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## FROM COMMODORE—Brett Cross

It has been an absolutely crazy busy month at the Club. The month started right out of the gate with the Mustang Regatta. Two days of racing for collegiate teams from throughout California which notwithstanding the racers are housed by club members, then the galley goes into overdrive with a huge spaghetti feed for 80 or so people, followed by a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Cal Poly has been stepping up their game and placed 2nd overall this year. They recently won a regatta and are starting to show that they are competitive against much better funded programs that have full time coaching.



There was a short respite of one weekend before Juniors and their parents arrived mid-month for the annual Big Rock Regatta. There were 70+ Optimist sailors competing between Green (novice) fleet and Gold (a lot better) fleet. I think it's best to describe the activities on the dock as organized chaos. The racing at the start of the Gold fleet and mark roundings could be described similarly. A ton of compliments goes out to all the club members who make the event super successful. From Bob Walker on the tarmac trying to keep the chaos as organized as possible, to all the folks in the galley putting together lunches for all the kids and the race committee, and everyone doing sign up, scoring, managing the race course and the coaches.

Having barely recovered from those events, someone scheduled Work day for the following Saturday. Work day is a bit like Big Rock as there is some similarity in the outward appearance of organized chaos. Although I think Bob Walker stayed across the street replacing fence poles instead of braving the five or six activities going on over at the tarmac. There was painting, weed picking, more painting, putting together of a BBQ, some painting of the Whaler, the baby whaler, the picnic benches, dismantling and refinishing the fife rail, and pretty much similar activities going on inside the Club. After working on the new BBQ with Carlton Smith and Tony Gomez, I went out and hid away from it all by helping power washing the front of the Club.

The Founder's Cup was the next day along with the Juniors work day. I was invited to go out on Tony Gomez's 40' Farr "High 5" for the Founder's Cup race. By the time I arrived at the Club, around 10 AM, the Juniors were in full swing with the Optis being sorted, along with Junior's shed and all the Junior equipment. Apparently, the Juniors are a much harder group and also spent some time frolicking in the bay. I think

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

Yvonne Lazear

\*All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.\*

## COMMODORE Continued—Brett Cross

for next year's work day the adults should consider the same activity. I of course, will be over helping do any repairs needed with the storage yard fence with Bob Walker.

Of course, there is no rest for the weary. April starts off immediately on the 1st, a fitting day, with the Shenanigans Race, which is a race but not really a race. That doesn't make a lot sense but you need to come down and see the "racing" to get a sense of what constitutes "Shenanigans".

From Shenanigans to a much more serious affair, Opening Day is Sunday April 9th. Opening Day activities start at 10:00 AM with, seemingly lots of deviled eggs, and the official ceremonies starting at 1100 hours, 11 AM for non-military types. This is your one opportunity to dress in your yachting club finest and not look out of place at the Club. So find your blue blazers and best yachting apparel to wear for Opening Day.

The General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 29th starting at 7PM. The main item on the agenda will be a study session on changing the Lifetime Membership requirements. Approximately 30% of our memberships are Lifetime Members. The trend in the lifetime memberships over the past 7 years will not be sustainable in the future. Ideas for consideration include raising the age limit, or the number of years of membership, or combination thereof for lifetime membership status. Another idea is limiting the number of Lifetime Memberships to a percentage of the total membership or a fixed number of Lifetime Memberships. Or another idea would be reducing the dues for "Lifetime" Members to a percentage of Regular Membership dues. I'm certain this study session item will provide needed input to the Board going forward regarding any changes if any to Lifetime Memberships. What an ending to April!

Also, just a couple of random thoughts, which as you can imagine I have many. As a way of providing a little encouragement to finding and wearing your name tag to Happy Hour on Fridays you will be entered in a drawing for a free beer, wine, or soda from the bar if you are wearing your name tag when you buy a drink. Or you can just wear your name tag so new members can connect the name with face of long standing members or vice versa. Also, if you would to help the club go a bit greener on Friday Happy Hour there are "real" plates in the galley that you can use. The price of going green is that there is a little bit of washing that you will need to do, but remember you're helping the planet.

From the desk of the Commodore

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

**New contact information:** Judy Lynn Adkison will now be listed in the Club Roster as Judy Lynn Setting. If you have changed your home address, email, or phone number, please contact me at [jprp@charter.net](mailto:jprp@charter.net).

**New Members:** There were no new memberships approved by the Board at their March meeting.

**Prospective Memberships:** We still have several prospective members at various stages of the membership process, but the one closest to going to the Board of Directors for approval is Moe McEwen sponsored by Rich Leamon and Terry Paris. Moe's application is on the door of the office and his application will go to the Board in April.

## ACTIVITIES — Pat and Orris Cowgill

We're looking forward to April 9th, Opening Day the official 1st day of boating. New members, it's your opportunity to sign the Member Tablecloth on which your name(s) will be embroidered. Thank you for all your offers to help organize, and provide finger food donations for the event. There are a couple of items you can still sign up for, or you can e-mail me [orricowgill@gmail.com](mailto:orricowgill@gmail.com) and I'll sign you up. Hope to see everyone at Opening Day.

**VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensinger**

**Workday a Success-** The annual club workday arrived as a late winter storm was leaving the county. The weather cleared up and a beautiful spring day was spent scrubbing and painting. It was a great success with close to 50 members pitching in on tasks large and small. The property was a hive of activity: Bathrooms were scrubbed. Walls were washed. Cabinets were purged. Furniture was polished. Boats were serviced. Shrubs were planted. Gardens were weeded. Flags were raised. Plumbing was fixed. Benches were painted. Pizza was eaten.



A partial list of memberships represented on Work Day include:

Arozena, Bonilla, Borges, Butler, Channing, Condon, Cowgill, Cross, Dervin, Fiori, Gomez, Hansen, Hensinger, Huntsinger, Jones, Jorgens, Konrad, Lockwood, Massie, McEwen, Meissen, Michener, Murphey, Nukes, Phillips, Prewett, Pye, Rygh, Sanders, Schweno-ha, Smith, Steuk, Walker, Weinstock, Williams, and Wright.



Periwinkle is out. Yacht Club Blue is in

Most impressive were prospective members who helped out: Jim Shapless, Moe McEwean, Brett Reichardt, Steve Franzen, Steve Weaver, and Mike Frye.



Give someone a clipboard...

Many others, who could not make it on the 25th, have taken on other tasks (Juniors storage, dock maintenance...) in service to the club.

**Taking (on) a leak in the Men's Bathroom**

The long slow painful drip which hung around the men's bathroom ceiling has been evicted. Joe Huntsinger met the source in the bar upstairs. Men who favor the leeward stall will soon be able to sit high and dry.

**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 PM to 7:30 PM and serve snacks at 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

— April 2017

- 7 John & Terry Miron  
John & Cindy Konrad
- 14 Dennis & Kerry Bailey  
John & Nia Schmidt
- 21 Dave & Sharon Bufo  
Bill & Nancy Albrecht
- 28 Judy & Rocky Setting  
Bill Cockrill & Joyce Hunter

— May 2017

- 5 Terry & Charlene Paris  
Kent and Lois Butler
- 12 John Bodine & Brooke Townsend  
Greg and Jennifer Barker
- 19 Lee and Sue Drocco  
Rick Paley & Holly Anderson
- 26 Tylor & Sarah Mason  
Brian Granger  
Susan Wiley

— June 2017

- 2 Rick & Corbie von Stein  
Ken & Sandi Twist
- 9 Karol Vogt  
David George  
Ken & Cindi Muther
- 16 Brian Moore & Marie Sargent  
Anne Miranda  
Tom Murphy
- 23 Don & Glenda Boatman  
Martin & Neli Mongin
- 30 John & Judy Michener  
Greg & Rosie Larson  
Brian Monroe

### VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensinger Continued

**Soft Lighting in Women’s Bathroom**-The lights above the sinks in the Women’s bathroom were advertised to last up to 48 years. But they were warranted for substantially less time. The new lamps are slightly less bright to cast the ladies in a more favorable light.

**Masthead Painting Next on Projects List**-The next big project is the lowering, re-finishing, and raising of the masthead. Dana McClish has agreed to oversee the lowering and raising process. Bob Smirl will oversee the refinishing

process. The project will likely be scheduled a few weeks after opening day.



Cleaning the Bar is way too fun



I dropped a little screw....



Pizza goes fast

### FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

Fun Float Fun for all

Beware the Winds of March. We are still scheduling another fun float for Thursday, March 29 at 10:30AM and an additional two in April. The first paddle in March was a bit windy for at least five of us who showed up, including Jill & Joe Farris, who braved the wind with a guest, Charlie Nichols from San Luis Yacht Club.

We will try to schedule our Wednesday, April 26 paddle to Bayside Cafe for lunch and hope the winds will favor us that day. We will plan on being at the cafe by 11:30AM for anyone who wants to join us for lunch. Note the 10:30AM start and if its bad weather, we will still plan on lunch at Bayside. Income taxes are paid, spring break is over, and summer is about to begin and tourists are arriving.

Meanwhile, Thursday April 13 at 11 AM is still on.

Wed March 29 at 10:30 AM  
Thurs April 13 at 11AM

Wed April 26 at 10:30 AM  
Fri May 5 Cinco de Mayo 11AM

Thurs May 11 at 11AM  
Thurs May 25 at 10:30AM

**Everyone & every floating boat is welcome. See you on the water!**

## REAR COMMODORE —Steve Borges

### Greetings fellow sailors:

March 4-5, we had our **Mustang Open Regatta** with 29 boats representing 13 universities throughout the state. Saturday morning the sailors were greeted with sunny skies and light to moderate winds. With consistent winds the race committee was able to get off 6 races per division. After a long day of racing, the racers were treated to a spaghetti feast at the yacht club. The teams were welcomed back on Sunday with a pancake breakfast. Showers had rolled through early Sunday morning and many sailors had put on their foul weather gear, but fortunately the showers had dispersed by the time breakfast had concluded. However, the storm produced strong winds and choppy water conditions which put the sailors to the test. Still the race committee could run 5 races per division and ended early by 3 pm.

### Race Results: Top 5 places

1st place California Maritime Academy;

2nd place Cal Poly University SLO;

3rd place University of California at Santa Barbara; 4th place University of California at Berkeley 5th place UCLA

The Ocean Fleet had the Winter III Race, completing the **Winter Race Series**, on Sunday, March 12. The morning was greeted with five boats competing for top honors, but at the end of the day Guayacan with skipper Lynn Meissen took first place.

**Upcoming races for the Month of April**—April 1 is the infamous Shenanigans race where all boats are welcomed and anything goes. You are only limited by your own imagination. On April 9, we have our Opening Day Ceremonies followed by a Bay Race that is open to all sailors and boats with the Opening Day Perpetual Trophy up for grabs. Then on Saturday April 15, the Daysailer Bay Fleet has their Spring I race. So, let's start the new season with a big bang. Hope to see you all out there.



## OCEAN FLEET CAPTAIN—Ken Muther

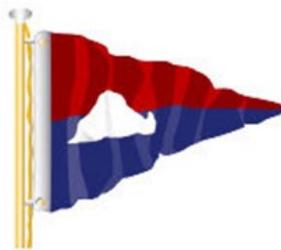
The Ocean Fleet completed the Winter Race Series on March 12th. The first race (8 miles) featured a good wind from the shore and the course and wind direction favored big boats. Actually the four boats sailed in two separate races. Guayacan and Whizbang were far ahead with the big boat (Guayacan) crossing the finish line first and Whizbang less than two minutes behind. CC Kelley and Evening Tide were 25 minutes behind Whizbang with CC Kelley 40 seconds ahead of Evening Tide. [Both Whizbang and Evening Tide mentioned their hulls had not been cleaned in a long time. Well, we all need our excuses!]

**The Winter II race** was longer (11.5 miles) with north wind. Whizbang got her revenge (sort of) and crossed the finish line first, 10 minutes ahead of Pangaea. Pangaea managed to pass Guayacan near the finish and was 19 seconds ahead. But after the handicaps were computed Guayacan was first, Pangaea second and Whizbang in third.

**The Winter III race** started with strong NW wind. High 5 rounded the MBYC buoy in first place followed by Whizbang and Guayacan. Evening Tide watched from several miles away. The next mark was at Mouse Rock buoy (Cayucos) and the NW wind changed to shifty shore wind for the last mile. All boats had trouble with light wind and frequent wind shifts but Guayacan's strategy worked best and she managed to eventually find good NW wind for the final leg to the finish line. High 5 finished first with Whizbang 30 minutes behind and Guayacan farther back but after the handicaps were computed Guayacan won by 2 minutes.

**The Winter Series** results were Guayacan 1st (3 points), Whizbang 2nd (8 points) and Evening Tide 3rd (13 points).

**Looking ahead, on May 20<sup>th</sup> the Ocean Racing Fleet** will be racing to San Simeon, anchoring there for the night and racing home on Sunday. Even if you don't want to race, anyone who would like to join us is welcome. We expect to arrive at San Simeon in time for evening activities on Saturday and won't start the return trip until 1100 so there will be time for all to enjoy their time at beautiful San Simeon Bay. Even if you don't have a boat you might join one of the crews. It would be great to see 10 or more MBYC boats anchored at San Simeon!



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

Cordially Invite you to attend

**Opening Day  
Ceremonies**

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Reception and Continental Breakfast	10:00 AM
Opening Day Ceremonies	11:00 AM
Boat Parade	11:45 AM
Bay and Ocean Races	1:00 PM

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**HISTORIAN—Andrea Surfleet**

Here's a peek back to the MBYC Opening Day in 1990 with a full dock ready for the boat parade. And for afters, Lidos getting ready to race the day away. Note the boats in the car park, or is it boat yard?



1990-04 Opening Day Full Dock



1990-04 Opening Day Yard Shed

## MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

### Morro Bay Junior Sailing “Rocks”

Junior sailing had a busy month of March. The highlight of the month was the Big Rock Regatta. Over 70 junior sailors from across the state, converged on Morro Bay March 18-19, for Optimist class racing. Organizer, Dana McClish, put on a very successful event! Thank you to the many volunteers who made the Big Rock Regatta a success. Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club (MBJYC) had 6 sailors competing; four sailing in the Green Fleet and two in the Championship Fleet. Our highest placement went to Owen Blackwell who took 2nd place overall in the Green Fleet. Elias Blackwell was in the top ten of the Green Fleet, which is notable since Elias has been sailing for less than a year.

The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation paid the registration for all the MBJYC sailors. The Foundation also purchased team pinnies, jerseys the kids wear over their personal floatation devices. The Junior Sailors looked awesome with their bright red “Morro Bay Rocks” pinnies. Thank you to all our donors for assisting with these great perks for our youth sailors.

The Cal Poly Sailing Club with assistance from the Morro Bay Yacht Club hosted the Mustang Regatta March 4-5. Several collegiate teams competed in the weekend event. Thank you to the many volunteers who hosted the sailors and supported the racing on the water. Cal Poly Sailing Team took 2nd place in the overall team competition!



MBJYC Big Rock Regatta participants wearing their “Morro Bay Rocks” team pinnies. Front row (L to R): Elias Blackwell, Gavin Green, Owen Blackwell, Cole Howe. Back row (L to R): Rebecca Wold, Alex Knight.



Rebecca Wold ready for the Big Rock Regatta

**MBYC JUNIORS Continued —Chris Surfleet**

A set of doors was added to the sail tube rack for shelter from the weather and security. Leaks were fixed and the shed got some TLC. Junior sailing will meet this month for sailing April 2 and 23.



Green Fleet racing for the Big Rock Regatta, Saturday March 18

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Joel Surfleet working on his Laser sailing tactics

May 2017	Junior Races 9:30 AM		Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON		Bay Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 11 AM	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Terry & Charlene Paris Kent and Lois Butler	6 Cal Poly sailing club fund raiser
Juniors 7 	8	9	Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation Meeting 6PM	10	11 Fun Float 11:00AM	12 Hosts: John Bodine & Brooke Townsend Greg and Jennifer Barker
MOTHER'S DAY 14 	15	16	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting 5:30PM-7:30PM	17	18 Board Meeting 6:15PM	19 Hosts: Lee and Sue Drocco Rick Paley & Holly Anderson
Juniors Ocean Fleet Jenkins 21 	22	23	24	25 Fun Float 10:30AM	26 Hosts: Tylor & Sarah Mason Brian Granger Susan Wiley	27 Daysailer Fleet Championship 
Laser Fleet Championship 28	MEMORIAL DAY Jack Johnson Bay Race 29 	30	31	1	2	3 Bay Race Spring III 

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The High 5 Team Returning to Dock After a Day of Racing

<b>Apr 2017</b>	<b>Junior Races 9:30 AM</b> 		<b>Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 12 NOON</b> 		<b>Bay Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM Start: 11 AM</b> 	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SAT</b>
26	27	28	<b>Fun Float 10:30AM</b> 29	30	31	Shenanigans Race 1
<b>Juniors Ocean Opening Day</b>  2	3	4	5	6	<b>5:15 Membership Meeting</b> Hosts: John & Terry Miron John & Cindy Konrad 7	8
<b>OPENING DAY At CLUB</b> Bay Open- Day Race  9	10	11	Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation Meeting 6PM 12	<b>Fun Float 11:00AM</b> Jefferson Birthday  13	14 Hosts: Dennis & Kerry Bailey John & Nia Schmidt	<b>Cancer Paddle</b> Bay Fleet Spring I  15
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Cancer Paddle  16	17	18	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting 5:30PM- 7:30PM 19	<b>Board Meeting</b> 6:15PM 20	21 Hosts: Dave & Sharon Bufo Bill & Nancy Albrecht	22
<b>Juniors Ocean Fleet Spring I</b>  23	24	25	<b>Fun Float 10:30AM</b> 26	27	28 Hosts: Judy & Rocky Setting Bill Cockrill & Joyce Hunter	<b>General Meeting 7PM</b> 29
Ocean Fleet II  30	1	2	3	4	5	Cal Poly sailing club fund raiser 6