



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

February 2025

Morro Bay, California

Ahoy from bridge

Tom Wright, Commodore



WOW, what a way to end/start the MBYC's 69th year. The club looked like Times Square for the New Years Eve party with lights, balloons, music and maybe a cannon blast or two.

The budget committee met in January and the club is solvent. Any guesses as to how much it takes to run the club on a daily basis? (answer on next page). I bring this up as the club faces a large insurance premium increase this year and we will be looking at ways to increase revenue for the club. If you have any suggestions on revenue streams please share with a board member.

Thank you to the volunteers that make our club what it is, whether it be as members of a race committee, bar tenders, happy hour hosts, staffing the store, membership committee, lending a hand

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**MBYC is a Clean
Marine facility**



**Renewal is this
March**
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at special events, or the dozens of behind the scene volunteers, you are folks that make this a great yacht club.

The monthly board meeting, held the third Thursday of the month, has a new time. The meetings will now start at **6:00 pm**. All members are welcome to attend and bring any questions, comments, concerns to the board or just come and hear first-hand what is going on with your club. Next meeting is February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm upstairs at the club. Not comfortable with bringing an item up in front of the board, utilize the suggestion box to have your concern addressed. The suggestion box is next to the AED.

Looking ahead at club activities, Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day and limerick contest, Work Day, Opening Day, Fun floats, Bay races, Ocean races, come on down and enjoy the club.

(The answer to the daily operational cost of the club for last year, \$800.00 per day)

Happy New Year



Vice Commodore

– John S. Wimer



2025 is off to a roaring start!

I've been kept busy at the club and with my boat since the beginning of the year, and the weather has been very cooperative.

At the club, we've snaked several drain lines from sinks and the main drain to the sewer in the street. It was full of roots, so we'll need to snake it every six months or face back-ups. We also replaced the rinse aid pump at the glassware washer behind the bar. Turns out the line got old and brittle and would no longer maintain a seal, leaking slippery rinse aid all over the floor.

Our effort to upgrade our IT infrastructure is ongoing, albeit a little slow because of competing demands, like working for a living. Paul Kaspian has been putting in all the effort he can and you can tell an immediate improvement on the club web cam. We are still working on e-mail, e-mail lists, and lists of members strengths. It's coming.



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Can we make it an Opti mast?
Vice Commodore John Wimer and member Rod Marble tossing the 2024 Christmas Tree

You'll be hearing more from me on the dock in a few months as I look to gather folks with expertise to figure out our best way forward.

One project that is coming up soon is the railing 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. This is beyond my expertise, so if those of you with knowledge would contact me we can put together a team of a couple of folks to get it fixed.

Speaking of teams, I'm 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.

My boat, *Prudence*, splashed in January and I expect to have her back in Morro Bay in February, weather window permitting.

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 and my new e-mail is vice.commodore@mbyc.net.

See you at the club and on the water!



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 or text 415-307-3195

The Racing Sheet

- Jesse Ferris, Rear Commodore



January on the Bay kicked off with beautiful skies, but winds that were all over the compass for the Hangover. Chris Matson and the Juniors put together a fine regatta. Ten boats took the line at the beginning of the day, a nice turnout to start the year. However mother nature took over, the day being shortened to two races as the wind piped up significantly and four boats decided to retire, Matson as the PRO, smartly called it a day. However, we had a good spectator crew on the clubhouse deck and spirits were high. Todd Hansen took 3rd, Carlton Smith 2nd, and the Hensinger's took the title this year!

Winter 2 on the bay and the chase for the Founders Cup continued on the 18th. Charlie Nichols stepped up as PRO, with Reid Hester and Rich Leamon on the deck. Jim Krossa and myself ran the whaler, for what turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day on the water. The prevailing breeze filled in after a short postponement and gave us 6 to 10 knots with only a few bigger puffs and very few wind shifts. Race Committee got off five races for the dozen boats that showed up, including a laser, banshee and a couple of Poly boats joining in the mix. A great turnout and tight racing commenced! Terry Paris and Dana McClish took 3rd, Dave Hensinger 2nd, and Carlton Smith and Judi Glover took the first-place hardware.



January 4th saw the Ocean Fleet take to their first day of the new year in the first of the series for the Ron May Memorial. John Krossa reported the lightest flukiest wind and bounciest seas he had seen in a long time, not the formula for a lot of fun unfortunately. Of the three boats out Slider came in with a DNF, Osprey came in 2nd, and Janina took 1st place honors. We are hoping to build some momentum on the ocean fleet and get the numbers up!

The month will round out with the second ocean race for the Ron May Memorial on the 25th, and the Bay Founders Cup finale on February 1st.

We also have the Mustang Regatta coming up on the 22-23 of February.

Theres plenty of opportunities in February (and beyond!) both to race and to volunteer.

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The Racing Sheet

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Here's upcoming on the short list.

Volunteers are always welcome and always appreciated.

Bay Fleet:

Fall III	Sat Feb 1 st
Bay Midwinter	Sat-Sun 15 th -16 th
Bay Fleet Tune up	Sun March 2 nd

Ocean Fleet:

Ocean III Ron May Memorial	Sat Feb 8 th
John S. Mullins Memorial	Sat March 1 st Spring I
Pursuit February Race	Sat March 8 th

If you would like to PRO or volunteer get in touch with me, Jesse 805-350-9816,

jferris_enc@yahoo. Bay Fleet Captain, Charlie Poggeman, parrotheadnw@gmail.com 425-786-4388. The sign-up board upstairs in the clubhouse is always happy to add names as well.

See you on the water!



Membership cards at bar waiting to be picked up

2025 membership dues payments were due on January 1st.

2025 Membership cards for those many members who paid in a timely manner are ready for pick up either from a Membership Committee member at Happy Hour, or from the wire box atop the bar. If you haven't yet paid your dues please do so as they are now delinquent.

We have sadly learned of the crossing of the bar by MBYC member Faye Zeeb on January 6, 2025.

Faye joined the club in 1979 and would have held membership # 23 this year. We extend our sympathies to her family and friends near and far.

Recent Member Resignations:

Rory McClish

Craig Levin & Polly Nelson

Michelle Voisenat

Pat Howe & Heidi Freeman



Laurie Wright, Membership Chair



2015 Board of Directors hard at work
LWright photo



CLEAN MARINE
Protecting Our Waterways

Clean Marine Re-certification

This Spring, MBYC will be Applying for its Clean Marine Re-certification!


It's incredibly important that we all consider the impact our club and boats have on the Marine Environment we all enjoy. With that in mind, the Morro Bay Yacht Club is proud to be renew-



ing its "Clean Marine Certification" this spring. The Clean Marine Certification Program was developed to help protect the waterways from pollution. This includes ensuring that equipment is on hand and protocols are in place to mitigate the dangers of oil spills, paints and solvents, storm runoff and more. It also provides a way for the club to review its health and fire protection equipment and protocols. Continuing education is key to ensuring that this equipment and information makes a difference when a potentially dangerous or hazardous situation occurs. Announcements and information regarding this valuable certification will be sent over email and in the Masthead over the next few Months. We only renew every 5 years, so PLEASE make an effort to read the information put before you and review where our oil spill emergency gear is kept, where our life saving emergency gear is kept, where to access our emergency plans and protocols etc. The club does a great job providing the equipment, resources and continuing education to keep our club, our members and guests, and the Marine Environment we enjoy so much, clean and safe. Let's all make sure it pays off when a health or environmental emergency occurs.

This year's renewal is led by Julie Thomas and Lynn Meissen, and new to Team Clean, Sue Watson and Guy Bahringer. (Looking for 1 more volunteer!)

--Guy Bahringer



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 galley@mbyc.net 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



Staff Commodore John Burgener and Judge Mike Frye ready to serve at Don-Lockwood's 90th birthday party!!

Mike Munger	2/7/2025
Troy & Brooke Wieck	2/7/2025
Brian & Brianne Mulligan	2/7/2025
VALENTINE'S DINNER (rez required)	2/14/2025
Gary Raine & Peggy Voss	2/21/2025
Angela & Mark Soll	2/21/25
David & Sharon Bufo	2/21/2025
John & Susan Wimer	2/28/2025
Rod Marble & Tori Luby	2/28/2025
Daniel Goldthwaite	2/28/2025
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



Funfloats

Funfloat report Charlie Roberts



We only have one funfloat scheduled for February, and that is on Valentine's Day. That will be a busy day at the yacht club, so come and join us on the fun float too. We will have a Valentine's potluck lunch over in Sandal's Cove. We will take over the whaler so those who would like to ride rather than to paddle, please be ready to go by 11:30. We'll paddle over to the cove and celebrate the holiday.

The last couple of fun floats have been well attended. The weather has been good. The tides have been really high, but we only get those twice a year, so the rest of the spring should be closer to normal. With lower high tides we'll see more shorebirds. We have seen quite a few different birds over the last couple of paddles. We saw an eagle last paddle, and there seem to be lots of ospreys right now.

Upcoming
Valentine's Day
February 14th
Potluck @
Sandal's Cove
March 1 -
Saturday
March 14 -
Friday
March 29 -
Saturday



I would like to encourage members to come out and enjoy the paddle. It is great to get out on the bay and enjoy nature. Friendships grow, and conversation is always on-going.

High Sierra Regatta now 19 fleets and growing

The Fresno Yacht Club invites you to participate in the 2025 High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake, California that started 72 years ago. Camping availability should be greatly improved this year and major infrastructure investments continue to make this hidden gem of California an even better place to race! Fleets that have been sailing for decades and those that just formed this past decade are welcome.



Formally, we would like to extend an invitation to these fleets on the following weekends - but let us know if you think other fleets would be interested!

Weekend 1 - July 12/13

Moth, Snipe, Day Sailer A and B, Lido 14 A and B, Laser, Laser Radial, Banshee, RS Aero, RS Toura, Optimist A and B, Melges 14, Vanguard 15. San Juan 21, International 14, Open Centerboard (Portsmouth Rating)

Weekend 2 - July 19/20

PHRF, Ultimate 20, Catalina 22, Victory 21, Wyle Wabbit, Thistle, Melges 15, Moore 24, Coronado 15, Sport Boats (J70, Viper 640, Open 5.70, Melges 20)

The regatta format will be similar as in past years. A minimum of 5 entries are required for a one-design class. For each weekend, there will be 5 races over two days (3 Saturday, 2 Sunday). We plan on a social event Friday evening during check-in and a regatta dinner Saturday night. Further details and registration will be posted in the coming months.

Everyone needs to be carded this year -- California Boater Card

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. 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.

How to get your California Boater Card

- Take and pass an approved boating safety course
- Apply for your card at CaliforniaBoaterCard.com
- Carry your card while boating



**DS NORTH
AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 14-17
HUNTINGTON LAKE**

Happy New Year! The most exciting news for our fleet is the 2025 Day Sailer North American Championship (NACR) race will be hosted at Huntington Lake, July 14-17 the week after the dinghy class races of

the High Sierra Regatta July 12-13. Of course, this means a need for our fleet to be involved and work to assist with putting on a great regatta for the visiting Day Sailer competitors.

Officers & Directors

Commodore:
Tom Wright

Vice Commodore:
John Wimer

Rear Commodore:
Jessie Ferris

Treasurer:
Ray Shady

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Cyndy Fee

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Brett Cross

Director:
Dawn Huntsinger

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Chief Risk Officer/Sommelier.....	Rich Leamon
Clean Marine Program.....	Julie Thomas
Club Burgees around building.....	Patrice Flack
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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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Technical.....	Paul Kaspian
Volunteer Coordinator.....	Joyce McAlexander
Windows.....	Aaron Young
Webmaster.....	John Mchener

On the Horizon On the Horizon

February 2025

Today < > February 2025							Month
SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29 2 more	THU 30 • 4pm Sea Shan	FRI 31 2 more	SAT Feb 1 2 more	
2 2 more	3	4	5 2 more	6 • 4pm Sea Shan	7 2 more	8 • 5am Ocean Ro	
9	10	11 • 6:30pm Coast	12 3 more	13 • 4pm Sea Shan	14 3 more	15 Bay Mid Winter	
16 Bay Mid Winter	17 2 more	18	19 2 more	20 2 more	21 • 6pm Happy Hc	22 Cal Poly Mustan	
23 Cal Poly Mustan	24	25	26 2 more	27 • 4pm Sea Shan	28 • 6pm Happy Hc	Mar 1 2 more	

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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