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FROM COMMODORE—Brett Cross

It was a little like herding cats. I was looking at Opening Day events on YouTube to come up with some ideas for our Opening Day. One of the YouTube videos I watch have the Flag Officers and Staff Commodores lined up on their dock, and they proceed to follow the bagpipers off the dock and up the gangway onto the deck. It was quite impressive with everyone dressed in their blue blazers and slacks or skirts walking in a very orderly fashion up onto the deck. I thought to myself, we have to do that. Granted we had one bagpiper but how many do you really need? So I go around and tell everyone to meet up at the dock 10 minutes before the ceremonies are to begin at 11 AM. I gave everyone a quick rundown on the plan and started to round everyone up. It seemed like we were somewhat organized and the bagpiper started right on schedule and off we went. Fortunately I didn't really take a look behind to see how well everyone was lined up and walking up to the deck.



In my mind's eye it was a beautiful sight with the Flag Officers and Staff Commodores making their way along the dock and up the gangway to their seats. That was until I watched a video of the procession uploaded on YouTube by Paul Irving, who by the way nailed the National Anthem on the trumpet. YouTube giveth and taketh away. We should have maybe practiced a bit. Hopefully next year we'll be a lot more "instep" so to speak. But it was classic Morro Bay Yacht Club- not quite perfect but certainly fun to watch.

Opening Day was one for the books, as they say. The Club looked really awesome. Huge thanks go out to all the folks who decorated the clubhouse, and the skippers who brought their boats to the dock all gussied up with flags, and then took everyone for a ride around the Bay.

Fortunately, no one really remembers Opening Day speeches. I think Staff Commodore Pat Hedges said some pretty good things but I'm not exactly sure. I said something about tradition or something like that. I practiced a bit at home and did write down a few notes in an outline form. It would have, or could have been better but as we are all lined up on the dock, Staff Commodore Roy Gammill came up to me and said something to the effect, "I was really nervous on Opening Day". Now I'm starting to get nervous myself, and everything I've gone over in my head starts getting misplaced. But as luck would have it, I had lots of "help" from a few of my sailing compatriots. It was payback time. So given the distractions, and

From the Masthead Editor: Thank you **Laurie Wright, Orris Cowgill, Andrea Surfleet, & Alaine Steuk** for all the photographs! They were all great! Really appreciated the effort.

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Yvonne Lazear

COMMODORE Continued—Brett Cross

no teleprompter, I think it went about as well as the bagpipe procession.

I think everyone had a good time, and that's the most important thing. There were certainly lots of deviled eggs and tons of desserts. Plus, it's hard to turn down free mimosas. I'd like to thank Stanley Craig and Tim Volpe for their great job at tending bar, but it will just go to their heads so I'll leave that out.

If you stuck around for the Opening Day Bay Race, you wouldn't have been disappointed as the wind kicked up and a few boats got trapped inside the dredging pipe that was floating along the sand spit. Who would be that stupid to sail themselves into a dead end caused by the floating pipeline? Not sure, but that took the leading boats and put them at the back of pack after they had to turn back and get "unstuck". "I mean why would Carlton listen to me anyway".

Let's see what is coming up. Maybe by the time you read this article, the freshly painted and repaired mast will be up in all its glory. I got a text from Vice Commodore Dave Hensinger asking if we should rent a crane to put it back up, as the taking down was a bit sketchy. I texted back and said that Bob Smirl would probably be really unhappy if we dropped the thing after he put in a lot of time and work into stripping, repairing, and numerous coats of paint. It's not very expensive, so instead of "safety third" we'll use a crane to put it back up.

At the last Board meeting, we discussed the kitchen remodel and gave direction to the House Committee to start developing the plans and come back to the Board, hopefully, in a few months to see what the plans are for expansion and renovation.

Many of you have noticed some new furniture that was purchased. Some of you like it and some of you don't. I certainly understand there is a concern that we're losing the Club's tradition of doing things ourselves and the history that goes along with the wooden furniture that was replaced. Before I delve into that aspect of the furniture purchase I want to make clear that I take responsibility for the purchase and that the Board didn't follow the House Committee policy letter properly. There is a budget for furniture and the Budget Committee reviewed the 2017 budget and the Board approved the budget, but the House Committee should have made the recommendation to the Board for replacement and approval. Additionally, the purchase of new furniture had been discussed by the Board previously, but nonetheless it wasn't done properly. I, along with Board, will make a concerted effort to do a better job of reading, or remembering, what is in the policy letters and bylaws.

One of the great things about the Club is the tradition of volunteerism along with doing it ourselves. The club was built by club members. The Club's history is in all those things that were built by club members and sometimes we can forget that. There is a story behind building the bar, there is a story behind the front doors, the club is full of wonderful stories that create the history of the club and bind us together. Certainly, new members are made aware of the club's tradition of building it and volunteering. Keeping those traditions alive is important. Change isn't always progress, I get that. Will the old wooden furniture last forever? No, but it's part of "our" tradition. I hope you will notice, as well, our new cushions on the "old" furniture. Sometimes making minor tweaks to new or old traditions can be a good thing. Maybe next year we can stay in line during the procession.

From the desk of the Commodore

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

New contact information: Be sure to check your email for an updated copy of the **MBYC Roster 2017**. It will be sent out by Don Lockwood over the "Alias". If you don't get the "Alias" notices it means that Don does not have your email address. To get on the "Alias" contact Don. Send changes in your contact information to me.

New Members: At their April Board of Director's meeting the Board approved the application of Malcolm (Moe) and Megan McEwen. When you see them at the club be sure to say hello and welcome to MBYC.

Prospective Memberships: We have four prospective memberships headed for the May Board meeting. They are Steve Frazier sponsored by Ali Athari & Armand Boyer; Michael and Kay Frye sponsored by David Hensinger & Lynn Meissen; Preston and Kari Holdner sponsored by Jeff Eckles & Kevin Williams; and John and Anika Clements sponsored by Andrea Surfleet and Bob Schwenoha.



Malcolm (Moe) and Megan McEwen

VICE COMMODORE—Dave Hensinger

The Club is Open - The long cold winter has passed and the club is open for the 2017 season. Opening day is the Commodore's show, but I would like to thank all the members who helped out on work day, and after workday to have the club shining for the opening.

The Mast is Down - The weekend after opening day on April 15th, after the conclusion of Bay Fleet Spring I, and after the wind dropped, a crew of volunteers overseen by Dana McClish lowered the mast-head. The very next day Bob Smirl and his helpers (Steve Reeder, Tony Gomez, Kent Butler, and others) set about stripping its finish and assessing the health of the wood. Two patches of rot were found, removed, and fresh wood scarfed into place. As of this writing the spars have a coat of sealer and two coats of primer. There is additional fabrication to be done, and the standing rigging will be replaced, but the mast should be back in place well before the end of May.

Kitchen Remodel Subcommittee Established - The board authorized the formation of a subcommittee under the Vice Commodore to plan for the remodel of the kitchen. Its members are: Judi Forster, Dana McClish, Todd Hansen, and Lex Budge. The goal is a more functional and easier to use facility. If you have ideas you would like to have considered for incorporation, please send them to mbyc.veep@gmail.com.



John McDonald and Dana McClish have the base, Werner Weinstock is at the topmast. Off camera Craig Levin and Steve Reeder control the mast with guy lines from the dock.



Repairing Rot



Down on Deck

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.

— **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

— **July 2017**

- 7 Steve & Teri Reeder
Matt & Adrienne Jenkins
Tom & Laurie Wright
- 14 Toni Gomez
David Tibbitts
Simon & Hilary Graves
- 21 Chris & Andrea Surfleet
Patrick Howe and Heidi Freeman
- 28 David & Alicia Shinn
Josh & Juliana Massie

REAR COMMODORE —Steve Borges

Greetings fellow sailors:

Now that winter’s over and spring has begun, of course, we start the new season with our Opening Day Ceremonies and our Opening Day Bay fleet races. Just like usual, the day started out nicely and the winds were moderate, but as the day progressed, things became more and more out of control.

At the beginning of the day, we had six Daysailers and two Lasers competing in the first race. Dave Hensinger and Dana McClish teamed up in Zopilote to place first, with Simon Graves and his daughter Marina in Ramona taking second, followed by Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in



After two races the results for Opening Day are
1st Dave Hensinger and Dana McClish in Zopilote with three points



third. The fourth and fifth places were taken by two Lasers, Nathan Hensinger and Rory McClish, respectively.

By the beginning of the second race, the winds had picked up dramatically and one of the Daysailers deciding to sit this one out. As the second race progressed things got outright nasty with the water capping (peaks of white water appearing on the waves) during the race. But Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party were able to fight off the elements and take top honors, with

Dave Hensinger and Dana McClish in the second position. The third place boat was Chris Surfleet with Pat and Cole as crew in Solar Coaster, and Simon Graves and Marina in Ramona placing fourth. The wind had taken its toll on the rest of the fleet with two Lasers and one Daysailer receiving a “Did Not Finish” which definitely kept Katy and Terry in the safety boat busy.

The Race Pro, Don Lockwood, thought that we might be able to get one more race in by sending them south to marker seventeen, but after further consideration they decided NOT, after noting half the fleet was already missing.



2nd Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party with 4 points

REAR COMMODORE Continued —Steve Borges

We also had our Spring I race this month with Simon Graves as Race Pro and Bob Walker as the Deck hand. There were nine competitors and three of the boats were Cal Poly students which is nice to see them out there honing their skills. Simon Graves was able to get three races in, which is not always the case this time of the year.

Race Results for Spring I

1st Carlton Smith and Brett Cross in Beach Party, 4 points

2nd Dave Hensinger and Son Nathan in Zopilote, 9 points

3rd Todd Hansen and Joyce in True Love, 10 points

4th Patrick Gorey and Malcolm McEwen in Superweaner, 16 points

5th Cal Poly in a Daysailer, 16 points

6th Kerran Hansen and Ben in Indrath, 17 points



3rd Simon Graves and Marina in Ramona with 6 points

Upcoming races for the Month of May—we have for the Bay fleet, the Spring II on May 13 and the Bay fleet Championships on May 27.

FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

Fun Float Fun for all

April Showers may bring May flowers! Who knew our beautiful start of our April 13th paddle would result in such a downpour. We started out with sunny skies and very little wind, when lo and behold after almost an hour, we were back at the club with a fire in the fireplace, a warm cup of tea, and trying to dry out after one of the hardest rains you can imagine. A sudden cloud burst let loose and it felt like hail for about 15 minutes. We all survived and four members from the SLYC said it was a great experience and would return to paddle with us again. Last month was beware the Winds of March and we did OK with our paddle on March 29th. Now we are ready for our annual paddle to Bayside Cafe for lunch on April 26 and hopefully the winds will favor us that day.

Plan on Cinco de Mayo in Sandal's Cove again this year. We will paddle to watch the otters and other sea life and then have stop in the cove for something appropriate to drink. Everyone should bring a little something to share for the celebration. It will be a relaxed paddle and social time.

Wed April 26 at 10:30 AM, Bayside Cafe

Fri May 5 Cinco de Mayo 11AM

Thurs May 11 at 11AM

Thurs May 25 at 10:30AM

Friday June 23 at 10:30 AM

Everyone on any kind of floating boat is welcome. See you on the water!

Opening Day Ceremonies
Sunday, April 9th, 2017



GALLEY CHIEF—Judi Forster

Ahoy! ! from the Galley

Let's get ready for **Burger Nights**

**First Burger Night is May 31st Hosted by the Board
5:30PM - 7PM!!**

This season we are changing it up a bit. There are so many working parts to MBYC we thought it would be fun to have some different burger night helpers. Almost every other week certain members will help participate in the galley and bar. Please check your MBYC calendars to see the exciting members that will be helping out. There are plenty of other burger nights that we will need volunteers.

A signup board will shortly be placed upstairs by the bar. This is a fun way to interact with the club. You can add your name once or multiple times on the nights we need volunteers. I will contact you and have you on the galley calendar. There are more surprises coming for burger nights, stay tuned!

Galley helpers: We will need six helpers. Please be available from 4PM-7PM. Rotation of help is expected, because we all need a burger! Anyone handling food must wear gloves.

Thank you in advance for all of your help.

As many of you have noticed, there have been some changes in the galley. Most of those changes have taken place for everyone's health safety and well being. I would encourage you to Google or look up on the internet "Food Safety Zones". If you are hungry for more education, I would also encourage you to take a quick course on eFoodHandlers.com. It is a free food handling safety course, it takes about 60-90 minutes to complete and you can do it in multiple time slots (5-15 minute intervals). Once completed you can pay \$10 and get a food handlers card with your name on it! (It is optional.) Another great article on food safety is <http://www.healthworkscollective.com/drterrysimpson/75521/24-hour-flu-does-not-exist-its-food-poisoning>. I encourage you to read it.

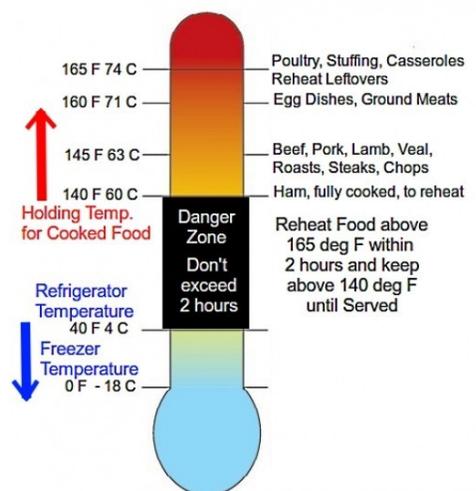
When food is continually placed in and out of the refrigerator and is constantly being placed at room temperature and then re-refrigerated, it goes into a "danger zone" that can cause food born illness. There are other ways to transfer "germs" and bacteria, one of which is not hand washing or not wearing gloves. This is why condiments are not left in the galley fridge. If there is no knowledge of the history in the refrigerator inventory, I personally do not feel it is safe to expose anyone to any health risks. ! There is a policy in place that food cannot be stored in the refrigerator for more than 24 hours. If there is an event coming up, or you need to have something in there longer, please, just communicate that. You can let me, one of the board members know, or leave a sticky note on it with your name and date.

If you are hosting "Happy Hour" and have food left over, ask if anyone wants to take it home. There are storage bags, plastic wrap, and aluminum foil all available for use in the galley. They are located in the lower cabinet next to the fridge. The supplies for Happy Hour are located in the cabinet under the microwave. I will replenish the supplies as need. The galley is not required to provide table cloths, so if you would like to have them on the tables, bring your own or buy the disposable ones from the Dollar Store. Please clean and put away any dishes you use.

Clean towels are in the lower cabinet on the left side by the sink.

(Side note: I wash everything before I use it.) During "Burger Nights" all galley help will be required to wear gloves when handling food. The galley will also have reusable squirt bottles for condiments. Condiments will be bought in bulk (saves money!) stored in the back fridge and filled into "squeezy" bottles for one time usage on Wednesdays. They will be emptied and cleaned every Wednesday after burger night.!

Feel free to talk to me anytime if you have any questions. Your safety is my number one concern. Thank you.



MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

Wow, I feel so lucky to be involved with the junior sailing and the yacht club! I marvel every time I come to the bay to boat. No matter how obscure a week day or weather I never find myself alone at the club house. But some days are marvelous! April 23 had our usual cadre of teenage Laser sailors and pre-teen Opti sailors out for junior sailing. But the great winds and sun would not be ours exclusively, the Cal Poly Sailing Team was also out practicing for an upcoming regatta. The ocean fleet headed out in the morning for a day of off-shore races.



The dock and channel alive with junior sailors



Our newest Optimist Sailor Xavier Clements "XC"



Elias Blackwell enjoying the racing drills

MBYC JUNIORS Continued —Chris Surfleet

All told 25-30 sailors and boaters were enjoying the spring winds and sunshine. The club house cycled the salty, wet, sun burned, wind burned, happy boaters continuously through its doors. The dock was alive with boats and visitors. It all seemed right, a yacht club alive and vibrant. I do not think the doors shut once from dawn to dusk. Our club boats were magnificent hosts for the many young sailors wanting to try their hand in the gusty breezes. The wonderful part of about this is the next weekend we come out, we will find the same great pod of boaters and enthusiasts. Whoever said it was right, “nothing better then messing about with boats.”

Junior sailing will meet in May for sailing the 7th and 23rd. Memorial Day weekend will feature Laser racing on Sunday, May 28 and the Jack Johnson Race on Monday, May 29. The Jack Johnson is great fun and gives “big kids” a chance to sail Optimists! Of course, it is an even better opportunity for the young sailors to dominate the adults. See ya then!

Port Captain —Lynn Meissen

Requests from the Port Captain:

Take pity on the Port Captain and make all requests, complaints, criticisms, suggestions, or praise (should there be any) by email.

I will be updating the Boat Storage Waiting List so if you want a space email me.

All boats stored on club property should be labeled. The trailers in the backyard are marked.

DOCK USE; Spring also brings more transients to our dock, so please tie up with minimum space between boats to maximize dock use.

BACKYARD; Spring brings many beautiful sunsets and warm days for sailing or kayaking and **WEEDS** - many bright green **WEEDS**--need I say more?

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June 2017		Junior Races 9:30 AM	Ocean Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM	Bay Races Skippers Mtg: 10:30 AM			
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28	MEMORIAL DAY Jack Johnson Bay	29	30	31 BURGER NIGHT 5:30PM-7PM	1	2 5:15 Membership Meeting Hosts: Rick & Corbie von Stein Ken & Sandi Twist	3 Bay Race Spring III
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On St Patrick's Day, MYBC was visited by our very own Pope

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