay Fleet</u> |
| <u>July 16</u> | <u>Staff Commodores</u> |
| <u>Jul 30</u> | <u>Juniors</u> |
| <u>Aug 13</u> | <u>Ocean Fleet and Mooring Holders</u> |
| <u>Aug 27</u> | <u>Fun Float - the Happy Un-Birthday</u> |

Hamburger nights are great fun and the perfect opportunity to meet more members and get involved. I know choosing the hosts is more voluntold than volunteered, but that's how I get my crew. Hosts are welcome to plan a "theme night" and put their own spin on Hamburger Night, making it more fun and interesting for everyone. In years past we did Fish Tacos, Chicken Parmesan Sandwiches, BBQ Chicken, and Ribs, but everyone loves a hamburger. We will again ask for reservations, but that doesn't mean you can't just show up and get dinner as we will make 10% over our reservations.

Please email me with your ideas at galley@mbyc.net

Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

26th 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

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 and find the link to whichever you choose. You'll need to write to me at mbyc.lessons@gmail.com to confirm your discount for a relative. We're looking forward to another great summer. Bob Schwenoha



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Tom Wright

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John Wimer

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Jessie Ferris

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Ray Shady

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Cyndy Fee

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Brett Cross

Director:

Dawn Huntsinger

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Technical.....Paul Kaspian
Volunteer Coordinator.....Joyce McAlexander
Windows.....Aaron Young

On the Horizon On the Horizon

May 2025

| SUN 27 | MON 28 | TUE 29 | WED 30 | THU May 1 | FRI 2 | SAT 3 |
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| Funfloat • 11am Junior Sailir | | | • 3pm Wet Wednes • 6pm Wine and Mi | • 4pm Sea Shanty | • 5:15pm Members • 6pm Happy Hour | Cal Poly Family Da Ocean Spring III/Pu |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Cal Poly Family Da | Cinco de Mayo | | • 3pm Wet Wednes • 6pm Wine and Mi | • 4pm Sea Shanty | • 6pm Happy Hour | Laser Slalom |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Funfloat Mother's Day Junior Sailing | | • 6:30pm Coast Gu | • 10am MBMM Boa • 3pm Wet Wednes • 6pm Wine and Mi | • 4pm Sea Shanty • 6pm MBYC Boarc | • 11:15am Eckles Lu • 6pm Happy Hour | Sailing Class • 12pm Taverner B |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Sailing Class | | | • 3pm Wet Wednes • 6pm Wine and Mi | • 4pm Sea Shanty | • 6pm Happy Hour | Daysailer Fleet 128 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Laser Championsh | Funfloat Memorial Day MBJYC Jack Johns | | • 3pm Wet Wednes • 6pm Wine and Mi | • 4pm Sea Shanty | • 6pm Happy Hour | Sailing Class ASA 101 Class Cal Poly Formal for |

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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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