



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

July 2025

Morro Bay, California

Ahoy From Bridge

Tom Wright, Commodore



MBYC 70 years of continous operation

Hard to believe but we have reached the mid-point on this cruise we call 2025.

Now is the time to start thinking about who you would like to lead the club next year. We have an excellent team but, anyone interested in being on the board, please let me know and I will get your name to the nominating committee.

Speaking of next year, MBYC will be celebrating 70 years of continuous operation.



That is something worth celebrating.

Send suggestions, stories, photographs or to volunteer, contact Andrea Surfleet, atsurfleet@gmail.com

The mid-year Budget Committee met and MBYC is in a good place financially.

Reminder to all club members: If you open the bar for a beverage or two, make sure that all of the bar doors are locked when you leave. We have many underage people in the club this summer and we do not want to tempt anyone. If you find the bar open and unattended, please lock it up.

Summer sailing is keeping

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Ahoy from the Bridge

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the Morro Bay waterfront bright with a fleet of Opti's and their multi-colored sails. Thanks to Bob Schwenoha and all of the club volunteers that make this program so successful.

Stay tuned for information about the Commodores' Table. Save the date: September 28.

The High Sierra Regatta is this month and worth a visit to Huntington Lake. The calm waters in the morning and evening are a joy for kayaking. As the wind picks up during the day, the sailing can be very spirited. Watch out for thunderstorms.

Hamburger nights: Get your reservations in and come on out and enjoy the weather and the yacht club community. Check the schedule to see when it's your turn to help out.

Trivia night is on the way, get your team together and be ready for some fun, laughter and a little knowledge transfer. Teams from 1 to 6 will compete for fun, prizes and bragging rights.

If you have a concern, suggestion or comment, please bring it forward so that it can be addressed. Mbyc.comm@gmail.com

Tom Wright

Commodore



High Sierra and Day Sailer Regattas at Huntington Lake Weigh In and Measures



Sailing Through History

Andrea Surfleet, Historian

Barney Pikes – A Founder Who Set the Course We Sail

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the Morro Bay Yacht Club in 2026, let's look at the history of the values upon which our club has moored, such as our pride in being a volunteer club that welcomes all comers and our can-do attitude.



This article will focus on Barney Pikes, co-founder of the MBYC. His talents, background, and friendly manner helped to set the tone of the club's standards that continue in our club today.

In 1956, the two founders of the club were Ken Jenkins, 24, and Barney Pikes, 47. Ken had a young family and was one of three people sailing on the bay. He had been a hydraulic and civil engineer, and a materials engineer on the Whale Rock Dam. He was later Morro Bay Harbor Master from 1960-1965. From Ken's written history of the club, it's learned that both he and Barney Pikes envisioned a boating organization that anyone could

afford to join. They wanted to stay away from a 'hotsy-totsy' atmosphere. They discussed a club that included any kind of boat and that anyone with a sincere interest in promoting the safety of boating should be eligible for membership. It was important to

them to hold family events.

Harold A. 'Barney' Pikes was born in Illinois in 1909. His World War II draft card shows him in Ventura, California, in 1940, working at Tide Water Associated Oil Company. He was 31 years old,

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atmosphere**

was six foot and three inches tall, and weighed 217 pounds. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1943, first attended

Electrical Naval Training School, was based at various stations in the South Pacific, and was aboard the USS Majaba (AG-43/IX-102). He was discharged in November 1945 as a Machinist Mate 1st Class. After the war, he worked in the South Pacific as a Heavy (See next page)

The House Boat Club afloat

(From page before) Equipment Operator. In 1949, at age 39, he married Frances Goss, 38. There were no known children.

Ken Jenkins wrote of Barney Pikes: "Barney turned out to be one of the really 'Good ol' Boys.' His face was craggy and so was his personality, just like that old picture on the wall of him shows, but his heart and his attitude were totally gentle. Barney had a lot of insight with people and he had spent a career out in the South Pacific operating giant cranes. He did that until he got the job in Morro Bay. The first plant was built in the early 1950s. He had been a crane operator for the construction of the Morro Bay PG&E Steam Plant. He did not want to leave the area, so he started up a little one-man business cleaning carpets and furniture. He had one of the first portable steam units that I had seen mounted in the back of his pickup truck. He fished in the Baitwell, a 26-foot, wooden, surplus, double-ended motor whale boat."

They started the Morro Bay Yacht Club in 1956 with twenty charter members. Barney was elected the first Commodore and held the job again in 1957. The club

had no home, so they met in schools, houses, vets halls, and the old grange hall. If the meeting was light on content, they'd play music with Jerry Trussler on the banjo, Barney playing the guitar, and Ken Jenkins on the gut bucket, a one-string bass on a wash tub.



...new group called The Morro Bay Marching and Chowder Band...

The yacht club tried to find traction and relevance. They set channel markers, held fish derbies, and outboard motor races. Barney Pikes served as board director, membership chair, race committee, was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and made picnic tables and privies for club outings to the sand spit. He helped to develop and distribute along the waterfront a pamphlet of "Boating Suggestions."

From Ken Jenkins again: "We had been formed for over a little over a year and we were going through a bit of a slump and the decision was made to buy a houseboat. Barney Pikes was a strong advocate of it and this swung the yacht club around into being a very active group again. Barney had built a very bar in the houseboat which was eventually a wet bar. The front of it was padded nicely. He left his hammer on board the night

Lease sought in 1964

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the houseboat was destroyed."

The houseboat was purchased in 1960 and, with a place to gather, fun must have followed. From the minutes of the MBYC Board of Directors, February 6, 1961, we read: "Barney Pikes extended an invitation to all Yacht club members to attend the meetings of a new group called 'The Morro Bay Marching and Chowder Society', which meets every other Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the boat house (sic)."

On March 28, 1964, the houseboat, which had been purchased in 1960, was destroyed by the tsunami from the Great Alaskan Earthquake. Barney Pikes was at the board meeting in June of 1964 and voted to approve seeking a lease on the property along the South Embarcadero where the club sits today.

In 1967, the Barney Pikes Perpetual High Point Series Trophy was donated by John Carter. It is awarded to the MBYC member who wins the Summer Series arbitrary class races held in the bay. Barney often served the sailing races utilizing his motor boat as a safety boat, or 'crash boat' as they called them. He may have raised a glass for the winners of the trophy for the first four years. He was a member of the



Morro Bay Yacht Club until his death at age 61 on March 3, 1971. Harold A. 'Barney' Pikes was laid to rest at the Cayucos-Morro Bay District Cemetery.

All forms of boating were welcomed at our yacht club from the beginning. There are bulletin boards in our clubhouse representing the historical and active fleets, including one downstairs for power boats. If that's what you're skippering, consider adding a photo alongside that of Barney Pikes' boat, Baitwell.

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From founding Commodore Barney Pikes, we find examples of the strong values of helpfulness, safety, fun, and improvement that continue to steer our club today. Let's hold this course as we sail into the future, as a welcoming and growing yacht club.

(It's been forgotten that Barney's last name is Pikes, and not Pike. I left off the 's' in my article last month, even though I know better, so that's embarrassing! In the book of the Deeds of Gifts and in past reports, his name in title of the trophy has also been spelled incorrectly. Let's work together to prevent future errors in the use his name.)

Vice Commodore

– John S. Wimer



All you contractors out there! The board has decided to request proposals for dock repair. We wanted to get repair proposals in hand before we go down the path of replacing the entire dock, which will be considerably more expensive. We have plans/drawings for the current dock in order to provide a starting point. Let me know if you'd like a copy to put together a proposal. Time is somewhat of the essence as we submitted for a federal grant last year and I heard we may get a response in the next couple of months.

I saw Will Bellis with a pencil in hand doing up drawings for a replacement railing around the tarmac/hoist. Progress is being made!

Kevin Williams did a nice job on our stairs - Thanks Kevin!

Jesse Ferris and I tried to help out the Bay Fleet by replacing the beer kegs upstairs. I gotta say I couldn't help get the keg up the stair. We got Nathan Hensinger to lend a strong back and were able to satisfy the thirsts of the sailors. It really brings home the need to implement a better system for getting beer from the first floor upstairs. We'll be working on that.

Prudence got back on the water for a race on June 14. It was a lovely and windy day, just what she likes. It is great to have her back in Morro Bay and sailing. Now we'd just like to get more ocean sailors out to race against. Hope to see more of the ocean fleet on Estero 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 the calendar activities and such. Text or cell is the fastest way at 650-740-0065 or email: vice.commodore@



The Racing Sheet

- Jesse Ferris, Rear Commodore



The month started out with the last regatta of the Spring series. We had a good turnout of ten boats and some really nice weather. Not even the two-day salmon season could deter us. The racing was close with only one point between first and second. Chris Surfleet took 3rd, Mark Soll 2nd, and Dana McClish edged out a win with 2 bullets. The series wrapped up and also very closely, with only four points separating 2nd through fourth place. Chris Surfleet took 3rd, Dave Hensinger 2nd, and Todd Hansen took Spring Series honors winning the Seagar Cup. Good sailing by all.



Thanks to Patrick Gorey and crew on the chase boat, And Reid Hester, Rich Leamon and the rest of the Race Committee.

Ocean Summer race has been changed to SUNDAY July 6th

Mother Nature then decided that springtime was to kick in late. The wind came up early and often.

The Ocean Fleet, all the brave souls on Prudence and Slider that ventured out were treated to spirited and nautical conditions in the Jenkins Memorial. Mother Nature took the win that day.

The trend continued for the opening of the Bay Summer Series. Brett Cross and the Huntsinger's crew were able to get two races in before the wind really kicked up. The Coast Guard was flying the Gale warning this day but we got two good races in that day with, Todd Hansen 3rd, Dan Hack 2nd, Dave Hensinger 1st.

I would like to acknowledge the swift actions of both Race Committee and the Harbor Patrol. Dana McClish capsized in the channel near Tognazinis, while Andrew Brown had issues of his own, getting swept into the docks near Rosa's. Both incidents happened concurrently. The committee boat helmed by our Vice Commodore was quick and swift in response to Sundance, and were able to get them righted and towed back to the club in smooth and efficient time. As Harbor Patrol came to assist, we relayed that we could use their assistance with our another boat. They went to help Andrew until the Whaler was able to get Andrew to safely after getting Sundance back to the dock safely. The day of racing was smartly ended.

The Racing Sheet

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You're not always sitting around catching flies when you are on the Whaler. Safely and awareness first, and everyone involved this day did a very good job staying calm, executing and getting everyone safely back to the club. And into a hot shower!

Ocean Summer race has been changed to SUNDAY July 6th, give John Krossa a shout, mbyc.oceanfleet@gmail.com for more information there.

Theres a lot of masts down in the backyard which means that HUNTINGTON is around the corner. Hopefully we'll see everyone at the lake!

Bay Summer II is Saturday July 26th!
A huge thank you to all the PRO's and volunteers that make our regattas go smoothly. Its our club!

See you at the Lake and at the club!

ASA making BVI trip in April 2026

The June class was met with big big wind so the tiller time was cut short. I am still working with 2 students to certify them. The August 101 class is full. If there is demand I could do a session in September, let me know if you are interested. Several seasoned sailors have asked about challenging the course. Please contact me to set the date and time.

BVI 2026

I'm planning a Bare Boat charter in the British Virgin Islands April 2026. It would be a 7 night trip on a 40 sailboat. I have chartered with Sun Sail in Tortola in the past. The San Luis Club does a flotilla once a year and have a great time. I will provide information after the Happy Hour on July 18th for those that maybe interested.

Sailing tip:

During on the water instruction students learn how to read the wind. Telltales tell the whole story regarding optimal power and performance of the Main and Jib. The crew should constantly be looking out for other boats and every few seconds reading the telltales. They can adjust the sail or instruct the helmsman to head up or fall off. The helmsman should glance at the main sail and make adjustments accordingly by how the telltales are acting. It is very important that both sails work together.



Sometimes Funfloats Can Be Exciting!

Fun Floats provide members, guests, and prospective members with a fun and easy way to set out on our bay in paddlecraft and enjoy everything around us. However, sometimes Fun Floats can be exciting. On a recent outing a group of us met at the club to consider going out on the water. The wind was predicted to be rather high, but at the time we left the dock there was hardly any wind at all. To shorten the story, we crossed the bay, took a walk over to the ocean side, returned and had lunch and a good visit on the sandspit. Like a signal to go, the wind really started to blow. We climbed back in our kayaks and headed for home. By the time we hit the channel, the wind was blowing around 24 miles an hour. Water was coming over the bows of our boats, and we all became really wet. The whitecaps in the bay tossed us around. We were hoping to paddle back without being capsized. We were all quite relieved to return to the dock. The outing was very exciting for all of us.

However, other recent Fun Floats have all been great. Venturing out on the bay can be very relaxing and tranquil. Seeing the wildlife and visiting with friends, old and new, is always part of our experience.

4th of July Fun Float and Barbeque

In recent years we've had a Fun Float on July 4th where we go over to Sandal's Cove, set up some serving tables and a barbeque, and have a party on the sandspit. It is a potluck party. I will grill burgers and hotdogs for everyone. Please bring something edible to share, and come to our party. We will leave the dock at 11:30. and will use a whaler to transfer people and supplies. It has always been a good party. Club members and their guests are invited.



Join Funfloats email
list. Contact
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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:
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Who to contact for the following:

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Questions about your MBYC bill: bookkeeper@gmail.com

Website log in and passwords:

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Address/contact info changes, submitting completed prospective member packets, resignations:
Membership Chair: membership@mbyc.net

Taking the Responsible Beverage Server Course:
<https://abcbiz.ca.gov/>

Volunteers needed for LA Olymipcs

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, OC-ROC28. 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.

70th Wedding Anniversary! Huntington Lake- from the galley & Kendall Welch



Pat and Dot Rygh celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary by hosting a Friday night Happy Hour on June 20th. The club was full that night and so many Staff Commodores were there one could have thought it was Opening Day! The food was delicious, the champagne was flowing and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the Ryghs for celebrating this milestone with all of us!!

High Sierra Regatta and Day Sailer National Regatta at Huntington Lake! Much of the Bay Fleet will be missing between July 12-18, sailing the High Sierra, and this year the Day Sailer Association's National Regatta. Sailors from all over



the country as well as a large fleet from Morro Bay will grace the waters of



Huntington Lake, probably one of the best sailing lakes in the USA. We wish our fleet smooth sailing!

Pat & Dot Rygh's 70th with friends at MBYC



Dot and Pat forefront at right



Laurei and Tom Wright photos



Which Friday you are hosting



Lost, forgotten, or trash?
Who will claim it?
Contact (805) 772-3981

*Can't decide on a
gift - give a gift
certificate*



4th of July no official plans	7/4/25
Julie & Mark Thomas	7/11/25
Paul & Roxy Wolfrom	7/11/25
Joe & Donna Dervin	7/18/25
Barbara Roche	7/18/25
Ken & Mary Bradley	7/18/25
Dennis & Sara Derickson	7/25/25
Juliana & Josh Massie	7/25/25
Will & Judy Bellis	7/25/25
Joe & Jill Fariss	8/1/25
Jesse & Calie Ferris	8/1/25
Mark & Jane Hilden	8/1/25
Carol Ann Stephens	8/8/25
Tom Needham	8/8/25
Pandora Nash-Karner	8/8/25
Harold & Elena Hartsell	8/15/25
Kim Brazeau	8/15/25
Larry Gorman	8/15/25
Jerry & Erika Luhr	8/22/25
Mary Flavan	8/22/25
David & Lisa Platt	8/22/25
Sara & David Gleffe	8/29/25
Steve Borges	8/29/25
Warren & Patrice Flack	8/29/25
John & Karry MacDonald	9/5/25
John & Pam Ridgely	9/5/25
Scott Turpin & Jeanne Yip	9/5/25
Shelley & Jeremiah Blackwell	9/12/25
Lucinda Quintinar	9/12/25
Brett Cross	9/12/25
Dan Hack & Silvia Suarez	9/19/25
Christie and Tim Cowan	9/19/25

HAMBURGER NIGHTS 2025

Date	Hosting Group
July 2	Bay Fleet
July 16	Staff Commodores
Jul 30	Juniors
Aug 13	Ocean Fleet and Mooring Holders
Aug 27	Fun Float - the Happy Un- Birthday

Hamburger nights are great fun and the perfect opportunity to meet more members and get involved. 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 for reservations: galley@mbyc.net

MBYC 70th Anniversary Celebration

**Planning group
forming and seeking
ideas for celebrating.**

**Contact
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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

Register for Youth Sailing Camp/Adult Sailing Lessons

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.

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
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Custodian.....Lori Troft
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.....
Bob Neuman

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Fleet Captain - LaserDan Hack
Fleet Captain - OceanJohn Krossa
Fleet Captain - Santa Cruz 27Mark Hilden
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Technical.....Paul Kaspian
Volunteer Coordinator.....Joyce McAlexander
Windows.....Aaron Young
Webmaster.....John Mchener

On the Horizon On the Horizon

July 2025

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
Sailing Class	Youth Sailing Camp				Funfloat Independence Day 6pm Happy Hour	Sailing Class
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Wet Wednes 5:30pm Hamburg 6pm Wine and Mi 	4pm Sea Shanty I		
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Sailing Class	Youth Sailing Camp				6pm Happy Hour	High Sierra Regatta
Ocean Summer Ra 11am Junior Sailir		6:30pm Coast Gl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am MBMM Boa 3pm Wet Wednes 6pm Wine and Mi 	4pm Sea Shanty I		Sailing Class
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High Sierra Regatta Sailing Class	Youth Sailing Camp				6pm Happy Hour	High Sierra Week 2
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High Sierra Week 2 Sailing Class	Youth Sailing Camp				5pm Membership 6pm Happy Hour	Sailing Class
		Funfloat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Wet Wednes 6pm Wine and Mi 	4pm Sea Shanty I		Bay Summer II
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
Sailing Class Junior Sailing	Youth Sailing Camp				5:15pm Members 6pm Happy Hour	Sailing Class
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Wet Wednes 5:30nm Hamburg 	4pm Sea Shanty I		Ocean Ladies at th

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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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