FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello Sailors,

September is upon us much to the regret of school children everywhere and the joy of many parents. Our summer sailing program has been a great success in a large part due to the hard work of Staff Commodore Glenda Boatman and the well qualified instructors Rory McClish, Shanon McClish, Audry McClish with the assistance of Nathan Hensinger and Andrew Monroe. Also thanks to Carlton Smith and Dana McClish for filling in as instructors when needed. I know that I have missed someone so please forgive the omission. I will try to make up for that. Also, a big thank you to Dana McClish and Michael Measures for keeping the boats floating. I think we would all be surprised by the number of members we have who first took the summer sailing course and later joined the club. We already have swelled the Junior Yacht Club this year.

This month I had the privilege of visiting with Helen and Max Sicher. Max has served as both Rear Commodore and Director for our club. In a good natured dispute with then Director, Don Lockwood, Max pulled rank and hence ever after we now have a Junior and Senior Director, the title stuck. The Sicher’s are membership number 23 dating back to August 1976 when Roy Shank was Commodore. Their home in Los Osos, custom built by them, is what is known as a solar envelope. The heating and cooling is almost entirely accomplished by air flow from under house through a solar green house room into the attic area and back down on the north facing side of the home. Cooling is accomplished in a reverse of the air flow. Helen and Max both began sailing in a Lido 14, having taken sailing lessons in the summer sailing program here at the club. At that time in 1976, Chris White was one of the instructors. Max retired from the Army as Director of Range Services of the White Sands missile range in 1967. After vacationing in Morro Bay over the years they made Los Osos their home in 1980. Having sailed and owned first a Lido 14, a West Wright Potter 14, Catalina 22, and the Islander 29 “Chicken Sloop,” Helen jokes the only time she left the harbor was when Max tricked her by leaving Long Beach in their Catalina 22 and sailing down to Newport, after all the break water in Long Beach appears to stretch for miles. As most of you know both Max and Helen are avid Ham radio operators, as such the club has relied on them to keep us up to date on our VHF radio operation.

What many of you don’t know is that the photo in the radio cabinet at the club is a picture of member Joe Tilton sailing in the foreground, with Helen and Max sailing their West Wright Potter in the background. One of
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many radio adventures involving club members included Morse Code transmissions following Duncan McQueen around the world. Duncan asked Max to relay a request to Marlene as to where in the boat is the “Mrs Butterworth’s Maple Syrup?” Try spelling that out in Morse Code.

Although sailing for many years, Max began flying planes at age 18 and continued most of his life. One project the couple shared was the restoration of a classic Taylorcraft L2A, somewhat like a Piper Cub, Helen doing the sewing of the fabric wings. Being a member of the Army Flying Club afforded the use of a number of small planes. The Army also provided many interesting adventures. Living in Germany after the war, Max told me that to revive the German economy they put the Volkswagen auto factory back in operation. At that time the Chevy and Ford staff cars were getting worn out, so to aid the economy the US Army purchased 3,500 VW’s to replace them. Try to visualize olive drab 1948 bugs running around with US soldiers driving them, not quite the Hummers of today. One funny note was the 3 star general who loved his 38 Cadillac limo. It too was getting worn out and getting 38 Cad. parts in Germany was difficult, until they realized that an M-24 tank had two 38 Cadillac engines in it. Problem solved.

It has been wonderful speaking with the many members of our club, I encourage you to avail yourselves of this privilege when possible. These letters just scratch the surface of a rich history right here in our yacht club family. Another new feature at the club is a new chair position, I have appointed Brian Jalbert as Education chair person. He currently is teaching a navigation class and will be offering a range of Coast Guard Auxiliary based classes throughout the year. Watch the Masthead in the coming months. Also if you happen by the club and a class is in session please show courtesy by not being disruptive, the club is always open to members, that includes those involved in a class. It is a small space when a class is in session, it is difficult to concentrate with background conversation. Just something to keep in mind.

Mark your calendar for the Commodores Ball’s on November 21st at Windows on the Water. Enjoy the great weather as we go into fall. See you around the club.

John Bodine, Commodore

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

Membership in the Morro Bay Yacht Club continues to perk right along, however several interested folks want either a spot in the boat storage yard or a club mooring. I have had to inform them that the storage yard and moorings are available to members only and that membership first requires they have two sponsors. This creates a dilemma for prospective members that is difficult to overcome especially if they are new to the area. If you, as a member, meet a prospective member that you feel fits the interests of the club, ask them if they have sponsors. If the answer is no, step up to the plate and offer to sponsor them. If you have questions about the process of sponsoring a new person give me a call.

Speaking of new members, I am in possession of a club application from Simon & Hilary Graves who live in Creston with their two daughters Marina & Charlotte. Simon is an active sailor and recently sailed in the Daysailer Invitational and the daughters are active participants in the MBYC Juniors. Their application will go to the MBYC Board in September.

Jim Phillips, Membership Chair
When it rains it pours. Trouble comes in threes. There are all kind of expressions like that but sometimes it does seem that trouble follows trouble. Just when the parts arrived to repair the toilet in the women’s restroom, the faucet in the galley broke. I was able to spend a day diving into plumbing repairs and get them both done in a day, after 3 or 4 trips to Miner’s.

I replaced the broken lock on the shed. Then I discovered that we have two separate brass keys issued. My key could open all the locks but not all the keys could open the new lock I had keyed to match my key. By the time you read this it will have been corrected. Sorry if you could not get into the shed for a few days.

Did you notice how much brighter the club got upstairs after we switched out a few of the bulbs with higher lumen LED bulbs? Neither did the Commodore or I so we did not change out more than the two in the trial. At some point in the future we will have to replace the fixtures as they are 40 something and starting to crack.

Bob Walker is working on a plan to replace the fence post in the yard. Bob’s plan is to use brains versus brawn and accomplish the task without having to dig up the foundation of the old one. I’m sure he could use a hand or two. Someone straightened the bent gate. Thank you.

The staff of the “A” flag in front of the club broke. We are not repairing it because this winter we will be cutting off the top of all the piles as we upgrade the dock piles.

If you have a boat in the yard you are responsible for maintaining the area under your boat weed free. The late summer storm did not do much to our water supply but it gave the weeds a boost. I know the yard gets “tossed” as Kevo says every year for the Invitational. Hopefully your boat made it back to the spot you have previously weeded. It may take a few weeks to get back to the correct placement.

Please use the email address below for Vice business.

**Todd Hansen, Vice Commodore, Mbyc.veep@gmail.com**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Robert "Bob" Catlett’s family are finally coming far and wide to join Carolyn Pye at Leffingwell Landing for a Memorial gathering in Bob’s honor at 1PM, Saturday, Sept 12. Those who knew Bob are welcome and encouraged to join.
Summer is almost over, Burger Night will be ending soon, Labor Day is around the corner and the Summer Series for both the Bay and Ocean fleets are over. The Ocean Fleet sailed the last of their Summer Series race on August 2nd. The little boat that could, that being John Krossa’s Holder 20 Fear Knot couldn’t quite keep the streak of beating the big boats going as Lynn Meissen’s Guayacan came second to the line behind John Michener’s Whizbang and Krossa crossing the line 3rd. Guayacan easily corrected out in front of Krossa and Michener 3rd on corrected time. A total of 7 boats sailed the series with Lynn Meissen and John Michener sailing all three events. Guayacan and Whizbang were tied going into the final race. Meissen won the series by 2 points with (1,2,1) over Michener (2,1,3). Congratulations to Lynn Meissen and her whole crew.

The Bay fleet completed their 3 event Summer Series the next Saturday with 11 boats on the starting line. Carlton Smith and his more than heroic crew in that of his wife Deborah Paes de Barros were back to their winning ways for the Summer 3 races after PRO’ing Summer 2 with a first, first and a second. Greg Miller who travels all the way down from the Bay Area to compete finished 2nd overall (2,4,1) with Tom and Cyndy Fee 3rd place (5,3,4) for the day. Overall for the series went to Smith/Paes de Barros with a total of 11.9 points for 9 races in the series. The next closest score was Dawn Hunstinger with 38 points which shows the dominance of the “Beach Party” duo. A total of 19 boats sailed the series.

August also was the month for the big Ocean and Bay Fleet races- that being the Zongo Cup, Friday August 14th for the ocean racers and the Daysailer Invitational August 22nd and 23rd for the Bay Fleet. The Zongo Cup was big- big wind and big seas. 13 boats were entered in the PHRF class, 5 in multi-hull, 4 in the Hobie 20, and 4 in the paddle class. Heading out passed the breakwater racers soon realized that this race was going to be either fast, survival mode, or both. The wind was in the 20’s and the waves were big. Tony Gomez’s Farr 40 “High Five” flew (16 knot speeds) down to Avila in 2hrs 11 minutes. Nick Del Giorgio’s big 42’ Hughes design catamaran “Tunnel Vision” effortlessly blazed (19 knots registered on the speedo) the 20.8 nautical mile course in 2hrs and 3 minutes.

The Hobie 18 beach cat skippered by Tom Sinnickson made it in an 1hr 49min. There were a few small breakages and a bit of mishap when one of the Pale Kai outriggers was swamped and unable to
continue. For those that made it safely to the anchorage in Avila the weather was spectacular - no wind and in the low 80’s, while just outside the breakwater the wind and waves were whipping. Whizbang correct 1st overall with Simon Smith, SLYC, skippering Diligence 2nd, and Woody Woodruff, MBYC, at the Helm of Savage Lady II 3rd overall. Complete results can be found on the Ocean Fleet racing results tab on the MBYC website.

With the cancellation of the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake for the second year in a row the Invitational brought together the most entries for a West coast Daysailer event. 14 boats were entered in the “A” division and 5 boats in the “B” division. The first race Saturday saw MBYC’s own Kevin Williams out in front with a new set of sails and a newbie crew. Mike Gillum favored to win was 2nd with Greg Miller continuing figure out the peculiarities of the Bay in 3rd. MBYC’s Dana McClish 4th and consistent top finisher Dave Keran 5th. The top 4 traded places for the second race with Tom and Cyndy Fee sailing a great first day regatta 5th. The 3rd race again saw the same names towards the front end of the fleet with Dan McClish scoring one of his 2 bullets for the 8 race regatta. After 5 races on Saturday Mike Gillum was atop the fleet with a mere 9 points with Williams closest with 18, followed by Miller (20 pts.), Keran (22 pts.), Tom Fee sailing an excellent regatta with 24 points and rounding out the top six was McClish with 24 points. The final 3 races on Sunday saw places 2nd through 6th changing hands. Mike Gillum kept himself one back of leaders in the 6th and 7th race and scored a bullet in race 8 solidifying his place at the top. Greg Miller sailed himself into second overall, followed by Dave Keran 3rd overall with Kevin Williams after a tough day of sailing dropping back to 4th overall, 5th overall went to Dana McClish and 6th overall to the Fee’s. The “B” fleet was won by a Junior duo Joel Surfleet and Nathan Hensinger aboard “Zopilote” who “beat up” on their fathers Chris and Dave sailing together in “Solar Coaster”. I huge thank you goes out to everyone who helps to make this event possible. As always, see you on the water.

Harbor Festival Race by Dana McClish - This year’s Harbor Festival’s theme is “ALL THINGS BAY” so of course MBYC will be participating by hosting the Harbor Festival Race on Saturday October 3rd! This will be a one design day of racing in Daysailers open to all.
We've had several people join our floats this year and the latest was Jeanette Wolff from Cambria, a life member of our club. She rented a Kayak next door and had a great time. She plans to join us in the future and says for anyone who does not have a kayak, it was really easy and fun and to join in the activity. The schedule for the rest of the year is:

- Sunday Aug. 30, Baywood Navy 12th annual Boatzart at Noon-1PM at the 2nd Street Pier in Baywood. (Los Osos kayakers launch at a little park (Pasadena Ave) at 11:15, others paddle from other places, or drive. (Can bring a chair.)
- Tuesday, September 15, MBYC at 10:30 and bring a lunch.
- Thursday, October 15, MBYC at 10:30 and bring lunch.
- Thursday November 12, MBYC at 10:00 and bring lunch.
- Tuesday, December 15, MBYC at 10:30 for the White Elephant exchange and lunch.

Everyone is welcome to paddle and join in the fun and exercise at any of the above dates. I'll be available for questions and information about this activity.

The Sand Spit Clean up sponsored by our group, was very successful and a lot of fun and hard work. Several of our Yacht Club members got the word to help with the endeavor. Thanks for all your help in the cleanup! Only three people braved the wind with their Kayak's. The winner of the largest piece went to Bob Smirl with a large top for a fish container, and Bob Schwenoha hauled a big tire back with his Kayak. Rachelle came back loaded with several bags all tied with a pretty ribbon and a large foam pillow she found across from the museum. They had wind to contend with as they paddled way down the bay and against it coming back with their load. Patrick Gory had the lone sailboat to pick up trash and he also volunteered to clean up the Whaler. The majority of our volunteers took the Whaler, captained by Brian Monroe and his son Andrew, over to the Sand spit. As you can see by the pictures they did their share of clean up also with lots of bags and trash. Laurie Wright won the largest item in this group with a large plank. The others involved were: Brett Cross, Sharon Brooks, Joe & Bonnie Fram, Liz & Larry Salas, Bob & Carol Walker, Pat Rygh & Don Phares. They all arrived back to the Yacht Club for a Hot dog, Potato Salad and Baked Beens for lunch that was provided by Dot & Pat Rygh. Galley assists were Rosemary Jorgens, Gail Phares (who also made the greatest fresh squeezed lemonade) and Jim Phillips (on clean-up).

Thanks all and it was so successful that everyone wanted to do it again next year. Will do!,

Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah.
The Morro Bay Yacht Club presents
The Commodore’s Ball
Honoring our incoming and outgoing officers
At Windows on the Water

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2015
Dress: Semi-Formal
Cost: $65.00 a person

5:30 No host Cocktails
6:30 Plated Dinner
7:30 Program*

*Followed by dancing to a Band

RSVP DEADLINE NOVEMBER 9TH

I would love to attend the Commodores Ball

Name                  Dinner Selection                  Dessert Selection

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Dinner Selection: Flat Iron Steak, Snapper, Chicken Breast, Stuffed Red Bell Pepper
Dessert Selection: Lemon Mousse or Chocolate Ecstasy

Please make checks payable to the

Morro Bay Yacht Club, 541 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442
Juniors, Fall Into the Chris Lockwood Jr. Regatta, September 20th

Welcome Aboard—The end of summer sailing has been the beginning of Junior Yacht Club for several new junior members. Welcome aboard to Opti sailors Tava Verissimo, Benji and Hannah Redd, Dylan Downing, Jason Friedman, Owen Endersby, and Rebecca Wold. Several of these new sailors will immediately be moving up to sailing Lasers.

Past Meetings—The back to back August 9th and 16th meetings of the Jr. Yacht Club were well attended with 6 Optis and two or three Lasers on each day. Terry Paris and Dana McClish took the lead on coaching the Laser and Opti fleets. The focus is on preparing for the Chris Lockwood Jr Regatta on September 20th. Many of the Jr. sailors had their first taste of racing this month and they seemed to enjoy it.

Upcoming Events—The Chris Lockwood Regatta is scheduled for the 20th of September. This may be the most relaxed and friendliest introduction to small boat racing for junior sailors (and their parents) on the west coast. The racing takes place in front of the clubhouse and parents have an excellent view of the event. Separate races are planned for Optimists, Lasers, and Sloops. Sloops are larger boats typically raced by a skipper (steering) and crew (running the small sail in front). Sloops may have a Jr on the tiller and an adult crewing. All Morro Bay Jr Sailors are eligible to participate using club boats.

Upcoming Meetings—The calendar for the year has no scheduled meetings in September due to tide and scheduling conflicts, however, additional Junior days are likely to be added on the 6th despite this being Labor Day weekend, and on the 13th despite significant tidal flow. The additional meetings will be confirmed by email to registered junior members.

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.

MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet

Remembering Chris Lockwood

The Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta, on Sunday, September 20, will surely be a fun and exciting day. There will be new sailors who have never raced, and older Juniors who may be competing in a new class of boat. It'll be a special day for Don and Kit Lockwood, one close to their hearts. In 2012, the annual regatta was renamed in honor of their son, who died suddenly of a heart attack at age 49, on February 4, 2011. With their memories of Chris and his childhood love of sailing, they'll be on
hand to cheer the young sailors, help serve Root Beer Floats, and present the awards.

"Sailing can take you anywhere," Kit likes to say. And she certainly saw that with Chris who grew up sailing in the yacht club, which they joined in 1971. He began at age 8 with an El Toro and went on to race Lasers, Lidos and their Rhodes 33. As he grew up, he brought home trophies from Lake Woolemes and the High Sierra Regatta on Huntington Lake, one of his favorite events of the summer. He loved studying animals, especially reptiles and birds, and excelled at many things such as Scrabble, wrestling and motorcycle racing.

Chris was a natural sailor and read books to increase his talent, penning notes in his sailing books for himself and his sailing students. When he was 20, in 1982, he was the first MBYC member to be hired to teach Summer Sailing. He was also serving as Commodore of the MBYC Junior Club that year when there were ninety children of yacht club members, ages twenty-one and under! In an article in the Masthead, he was thanked for his service and for coaching the Morro Bay Missiles, perhaps a Laser group that met during the school year.

He taught Summer Sailing for three summers and raced FJs with the Cal Poly Sailing Team, yet still found time to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1986, he campaigned his Laser and travelled to national events, such as the North American Laser Championships during the World's Fair in Vancouver B.C.

As he sailed into adulthood, he settled in the Bay Area and competed in boats large and small, often visiting new lands. The adventure of family began with wife Laurie and their children, Logan and Chloe, now 12 and 8, who live in Santa Cruz.

The summer after Chris died, was to have been the first that Logan would have raced with his father at their beloved Huntington Lake. Instead, he competed in a Lido with his father's close friend, Simon, who led them to a win and a trophy, which Logan hugged close that night.

At the 2012 Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta, Logan raced a Lido with Lex Budge, then he and Chloe helped to present the awards. The Lockwood children will be on hand again this year helping their grandparents, for what's certainly going to be an exciting and extra-special day for all.
The 7th Annual Zongo Yachting Cup sure was a wild ride this year! Thanks so much to all who participated in this year’s race. Before diving into the race recap, I’d like to acknowledge some folks for their significant contributions:

MBYC Board, for embracing this event and helping to make it happen, Dave Hensinger, for stepping up as race PRO (and doing a fine job at that), Ron Giddings, for some fancy footwork to clarify our regatta insurance to make sure we were properly covered. Denise and Alan from the Blue Sky Bistro, for cooking a fantastic breakfast & brewing the coffee on race day. Kim & Leslie Eady, for taking the media and VIPs out on their Tolleycraft 48 Casa del Mar. San Luis Yacht Club for joining us and making friendships stronger between our two clubs. Jeanette Trompeter from KSBY for taking the day to cover the race and join us at the party. Ted Emrick from Emrick Studios, for creating the beautiful trophies. Brian Hendricks from Estero Bay Graphics, for designing the event art and producing the race t-shirts. (If you missed getting one, he still has a stack left at his shop - right next to Foster Freeze in MB). Lee from Seaweed Express, for running the committee boat or the race start and running water taxi service in Avila Beach. Mark Gvazdinskas with Silent G Photography for capturing some great images. Pale Kai Outrigger Club for hosting our awards ceremony at their beachside palapa. US Coast Guard, for keeping us safe out there and assisting with a capsized outrigger canoe. Katie Manley with Avila Beach Golf Resort for producing an amazing concert with Michael Franti and Zongo All-Stars and extending the hospitality for our after-party. If I forgot anyone, I apologize and do sincerely appreciate the extra help!

Now on to the race recap:

It was Thursday evening, and the dock was full and rafted three deep with a bunch of racers looking to get their game on. There were last minute repairs and preparations, and there was excitement in the air. We didn’t get too crazy, and it seemed everyone was getting to bed early in anticipation of the big day to follow.

As Friday morning started, the club filled with skippers and crews, and everyone enjoyed some delicious quiche, fruit, and coffee - compliments of Blue Sky Bistro. There were some last minute registrations, and people buying t-shirts. Like clockwork, the skippers’ meeting was called to order at 9:00, and I briefed everyone on the days activities. I must have done a pretty good job on the race instructions, as there were only a small handful of questions. With the closure of the Avila Pier and the change of venue for the after party, we all adapted and made it work. Since I didn’t sail personally, you’ll have to ask around for all the stories.

All the boats headed out for the start of the race, greeted by a very choppy sea - 4 to 6 feet at 4 to 6 seconds, with a 10-15 knot breeze which built to 25+. I blew my trumpet for the start signal at 11:00, and the fastest Zongo Cup to date was underway. We had the following classes this year: PHRF Sailing: 13 Entries, Catamarans: 4 Entries, Cruising Class: 3 Entries, Outrigger Canoe: 3 Entries and Support boats: 4.
Cruising Fleet Captain — Paul Irving Continued

The Results:

- **PHRF 1st Place: John Michener - Whizbang/C&C 33.** Elapsed time = 2:41:04 / Corrected Time = 1:55:18. Note: This is Whizbang’s 3rd year in a row to win the Zongo Cup 1st Place. Buy these guys a drink next time you see them around the club!

- **PHRF 2nd Place: Simon Smith - Diligence/DuFour 39.** Elapsed time = 2:35:59 / Corrected Time = 2:00:37. Note: Simon has participated in all 7 Zongo Cup races and will be looking to put the heat on Whizbang in 2016.

- **PHRF 3rd Place: Woody Woodruff - Savage Lady II/Kelly Peterson 46.** Elapsed time = 2:45:01 / Corrected Time = 2:03:25. Note: Woody had his boat hauled out in PSL for several months. He just launched the day before the race, sailed up to Morro Bay, took all the novice crew that didn’t have a ride, and still placed. Amazing!

- **Beach Catamaran 1st Place: Thomas Sinnickson - Don’t Panic/Hobie 18.** Elapsed time = 1:49:00.

- **Multihull (other) 1st Place: Nick DelGiorgio - Tunnel Vision/Hughes 42 Cat.** Elapsed time = 2:03:50

- **Outrigger canoe 1st Place: Ron Perkins - Lightning/Pale Kai 158.** Elapsed time = 2:25:00

- **Cruising Class 1st Place: Jeff Stewart - Yamaha Waverunner.** Elapsed time = 1:15:00. This is the first boat across the finish line.

**SUP Class 1st Place: Ken Twist** - Elapsed time = 3:30:00 Note: Shaved almost an our off his time from last year!

We had one incident with a swamped outrigger canoe, which was ultimately rescued by the Coast Guard. Special thanks to the crews of Casa del Mar and Gerry Luhr’s Nanka for standing by to make sure everything worked out OK.

As soon as the boats crossed the finish line, Avila Beach and Port San Luis welcomed everyone to a picture perfect, warm summer sunny afternoon. The Zongo All-Stars kicked off the afterparty at Avila Beach Golf Resort with a fun, energetic set to open the concert for Michael Franti and Spearhead. It was an amazing show with 2,800 in attendance. We took a break at 6:30 for the awards ceremony at the Pale Kai outrigger base, passed out some beautiful trophies, and swapped sea stories from the day.

All in all, a very fun day out on the water and back on land. I’ll be starting the planning process for Zongo Cup 8 in October, and I’ll be recruiting some help to make sure the next one is the biggest & best yet. Thanks again to everyone who participated!

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