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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello Sailors,

It always seems like the month of February gets shorter every year. Thank goodness the long month of March follows it. As much as we have enjoyed the summer-like weather, the one Saturday that turned winter-like was the beginning of the Cal Poly regatta. A big thank you to our members who stuck it out and made the best of it. Many apologies for my absence that weekend, although Mexico was pretty nice.

The Morro Bay Yacht Club has been in existence for nearly sixty years and I felt we need someone to document our history. I have asked Andrea Surfleet if she would like to be official club historian. She has accepted this position and the board has approved her appointment. I would like to ask that members assist her in collecting historical data, photographs and documents to be placed in a permanent archive for all to view. As time passes, too many items can become lost forever; by collecting them now we can be assured they survive.

We have a new chair person to manage the ships store, Yolanda Pederson. Stop by the store and say "hello." No matter how hard I press people, as yet we do not have an activities chair person. This is now getting serious with Opening Day coming soon; April 19 to be exact. This position can be shared if you think it is too much of a load for one person. It also can be a lot of fun. So please think about it, this club depends on volunteers and we are running short of them.

Okay one other thing while I'm on this rant, it is important that a club continues to gather new members, without them a club slowly fades away. New members bring fresh ideas and tend to volunteer for positions that need filling. I'll bet each of us knows someone who likes to sail and would be interested in becoming a member. Even if only half of you know such a person and only half of them became members, our numbers would increase in short order. Pick up a "what it takes to be a member sheet" at the upstairs back door and see if you know someone that qualifies.

In my pursuit of the club history I spoke with Rene and Ann Morris, membership number 16. They now make Washington state their home but spent many years in Morro Bay. Ever wonder what it was like before the three stacks were built? Rene told me the buildings left from the war years on that site were a great place he and his buddies loved to play. It seems that a recurring memory of early yacht club days were the pig roasts



Editor's Note: Submissions and corrections to the Masthead are due by the 21st of each month.

You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to

Yvonne Lazear

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

FROM YOUR COMMODORE Cont. —John Bodine

and luaus where the tarmac is now. As I learned from Jean White, the pig was butchered on site, hanging out over the water from the boat hoist. Apparently a member who shall remain nameless, arrived while the pig was still alive and according to Ann Morris became an instant vegetarian. Ok you're out there, tell me your side of the story.

If you haven't been to happy hour lately, come by. It has been quite lively, the hosts have been doing a great job, many thanks.

As we enter the windy part of the year, get out on the water and enjoy it!

Happy Sailing!

*John Bodine
Commodore*

MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet

I'm pleased to be appointed MBYC Historian and I look forward to getting us ready to celebrate 60 years in 2016.

Being new to the area and the yacht club, I find myself asking many questions about the history of the club and its events. Surely other new members are wondering the same? Who are these members that have worked so hard to build and sustain our clubhouse, grounds, and traditions? What is the history behind our Regattas, our Perpetual Trophies, and our unique activities? Perhaps by revisiting fun times, we'll find ideas that can be renewed.

Others have worked previously to compile historical materials, and I hope to further those efforts and make them more readily available on our website, in the clubhouse, and in Masthead articles.

Have pictures, stories, and items to share? Have questions or ideas for Masthead articles? I've set up a Gmail account called mbyc.history. Help us by sharing stories of the past, as we step together into the future!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

Roster Changes: It is still not too late to make roster changes for 2015. Please forward any new roster information to me.

Life Members: At MBYC's Board of Directors' meeting in February Jeanette Wolff was approved as our newest Life Member. Jeanette and her husband Peter joined the MB Yacht club in 1989 and Peter quickly rose to the position of Commodore in 1996. Unfortunately, Staff Commodore Peter Wolff passed away last year. Next time you see Jeanette please welcome her as our newest Life Member.

MBYC Handbook: By the end of this year there will be some major changes to the club's handbook. All the sections, other than the roster of names and addresses, will be added to the club web page at mbyc.net. The roster of names and addresses will be provided as a PDF file via the club's Alias and will be available for you to print, keep on your desk top, or convert to your word processing program.

Membership Committee:

Jim Phillips (Chair), Char Bruzenak, Cyndy Fee, Lynn Meissen, Rachelle Phillips, and Marty and Tom Tidyman

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE — Todd Hansen

I've been a member of the yacht club for several years now and fairly active in a variety of activities and roles so I'm finding it surprising how many aspects of the club house I was unaware of because I never paid attention to it.

It turns out I am not the only one. I spent a day at the club this last month dealing with various issues, among them installing 10 new burgees of other yacht clubs. As is often the case, other members pass through the club and inquired about what I was up to. Not one but two very active all-be-it newer members of the club had not noted the burgees all around the club before. So my challenge to the membership this month is an Easter egg hunt. Find the newest burgees posted in the club. They hail from:

1. South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, Marina Del Rey
2. Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club, San Francisco
3. San Rafael Yacht Club, San Francisco Bay
4. Meeks Bay Yacht Club, Lake Tahoe
5. Lakewood Yacht Club, Texas
6. Houston Yacht Club, Texas
7. Lake Arthur Yacht Club, Louisiana
8. Manila Yacht Club, Philippines
9. Eugene Yacht Club, Oregon
10. Sydney North Saanich Yacht Club, British Columbia, Canada



Have fun looking for them! Thanks goes to Jim Phillips for making a bunch more burgee holders for me to use in this project. Once upon a time we had a list of all of the burgees on the wall and their information but this list has not been kept up to date. If this sounds like something you would like to do I can get you a copy of the old list and map. I'd love to have the information available to everyone via our web page.

The dock repair project is still in review at the Coastal Commission. We have received some preliminary information back from the Commission. Thanks to the collective wisdom of the long range planning commission, the scope of the repair is expanding to include not only the piles that are in immediate danger of failure but all of the piles, since according to the survey, they all will need attention within the next 5 to 7 years. By doing the repair work for all of them now we hope to save money and extend the life of the dock for at least another 15 to 20 years. All of this work is within the funds that have been set aside for maintenance of the dock.

The ladies may have noticed a gaping hole in the ceiling in the ladies room. The ceiling fans in both bathrooms are broken and one is on my workbench for repair or replacement. I hope to have it back in place by Opening Day.

Work Day is approaching on March 21. Make sure the keep the date open so you can come join us.

Although the winter rains this year have not been nearly enough to meet our needs they have been enough to kick start the weeds in the yard. If you have a boat in the yard you are responsible for maintaining the area, including no weeds under your boat. NO Weed Whackers as they send rocks and shells flying everywhere.

Please use the email address below for Vice business.

Todd Hansen
Vice Commodore,

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

The “Big” boats set out for the open ocean on the 25th of January for their first race of the year. The first of the 3 Winter series races was sailed in anything but winter-like conditions as the temperature was in the low 80’s with a slight offshore breeze. Five boats entered for the 11.53 nautical mile course, 2 of which were racing for the first time. From the vantage point of Hazard Peak in Montana de Oro I could see Lynn Meissen’s big blue Alden Schooner "Guayacan" reaching down the starting line followed by Lee Piatek’s aptly named J130 “Beauty” and the other boats near the starting area. I thought Guayacan was going to be right at the buoy at the start signal but I watched her sail right on by and moments later Beauty headed up to cross the line and start. Guayacan was a just a few seconds early and there is no slowing the big schooner once it gets on a roll. Guayacan tacked back to cross the line and then paced the J boat up the first leg of the course. Guayacan can spin the knot meter up in the right conditions and the conditions were right as “Beauty” couldn’t stretch out enough distance to make up for her fast rating. I lost sight of the fleet as they headed North. First place was Guayacan, followed by Ocean Fleet Captain Ken Muther in “Evening Tide”, and the Lee Piatek’s “Beauty”. The next two races will be held back-to-back on February 22nd and March 1st. Skippers meeting is at 10:30 AM and the start is at Noon.



To encourage more boats to get out and have a chance to win, the fleet will be split so that the smaller boats can compete with boats of similar size. The small-boat fleet will be for SoCal PHRF ratings of 190 or greater and the waterline length is less than 26 feet. Here are some of the boats that meet the small boat limits: Catalina 30, Newport 30, Islander 28, Columbia 29, Cal 28, Catalina 27, Laguna 26, Dana 24, Balboa 26, Ranger 23, Cal 25, Flicka 20.



The saying, “You should have been here last week.” couldn’t have been more true when 24 CFJ’s representing 9 college teams arrived on the first Saturday in February for Cal Poly’s inaugural Mustang Open collegiate regatta hosted by the Club. Miserable is about the best you could say to describe Saturday. The 80+ sailors competing in the Collegiate FJ were treated to a very light air, rain soaked, first day of racing. Oh, and the tide wasn’t helping matters either. It was miserable no matter if you

were racing, volunteering on the water, or back at the Club preparing for Saturday’s spaghetti feed. What a difference a day makes. Sunday was some of the best sailing conditions I’ve ever witnessed in Morro Bay. The wind was perfect, coming straight down the channel out of the South. The course was set off the T-pier and the racing was really spectacular. I’m not sure if it made up for Saturday but I saw a lot more happy faces in the Club after the races on Sunday. UCSB and Cal Maritime swept the top six spots. Cal Poly held their own and placed a 7th, 10th, 13th, and 19th overall.

REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross Cont.

Ocean Fleet Winter II



I cannot thank the many Club members enough who made this event successful. From the folks who opened up their homes to sailors who needed a place to stay, everyone who volunteered to help out on the water, the kitchen crew who prepared the spaghetti dinner and served everyone, and the protest committee members who headed down Sunday to hear the protests. There are few yacht clubs that provide the hospitality that we do. A number of the college sailors personally thanked me for everything that the Club had done for them.

You know the results matter when someone pulls out a brand new spanking set of sails for a race, in this case the Daysailer Bay Fleet Winter III race and the overall winner for the Founders Cup. The Founders Cup was donated by Ann and Rene Morris in 1992 to recognize and honor the founding members of the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Since the race fell on Valentine's Day, the Daysailer fleet hosted a wonderful Valentine's day breakfast that included banana pancakes, strawberry French Toast with whipped cream, and fresh fruits. The ploy worked as 13 boats entered. The weather was spectacular for the tourism board as it was a picture perfect day in Morro Bay- warm and no wind. Not so good for sailboat racing. After an inauspicious attempt at starting the first race where no one crossed the start line after 5 minutes and a few boats drifting down the harbor and out to sea the postponement flag was line after 5 minutes and a few boats drifting down the harbor and out to sea the postponement flag was raised. A bit of breeze found its way from the South and the first race not only started but the boats went forward. The breeze which was forecast to go to zero by afternoon actually continued to get better throughout the day with the 3rd race sailed in a nice breeze. The day's results showed the Williams/Condon team in first, Carlton Smith/ Deborah Paes de Barros 2nd, and Steve Borges/ Christine Osborn 3rd. The Winter Series and the Founders Cup went to Smith/ Paes de Barros. The Hansens, Todd and Joyce were second separated by 1 point from Patrick Gorey sporting a new set of sails.

Feb 22 Ocean Fleet Winter II race



get better every year. Volunteers will be needed so start checking your email inbox as the event gets closer for "help wanted" postings.

Don't forget about the Rules Clinic that Terry Paris is hosting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Club. The Clinic is based on the Learn the Racing Rules written and narrated by international rules expert David Dellenbaugh. The two-DVD video series will help you understand the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing and apply them tactically while racing by using digital animation, computer graphics, on-the-water sailing demonstrations and actual racing footage. The DVD explains all the rules we need to know when boats meet on the race course. Great for all types of racing and sailors of all skill levels. See you on the water.

Brett Cross,
Rear Commodore

FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

The February Fun Float was held on the Chinese New Year. Whether it was the year of the Goat/Sheep/or Ram was in Question. The Chinese word "Yang" has it any way. I'm not sure Carolyn Pye liked her sign as the Snake, but we all read the write-ups on our signs and had a few laughs. It was



This otter joined us in our fun float this week. He performed his latest back stroke and floated in the tide with us.

an ideal day for floating on the bay as an otter playfully tried to join us as the tide was carrying us back to the club. He preformed the oddest back stroke when he left us.

Next month's fun float will be on a Saturday, March 7 at 10:30. Bring the whole family and friends (if you have any). There are lots of birds on the bay so bring binoculars and as well as lunch. We're going to try and get some of you to put to use some of the Kayaks that are stored at the club and very seldom used. Join us in the fun and we'll see you on the water.

*Dot Rygh
Grand Poo Mah.*

MBYC PRO CLINIC—Dot Rygh



The successful pro clinic was held Sat. Jan. 31 after a very hearty breakfast by Pat Hedges and Brett our new Rear Commodore. A very enthusiastic group heard Dot & Pat Rygh teach everyone to be an excellent Principal Race Official. A lot of questions were asked and answered and new material brought up. Feel free to ask Brett, Dot or Pat on help with Proing.

MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger

Marching Towards the Big Rock

Big Rock Regatta March 14th and 15th - The Big Rock Regatta occurs on the weekend of March 14th and 15th. This event has more boats in the water than any other Morro Bay regatta. Sure the boats are small, but there are some fierce competitors in the championship fleet, and a lot of fun to be had in the green fleet. There are still opportunities to help out on the water or at the club before, during, and after the event. Anyone who would like to get involved is encouraged to contact Dana McClish.

Other March Events - Besides the Big Rock. The juniors have sessions on March 8th and

March 29th. Also scheduled on March 22nd is the juniors' annual work day. With the FJ, Laser, and Opti fleets sharing the juniors shed it is time to do some organizing. If anyone knows how to fit 10 pounds of # into a 5 point sack I'd love to hear from them.

Farewell to February –

There was one juniors' meeting in February which has not occurred as of press time. There was however one of the largest regattas on the bay on February 7th and 8th. With 25 boats each with two sets of two crewmen, approximately 200 college sailors anticipated in Cal Poly's first hosted regatta.



Close to Home Lopez Cup -

The San Luis Yacht Club hosts the Lopez cup on Lopez Lake March 8 and March 29. This is an arbitrary race and club Lasers, Optis, and DaySailers have competed.

Further Afield - On February 28th and March 1 the Harken Opti series starts at Cal YC. Laser Midwinters West are 3/7-29 at Cal YC. CFJ racing in the PCISA SoCal#5 is at SDYC 3/28-29. The SCCYRA Ullman/Frost & Bemis/Smythe Area J Qualifier are at CalYC 3/28-3/29. More information is available from <http://www.sccyra.org/calendar/calendar2015>.



Any juniors who would like to attend an out of town race and use a club Optimist or Laser should contact the junior advisor mbyc.jrs@gmail.com.




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HAPPY HOUR HOSTS— Jim & Rachele Phillips

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.

If you make a change, please let Polly know

- **March 2015**
- 6 Charles & Laura McCarren
John & Carol (Maurer) Dilworth
 - 13 Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner
Henriette Groot & Mary Flaven
 - 20 Harold & Elena Hartsell
Chris & Lynn Helenius
 - 27 Brian Jalbert
Kay Milligan & Kathy Egan

- **April 2015**
- 3 Brian & Gayle (Bruce) Crow
Rich & Yvonne (Lazear) Leamon
 - 10 Jim & Karen Clinton
Jim & Char Bruzenak
 - 17 Lynn Meissen
Donna Arozena
Don & Glenda Boatman
 - 24 Bob & Holly Smirl
Lee & Bonnie Piatek

- **May 2015**
- 1 Andy Arozena
Katie Crawford
Forrest & Frances Martin
 - 8 Richard & Elaine Steuk
Alan & Cleo Holz
Roy Gammill
 - 15 Dana Cummings
Mark & Julie (Thomas) Brown
Nancy Craig
 - 22 Paul & Jessica Irving
John & Elaine (Giannini) Gajdos
 - 29 James & Anna Johnston
David & Kim (Shollenberger)
Hesinger

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Four of the eight ocean boats from the Feb 22 Ocean Fleet Winter II race

UPCOMING EVENTS!! MARCH 2015 CALENDAR

March 2015



Junior Races
9:30 AM



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
1	2	3	4	5	6 Hosts: Charles & Laura McCarren John & Carol (Maurer) Dilworth	7 Fun Float 10:30AM Bring Kayak
8 Founders Cup 9:30AM 	9	10	11	12	13 Hosts: Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner Henriette Groot & Mary Flaven	14 Big Rock Regatta
15 Big Rock Regatta 	16	17 Board Meeting 	18 Rules Clinic 6:30PM— 8:30PM	19	20 Hosts: Harold & Elena Hartsell Chris & Lynn Heleni- us	21 MBYC Work Day
22 MBYC Juniors/Alt Work Juniors Work Day	23	24	25	26 Inputs to Newsletter due	27 Hosts: Brian Jalbert Kay Milligan & Kathy Egan	28
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