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FROM COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

As I write this, it's the Thanksgiving holiday and that's appropriate because I'd like to use this final column to give thanks to the many people who have made this year go as smoothly as it has, with all of our traditions preserved intact.

When I started the year, the one area where I knew I would need the most help and guidance was the social events that are planned each year. I was very fortunate to have Orris and Pat Cowgill step forward and offer to help. Being new to the club, Orris and Pat were at a disadvantage but they received a lot of help from more experienced members. Their initiation came with the

Opening Day ceremonies. Thanks to Sharon Bufo, Sharon Brooks, Donna Arozena, Kay Milligan, Gail Riley, Marlene McQueen, and Dot Rygh for the role they each played in making the day a success.

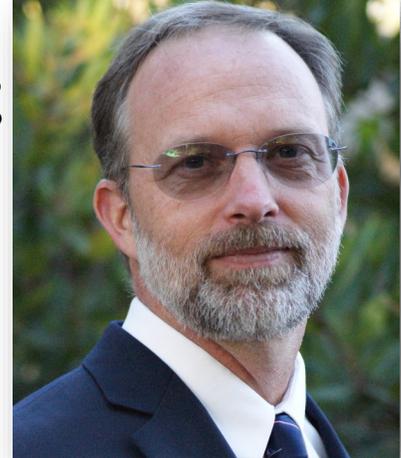
Some of those same people rallied around Pat and helped the Commodore's Ball happen. Our Treasurer, Laurie, helped keep track of who was coming and what they wanted to eat. She shared that information with Dot Rygh who created the table cards for each attendee complete with their menu choices for the wait staff to see. Dot and Rachelle Phillips collaborated on the special settings at the officer's tables and Rachelle made sure each incoming officer received a complete packet with all the trappings of the office. More than once this year Rachelle saved me by reminding me of some task I was responsible for that had escaped my notice.

I also want to let the Membership Committee know how much I appreciate their efforts to encourage new members and to vet their applications. In particular, I want to thank Jim Phillips, who has sat through many a board meeting just to give a brief report on behalf of the Membership Committee. Having Jim there at the meetings is like having a bonus director, that trusted sage voice of experience that helps give perspective to decisions facing the board.

The other trusted voice at nearly every board meeting that I need to thank is Lynn Meissen, our Port Captain. In addition to managing the boat storage yard and our mooring field, and dealing with our visiting yachts, she helps in several ways that only the commodore and vice commodore ever know about.

Another couple I'd like to thank, that put in hours of work that I think no one really is aware of is Susan and Stanley Craig. Making sure the bar is stocked involves dealing with various vendors and planning ahead of when items are needed. In addition to that they deal with all our poorly written bar tabs and work with the treasurer to make sure we are current on our accounts. I am truly grateful for their team efforts and enthusiasm for the work. Thanks also to Tim Volpe, tireless assistant in the bar.

When it comes to assistants, I think Ali Althari had the most impressive cadre of helpers each week in the kitchen this summer. It was amusing to see how Ali packed all the food for a Wednesday night feast



COMMODORE Continued—Todd Hansen

into his tiny little car. To make that trip each week and offer new and interesting menu additions all summer, to be the first and last one there each Wednesday, was appreciated. Thank you Ali. The club only has two paid positions. The staff in those positions are invisible to most everyone but we all enjoy the results of their labors. Our housekeeper Linsey Milligan is a joy to work with and I will miss our correspondence back and forth regarding matters around the club. Our book keeper Carla Sosa is another invisible worker. I've only met her one time face to face but we have frequently corresponded as she would let me know about checks that needed signing or I would ask her to cut a check for a special expense. To both I say thanks on behalf of all of us here at the club.

I am grateful for Bill and Catherine Sanders taking over the Ship's Store. They already have made inroads into getting the store updated. Thanks are also due to Bob Walker and Tom Tidyman for their efforts to fill the board positions, Greg Barker for being the Happy Hour Hosts Coordinator, and John Michener for being the Webmaster.

Still with me? Only a few left but they are the most significant to me personally. First off I want to let Ron Giddings know how much his service on the board was appreciated. He has spent hours and hours researching both the photovoltaic issue and our insurance coverage with regards to club owned equipment traveling off site. At board meetings Ron usually did not have much to say but when he would weigh in I was usually struck by the wisdom of his opinion and left wondering why it had not occurred to me. The other board member I need to thank here is Laurie Fiori. As Treasurer, she has spent hours not only keeping up with club finances but helping us to improve our accounting, and improve our banking. All this effort while building a new home after she get off her regular job.

A huge thank you goes out to Glenda Boatman who ran our summer sailing program again this summer. Classes are full and the staff and students are happy. Thanks also to Chris Surfleet and his wife Andrea. Our Juniors Program is healthy and full of happy kids. In the past year can think of two families that joined the club after the kids enjoyed juniors. Our Summer Sailing and Juniors Program really do help keep the club going.

Last one, I promise. When it became apparent that we were not going to be able to rebuild the stairs over a weekend due to the heavy use of the club I was frustrated to have to spend my vacation days on the task. But after spending those days working side by side with Dana McClish I changed my mind. Working under Dana's direction for a few days to accomplish the rebuild of the stairs was fun. My thanks to Dana for putting his business on hold for those days to accomplish the task. Thanks also to Joe Huntsinger for following up our work and making it look great.

Ok, I did sneak an extra one in there, and there are several more I could add but this is already too long and I am now past the deadline for submission. Sorry Yvonne, and thank you too for putting the Masthead together each month!

BASIC COASTAL NAVIGATION-Brian Jalbert

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting a 6 session course on basic coastal navigation (aka piloting) commencing mid December. The course will cover reading a marine chart, charting and plotting techniques, correcting and uncorrecting courses, current sailing, tides and other topics. Charts and texts provided. Note: this is a pencil and chart type course, NOT an electronics based course. \$90 for 6 sessions. Class will decide what times and days work best for the course. Please contact Brian Jalbert at bnjalbert@gmail.com for details.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

New contact information: If you have changed your home address, email, or phone number, please contact me at jprp@charter.net.

New Members: I am happy to report that at their November meeting the MBYC Board of Directors approved the application Mark Buchman. Mark is an avid sailor and has a Catalina 22 named CC Kelley. When you see him around the club give him a big MBYC welcome.

Prospective Memberships: We have several "prospective" members working their way through the membership process, but only one who will be ready to go to the MBYC Board of Directors at their final meeting of the year. He is Larry Gorman and is sponsored by Ken & Judy Riener & Lynn Meissen.



VICE COMMODORE—Brett Cross

Check out the awesome new dock flags thanks to our own Yolanda Pederson who sewed them up for us. They look way too nice for our club. I'm guessing everyone knows what they spell out, right? I guess it depends a bit on which way you are facing though. It's not YAB ORROM just in case you are wondering.



The Christmas tree trimming is Friday December 2nd. If you happen to have a really neat ornament that is nautical or ocean themed, that you would like to give as a gift to the tree and the club for future decoration, bring it with you.

What appears to have happened over the years is that some have gotten broken and there don't seem to be as many as we use to have.

Apparently, someone, could have been Joe Huntsinger, just saying, thought it would be nice to put Christmas lights up at yacht club starting about 3 years ago. So now I guess it is expected, so the Club will be outfitted in time for the Tree Trimming event and the Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday December 10th.

The Christmas Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange is going to be on Saturday December 17th. Please RSVP to Bob Schwenoha at robert.schwenoha@att.net by Monday December 11th. He needs to get a fairly accurate count of those of you who will be having dinner. See the invitation in this issue of the Masthead for more details.

If you are planning an event, you need to get your club Use Permit in as soon as possible. There are already folks reserving the club for 2017. Also,

please contact the Bar Steward, Stanley Craig, if you are planning on bring your own wine to the event, or would like to inquire about special order-

ing any wines, beer or spirits. The club can most likely get what you want for less than you can buy it yourself. Also it is a good idea check in with our brand new Galley Chieftess Judi Forster regarding anything you might need to know about what the Club has or what you may need to bring beyond plates, silverware, and napkins.

I'd like to give a huge thank you to everyone who pitched in fixing all the things that decided to either break or stop working around the Club. It's nice to have fix-it fairies that come out and magically things get unbroken.

See you at the Club.

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS—Greg Barker

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 **Contact the other people assigned to you to coordinate the Hosting Duties.** **If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement.**

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 PM AND serve snacks at 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

— December 2016

- 2 Jeff & June Jones
Orris & Patricia Cowgill
- 9 Stanley & Susan Craig
Justin & Crystal Bradshaw
- 16 Jim & Yolanda Pederson
Tom & Marty Tidyman
- 23 No Host
- 30 Lex & Lolo Budge
Larry & Liz Salas

— January 2016

- 6 Bob & Carol Walker
John Gajdos & Elaine Giannini
- 13 Robert & Barbara Schwenoha
Craig Levin & Polly Nelson
- 20 Robert & Laurie Fiori
Brian Watson
Cynthia Wimer
- 27 Adriaan & Helma Smulders
Steve Nukes
Shields Abernathy

— February 2017

- 3 Dana & Teresa McClish
Jason & Cinnamon Redd
- 10 Pat Hedges
Paul and Kathleen Reichardt
Bill Austin
- 17 Gary Raine
Duncan & Marlene McQueen
Freddy Fernandez
- 24 Peter & Jayne Behman
Bill & Maryann Stansfield
Shields Abernathy

REAR COMMODORE —Dave Hensinger

Race Results



Dermaptera, Unofficial mascot of 2016 Fall II Bay race

BAY FLEET

Eleven boats competed in the **Fall II** Bay Race on October 22nd PRO'd by Deborah Paes De Barros and Gail Condon. This was the first unofficial running of the "Earwhig Cup" as that insect chose the weekend for some sort of mating

ecstasy. Light conditions at the start of the first race S CS 10 A E F improved before its end to a reasonable 5-7 kts with minimal tidal flow. Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party followed by Simon Graves and Bob Walker and then Tom and Cindy Fee. Conditions at the start of the second race were perfect for S Cs 10 A 12 A E F. Carlton and Brett repeated in first, Nathan Hensinger and David Hensinger took second and the Fees repeated in third place. The wind decreased during the short lunch and by the start of race three the current was beginning to dominate the course. About half of the fleet was forced to tack multiple times just to cross the line and crawl toward the spit and relief from the current. The course was S 12 A F. At 12 Carlton Smith led, followed by Simon Graves, Patrick Gorey, Terry Paris, Nathan Hensinger, and Joe Fram. Most of the rest of the fleet had wisely retired at that point. During the next two hours, almost everyone in this group would alternate between feeling they were in the hunt or that they had just thrown it all away. It was a chess match of tiller, sheet, sand, and centerboard played on slanted green glass under sundogged skies. The course was shortened and some boats finished and others didn't and then everyone paddled back to the club by 4:30. For the day: first place Beach Party, second place Ramona, third place Feerocious.

Eight boats contested **Fall III** on November fifth. In a lawyerly tactical move the race was PRO'd by Bob Walker. This locked in Bob and Simon's average results from Fall I and Fall II as their results in Fall III (2.33333) for a total of 21. This was especially useful as Simon could not make the race and Simon had won Fall I. Carlton and Brett entered Fall III with 14 points. If Carlton and Brett were beaten by 4 boats in the three races a tie would result. Carlton and Brett didn't let anyone get between themselves and the finish picking up only 3 points in three races for a total of 17 and first place in the series. Second place in the first race was claimed by Keiran Hansen in *Indrath*. Greg Miller in *O'Tay* took second in races two and three, and Todd and Joyce in *True Love* took third in each race. Series win to Carlton Smith with crew and sometimes skipper Brett Cross.

Lame Duck Commodore Todd Hansen struggling against a cold PRO'd the **Commodore's Cup** on November 19th. This arbitrary race drew a mixed fleet with two Laser Radials, two Lasers, and seven Daysailers. The wind was a moderate 5 to 9 kts, but was uncharacteristically coming mostly from the south. Despite the use of south courses there was very little tacking and very limited use of spinnakers. After the first two races, Carlton Smith with Deborah Paes de Barros and Kevin Williams with Jordan were tied with four points each, and Simon Graves and his daughter Charlotte in *Ramona* were one point back. The third race started to the south with a starboard rounding of E. *Ramona* was first to the mark but rounded to port and had to unwind before completing the rounding and course. They recovered to finish third behind Carlton and Deborah in second place and Kevin in first place. This left Kevin ahead Carlton by one point and Simon trailing by three. At the start of the fourth and last race Carlton was over early and finished sixth.



Fall Series Champs ,Carlton Smith and Brett Cross

REAR COMMODORE CONTINUED—Dave Hensinger



Simon and Charlotte Flattening Ramona during the Commodore's Cup.
Photo by Linda McDonald

Kevin and Jordan took another first for a total of six points. Second place went to Simon and Charlotte with ten points. Third place went to Carlton and Deborah with twelve points. The PRO generously provided results and prizes to the laser hulled fleet. Joel Surfleet corrected out as the fastest Laser, followed by Nathan Hensinger, Dallas Butler, and Thomas Niemesto.

The Drumstick on November 27th was contested by seven Daysailers and one Laser. Included in the mix was Indrath crewed by a trio of Cal Poly students. The consensus among competitors was that the conditions were challenging. The wind was gusting well above 15 knots from the NW and there was a strong ebb tide. The first course sent the fleet twice around 10 and 8 and for those who dared, the spinnaker run back to the finish was exhilarating. Carlton Smith and Tom Murphy in Beach Party took first followed by Simon Graves and Bob Walker in Ra-

mona and then Chris Surfleet in Solar Coaster. The second race was C E 17 F. This took the fleet away from some of the gustier conditions near the rock. More spinnakers were flown on the stretch to 17 than in race one. Beach Party again took first, this time followed by Patrick Gorey and Mo McEwan in Super Weener and then Ramona. The rough conditions began to take their toll as Beach Party lost its rudder prior to the third race. The third course was a variation on course two C E 17 E 17 Es F. This threw off a few boats and jumbled the results a bit. David and Nathan Hensinger in Zopilote took first. Ramona took second and Super Weener third. Simon Graves and Bob Walker in Ramona took the trophy with seven points, Patrick Gorey had ten points, and Carlton Smith eleven points. The PRO was Brett Cross with help on deck from Dawn Huntsinger. The safety boat was manned by Katie Crawford and Chuck Losness.



Drumstick Trophy presentation

OCEAN FLEET

From Ocean Fleet Captain Ken Muther: The Devlin II race on October 30th was closely contested by three boats. It was another day with moderately strong south wind and a seven foot swell. Devlin courses are longer and this one was 13.5 miles. Whizbang made a good start with Evening Tide a minute behind and Guayacan trailing (but not for long). Beam reaching two miles to the MBYC buoy meant Guayacan quickly passed Evening Tide and was chasing Whizbang toward the 18EB buoy as ET rounded MBYC. With 18-20 knots of south wind all boats were sailing at near to maximum speed. On the way to the Constantine Rock buoy (4.2 miles) Guayacan caught Whizbang and was first to round that mark. Now both Whizbang and Guayacan sailed west and disappeared into a rain shower. The boats beat upwind back to the MBYC buoy and the final two miles to the finish and somehow ET managed to arrive ahead of Guayacan. After the handicaps were figured Whizbang finished three minutes ahead of ET with Guayacan one minute further behind in third place.

The Fall II race on November 13th was cancelled due to the harbor mouth being closed for rough seas.

Upcoming Races

BAY FLEET

Winter I has been moved to December 3rd. That will end the bay racing for 2016. It starts up again on Jan 1 with the **Hangover**.

OCEAN FLEET: Makeup for **Fall II** TBD, December 11th **Devlin III**, December 18th **Fall III**

COMMODORE'S BALL —Saturday, November 12th



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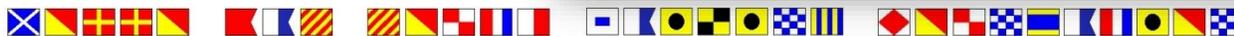
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**5 PM, Dec 10TH—Everyone is invited to the
Pot Luck Dinner, Please bring a side dish
to go with the baked ham provided
by the club!**



MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

In November junior sailing only met for one sailing day, the second was rained out. What a day it was! We headed out from the club with 5 Optimists and 4 Laser sailboats, when we got to the upper



Carson, Rebecca, Aleksandra, and Pari enjoying Laser sailing Nov. 6

end of the bay the wind died. We decided to have our lunch on the water while waiting for the wind. After a brief lunch break the wind came in with fury. Within 10 minutes we were dragging anchor down the bay with all the sailboats attached to the Whaler. We managed to get the sailors off the Whaler when they proceeded to scatter across the bay. After a few mishaps and broken equipment we managed to get all the sailors back to the club. It was an exciting morning. We chose to spend the rest of the day swimming at the sand pit. Junior sailing will meet for one last sailing day this year on Dec. 4 then celebrate our great year with a party on Dec. 18.



Elias sailing the big wind.

Be sure to order your Morro Bay Tides calendar for 2017. It is only \$20 and filled with local sailing and scenario pictures. Each day shows the times and high and low tides as well as the different moon phases. All proceeds from the calendar sales support the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation. You can purchase the calendar at www.MBYSF.org. We will have copies on hand at the Christmas Party for purchase.

FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

We did our annual paddle to have lunch at the Bayside Cafe on Thursday, November 3 and had a great paddle and great food. In the past, several of our former paddlers have joined us for lunch and this year only Rosemary Jorgens was our lone attendee. We also had a prospective member, Joe & Jill Farris paddle with several of us regular paddlers. The weather cooperated and was delightful.

We were not so lucky on our last paddle scheduled on Nov. 17th. We all just stood on the deck and not a one of us was willing to set out for a paddle with such high winds and higher winds predicted. This was one of our very first paddles that everyone of us made that decision. It really has been a great year with lots of fun, lots of guests, lots of paddling, lots of bird & sea life viewing and lots of good comradery. I enjoyed being the Grand Poo Ma for my second year.

The December White Elephant Christmas Party on the sandspit will be held on Saturday the 17th. Bring a fun, kooky, or crazy thing wrapped and we will have an exchange of gifts. Bring some food item to share and Pat & I will furnish a little bubbly for all. We will have the party at the club if the weather doesn't cooperate. Elections for a new Grand Poo Ma or Pa will be held at this time also.

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB
CHRISTMAS DINNER
AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE DISTINGUISHED BAY FLEET

The dinner is family friendly but the White Elephant Gift exchange may not be suitable for all ages or sensibilities. Please make arrangements for your children to be elsewhere once the gift exchange begins. There will be rules for the gift exchange based on the number of gifts involved. More on that the night of the event.

No Host Happy Hour and hors d'oeuvres 5:00PM – 5:45PM
 Dinner begins promptly at 6:00PM
 Clean Up everyone responsible 6:45PM
 White Elephant Gift Exchange 7:00PM - ???

Price **\$10.00** per person, **Sign up or RSVP by Monday, December 11th** to Bob Schwenoha. If a vegetarian entrée is needed, please include that information in the email.

Jan 2017		Junior Races 9:30 AM 		Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON 		BayRaces Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM 	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT	
New Year's Day Hangover Bay Race  1	New Year's Day Observed 2	3	4	5	5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Dana & Teresa McClish Jason & Cinnamon Redd 6	7	
Ocean Fleet Winter  8	9	10	11	12	Hosts: Pat Hedges Paul and Kathleen Reichardt Bill Austin 13	14	
15	 PEACE MLK Holiday 16	Board Meeting 6:15PM 17	18	19	Hosts: Gary Raine Duncan & Marlene McQueen Freddy Fernandez 20	Bay Fleet Winter II  21	
Juniors  22	23	24	60th Anniversary Celebration 6:30PM 25	26	Hosts: Peter & Jayne Behman Bill & Maryann Stansfield 27	28	
29	30	31	1	2	3	Bay Fleet Winter III  4	

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Arrg, Our new Commodore, Brett!

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27 Drumstick Bay Fleet 	28	29	30	1	2 TREE TRIMMING 5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Jeff & June Jones Orris & Patricia Cowgill	3 Winter I Bay Fleet 
4 Juniors 	5	6	7	8	9 Hosts: Stanley & Susan Craig Justin & Crystal Bradshaw	10 Lighted Boat Parade & 5PM POT LUCK
11 Devlin III Ocean 	12	13 Board Meeting 6:15PM	14	15	16 Hosts: Jim & Yolanda Pederson Tom & Marty Tidymen	17 Bay Fleet Christmas Party 5PM 10:30 Fun Float/Party 
18 Juniors End of Year Fall III Ocean 	19	20	21	22	23 Hosts: No Host:	24 
25  	26	27	28	29	30 Hosts: Lex & Lolo Budge Larry & Liz Salas	31 