

# MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello Sailors,

Somehow time got away from me this last month and my search for an interesting interview failed. Current happenings within our membership can't help but distract us from past history. Two of our members have passed away in the last two months. I know many of you may have never met either of them, however they both made important contributions to the operations of the Club. Cheryl Gould, the widow of Staff Commodore Doug Gould, who passed away in September was always a part of decorating the club house for Opening Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and any other occasion needing her special decorative



touch. She didn't need to be asked, she always offered help. Any other wife or husband of a Commodore knows how much they have contributed to duties of the Commodore. I personally know how much I have relied on Brooke's help in taking care of these duties. So thank you, Cheryl, we never said it enough. Just a few days ago we lost our friend and member, Mary Monroe, a past Treasurer of the Club and also someone who many of you may never have met. Mary's knowledge as a C.P.A was a tremendous contribution to setting the club's books in order as Treasurer and she continued to assist by working on the required audit each year. Thank you, Mary, you will be missed. Our hearts go out to you, Andrew, no loss is greater than yours. As I walk up the club stairs and view the photos of Staff Commodores on the wall, many I have known and some I never met, I can't help but reflect on how many others lent them a hand during their tenure. I can tell you from my experience that I am so grateful for the afore mentioned individuals and many other's help over the past year

Viewing the history wall of boats, either formerly owned by club members or ones no longer active, I can't help but reflect on the diversity of the fleet over the years. Having sailed on some of them, and having known most of the skippers, I treasure the times spent with them. The most amazing thing is how these many personalities all got along so well, from so many diverse backgrounds. It's now time to add our H-28, Taylor Rose, to that wall, even though she will continue on with another club member. It's been a great 24 years but now it's time for the next owner to enjoy her.

Down to the business at hand, the fall General Meeting is upon us Nov. 7. The pot luck will begin at 5:30 pm and meeting begins at 7 pm. So show up for the pot luck with your favorite dish to go along with the ham Donna Arozena is baking. The nominating committee has completed their work and have presented us with the candidates: for Commodore; Todd

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

## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Bodine Cont.

Hansen, for Vice Commodore; Brett Cross, for Rear Commodore; David Hensinger, for Treasurer; Laurie Fiori, and for Secretary; Alaine Steuk. All this will happen if we have a quorum to enable a vote. If we don't, you may be stuck with me. Ha Ha. The other matter to be voted on will only be decided by the current Board and that is approving and funding the outside stair climber chair. The Board was given that power by the general membership vote back in April of 2013.

Lastly, the Commodore's Ball on Nov 21 at Windows on the Water. Get your reservations in now so the committee can stop biting their nails. We need to meet the Nov. 7 deadline with the restaurant management. Hope to see all of you there.

*John Bodine, Commodore*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

I am happy to report that the MBYC Board at their October meeting approved the membership application for Joshua and Juliana Massie. The Massie's live in Santa Barbara but spend time in Morro Bay visiting relatives who live here and parents who come over from the Central Valley. They are active sailors who own a Valiant 40 and have a son Alex who is an active Junior sailor in Santa Barbara. They chose MBYC to join because, according to them "it has a feel and level of comfort and friendliness" they didn't find in clubs down south. When you see them please give them a warm MBYC welcome. their contact information is:

Joshua & Juliana Massie



Even though the year is rapidly coming to an end we still have two prospective memberships in the fire for 2015. They are Orris and Patricia Cowgill of Morro Bay who are being sponsored by Jeff Jones and Bob Neumann and Craig Levine who is being sponsored by Bob Schwenoha and Terry Paris. If you see Orris, Patricia or Craig around the club step up and say Hi and Welcome.

*Jim Phillips, Membership Chair*

## HAPPY HOUR HOSTS— Jim & Rachelle 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.

### — November 2015

- 6 Duncan & Marlene McQueen  
Freddie Fernandez  
Bob & Laurie Neumann
- 13 Bill & Maryann Stansfield  
Jim & Rachelle Phillips
- 20 Tom & Cyndy Fee  
Tim & Robin (Wessman) Volpe
- 27 No Host-BYOF

### — December 2015

- 4 Karol Vogt  
Sharon Brooks  
David George  
Bill Austin
- 11 Peter & Jayne Behman  
Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
- 18 Ted & Iris Jacobson  
Jim & Christy Hoxter  
Ali Athari
- 25 No Host-BYOF

### — January 2016

- 1 No Host (BYOF)
- 8 John & Terry Miron  
Don & Gail Phares  
John & Cindy Konrad
- 15 Dave & Sharon Bufo  
Jack & Barbara Keely
- 22 Terry & Charlene Paris  
Dennis & Kerry Bailey
- 29 John & Nia Schmidt  
Paul & Marilyn Schmidt

## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE — Todd Hansen

New (sleeved) piles are on their way.

We have two kinds of piles at the club. There are the piles that our floating dock rides up and down on, and there are the piles that support our deck. Both are in need of some attention and we now have our waiver from the Coastal Commission and our building permit from the City of Morro Bay to address both. The dock will be receiving attention first.

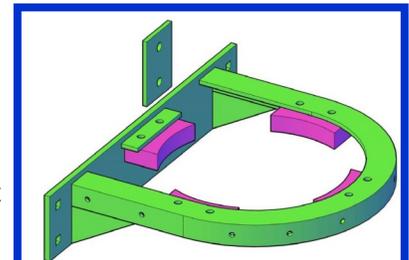
We had planned to address both of the repairs after the first of the year, but our plans changed when we found out the crane and barge needed to execute the dock pile repair will be leaving the harbor for about six months at the first of November. So, by early November the dock piles should have been sleeved. What this means is they cut off the top of the existing wooden piles and slip a galvanized steel pile over the top. They then drive the steel pipe pile down into the sand and the stump of the old wooden pile is left behind in the sand. The new piles will need new guides to protect the galvanized coating from being rubbed off by the constant motion of the dock. The new guides are being specially fabricated for us and will have plastic bearings that slide up and down the pile. The new piles will have new fiberglass conical caps. My next task is to fabricate flag standards on the top of each pile. The new piles should have a life of 15 or 20 years minimum and in practice much longer. The contractor tells me the day markers in the harbor are of a similar design, but not galvanized and they have been in place for about 10 to 15 years already.

The deck piles will utilize an entirely different process, which I will explain next month.

Just a reminder – if you use the galley – clean up after yourself. Sweep up, wipe up, put away the dishes. Several people have noted that it's not being left clean, and before people have an event there they feel like they have to clean it up first. That is not right. The club runs on everyone pitching in and volunteering, but I don't have any volunteers to clean up after others, so clean up after yourself, please. If you come in and find it left in a state, send me a note with the date and time and what the issue is. The club is a busy place, but every time we use our key fobs the computer logs who, when, and where the key was used. If we can narrow down when the mess occurred we can narrow down who was there last.

Please use this email address for Vice business.- [Mbyc.veep@gmail.com](mailto:Mbyc.veep@gmail.com)

**Todd Hansen, Vice Commodore,**



**New Pile Guides**

## OUR FIRE FIGHTERS—Rachelle Phillips

We all know how serious and costly the forest fires in California have been this year. What you may not know is that we have a number of firefighters in our club: **STEVE REEDER, BOB NEUMANN, TOM MCEWEN, JEFF JONES, MATT JENKINS, STANLEY CRAIG, NELI MONGIN,** and **JOSH MASSIE.**

When you see them, give them a special thanks for the hard and often dangerous work they do in keeping us and other Californians safe.

***NOTICE:*** *There will be a pot luck dinner before the General Meeting, Nov 7th. Happy Hour 5:00PM; Dinner at 5:30PM.*

## REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

The Inaugural Harbor Fest race was held on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> coinciding with the Morro Bay Harbor Fest day. A huge thanks



Harbor Fest Race

goes out to Dana McClish who put the whole event together with coordination with the Harbor Fest committee to help spotlight recreational activities on the Bay. Hopefully



many of you saw the photograph of the Daysailers with spinnakers flying in the Tribune. Five boats were on the line for the event. Patrick Gorey hot off his Wyscoki win was looking to add his name to trophy but the sailing gods would not lend their hand today. Simon Graves driving Bob Walker's boat with Bob taking care of the front half put up

impressive scores of (1,1,2) to position themselves at the top of the fleet. Mark and Angela Soll finished 2<sup>nd</sup> (2,5,1), with Dave and Nathan Hensinger 3<sup>rd</sup> (4,2,3). Gorey with consistent 3<sup>rd</sup>s in races one and two suffered an unwinding shroud that entangled his spinnaker during hoisting. Fortunately the sail only suffered a few minor holes. The racers shared the big stage later that day with the Harbor Fest trophy being presented by Dana McClish to Simon and Bob.



Harbor Fest Trophy

The Ocean Fleet swapped dates for their Fall I race and the second of the Devlin Series race. The first of the Fall Series races found only 2 boats on the dock Sunday. Lynn Meissen's Guayacan and John Michener's Whizbang. Unfortunately Tony Gomez's High 5 was still on the mooring ball with engine troubles. Michener found the finish line while Meissen suffered the dreaded Did Not Finish.

There may have been lots of room on the dock for Fall I but Devlin II found a full dock with boats side tied as 7 boats entered the race. I'll let Ocean Fleet Capt. Ken Muther describe the goings on. Devlin II was an interesting race. Ali Athari and Werner Weinstock entered a race for the first time and Marie Sargent raced her Person 44 for the first time. Altogether there were seven starters. At 11:30 there was no wind near the start line but the race started at noon with 10 knots from the SW. Beauty and Whizbang led the way to the first mark with Guayacan and Evening Tide not far behind. Once heading for Cayucos the wind increased to 20 knots and the large boats began to fly. All was good as the fleet continued south toward the MB buoy. Beauty had a large lead but had to retire



Ocean Races

## REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross Cont.

due to boat problems. Whizbang rounded the MB buoy and headed north to the 18EB buoy, the final mark.

Guayacan was 10 minutes behind and as Guayacan arrived at MB the wind died. Whizbang sailed very slowly to 18EB and took 20 minutes to travel the last 200 yards to the buoy. Evening Tide sailed south past the 18 buoy but was caught in the calm before reaching MB. These three boats floated aimlessly for 15 minutes at which time ET and Guayacan started their motors and quit. Three minutes later 10 knots of wind arrived and Whizbang

easily sailed to the finish line, the only boat to finish the course. The other three boats continued sailing the course (they had wind) but eventually all retired without finishing. Everyone had an enjoyable day of sailing even if the race finished poorly.

The Bay Fleet's Fall Series will conclude with races on Halloween and the next Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully everyone will shower up and put on their "Sundays" best for the General Meeting. Devlin III for the Ocean Fleet will follow the next day. Commodore's Cup is on November 21<sup>st</sup> for the Bay Fleet prior to the Commodore's Ball that evening. The Ocean Fleet will be sailing Fall II on Sunday. The Drumstick is on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

As always, see you on the water.

*Brett Cross, Rear Commodore*



## IN MEMORIAM

Sad news

We are so saddened by the untimely passing of Mary Monroe due to complications from appendicitis.

She was one of the founding members of the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation and served as Treasurer for three years. She also served as MBYC Treasurer in 2011. She was an active participant in assisting the McClishes put on the very successful Big Rock Regatta. She leaves behind her son Andrew and his father Brian.

Her positive, happy personality will be sorely missed at the yacht club.



Mary Monroe

## COMMODORES BALL—Dot Rygh

The Commodore's Ball will be at Windows on the Water again this year, as everyone agreed the food and service were excellent for the past two years. The time of Happy Hour is 5:30pm to have more time for the great band that is in store for us. We have Avenue Deja Vu's blend of melodic jazz, soft rock classics and dance the night away favorites. It makes this group the perfect band to follow up our Installation of Officers and Trophy Presentations. They are scheduled from 8 – 11.

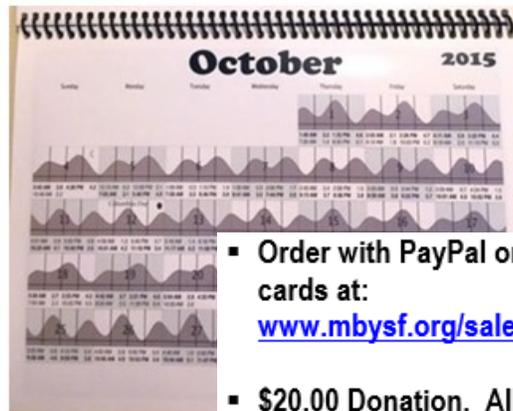
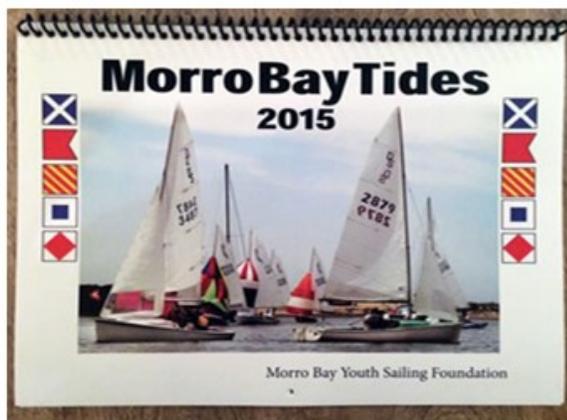
Avenue Deja Vu has a new Saxophonist, Wes Smith, who will be with the band to entertain us. Wes has had the pleasure to perform with a variety of world renowned personalities including Stevie Wonder, Macy Gray, Michael Buble, Andy Vargas of Santana and on & on. We're all looking forward to dancing the night away and listening to this great group.

Reservations are due Monday, November 9 after our General meeting on Saturday, November 7. Please make your reservations with Lori Fiori, our Treasurer. We will seat the first 82 in the main dining room and will use the separate room for all the other last-minute-to



sign-up diners. Windows on the Water will be ours exclusively for the evening as it was last year. So hurry and send in you reservations to our treasurer with your choice of dinner, dessert and your check made out to MBYC. Plan on a great November 21st of dining and dancing. Any questions please feel free to call any of us and we will try to answer your questions; John & Brooke Bodine, Glenda Boatman, Sharon Brooks, and Dot Rygh.

## Order your 2016 Tide Calendar now!



- Monthly Tide Chart for Morro Bay! These sold out last year!
- Awesome local photos by club members and local photographers.
- Calendars will be available for pick up at the Morro Bay Yacht Club in late November.
- For questions: [info@mbysf.org](mailto:info@mbysf.org)
- Order with PayPal or credit cards at: [www.mbyfs.org/saleitems.html](http://www.mbyfs.org/saleitems.html)
- \$20.00 Donation. All proceeds support sailing programs for local youth.



# The Morro Bay Yacht Club



PRESENTS

## THE COMMODORE'S BALL

Honoring our Incoming and Outgoing officers &  
Trophy Presentations

AT

### WINDOWS ON THE WATER

DATE: Saturday, November 21, 2015

DRESS: Semi-Formal

COST: \$65.00 per person

(please make checks payable to Morro Bay Yacht Club)

5:30 No Host Cocktails

6:30 Plated Dinner

7:30 Program

Followed by dancing to Déjà Vu

DINNER SELECTIONS: Flat Iron Steak, Snapper, Chicken Breast or  
Stuffed Red Bell Pepper

DESSERT SELECTION: Lemon Mousse or Chocolate Ecstasy

I would love to attend the Commodore's Ball

Name	Dinner Selection	Dessert Selection
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**RSVP Deadline November 9th to the Treasurer, Laurie Fiori**

## MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger

### Juniors Sample Goblin Regatta

Owen Blackwell, Joel Surfleet, and Nathan Hensinger sampled sailing on Santa Barbara's blue waters during this year's Goblin Regatta. The Goblin is actually two regattas with the same name in the same place run by different organizations. The Optimist regatta is run by the Santa Barbara Yacht Club with the green fleet sailing just West of Stearn's Wharf, and the championship fleet sailing South-East of the wharf. The other Goblin Regatta is run by the Santa Barbara Sailing Club and includes Laser, J70, J24, and PHRF fleets. This regatta is run South-West of the Santa Barbara harbor.

Conditions on the first day were perfect with wind building from 8 to 15 in the afternoon (by which time the Optis were in). The second day started light and stayed that way until racing was abandoned at which time a nice wind arrived. Owen sailed an Optimist in the green fleet, and Nathan and Joel sailed Lasers. They were all impressed by the quality of the other Sailors. Nathan commented that the Laser Radial class seemed to be mostly composed of Big Rock regatta winners who had outgrown their Optimists.

### Past Meetings

The October 4th meeting pulled all the Jr. boats off the deck, with 6 optis and 4 lasers. Light early wind slowly built to 10-15kns just after lunch. The Optis took a tour of the bay and lunched opposite the state park marina. After returning to the dock at 1:00 Coleman Howe and Aiden Albers went back out to get a feel for the Optis in a stiff breeze. The lasers returned to the water after a late lunch and were planning up and down the bay until 3:00.

The October 18th meeting consisted of three Optis and a laser. The Optimist sailors were introduced to roll tacks, practiced rounding marks, and picnicked on the Sand Spit.

### Upcoming Meetings

The Juniors will meet on the 1st and 15th of November. 9:30 on the deck.



Wyatt and Benji with Enough Wind to Sit on the Rail

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

Who would believe that such a beautiful day was in store for our October paddle, with thunder and lightening the evening and early morning before our morning paddle? The bay was perfect and the sand had even dried out for our break on the Spit. It turned out to be one of our longest paddles of the year. Let's hope for another perfect day on Thursday, November 12 at 10:00 AM. Note the time for this one as we are hunting for the illusive Sand Spit Turkey. Dick Evans never did find it in all the years we hunted. Let's change the luck and all have a go at it once again.

Also remember the White Elephant Paddle and Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 15.

*Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah*

## History —Andrea Surfleet

*Let's look back 60 years and revisit the early days of the Morro Bay Yacht Club. The following is a summary of the work and words of two former MBYC Historians. Bob Kile recorded his interview with Ken Jenkins, Charter Member, in 2003, and Cynthia Wimer compiled our history into a display and notebook for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.*

In 1956, Morro Bay was beginning to grow as a recreation destination. The Chamber of Commerce had just been founded. The sand spit was a popular location for picnicking and camping. It was time for a boating organization. Ken was a young, married man who sailed a borrowed flattie, a Geary 18. Barney Pikes was an older fellow with a 26 foot, wooden, surplus, double-ended motor whale boat. He had been a crane operator in the South Pacific after World War II and at the Morro Bay Steam Plant. They were introduced by folks at the State Park Boat Basin who heard both of them ask about a boat group.

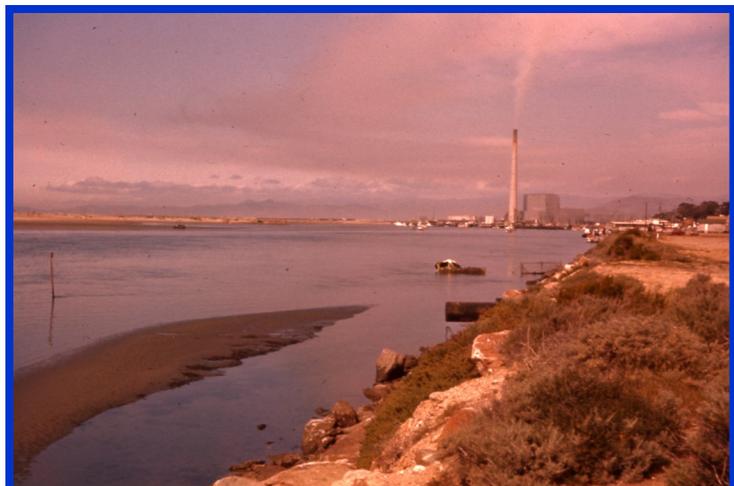
In Ken's words, "He and I both agreed that what the area needed was a boat club for all comers, whether they were fishermen or stink potters or sail boat people. Of course, there were only about three sailors in the area at that time."

They spread the word that a club was to form and twenty people met at Barney Pike's home in the little bunker house at 180 Main Street, at the corner of Piney Way. That may have been the spring of 1956.

They quickly organized themselves with officers and held meetings in the Grange Hall. Dues were \$1 per month with initiation fees of \$5 for family membership and \$3 for singles. From the beginning, the question of whether a husband and wife represented one vote or two was raised but not answered.

In April 1957, the Morro Bay Yacht Club was recognized by the State of California as a non-profit corporation whose primary purpose was to promote boating. The thirty-three charter members stepped immediately into that role.

Ken Jenkins shared: "In 1957, a project was started to put a boat launch ramp at what we called the Coast Guard Beach, right up in the corner, just north of the water intake for the power plant. (Next to Coleman Park.) We boating people thought that was a lousy location for that. There was no place to park and, besides that, it was the only place where mothers and their little kids could go down to the swimming beach. It would have wiped that activity



1957: Looking north from South Embarcadero Point, pre-Tidelands Park.

clear out. We felt that it should be on the underdeveloped portion of the revetments, what is now Tidelands Park. It was just like the Navy had left it after World War II. We felt that someday there should be a trailer boat launching ramp down there. So, we went to the county supervisors and killed the project. Well, the town took notice of the yacht club! That was the first occasion the club had a say in the bay and always did from then on."

*To be continued!*

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# November 2015



Nov 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
Daylight Savings Time 9:30AM Juniors  1	2	3 6:30PM Rules Clinic	4	5	5:15PM Membership Meeting Hosts: Duncan & Marlene McQueen Freddie Fernandez Bob & Laurie Neumann 6	7 9:30AM Bay Fleet Fall III 5PM Happy Hour 5:30PM Potluck dinner 7PM <b>General Meeting</b> 
10AM Ocean: Devlin III  8	9 Commodore's Ball RSVP Deadline	10	11  Remember Our VETERANS	10AM Fun Float 12	13 Hosts: Bill & Maryann Stansfield Jim & Rachelle Phillips	14
9:30AM Juniors  15	16	17	18	19	19 Hosts: Tom & Cindy Fee Tim & Robin (Wessette) Volpe 20	21 8:30AM Commodore's Cup Bay Fleet 5:30pm <b>Commodore's Ball</b> 
10AM Ocean: Fall II  22	23	24	25 Inputs to News letter due	26  Thanksgiving	27 No Host-BYOF	28
9:30AM Bay Fleet Drumsick  29	30					