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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello Sailors, The month of March was certainly memorable with the amazing co-ordinated activities of the Big Rock Regatta. If you weren't there you missed a great gathering of young sailors and their boats that looked like the Monarch butterflies retuning to Montana de Oro. A very well organized event, many thanks to all involved. The month of April brings Opening Day on the 19th, always a fun day at the club. We have a few surprises to change it up a bit, hope to see you there.

Due to my having to leave town for the celebration of life of a close friend, my interview of a longtime member somehow failed. So all I have for you this month is a story from my own club years a little over 20 years ago.

In the 90s we had a small group of members with ocean going boats that did not race as much as they liked to cruise. In that group were Ken and Mary Bradley, Jim and Christy Hoxter, Woody and Heidi Woodruff, Norm Anton, GB and Sarah Bucknell, myself and Brooke, and a few others from time to time. We usually spent Memorial weekend in San Simeon, the 4th of July in Pirate's Cove, and Labor Day back in San Simeon. These were fun weekends with sundowners on whoever's boat was the largest, night time dingy rides also known as Magical Mystery Tours. There were pot-lucks on the beach with the entertainment being watching everyone come in through the surf and some getting dunked. Playing music on one boat and calling in requested songs into KOTR radio until late at night with the DJ sending greetings to the boats anchored in the cove. Pirate's was always wild on the 4th; one year a rental truck parked on the bluff and put on a fireworks display that rivaled some of the local ones, no one knew who it was and they were gone in the morning. I had my stern anchor cut by a rock in the night and entered the water to find it around 6 am. Got it back and as long as I was in the water played a trick on Ken and Mary by swimming over and knocking on the bottom of their boat to make them think they were hitting the bottom. I will never forget the look on Ken's face as he emerged from the forward hatch like a sleepy Jack-in-the-Box.

Many more stories are out there from those days and I would love to hear about them and include them in my column, so if you have one e-mail it to me and we can all enjoy it.

When you come to the club you will notice a sign up board for food items on Opening Day if you have questions about how you can help with Opening Day please contact Donna Arozena.

That's about it for me this month. See you at the club.

*John Bodine, Commodore*



**Editor's Note: Submissions and corrections to the Masthead are due by the 25st of each month. Email to Yvonne Lazear**

## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE — Todd Hansen

I think it could be argued that the biggest day of the year for the Vice Commodore is work day. I was somewhat dismayed then to feel a cold developing in my body the night before the big day. The best way to fight a cold is to get lots of rest but that was out of the question. I could not even sleep, as my mind kept going over all the projects I wanted to accomplish, what tools I would need to bring, and what parts I would need to buy. I'm definitely not a morning person, but on work day I was lying in bed waiting to get up. For the first time in my life I was Miner's first customer to walk in the door at 7:00am when they opened. After working through my list, I made it to the club before 8:00am and thought I would be first to arrive, but Donna Arozena beat me to it.

Then people started arriving and jobs were selected from the list and taken on. Galley Chief Ali Athari recruited a crew to help him clean and paint the galley. Port Captain Lynn Meissen recruited a crew to attack the ice plant in the yard. One by one the jobs were accepted and completed. Brett Cross, the former galley chief volunteered to feed the crew, and clean out the freezer at the same time.

Thanks to:

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Brett Cross



It's always amazing to me how much gets done in a single day. A special thank you to those people that took on multi-day jobs like Ali's galley crew and Tom Murphy repainting the lights under the deck. Also a thank you to those that have been helping out on other days. Caught you Jim Phillips, the varnish on the hoist controls looks great as does the fife rail. And thank you to those I did not catch. I know someone touched up the paint on the walls below the stairs.

The Coastal Commission approved our waiver request for repairing our dock and deck piles at their March 11 meeting and the official notice has arrived in our mail.

Dana McClish is now working to secure the permits we need from the City. When we are done with this project the piles for the deck and the dock should be good for another 15 or 20 years.

**Todd Hansen, Vice Commodore**





A small mountain of marvelous succulent waiting to be transferred to the dump-



## FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

Something about size matters, well, when it comes to sailboat racing maybe not so much. The Ocean Fleet sailed back to back to back races



Guayacan

and it was nearly the smallest boat that bested all three races.

Winter only made a threatening appearance for Winter series races 2 and 3 and there was some rain that wetted the decks of the Founders Cup entries but that only happened after the boats were safely back at the dock so I'm not sure if that really counts. Eight boats entered Winter 2



which was won by John Krossa's Holder 20 "Fear Knot" over John Michener sailing his C&C 33 "Whizbang" and first time in the placings, coming in 3rd, Steve Zawalick helming "Elizbeth Marie".

Winter 3 found seven boats on the line with, you guessed it, John Krossa's little 20 footer taking the overall win ahead of second place skipper Brian Monroe in his Open 5.70 "Twinfin", which is actually a foot and some change shorter than "Fear Knot", followed closely by John Michener on "Whizbang". All three boats crossed the line within a minute of each other.

The Founders Cup race was almost a carbon copy of Winter 3, however Lynn Meissen placed her big blue 43" Alden Schooner "Guayacan" ahead of John Michener for 3rd. The two little boats again



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taking 1st and 2nd. The corrected finishing times were all within a couple of minutes of each other. Remember you can go to the MBYC website and peruse all the results to see the overall times and corrected times.

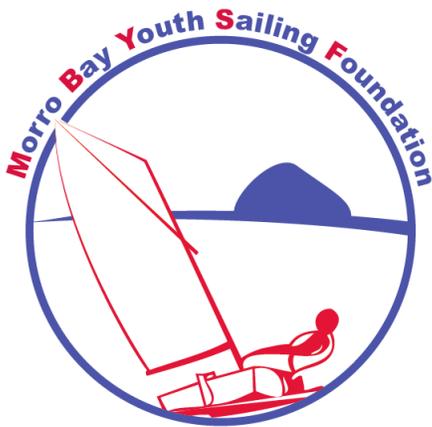
If you were anywhere near the Club on March 14 and 15th and didn't run after seeing and hearing a lot young kids, and I mean a lot of young kids, running around the club with their sailing attire on and an equal number of little Optimist Dinghies you would have found yourself in the midst of the Annual Big Rock Regatta. The weather was beautiful and the kids eager to

get out on the water and mix it up, unfortunately the wind wasn't in any mood to cooperate. Race radio

## REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross Cont.

chatter frequently revolved around what are your wind conditions like at the Harbor entrance coming from the Green Fleet course hoping for some insight as if there was any wind anywhere that might show up. Tough conditions didn't completely exhaust the fun factor for most however there were a few kids whose fun meter was certainly running near empty. Like I always say, "you should have been here last week". All the results can be found on the front page of the MBYC website. And as always Dana McClish did a herculean job of putting the whole thing together with a lot of help from club members. See you on the water.

*Brett Cross, Rear Commodore*



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

**New Life Member:** The Board of Directors approved the application for Life Membership submitted by Bob Hovey, so, when you see him, congratulate him on becoming the latest member of that esteemed group of club members.

**2015 Membership Cards:** Membership cards are ready and available for all members in good standing. We will have them available at Friday Happy Hour for the next couple of weeks. Stop by and pick up your card.

**Membership Roster for 2015:** This year's roster is nearing completion and will be available soon. This year the roster will be made available via the "Alias" and in the form of a PDF file which you can leave on your desktop or print a copy. If you are not on the "Alias" send an email to Staff Commodore Don Lockwood.

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh



Fun Floaters had a beautiful day on the bay and everyone is welcome to join us at any time.

We were lucky once again to have beautiful weather and a great paddle on Sat. March 7th. The picture has everyone enjoying a well-deserved rest on the sand spit with a sunny, balmy lunch stop.

We'll try to hit the good weather window again on April 17, 2015 at 10 A.M. It is the Friday before Opening Day and we always have sunny weather for that. The May Fun Float will be on Tuesday,

May 5 at 10:30 and be ready to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. We will furnish the XX and you all bring yourselves and your lunch. Happy Easter and find more time on the water.

## SOMMELIER NOTES—Rich Leamon Courtesy of Steve Autry

### Hey Steve... Ask the Winemaker

**Q. Hey Steve, Why do you put all those other flavors, like cherry, peach, and chocolate, into your wine?**

A. Well, that's one of the fascinating things about winemaking--that we don't put those flavors into the wine! We do have some control over the flavor input with the use of oak barrels and oak alternatives, such as chips or staves. The types of flavors and aromas we get from those generally are in the caramel and vanilla direction, perhaps also a little coconut or spice. But as far as all the rest of the flavors that we talk about, those all come directly from the grape. When we describe a wine, we point out the flavors and aromas in the wine that you're already familiar with from other products, so we kind of function as your tour guide, pointing out the sights along the way. The flavors and aromas that we're talking about are all little chemical combinations that create those flavors, like a little chemical called di-acetyl, which is often a byproduct of malolactic fermentation. (It's that chemical that gives butter its flavor.) Wine grapes are blessed with a countless number of little chemical fragments hidden in the skins and the juice, and those are the building blocks of the flavors that end up in the wine. So all those little chemical fragments, as well as the sugars and everything else, wind up passing through the metabolic pathways of the yeast and end up being broken down and reassembled into the flavor components you recognize in the wine. I have some control over the outcome by the choice of yeast strains that I may use, and also with temperature control (yeasts behave differently at different temperatures). And good yeast nutrition is critical to a successful outcome. There are many different kinds of grapes out there, and they all have different flavors and aromas that are inherent to the grape—a fingerprint, if you will. As long as I start with a good grape and take proper care of my fermentation process, we will be successful in creating a wine where the flavor and aroma fingerprint jumps right out at you in a way that can hardly be missed. Each person's palate is just a little different, so some people may pick up on something that others may not, but that's the fun of wine tasting—there are so many different flavor and aroma combinations, and you get to run around to different wineries and find out what toots your whistle!

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## MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger



### Rock On

**Big Rock Regatta Review** - Thanks to all the volunteers who made the Big Rock Regatta a huge success. The Championship Fleet was smaller than last year, but the growth in the Green Fleet made this the biggest Big Rock yet with 79 racers. Special thanks to Dana McClish for organizing and coordinating this wonderful event. The conditions were light, but there were no complaints about the plentiful sun and mild temperatures.

The MB Junior Yacht Club fielded seven sailors at this year's Big Rock. Six of them were in Green Fleet (three for their first regatta) and one was participating in Championship Fleet for the first time. Joel Surfleet started his Championship fleet racing career with a tenth place finish in his first race. Joel went on to finish 32nd overall and 10th in his division. Cooper Krossa led the Morro Bay sailors in green fleet finishing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 39.

**A Busy March** – March was a packed month for the Junior YC with two meeting days, the Big Rock, and the Jr. work day. The schedule for the work day included Opti bow bumpers, shed cleanup, chase boat service, and pizza for lunch.

**Coming in April** - After a very full March, the 12<sup>th</sup> is the only scheduled Juniors day in April. Juniors are encouraged to come to Opening Day and then take out a boat and participate in the arbitrary Opening Day Bay Race. They may also want to consider some of the out of town regattas.

**Pirate's Booty May 9<sup>th</sup>** - The popular Pirate's Booty Nautical Rummage Sale and swap meet is coming up Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Tables are available for \$20 for those who have extra gear they want to turn into cash. Donations of items to the Juniors for sale at the event can be made by contacting the Jrs Advisor ([mbyc.jrs@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.jrs@gmail.com)).

**Close to Home Lopez Cup** - The San Luis Yacht Club hosts the last Lopez Cup race of this year on Lopez Lake April 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an arbitrary race and club Lasers, Optis, and DaySailors have competed. The early spring Lopez races can deliver light winds in the morning and howling winds by the afternoon, but the water is relatively warm...

**Further Afield** – Out of town Optimist racing heats up with the Harken Opti Series at the San Francisco YC April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. And with the SCCYRCA Carries Series 6/7 and Hoover Memorial at King Harbor YC in LA.

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](mailto:mbyc.jrs@gmail.com).

## ACTIVITIES—Glenda Boatman/Donna Arozena

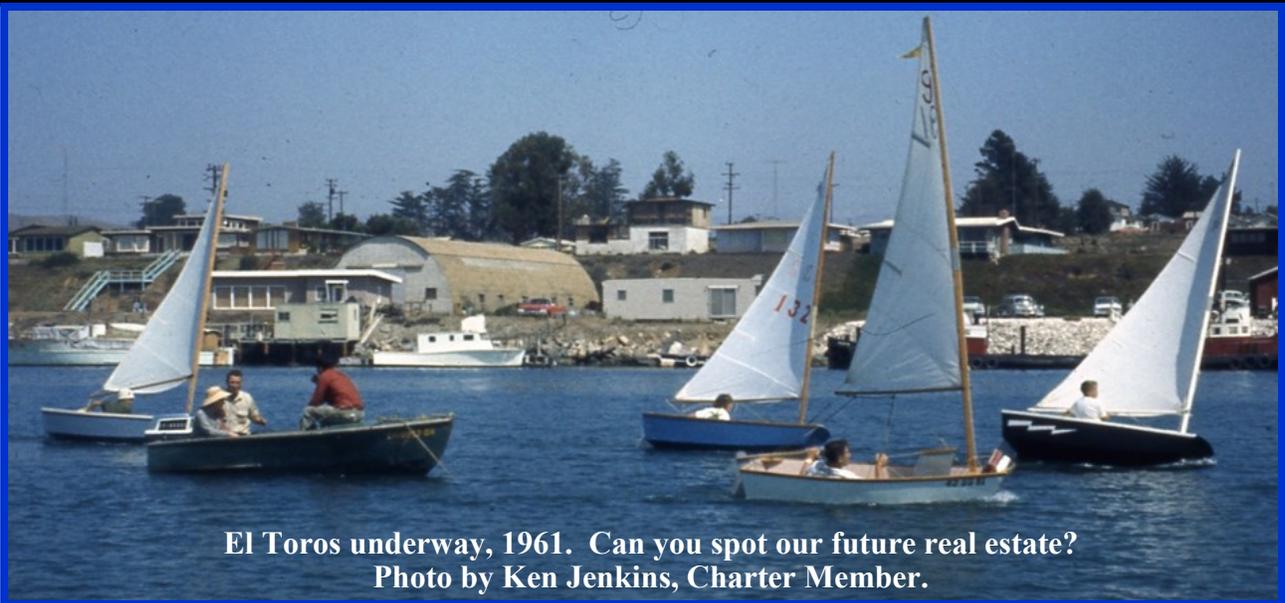


### OPENING DAY IS ALMOST HERE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please sign up if you can bring food or are able and willing to help out in the galley. There is a sign up board at the club for the food items or you can email or call and let us know what you will bring and/or if you will work in the galley. Please remember finger foods only (no salads or pies, etc.) and have it plated and ready to serve. We will also need volunteers for various other jobs. Let us know if you can help!

Thank you very much!  
Glenda Boatman and Donna Arozena

## MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet



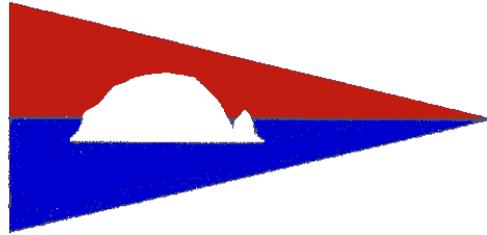
El Toros underway, 1961. Can you spot our future real estate?  
Photo by Ken Jenkins, Charter Member.

Traditionally, Opening Day meant that East Coast harbors were free of ice, so boats could be placed in the water once more. While we enjoy year-round sailing and are not ice-challenged, we still enjoy the yachting tradition of freshening up the club, boats, and selves, and declare that another year of racing has begun. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, when dressed in your finest blue and red and gathered on the deck of the club, reflect upon this picture from 1961 and think how far we've come!

We've known we have an important history but weren't sure what to do about it. Thanks to Bob Kile and early historians for gathering our original documents and the memories and photos of older members. Thanks to members who transcribed early minutes onto computers and those who kept your copies of the Masthead, just in case. I've placed those original documents into archival binders and storage boxes, secure from the evils of damp, bugs, and sunlight.

A picture is worth...so much more than just words! It's the smiles that they bring about, as the warmth from those memories spreads across your face. But then there's that puzzled look, as you debate just who that was. The one thing you'll swear is true; the story your spouse is telling isn't the way it happened. A picture is only worth 500 words if it doesn't have the Who, What, Where, When and What were we thinking? So why not dig out your Yacht Club photos today and start identifying the usual suspects? Perhaps write down some fun stories to share, true or not.

Please email me at to let me know you've got pictures to share!



The Officers and Directors of the  
**Morro Bay Yacht Club**

Cordially Invite you to attend

**OPENING DAY  
CEREMONIES**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Reception and Continental Breakfast	10:00 am
Opening Day Ceremonies	11:00 am
Boat Parade	11:45 am
Races	1:00 pm



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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.

— **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 & Alaine Steuk
- Alan & Cleo Holz
- Roy Gammill
- 15 Dana Cummings
- Mark & Julie (Thomas) Brown
- Nancy Craig
- 22 Paul & Jessica Irving
- Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day
- 29 James & Anna Johnston
- David & Kim (Shollenberger) Hensinger

— **June 2015**

- 5 Bill & Catherine Sanders
- Brett Cross
- 12 Pat & Dot Rygh
- Don & Kit Lockwood
- 19 Mark & Angela Soll
- Gail Condon
- Kevin Williams
- 26 Ken & Judy Riener
- Truman & Lauren Prewitt

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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 5:15PM Membership Committee Meeting Hosts: Brian & Gayle (Bruce) Crow Rich & Yvonne Leason	4
5  EASTER	6	7	8 6:30PM Rules Clinic	9	10 Hosts: Jim & Karen Clinton Jim & Char Bruzenak	11 Travel: Richmond YC Big Dinghy
12 Travel: Richmond 9:30am Junior's	13  Thomas Jefferson Birthday	14	15	16	17 10AM FUN FLOAT Hosts: Lynn Meissen Donna Arizona Don & Glenda Boatman	18  Ocean Race Open Day
19 10am Opening Day Ceremony Bay Fleet Open Day	20	21  Board Meeting 6:15PM	22	23 Inputs to Newsletter due	24 Hosts: Bob & Holly Smid Lee & Bonnie Pizak	25 Bay Fleet Spring II General Meeting Inputs to Masthead
26 Ocean Fleet Spring II	27	28	29	30		