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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Hello sailors,

Well, so far, so good. We had our first board meeting, with a little anticipation and anxiety, but the new gavel worked just fine. It made enough noise to start the meeting. As *Junior Staff Commodore John Schmidt* directed last year, board meetings are less about status and news and more about issues and, with any luck, the issues will be small ones.



But, the first issue to come before the board isn't likely to be a small one. We received a petition signed by 59 members asking for investigation of an elevator or lift. *Vice Commodore*

John Michener will head a committee to study the elevator one more time. Why was the elevator voted down in November 2007? There seems to be a strong and enduring interest. Was it the cost or the implementation? Would an inside design be more desirable, or a true elevator? This issue will likely be heard at the April General Meeting. We will have speakers downstairs so that anyone unable to get upstairs can attend the meeting (and vote) downstairs. It would be nice to have video downstairs as well, any volunteers? In the meantime, I would like to hear all of your views and concerns, pro and con. Please stop me anytime to talk about it (or as *Staff Commodore McClish* says: "Have you got a minute?").

We are now fully staffed. *Al and Mary Romero* have agreed to crew the *Ship's Store*. I sure liked how Al flagged me down at a *Happy Hour* and asked if there was anything he and Mary could do to help out. A similar effect occurred last Friday at the first meeting of the Social Committee. It started with the newly formed committee, headed by *Elaine Giannini*, but grew to double in size as people joined spontaneously. When I asked Elaine to chair the committee, we agreed that *Opening Day* was the primary focus and that other events would be scaled down from prior years, because the time needed to coordinate all the events keeps growing. But Elaine and I were trampled by the enthusiasm to have a number of events like Super Bowl Sunday, Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Cinco de Mayo. Fortunately, with such a large willing committee, delegation may be the answer.

Thanks, *Gary Raines* for trying to help the Juniors by taking in the club's bottles for the CRV refund. Maybe we can fund an elevator by recycling.

Lastly, I'm still on the campaign to get everyone included in *Don Lockwood's* email list. If you are not on his *alias list*, please contact him and he will be glad to add you. I bet over 95% of us members have email addresses but less than half of us are on the list.

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I hope to see you all on the water,

Wayne Ratliff Commodore

Do or do not, there is no try. Yoda



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the 21st of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to *mbyc@mbyc.net* or to Barbara Earl at *barbaraearl@earthlink.net* *All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.*

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FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

At the first board meeting of the year it was decided that we **Gary Raines** brought to my attenshould look into the various possibilities for the galley floor. As you may have noticed the existing floor is very stained and worn, there are a few cracked tiles and it is very difficult to keep clean. Todd Hansen, Kit Lockwood, and I are busy looking into what the best alternatives are to repair or replace the tile floor. Some possibilities we are looking at are, deep cleaning and sealing the floor tiles, epoxy coating, new tile flooring, or commercial vinyl. Our goal is to have enough information to present to the board this month so that a decision can be made on the direction to proceed. We want to have the galley looking good on Opening Day.

A letter and petition signed by several club members was given to the board at the January board meeting. The letter asked for a lift or elevator at the club. I am in the process of putting together a committee to work on the issue. If you have input on this or would like to be involved in the process please contact me.

tion that one of the posts for the boat yard gate was broken and at the same time volunteered to fix it. I know that is going to be a tough job digging out the old concreted in post and replacing it, thank you Gary.



The club has decided to sell the red

and white boat that has served as our backup launch because it doesn't fit our needs. We wanted to offer it to club members first, so if you are interested in purchasing it and would like to make an offer please contact me. We are selling it as a package deal; boat, outboard motor and trailer.

John Michener, Vice Commodore

From your Librarian: As we have very limited shelf space I would like to limit the Library to books of

nautical interest only. This will cover the following subjects: sailing, racing, cruising, boat design, seamanship, navigation, real life stories about sailing adventures, possibly some fiction, and scuba diving. If you are in doubt whether the books you want to donate belong in the Library, please give me a call. I will label the various subject areas so it will be easier to find books of interest but this will take time and space. Outdated material and duplicates are being weeded out and will be put on the table downstairs for anyone to take. Suggestions about the Library are most welcome! The Club member who handles the outside exchange box says: paperbacks only, please. Henriette Groot





We had a wonderful turnout for our first *Social Committee* meeting of the year. I want to thank the new and returning members for the enthusiasm and energy they bring to the group. If the Masthead is delivered in time, please remember the Super bowl Party, Sunday, Feb 1, starting about 3 pm. Bring an appetizer and jump in the pool (football, that is!) . On Friday, February 13th the Happy Hour will include romance and raffles to celebrate Valentine's Day. The wee Irish are planning a festive St. Patrick's Day event for a Happy Hour to be determined in March. Mark your calendars now for Opening Day, April 19. We hope to make Commodore Ratliff proud with this one. Our next committee meeting, and all future meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month, downstairs at 5 p.m. at the Club. I'll look forward to seeing even more committee people February 6.

Elaine Giannini

FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK



The first letter went surpassingly well, so I figured clearly I am being too nice and not living up to the title bestowed upon me. There are five boats that have made my list to be removed from the yard. I will be seeking board approval to send out letters to the owners of these boats to warn them of their boats needing to be used or removed. As mentioned prior, once a member asks for a spot in the yard for a boat they intend to use, not store, I will begin re-

moving these currently five unused boats. There will eventually be more boats to have removed from the yard.

On the moorings, and this is going to sound nasty, but is required to avoid putting the club at risk in a liability situation, the club must have a current proof of insurance for every boat on a club mooring. If we do not have a file for your boat, then you risk losing your mooring. It is not the clubs responsibility to keep up to date on your insurance paperwork, it is up to the individual boat owner to have a current copy sent to the club. Just so everyone knows, I am currently missing more than half of these forms for the current mooring holders. Please send your proof of insurance in immediately.

On the positive side of things; I have been very happy with recent participation in sailing events. The Ocean race saw eight boats hit the line for a race to Constantine rock and back. Great turnout even though the winds were reaching the mid to late twenties. The last bay race saw 15 Daysailers and 5 Lidos, great turnout for a bay race. Three of the boats

in the race have acquired their spot in the yard in the last few months.

A rather nasty little man named "Kevin".



FUN FLOAT



Thursday, February 26th, 10:30 a.m.

If the weather in Feb. stays as hot as it has been in Jan. I'll have to give in and let some of the paddlers wear bikinis (*Bob S*. has waited for this such a long time). We shall go on this, the most important of all months, (G.G.P.P. birthday) at 10:30 a.m. on Thur., the 26th. Not long ago, when I was

wandering around in an Oak forest, I caught a glimpse of several Druids. Just be careful for this is the time of the year they are looking for something to sacrifice.

Your ever lovin G.G.P.P.

P.S. Hope you all have a nice Valentines Day with plenty of candy and lovin

<u>HAPPY HOUR HOSTS</u>

REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, non-members are NOT ALLOWED behind the bar and all guests must sign the guest book located at the end of the bar.

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Bill Austin.

Everyone should be contacting the other people assigned with them to coordinate the Hosting Duties.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSI-BILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List. Polly is no longer sending out reminders in the mail.

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AND serve snacks at 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

If you make a change, please let Polly know.

February 2009

- Lex & Lolo Budge Al & Mary Romero
- 13 Lee & Sue Drocco Ed & Robin Stevens
- 20 John & Joyel Kunkle David & Sharon Buffo
- 27 Brian Crow & Gayle Bruce Jon & Chrystina Pope

March 2009

- Gary & Leslie Enoch Manny & Lola Fimbres Dana Cummings
- 13 Duncan & Marlene McQueen Carlton Smith & Deborah Pas de Barros
- 20 Brian & Mary Monroe Daniel & Ruth Lapp
- 27 Harold & Elena Hartsell Bob & Jenny Kizziar

April 2009

- Leslie & Shields Abernathy Howard & Sandra Grisham Carolyn Pye
- 10 Lynn Meissen Linda Hatch Gerald & Kathy Ashenbrenner
- 17 Skip & Sandy Barnhart Mary Flaven Chris & Lynn Helenius
- 24 Jack & Barbara Keely Peter & Beverly King Kay Milligan
 Polly Schneider

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

From Your Rear Commodore,

For those eager to find some way to participate, you're in luck: the position of *Ocean Fleet Captain* is still available. Call 541-4417: operators are standing by.



The *Bay Fleet* has had three events since I wrote my last column: *Winter 1* in December, *the Hangover*, and *Winter 2*. There was particularly good attendance with 23 boats participating in *Winter 2* (must be the weather). The top finishers are listed below, with more detailed results posted at the club by the time you read this.

Race	Fleet	1^{st}	2^{nd}	3 rd
Winter 1	Daysailer	Team McDonald	Condon/Williams	Team Derrickson
	Lido	Team Nero	—	—
Hangover	Mixed	Team Condon	Team Measures	Todd & Joyce Hansen
Winter 2	Daysailer A	Williams/Condon	Team Measures	Team McClish
	Daysailer B	Brent Sears/Emily Hut- chinson	Wiley/Buffo	Smith/Pas de Barros
	Lido	Tom & Cole Jenkins	Team Kizziar	Team Lockwood

The Ocean Fleet's Winter 1 was also well attended with five club boats joined by guests **John Kincade** of Gracie Ray and **Scott Morris** of Twelfth Night. The fleet went to Constantine and back with winds of 15 to 18 knots much of the way out, and the wind all but shutting off to the finish. Third place went to Voyager II, second to visiting boat Twelfth Night, and first to the crew of Whizbang. Tom Fee got oriented to the pro's responsibilities for an ocean race, and we'll likely see him take a crack at it in the near future. In the meantime, Staff Commodore Ron May has agreed to serve as pro for the Ocean Fleet's Winter 2 race.

I have informed the Board of my research to-date on replacing the ocean mark, and am developing two new options based on the Board's comments. I also have some new ideas to provide some more variety among the race trophies. However, if someone desperately needs more coffee mugs, let me know and I'll hold off for a while.

Lets hope for some more weather in February like we just had (with a gentle rain in the middle of each night). We have some additions and changes to the schedule. It came to my attention that *Ocean Fleet Winter 2* was scheduled on the same day as some big football game, so we have moved it to Sunday, February 8. *Ron Giddings* has agreed to organize a *Rules Clinic* on Sunday, February 15, 10:30 am. I will also be using this opportunity to orient some new race pros for Ocean Fleet races. The Bay Fleet will be holding its *Winter 3* race on Saturday, February 14 and Spring 1 on February 28.

Greg Barker, Rear Commodore



We all look forward to *Friday Night Happy Hour*. It's a time to socialize and relax with friends. We have some drinks, chat with friends, and some appetizers. Who supplies those wonderful appetizers? We do! The members of the *Morro Bay Yacht Club*. This is part of being a member. It seems there have been quite a few people who do not keep up on the Hosting Column in the Masthead, and have missed their turn at hosting. (In this issue the column can be found on page 3.) Please make sure you are looking at this column every month to see if your name is on the list of upcoming hosts. If it is, then get in touch with the others that will be hosting with you and coordinate things with them. If the date you are assigned does not fit into your plans, call someone else on the list to switch dates with them. It is not *Polly's* job to find a replacement for you. Once you have a replacement, notify Polly of the change, so she can change her records. Let's continue to make this a "Happy" time for everyone, even for the people who host. Thank you.





Welcome Back Junior Yacht Club Members! We are so happy that you are joining us for another fun year filled with many surprises! We had a great turn out for our first meeting. We had 17 members sign up for the first day of registration, plus a bunch more who were out of town. It looks like we will be around 22 so we are able to add a few extras. We will again cap it at 30 so if you know someone who took summer sailing and is interested in joining us then they should sign-up now! I will be putting the schedule on the website so if you lose yours you will always know what is going on. Also, we will be going high tech this year. I will be contacting you all through email so look for it in the next few weeks.

I am please to announce that *Elizabeth "Bee" Soll* is the *Junior Commodore* for the 2009 Year. This is her 4th year in the Junior Yacht Club program. She is in the 5th grade and attends Montessori Children's School in San

Luis Obispo. She plays piano and violin, and is currently in the San Luis Obispo County Youth Symphony. Besides sailing, she enjoys playing golf, basketball, and softball. I know she will make a great commodore this year and I am honored to have her in our program. The other officers will be announced in February and posted in the March Masthead. All officers will meet periodically to discuss the MBJYC program.

If you have suggestions on making our program better, please feel free to call me or email. Looking forward to another GREAT year! Best regards,

Angela Soll, MBJYC Junior Advisor



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you so much to *Bill and Peggy Sanders* for their hard work as the membership chair, the computer files and thorough orientation to the responsibilities of the membership chair. I look forward to the fun job of welcoming new members. The members of the 2009 Membership Committee are: *Gail Condon* (past rear commodore), *Peter King* (Ocean sailor & transfer from another club), *Jim Phillips* (boats with motors & staff commodore), *Rachelle Phillips* (Kayakers), *Victor Nero* (Bay fleet), *Carol Carden* (Ocean fleet).

REMINDER: It's time to revise the **roster**. So please submit your changes and additions ASAP on the form included in the Masthead or by written note. It can be put in the office drop box. Be sure to put "Attention: Membership" on it. Deadline is February 28^{th} . (see form on pg. 8) Susan Wiley, Membership

News from Your Shíp's Store

Al and Mary Romero have offered to fill the vacant position and manage the Ship's Store for 2009. Please stop by on Friday night happy hour to say hello and thank them for keeping our store open. If

you are interested in helping them out on Friday nights I am sure they will be glad to have you on board. This is a fun way to help volunteer and meet your fellow club members.



Haul in on the starboard brace, me lads, there's a blow coming. Or something to that effect. We had our first organized cruiser function this weekend, our cruiser maintenance weekend. On Saturday, we had four boats at the dock and Sunday three. *Larry* was working in the yard and we were working on our dinghy. Also, *Staff Commodore Schmidt* and family were working on their boat at their mooring, as John didn't have time to bring her in. All in all, even with the weather, work was accomplished, boats were spruced up and hopefully many will be ready for the *President's weekend cruise*. At present, we are aiming for *San Simeon*. If anyone interested in going would prefer *Avila*, please let me know. As dock use is still tight, remember that it is open to use during ocean races while the racers are out. Come on cruisers, the racers are being cooperative with the changes and our new Port Captain is on the loose! Thanks to all that participated; *Kevin, Larry and Barbara, Greg, Bob and Jenny, John and Nia* and especially to *Karen* for putting up with me. If I forgot anyone, let me have it. Thaaaaats all for now folks.

David Prewett



Good morning Daysailer Fleet 128,

It is getting around that I have been "elected" to be the *Fleet Captain* for the coming year. So, I am turning myself in, it's true, and I will no doubt be pleading guilty as charged many times in the coming year. I really appreciate the work that Susan Wiley did the past two years. Susan did a great job. Susan put me up to this assignment and advised me that the fleet captain's job can be as little or as big as I want. According to Susan, it is a stress free job not requiring any special leadership skills and that is why she decided on me as her successor. My brief experience in sailing depends on two pieces of advice. I am told a good sailor seeks a neutral or just slightly weather helm so if they fall overboard the boat will come up to the wind for a rescue. And, "don't feel bad, it happens to the best of us." I am pleased that Brooks Measures is our fleet secretary, I am hopeful she will keep me awake during meetings and help me with the rules of order. I warn you in advance that my hearing is bad and my memory short. I welcome your kindly reminders. You will find the most important events of the year, the seasonal race series, Cruise Days, and the MBYC Invitational on the race schedule for 2009. Of those, the Invitational, August 15 and 16, is the big event and we will be contacting you about helping out. I will be using the roster to keep the fleet informed about what's going on. I hope that more Daysailers come out and get their hulls wet racing, or on cruise days. We would like to see an increase in traffic from the yard to the boat hoist. Cruise Day is an expanded happening with a pre-cruise boat clinic, sailing lessons, racing skills seminar, or any other activity that participants wish to include. If racing is not your interest, the Cruise Day is great! Cruise days are planned for high tides with the possibility of pirating into the south bay for picnic lunches on the sand spit. All boats, even Lidos and kayaks are welcome. Kayakers have been known to get free tows from friendly Daysailer tugs.

Check the schedule and mark your calendars, see you often.

Regards and fair winds, Howard Grisham



Plans for 2009 Bay Cruises include fun and games on the water; sailing to Los Osos when the tide is high; combined with some hints and practice on sail trim and mark rounding. Don't miss the fun. Put the schedule on your calendar. Looking forward to seeing you on the water. Susan Wiley

2009 Bay Cruise Schedule

All Types of Floating Craft Are Invited {Boat in the water and ready to leave the dock by 11 a.m. Bring picnic in the boat food}



Saturday January 31^{st} —11:30 a.m. 3.6' high tide; 6:30 p.m. 1.1' low tide Sunday March 22^{nd} —8:15 a.m. 4.8' high tide; 3:00 p.m. -0.1' low tide Saturday April 25^{th} —11:20 a.m.4.0' high tide; 4:20 p.m. 1.4' low tide Saturday June 13^{th} —8:40 a.m. 0.3' low tide; 3:50 p.m. 3.8' high tide Sunday July 26^{th} —7:50 a.m. 0.3' low tide; 2:20 p.m. 5.2' high tide Saturday September 5^{th} —11:10 a.m. 5.2' high tide; 5:05 p.m. 1.1' low tide Sunday October 11^{th} —10:15 a.m. 3.3' low tide; 4:20 p.m. 5.1' high tide Saturday November 7^{th} —12:20 p.m. 5.8' high tide; 8:15 p.m. -0.2' low tide MASTHEAD

To all MBYC Members: ~~~ROSTER UPDATE FORM ~~~					
To assist the Membership Committee in the production of the new 2009 Roster , please check your listing in the current 2008 Roster to be sure that the information contained therein is accurate.					
Did you move, change, or add a phone number, email address, or fax number? Did you buy or sell any boats? Did you change sail numbers?					
Please enter your name and any correction (s) on the slip below and return it to the club office. Deadline for the submission for the 2009 Roster is February 28, 2009.					
NAME: NEW PHONE:					
CORRECT ADDRESS:					
NEW EMAIL:					
NEW FAX: RADIO CALL:					
BOAT (ADDED?) NAME:					
CLASS: CF#:					
BOAT (SUBTRACTED?)					
SOLD TO MEMBER?					
NOTES:					
PLEASE RETURN THIS UPDATE FORM WITH YOUR CORRECTIONS TO THE MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB, ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU.					
Tidelands Volunteers — <u>March</u> : 2: John and Frances Budlong; 4: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 6: Bud and Janice Moore; 9: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 11: Kevin Williams; 13: Al and Mary Romero; 16: Dick and Charlene Evans; 18: Bob Pyeatt; 20: Lynn Meissen; 23: Jim and Karen Clinton; 25: Harold Hartsell; 27: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 30: Lee and Sue Drocco. Alternates: Ad Smulders and Gail Condon.					
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EIGHT, count 'em, EIGHT, Lidos on the line last Saturday for Winter II. *Victor Nero* was so happy to have company at last. It was good to see the *Rothenbuecher's* and *Bryan Watson* sailing again. BUT LOOK OUT, *Cole Jenkins* is now sailing and he and his Dad, (old what's his name?) WON. Cole is a pretty tough little guy to hang in there for 3 races, and it was obvious he really wanted to sail. *Bob Kizziar* took a second, with *Lockwood* taking a 3rd. *Bob & Jenny* had a good day and made their boat go well. Even the Fleet Captain and crew got back on the water after a long layoff. It was good to get out. Let's hope we get some of our good old cool but steady North winds soon.

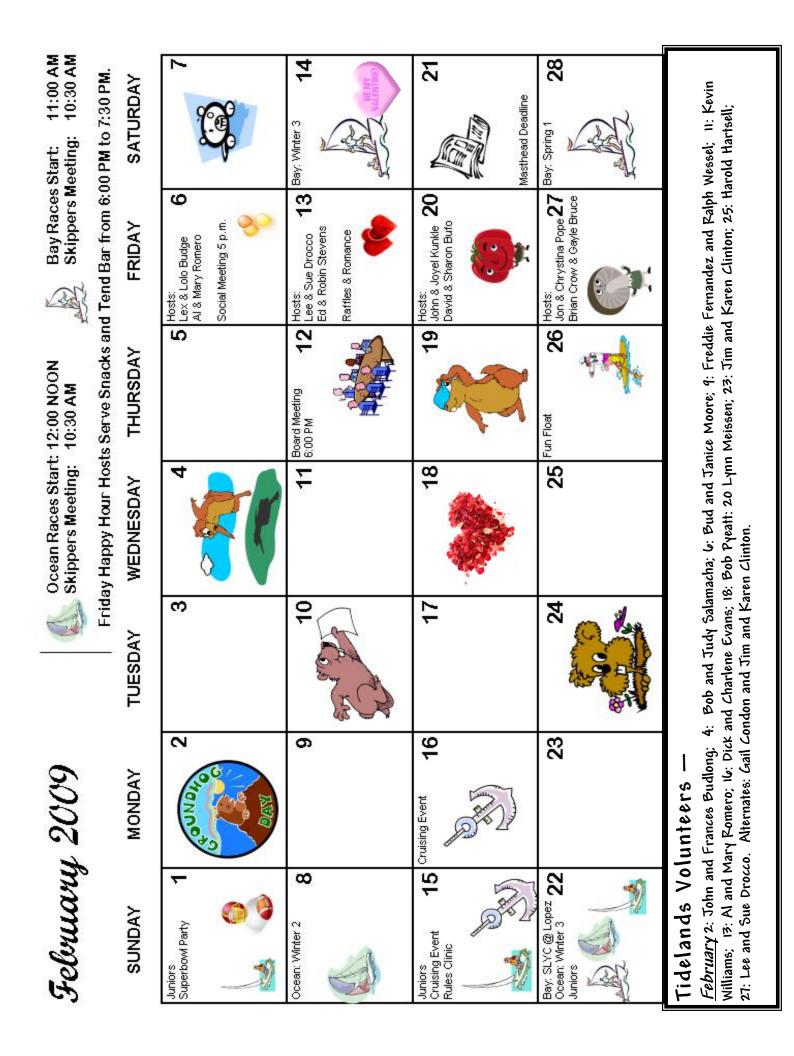
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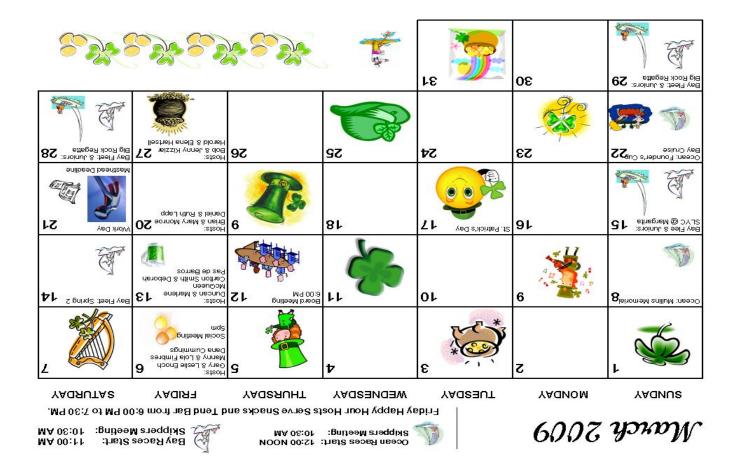


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