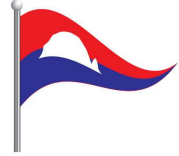


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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Dawn Huntsinger

Hello Sailors,  
This August article would normally welcome the traveling sailors back from the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake, and although we had a few folks keep their camping reservations, there was not a sail boat race to be seen. Three years of drought conditions stranded the docks on dry land and created lots of extra sandy shoreline. The photo on the left is Laser Beach, the photo on the right is Bear Cove where the Daysailers would be moored. It must have been quiet up there with no start sequence horns, no fluttering of sails, no yelling at crew members...



I didn't get to sail beautiful Huntington Lake, or camp with friends. Rain dances are in order, not only to replenish our local water supply, but also for Huntington so we can sail again next year!

I'd like to introduce to you the 2014 Nominating Committee, **Dana McClish**, **Lynn Meissen**, and **Tom Fee**. If anyone is interested in serving the club, please let them know. Otherwise, they will be approaching you after they determine what office would suit you best.

4<sup>th</sup> of July in Morro Bay was foggy, again. The fog ceiling raised up enough that we were able to enjoy the bottom half of the low fireworks that were provided by MorroBay4th.org, and the high fireworks lit up the clouds in beautiful bright colors. Mark your calendars for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Zongo Cup. Sail from Morro Bay to Avila Beach on Friday, 8/15. All seaworthy vessels welcome (sailboats, power boats, outrigger canoe teams, multihulls, etc.)

For those just looking to join the party, Zongo Allstars will be welcoming the finishing yachts in Avila Beach and performing live on the Promenade at the foot of the pier between 4:00-8:00PM.

Are you looking for a way to give back while spending a quiet morning communing with nature? We are looking a few more volunteers to clean Tidelands Park once a week. This is a project that the club has taken on as a gesture of good will towards the city and is a great way to volunteer outside of the club. For more information, please contact Kent Butler [jkentbutler@aol.com](mailto:jkentbutler@aol.com) 772-4020.

### Did You Know...

**Policy Letter #15 New Membership, items 2, 3: All Board members shall have met the prospective member and spouse or significant other. Before an application can be acted on, Prospective members shall participate in at least four club events, two of which must be boating related.**

Save time... See it my way.. *Dawn Huntsinger, Commodore*

*Always be yourself. Unless you can be a Mermaid. Then always be a Mermaid.*

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  
Barbara Edwards-Earl at

\*All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.\*

## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - John Kincade



July has been the month for plumbing issues. The bar sink has always had a problem of draining slowly. But recently it came to the point where it had to be fixed. While being repaired, it was discovered that it had been leaking for some time in the wall that is in the woman's bathroom. So the wall and cabinets had to be torn out, for an expensive and time consuming fix.

While all that was being done, it was noticed that our back flow valve was leaking. So, back came the plumbers, who found it clogged with debris, cleaned it out and all was good. They suggested some kind of filter which was pretty pricey so we will wait and see if the problem comes back.

If that wasn't enough, the firehouse fitting sprung a leak. That is scheduled to be repaired shortly. Thanks to

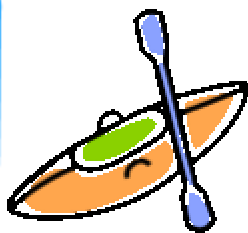
Dana, Lynn, Kevin and all others for all their help.

In keeping with the plumbing theme, a toilet in our house overflowed while we were gone for a few hours and did about \$\$\$ damage to the carpet and drywall. Between this and our boat problem a couple months ago, our insurance company is just loving us right now.

A lot of water issues. I like water better when I'm just sailing on it.

*Your Vice Commodore at your service,*

**John Kincade**



## FUN FLOAT

Thursday, August 21st at 10:00 a.m.

The July float was called off because.....

Be sure and go by Transitional Care in SLO and talk to Rosemary J. I am sure it will make her feel better.

Our August float will be on Thurs. the 21st. at 10:00

Summer is slowly getting away from us.

Your ever lovin',

**G.P.P.**

P.S. Remember it is not what you do - but what you get caught doing.





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**HAPPY HOUR HOSTS**

**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,

Stanley & Susan Craig @

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

**If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List. Cynthia Wimer will be 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.

**August 2014**

- 1 Charles Watson  
Bob & Barbara Schwenoha
- 8 Tom & Marty Tidyman  
Larry & Liz Salas  
Barbara Earl
- 15 Jim & Bobbie Brose  
Max & Helen Sicher  
Gary Raine
- 22 Bob & Carol Walker  
Todd & Joyce Hansen
- 29 Dana & Theresa McClish  
Faye Zeeb  
Duncan & Marlene McQueen

**September 2014**

- 5 John & Terry Miron  
John & Janice Tannehill
- 12 Bill & Maryann Stansfield  
Roger & Vicki Marlin
- 19 Karol Vogt  
Sharon Brooks  
Cheryl Gould  
Bill Austin
- 26 Brian & Shelly Granger  
Michael & Brooks Measures

**October 2014**

- 3 Alex & Stephany Finley  
Peter & Jane Behman
- 10 Ted & Iris Jacobson  
Jim & Christy Hoxter
- 17 Don & Gail Phares  
Brian & Mary Monroe
- 24 Sharon & Dave Bufo  
Jack & Barbara Keely
- 31 Team Califia

**Jim & Rachelle Phillips**



## FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

Summer is flying by so fast! Despite missing out on sailing at Huntington Lake there has been some great sailing this summer so far and some major events happen in August.

The latter half of June saw both the Ladies Day races and Summer II on the bay. Three boats made it to the starting line for Ladies Day in perfect conditions. The mother daughter team of Dawn Huntsinger and Gail Condon prevailed over the ninja sailors Gwenn Krossa and Cyndy Fee. Gwenn had a good laugh when people mistook her ninja costume for a hijab. Anne O'Brien and Julie Thomas rounded out the crew list. When interviewing Gwenn for this article I asked if anything interesting happened in the races and here response was "No, nothing interesting. Well Brett provided homemade chocolate truffles as prizes". I'm going to have to make a note not to miss the races when Brett Cross is PRO!



Summer II saw 12 Daysailers on the dock. We had Greg Miller visiting from Livermore and Simon Graves joined us for the first time with his boat Spooky Blue. First and Second place was contested with Williams/Condon and Smith/Paes de Barros. After that is got interesting. Only 3 points separated 3 place with 6<sup>th</sup>. After two races Patrick Gorey and Brett Cross were tied at 7 points each, both stumbled in the last race giving this skipper an opportunity to grab third. After rounding 8 and headed down the sand spit to E we were in a break away with Kevin and Carlton. As we rounded E I let my self get too close to Carlton who was inside boat and ended up unable to take a high line to the finish. Terry Paris did though and with each boat we passed beneath he moved a half boat length ahead. At the finish he ended up a half boat length ahead and giving Patrick Gorey and Scott Turpin third. Thanks to Greg Barker and his crew for officiating a great day of sailing.

With the High Sierra cancelled this sailor found an alternate race to participate in that weekend – the Otter Regatta in Monterey Bay. The Otter Regatta is a Hobie class regatta. Back in college the Rear Commodore used to race a Hobie 16. We gave it up when the kids were too little to participate but now my son is 18 and ready for bashing about on a trapeze on Monterey Bay. My brother still has his original Hobie from those days, along with the original sails. We discovered those original sails were somewhat of a liability as we raced against sailors that have been active in the fleet since we were sailing. The acceleration of a catamaran is amazing, but its easy to lose speed with just a twitch on the tiller. We pretty much just chased the fleet around the race course. At the end I was resigned to last place but proud that we had finished every race, then on the last gybe to the finish we pitch poled. Race over for us! It took a chase boat and three people on the boat to right my brothers leaking water logged cat. Still three days of sailing on Monterey bay with my son beats staying at home!

The Ocean Fleet had Summer I since the last Masthead. Three boats made it out to the start – Beauty, Whizbang, and Guayacan. All of the boats were able to complete the 13.2 Nm course in just under 3 hours, which would give them an average speed of between 4 and 5 knots. Beauty finish nearly 30 minutes ahead of Whizbang and Guayacan but it was not enough and on this day Guayacan corrected out ahead.

The next big ocean fleet event is the Zongo Cup is coming up – August 15<sup>th</sup>. Race organizer Paul Irving has an even better event planned this year. There will be boats of all sizes making the trip south this year including multihulls and outrigger canoes! This year San Luis Yacht Club will be hosting races in Avila on Saturday. Make sure to plan to take Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> off. I am looking for a PRO for the race, preferably someone not sailing who will be in Avila and can take down finishing times and help compute the winner. Contact me if you are interested.

There are open opportunities to act as PRO in the balance of the year. Sign ups are on the bulletin board under the stairs or just email me – [MBYC.Rear@gmail.com](mailto:MBYC.Rear@gmail.com) – and I will work out something that works with your schedule.



*Todd Hansen, Rear Commodore*

We only have one item to report:

Duncan & Marlene McQueen have moved! Their new abode is:



***Your Membership Committee:***

***Gail Condon, Char Bruzenak, Cyndy Fee, Lynn Meissen, Rachelle and Jim Phillips, and Marty and Tom Tidyman***

Alternate High Sierra Weekend.



<<<Looks a little colder and wetter in Monterey Bay than Huntington.



Close racing ^^^^^



^^^^ Quick take a picture the Hansens are in front of Carlton and Deborah.

D'S photos are from Linda MacDonald.

Monterey is from Joyce Hansen

# MBYC Bar Stewards

Hello from your trusty bar stewards! We are having a great time taking care of the spirits for you all. Mixing it up a little and trying new things. Watch the board for new brews, wines and cocktails.

We also have some breaking news. Bingo is coming to MBYC. We don't have all the details just yet but we will be trying a few test runs to see what works best. We are tentatively shooting for a trial game or two on August 6 after burger nite. The games will help fund the hoist and bring some new fun for all.

See ya at the club!

*Stanley and Susan Craig*



## Speedy Recovery

We wish Rosemary Jorgens & Howard Grisham speedy recoveries from their accidents. I know we all hope to see them back at the club very soon.

## Editor's Note:

I wanted to say that it has been my pleasure being the 'Masthead Editor', once again. I find it necessary to turn in my Editor duties at the end of this year. So, any new member excited about getting involved with the club on some level, this is a great one, or an established member who has been itching to do this, now's your chance.

When I was editor, several years ago, I went to all the events and races (well most of them anyway) and took pictures. Really loved doing that. I'm finding I just can't get over to MB as much as I'd like, these days, and it is hard to stay involved and active in the club (I really miss that, too). So, I need to pass the torch on to someone who is interested in this kind of involvement. Please let the nominating committee or the Commodore know that you are interested. I will help the new Editor in anyway I can. I will be hosting on August 8th, hope to see you there, and don't be shy about asking me questions about being the 'New' Masthead Editor.....



Your 'Staff Masthead Editor..... *Barbara Earl*

# MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

## Dry July, A Gust in August

**Goodbye July** - The dearth of water in the Sierras dry-gulched what is usually one of the most well attended Opti and Laser events for Morro Bay juniors. Lets keep our fingers crossed for a wet winter and hamburger-run sails next year.

Junior days in June saw an active fleet of Optis on the water with a new member, Bryn Hoeschen joining the mix. She is a recent summer sailing graduate, and her skills and knowledge made it clear both that she is an excellent student and that the summer sailing instructors are doing a great job.

Several juniors are transitioning from Optis to Lasers so you can expect to see more of these “pointy” boats on the bay.

**Hello August** – The Juniors will meet on the 17 th and 24 th of August. Since some high wind experience is recommended for progression from Opti green to championship fleets, an afternoon outing to Lopez Lake may be organized to provide some high wind experience in a warm water setting.

**Racing** – The Opti and Laser series up and down California will start up in a few months. In the meantime the bay fleet races are unrestricted and juniors are welcome to enter.

*David Hensinger*  
Junior Advisor



## The Baja Bash

### By Jeff and Nelia Wass



After spending two wonderful sailing seasons in Mexico aboard our 37-foot Rafiki, “Reflections,” we finally stood on the dock in Cabo San Lucas at 4 o’clock in the morning, ready to cast off our dock lines and begin the infamous Baja Bash. The time had come to pay the price for all the great down-wind sailing, warm clear-water anchorages, and the beautiful 5-star resort marinas we had experienced since we left San Diego with the 2012 Baja Ha Ha. (Note the terminology difference—“Ha Ha” versus “Bash.” It’s a clue to what we were about to experience).

We had arrived in Cabo just two days prior with our friends, Katie and Don, aboard “Valhalla”, their 34-foot Ericson. Four or five months prior we all agreed that because of the Bash’s reputation for strong Northwest winds, opposing waves and currents, and very few safe harbors, the “buddy boat” system would add a measure of safety for the 800 mile trip up the west coast of the Baja peninsula.

I also thought it would be a good idea to hire a Weather Router (a guru, expert in weather, who sits on a beach somewhere in Hawaii with a laptop computer, sipping umbrella drinks and advises you exactly when “to go” or “not to go.”) And per the guru’s advice, this was the time to go. He said “15 to 20 knots of wind, north west.” My response was “Really. 20 knots?” His exact words were “What’s your aversion to sailing in 20 knots of wind?” I answered “Well, it’s right on the nose and usually comes with 7 to 8 foot waves also on the nose.” He said “Hey, this is a weather window. You need to jump on it!” So, since I was paying him \$50 a phone call, we cast off the lines and began the dreaded Bash home. 3 hours later we experienced the “cape effect.” The warm gentle breezes we had in Cabo San Lucas turned to cold wet winds blowing 25 to 28 knots, mostly on the nose, as we headed for Cabo Falso. The waves reached 10 feet and were also right on the nose. These conditions lasted about 5 hours as we beat our way around the Cape. We were motor sailing with frequent waves over bow, decks sometimes awash with 6 inches of water, and our boat speed often knocked back to 1 or 2 knots.

We finally broke through the “cape effect” and, still motor-sailing, we settled into 4 to 5 knots of boat speed in 15 to 20 knots of wind, still on the nose and set a course for Bahia Magdalena, 167 nautical miles away. A guy had previously told us that the secret to the completing bash is to “just keep going!” This leg of the trip was spent trading watches with Nelia, she stood the day watches and I stood the night watches, each of us mostly huddling in the cockpit trying to keep warm and stay out of the spray. Still motor-sailing through the day and night, we past the time keeping in frequent radio contact with our friends aboard “Valhalla” and picking up the occasional flying fish that landed in the cockpit. I have to say, it was always comforting to look out and see Valhalla a quarter to half mile away. All was going pretty well until just 8 miles out of Mag Bay, Valhalla called and reported their engine out and they were dead in the water. Don is a fair mechanic and was able to change out a failed electric fuel pump but the engine still would not start. They decided to and were able to sail close-hauled into the bay but once inside, the wind died completely and we ended up towing them the last five miles into the anchorage at Puerto Magdalena.

We were met in anchorage by Marco Antonio Arce, the mayor of Puerto Magdalena, who brought us diesel fuel in his panga and visited us aboard “Reflections.” 52 year old Marco told us that he was born in this little village of 350 people and had lived there his entire life. He also said that he knew every person in the village by first and last name. Marco was also Sheriff of the village and he had no flashlight. So we gave him two and wished him well. With a day and a half layover in Mag Bay we caught up on our sleep and Don finished his engine repairs. The weather Guru said “keep going” so we did.

The next leg was 230 nautical miles to Turtle Bay and conditions were about the same as the first leg, fairly strong winds and waves on the nose but certainly doable. In fact, as we approached Turtle Bay, we considered continuing on to take advantage of these conditions but the Guru said “no. It’s time to put to port.” And he was right. Winds quickly built to 30 knots. Other boats that had pushed on were turned back and soon there 20 boats waiting for weather.

Turtle Bay is half way home. We waited for 7 seven days for weather. We visited town daily and there even was a “Bash party” on the beach that included a cake with all the names of the boats that were waiting for weather.

And then it happened. The Guru announced what turned out to be an amazing weather window. We left that night at midnight so we could pass by the usually nasty North end of Cedros Island in the early morning hours. Currents and strong winds slowed us down some but once we cleared Cedros, the wind died and the waves laid down. The ocean was flat like glass. With a little more horse power, we could have water skied the next 380 miles, all the way to San Diego!

Altogether, in two years, we sailed over 5,000 nautical miles. To sum up it all up; sailing the mainland coast of Mexico and the Sea of Cortez was wonderful, “Reflections” performed beautifully, the Bash wasn’t all that bad, and now, we’re really glad to be home!





# AUGUST 2014



Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON  
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM



Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM  
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Daysailer Invitational 3 			4			5			Hamburger Night 6 			7			Hosts: Charles Watson, Bob & Barbara Schwenoha 1 			Daysailer Invitational 2 		
10			11			12			Hamburger Night 13 			Board Meeting 6:00 PM 14 			Hosts: Tom & Marty Tidyman, Larry & Liz Salas, Barbara Earl 8 			9		
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24 Juniors Summer III 			25			26			Hamburger Night 27 			28			Hosts: Bob & Carol Walker, Todd & Joyce Hansen 22 			23 Laser Championships 		
29			30			31			Hosts: Dana & Theresa McClish, Faye Zeeb, Duncan & Marlene McQueen 29 			30								

**Tidelands Volunteers — August -**  
 1: Jorgens/Pye; 4: Smulders; 8: Johnson; 11: Williams; 15: Channing;  
 18: Thomas; 22: Smulders; 25: Tidyman; 29: Condon.  
 Alternate: Kent Butler (772-4020)

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# August, 2014



*"If you can't repair it, maybe it shouldn't be on board."  
 -Lin and Larry Pardey*

## SEPTEMBER 2014



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 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM



Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM  
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Fall I 28 	29	30				 