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Commodore Comments

by Bill Kenney

The New Year is upon us! Happy 2019 to everyone! I sincerely hope you and your family enjoyed everything the holiday season had to offer. We welcome 2019 with enthusiasm and optimism for success. As the newly seated Commodore, I am excited about what the year will bring for our membership and our Club.

First task on hand will be to establish the budget for 2019. I am very thankful that we will be taking a bit of a break on lease expenditures and improvements. The past couple of years have seen the Board of Directors tackle several large projects: trex replacement, pilings, and the Bodrero remodel. Now is the time to take a rest and let the accounts build back up a bit more before we start looking for the next projects.

We still have plenty to do. The railings on the Bodrero building need to be completed, and the work has begun on that project by the time you are reading this article. We certainly need to repair and replace some items. We will be looking close at updating some Junior Program and Race Committee assets. The parking lot will need some attention as well. The Main Clubhouse will be undergoing some extensive changes in the near future, and now is the time to start the planning for this large project. Your Board of Directors will be busy this year!

We have some excellent talent on this year's Board. Starting with Chuck Weber, who has served this Club many times as Port Captain. He has some great ideas, and I couldn't be happier with having him on our Board.

Newcomer Todd Henderson has been an active parent in our Junior Program with his kids. I have said many times that the Junior Program is the most important asset at MBYC, and gives us our brightest future. A strong program makes for a strong Club. Looking back over the past 10 years shows we've had some incredible talent in this position, as the success of the program demonstrates. Todd is the perfect candidate to carry on the role, and I am excited to have him aboard.

Martin Offenhauer gives us a confident person to carry on the work of Race Committee Chair. He has the talent and the ideas to help keep our racing running smoothly. The dynamic Kathy Dryden will bring her talent to the Membership Chair, providing a driving force to represent current members while expanding participation within our fleets, as well as

welcoming our newest members. Returning to their roles from last year are Selby Winkler as Entertainment, and Steve Cooper as Fleets Captain, both of whom deserve my sincerest appreciation for doing so.



The Bridge is comprised of members who have collectively spent more than 25 years on the Board. Jim Day as Secretary brings continuity and long time club knowledge, the accounting genius of Gene Ratliffe brings his wealth of talent to the Budget and to the Lease, while Bill Sweeney provides that business management savvy to strengthen our confidence.

Jeneé Gillam-Ray stays on as Junior Staff Commodore, to help with transition, and to be a guiding perspective as we move forward. I want to again congratulate Jeneé on a successful year, and thank her for her service. My hope is to carry on the success Jeneé had in 2018 to the next year and onward.

I will be looking forward to attending most of the major events this year. Some I have had the pleasure of experiencing, while some will be new to me. For example, this was the first year I went on the Bahia Bell Caroling Cruise, and I truly enjoyed the experience. My voice was warmed up and I belted out those carols to the best of my ability! I'm not quite sure I'll be invited back however, considering the look on the children's faces. We'll see!

The North American National Championships for the O'Pen Bics will be this spring, hosted by MBYC. This will be an exciting event and I am thrilled about being there! Ever since we added this class to the Junior Program they have been a very well used boat. Someday I hope to get myself a chance to sail one!

I will conclude with a huge shout out to all of the membership of Mission Bay Yacht Club. This is truly my home, and it brings great joy into my life. When I was asked many years ago to volunteer, I viewed it as an opportunity to give back to the place that brings so much to me and my family. Now I get the chance to serve as your Commodore, and I could not be more thankful. Everyone should have the confidence that I do not take the role lightly, and I plan to serve with all of my talent and strength. My contact information is available at the front office. If there is any need, any question, any issue that requires my attention please do not hesitate to reach me directly.

Here's to 2019! May it be as successful as the last 92 years! See you at the Club!!!



Vice Commodore Comments

by **Bill Sweeney**

Happy New Year! We have many things to be grateful for going into 2019. The club is in great shape with many continued improvement projects in the works that will keep MBYC the great place we all expect it to be.

Now is the time to start planning on how each of us can volunteer on many fronts. Race Committee, Work



Party and many of the upcoming community events that are just around the corner. The entire membership can make a difference. Get involved.

Come down to the club and enjoy football playoffs on the many TVs in the clubhouse. Make RSVP for a Friday Night Dinner. Chef Javier is continuing to introduce

new and exciting dishes. The more of us that enjoy the dinners at the club, the greater the menu selections will be. The Galley needs to be exercised by the membership at large. I know you will be impressed.

Have a fantastic 2019. The entire Board of Directors is looking forward to serving the entire membership and enjoying another amazing year at the club.



Rear Commodore Comments

by **Gene Ratliffe**

Happy New Year! I am very excited to be the Rear Commodore for 2019 and I think the members and Commodore Bill have selected a great board.

Over the holidays a few of us are already beginning work on the Butler Invitational Regatta. The plan is to build on last year's success and grow Mission Bay Yacht Club's only distance



race. If you are a sailor I hope you will start your planning now so we can have more MBYC members and boats in the race.

Also over the holidays you'll see the new railing going in around the Bodrero deck. This is the final step of the major upgrade to the property and I'm really excited to see it done. After a quick second to enjoy the finished

product we'll turn our attention to planning the remodel of the main clubhouse.

It's budget time and I understand that the Rear Commodore is in charge of "boats and floats" so I'll be working with Jason, Nick and the Board to figure out what needs to be done this year. If you see something that needs attention please let me know to make sure I get it on the list.

See you on the water!



Fleet's Captain Report

by **Steve Cooper**

Happy New Year! Here's to another fantastic year. My personal goal for 2019 is to enjoy life more and stress less. Having a great time at MBYC is definitely a big part of the plan.

I'm honored to serve on the board of directors again, and repeat as Fleets Captain for the year. For 2019, we have mix of returning and new Fleet Captains, all of whom are excited



to see their fleets flourish. When you get a chance, be sure to thank them for their service to your fleet and to MBYC.

Our year-round sailing continues through the winter. In January, we have bay races on January 6th and 13th. The Snipe Las Vegas regatta is the 19th and 20th. The

– 27th. The full SCYA mid-Winter Regatta is scheduled for February. So put on your warmest gear and come out from some winter sailing!

As we look further into 2019, I am excited with the full calendar. We have another year of great sailing and social events lined up. Bay races are continuing all year long, and it won't be too long before opening day and the TNTs.

Happy New Year!

Thistle Mid-Winters in set for January 24th



Secretary Treasurer Report

by **Jim Day**

Well it is almost the New Year and I have the privilege of serving you as Secretary Treasure for 2019. I am looking forward to working with the new board to serve the club. It was great seeing everyone at many of our year end events and seeing how much



everyone enjoys the club and how they are always looking to make it better. I always come from the prospective that everyone wants the best for the club even though we might not all agree on the best way to do that. Because we all want the best I do not take anything to

personal. So, any on all suggestions are welcome.

We are currently working on closing the books for the year and finishing the new 2019 budget. If all goes well we should have that all completed in January.

Thanks in advance for everyone's help in making 2019 and great year at MBYC.



Port Captain Report

by Chuck Weber

Happy New Year! I am pleased to have the honor to serve MBYC and our members as Port Captain in 2019. We begin the year with several new or existing policies/rules that have been approved and implemented by the board of Directors, pertaining to both wet and dry stored boats at the club.

Underway Policy - Effective January 1, 2019

Every boat assigned to and kept in a wet slip or dry storage space shall be actively engaged in yachting activities and be capable of getting underway and performing the underway yachting activities appropriate to comparable boats. Each Member assigned a slip or dry storage space must demonstrate that the boat can get underway a minimum of one time every twelve months, traveling under its own power, and with the Member on board. This activity must be verified and documented by the Port Captain, General Manager, a member of the Board of Directors, or a designee, and can be satisfied by participation in the Opening Day Raft Up, TNT events, Parade of Lights, Catalina Cruise, Military Family Day, a trip to the MBYC Front Dock, or similar activities.

The annual underway requirement can be satisfied at any time during the year in each twelve-month period.

If a Member fails to complete the underway activity, the Member shall be notified in writing of failure to meet the minimum underway requirement. If the Member has not satisfactorily met underway requirement within 30 days of the date of the notice of failure, the Member shall be assessed a penalty, on a monthly basis, in an amount equal to the Member's monthly slip or storage fee, until the underway requirement is met. If the underway requirement is not met within 60 days of the notice, the Board of Directors may determine that the Member willfully violated Club rules and withdraw the Member's slip or storage privileges and require that the boat be removed within ten days.

The Due Date for satisfying the Underway Requirement and demonstrating operational status in 2019 is April 30.

Seaworthiness and Dead Storage

Club Rules prohibit the "dead storage" of boats and trailers and require that all boats moored or stored at the Club must be Seaworthy. The term "Seaworthy", as employed in its various forms throughout the MBYC Rules and regulations, shall mean, "In good enough condition to venture under its own propulsion onto the waters of Mission Bay and beyond".

Boat Partnership Rules

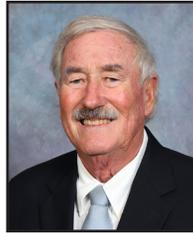
The intended purpose is to permit equitable progression on the waiting list of those members awaiting wet or dry slip assignments and to preclude members from entering into simulated joint ownership agreements for the purpose of circumventing this equitable progression.

1. All owners and co-owners must be members, in good standing, of Mission Bay Yacht Club. At least one owner or co-owner must be eligible for the slip assignment, based on priority date on the Waiting List. At or prior to the formation of a partnership, each owner or co-owner must submit a request for storage and be listed on the Wait List.

2. The member with the slip assignment must be the majority owner (at least 50%) of the vessel (Any exceptions must be made by Port Captain in writing and filed with office.) The majority owner will receive the Slip Assignment, based on Wait List eligibility and will be billed for, and responsible for payment of monthly slip fees and any other assessments.

3. The percent of ownership of each partner must be provided in writing, approved by Port Captain, and filed with the office.

4. Current copies of Insurance, Registration and Vessel Documentation



must be submitted to the Port Captain and to the office, and must include the names of all joint owners

5. A statement must be submitted to the Port Captain and the office each year certifying that the joint ownership remains in place, signed by all owners, signifying their intent to comply with all regulations for the coming year.

6. If it is determined that the original owner eligible for the slip assignment is no longer a co-owner, or no longer a Club member, the vessel must be removed and the slip must be vacated

within 30 days.

Poly Tarps

Poly Tarps are prohibited for use at the Club in both wet and dry storage areas due to the detrimental impact of disintegrating plastic materials in our marine environment. The plastic materials degrade over time with exposure to sun exposure and wind and pieces end up on our property and in our bay. Please take immediate action to remove all Poly Tarps from your boats, kayaks, SUPs, paddle boards and bikes. Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated and will help to maintain our clean marine environment.

Thank you to the following individuals who will be assisting with wet or dry storage issues. Please contact the appropriate person if you require information or assistance.

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Entertainment News

by Selby Winkler



As the new year begins, I very happy to let you know that Vickie Brady has agreed to once again head up the MBYC Decorations Committee. Last year the club enjoyed the benefits of Vickie's creative decorations for each of our twelve annual events. We would like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped Vickie in 2018, especially: Pat Hammond, Lori Cooper, Muppy Haigler and Joanne Taylor. If anyone wants to join the decorating fun, please contact Vickie Brady on her cell 619-370-2332 or via email at victoriabrady@yahoo.com





Jr. Coordinator Report

by **Todd Henderson**

Greetings and a Happy New Year! For those of you that don't know me, I will be your new Junior Coordinator. I'm excited to get 2019 underway but before we do, I would like to thank Dave Tillson for his dedication to the Junior Program and for serving in this position for the last 3 years (a record I think). Dave and his family have been so generous with their time, not only in serving as the liaison between the Board and the Junior Program, but also towing to regattas, running races, taking great race photos and so much more. Sailing is definitely a family affair for the Tillsons and their dedication to MBYC is evident.



seasoned Sabot A fleters, to our high school team and club racers, to Olympic campaigners, and summer program sailors.

- I'd like to promote parent involvement. To this end, please note in your calendars that the first 2019 parent meeting will be January 9th @ 6pm.

- I'd like to explore fundraising opportunities for the Junior Program. As a start, I encourage all of you to please hold the date for our biggest fundraiser of the year: Casino Night which

will be held at the club on the evening of February 16th. This event is open to all members and friends of the MBYC Junior Program and it is a ton of fun! We're looking for sponsors and silent auction donations. This event goes a long way to support our program and our great coaches, so invite your friends and family and be prepared to hoot and holler.

It has been reassuring to hear a common theme from many club members, current and past Board members, Commodores, parents and coaches that, "the Junior Program is so important to MBYC, you have my full support!" We've had record numbers of regatta participants, summer program participation is strong, the Bodrero building and Junior clubhouse areas are renovated (what a team effort!), and our stakeholders are on board. This can only mean that 2019 is going to be a fantastic year for the MBYC junior program!

I welcome your thoughts so please stop me in the parking lot or email me directly at mbycjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com.

Here are a few things that are on my mind for the start of 2019:

- I'd like to encourage effective communication. Please follow MBYC and the Junior Program on Facebook @missionbayyachtclub and @MBYCjuniorsailing. Additionally, sign up for the Team MBYC "Pins and Shackles" newsletter, an email blast of upcoming events. How? Just email TeamMBYCFrs@gmail.com to request the signup details. Finally, bookmark the Junior Program website in your web browser at www.juniors.mbyc.org and check it regularly for updates and upcoming events.

- I look forward to working with the newly installed Junior Board officers to encourage active participation, develop leadership skills, and foster good teamwork.

- I plan to work with coaches and the Junior Board to promote activities for all of our juniors, from our brand-new Sabot C3 sailors, to



Membership

by **Kathy Dryden**

Hi friends and welcome to 2019!

I'm thrilled to be representing our membership on the MBYC Board for 2019! Fun fact, this is my family's 10th anniversary year of joining MBYC! So I feel it a perfect match that I will represent the membership this year. I had a lot of fun on the board last year and am excited to try out a new position and see what I can add to the club in 2019. I have always thought that the membership chair isn't just voting in the new members who find out, and thus apply, to our best kept secret in SD, however, it is about maximizing the people we are lucky to have as members of MBYC. This is not what can your club do for you, rather, what can you do for your club! We have members from



all areas of SD and backgrounds who have so much talent to add. This club is partially and exceptionally run on volunteers who love this place and have a heart to serve. Remember when you filled out your membership application and it asked you what areas you would like to volunteer in? Well, get ready, because I'm coming for ya! I know we have a lot of hidden talents amongst our membership and as your membership chairwoman this year, I plan to uncover them all! Besides that,

I will be planning new member breakfasts and tours, following in Bill Black's footsteps last year (GREAT JOB BILL!) and will encourage those members who never had a proper introduction to the club to attend as well! Stay tuned and watch the calendar for dates!

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Happy New Year! I am happy to be serving MBYC as 2019 Race Committee Chairman. Success in this position means upholding our reputation of putting on great races and having more of you and your boats competing.

I have been involved in racing and race committee for most of years at MBYC. Last year I learned to score races using SailWave. I was surprised at how easy it is. If anyone wants to learn to use SailWave and score, please contact Selby Winkler or me. We can always use more scorers! If you have ideas or questions about racing at MBYC, feel free to shoot me an email or call me.

I have been reaching out to all my racing friends to find out more about the job and how we can make things better. There is an amazing body of knowledge in the club and a willingness to work together. Also, thanks to last year's Race Committee chairwoman Kathy Dryden who has already been a great help to me and has offered to hand out trophies after club races. Please stay around after your races and collect your well-earned



trophies.

Race Committee training was a great success last year. I hope to have it available again this year. Stay tuned.

Last year's dredging of the bay and other causes may have resulted in displacement of some of our racing marks. I have the coordinates of where they should be and it is a priority to verify the same location and relocate any if needed.

Our first regatta of the year is the annual Midwinters Regatta on February 16-17, 2019. I am happy to announce that Katie Ham has again volunteered to be the regatta chairwoman. I'm also grateful to the Senior Sabots and Stan Betts for running the Bay races and to the Handicap Keel fleet and Andrea Carol for running the Ocean races.

We will be working together to give all the sailors at MBYC successful races and a great time in 2019.

See you on the water



Lightning Strikes

by Dan Gravatt

Our fleet is dying. Oh no, not the Lightning fleet, we are fine. Nothing wrong with our fleet. I have seen other fleets disappear from MBYC while I have been a member and I started thinking why do fleets die?

Disclaimer the following is strictly my opinion.

The first sign of fleet illness and the last is people not sailing. I know this sounds very simplistic, but think about how this works. If the fleet regularly consists of 3 boats, a single boat not racing can stop the fleet. We are lucky as sometimes R/C will give a start to a 2 boat fleet or you can start with another fleet, but no one likes that and it not really fun.

Okay, sailing is always fun. The point is that if the boats are not racing your fleet has some problems. What is the problem that keeps boats off the water? Time. There are 41 club races, 10 monthly series, 9 short courses, 4 regattas and 18 TNT's and maybe a regatta for just your fleet. That is more than a few days on the water and could include 18 weeks of sailing more than once a week.

You could select a series of races and concentrate on only those events, but this makes it difficult to get a fleet out on all the other dates. This is counterproductive and you should encourage your fleet to race any time they can race. We cannot make more time but we should make an effort to find out if anyone wants to sail and get a fleet out to sail on that day.

Stepping off the soap box, we had our Lightning fleet meeting on the

patio, and got a picture of our skippers in attendance. We raced on January 6th and 13th and in February there is racing on the 10th and 24th with the Mid-Winter the weekend of the 16th. See you on the water, Dan.



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What does Sailing mean to you?

I read an article recently in which the author was challenged to consider what sailing meant to him, and what it represented our communities. It had been put to him that sailing was “the realm of the elite & wealthy and did not represent participation, fitness or accessibility”. The author then proceeded to lay out a very impassioned rebuttal to that notion in reply to the challenge.

But the article’s premise got me thinking about my own thoughts about sailing throughout my life. For me, my infatuation with sailing started long before I ever grabbed a tiller and mainsheet, when my friend’s dad built an El Toro in his garage. He used to sail it at the local lake, along with the other sailboats I watched from the shore. I don’t recall my friend ever sailing, or

having an interest, but I did. I even had model sailboats that I played with in that same lake. But this interest was always from afar, because I, like the notion proposed to the author, had it in my head that sailing was for “other people” or for “rich people”.

This notion stayed unquestioned in my mindset until 2011 at the ripe age of 47. I used a Groupon to take lessons and join a sailing club. My thought was that I will try it and if it doesn’t appeal to me and find that my years of distant admiration and fascination were illusory, well then at least I gave it a shot. And if I did like it, then I would just keep learning and take it as far as I had interest. Well needless to say, I came out from that experience even more enamored with sailing than ever. Since then, my skills have

developed, and my interests have focused on dinghy racing, and I have become a member of this wonderful community that is MBYC. It’s safe to say that sailing is a bit of an obsession with me now. It gives me a reason to try and keep in shape, provides some goals and structure; provides community. It’s pretty ingrained in my life right now.

In the article the author posits: “Sailing comes in many forms and means different things to each and every one of us. You might cruise, race socially, compete at an elite level or just work on or around boats, but for each of you there has to be a reason why you do it.” (livesaildie.com, 1/30/15). So for my fellow members, as we head into this new year I pass on this same question: What does Sailing mean to you?



Handicap Rails

by Chris Winnard

Happy New Year to all! Plans are already well under way for next year’s



Butler Race, the club’s signature handicap event. We are looking to add a ‘fun fleet’ and hoping to get more interest from MBYC boats in this rapidly growing event. A multi club committee has been formed to turn the Butler and the Oceanside Race into the premier San Diego Coastal Series. Stay tuned for updates as the plans get finalized.

The Handicap Fleet will be on Race Committee duty January 6th for the Bay Series, and for the SCYA Midwinters Regatta. This is an ocean assignment and requires extra staffing. If you’re not on one of

the email lists and are interested in helping please contact me or Martin Offenbauer, who is the club Race Committee Chair this year.

PHRF-So. Cal is evaluating their implementation of the Corinthian Adjustments, which were put in place to increase participation but have been exploited, as usual, by some competitors. I am now the Assistant Chief Handicapper for PHRF San Diego so will be updating how we will be rating boats as TNT’s approach. Things went well this year, for the most part, and we will be working to streamline the master file to make the scorers job easier.

As always, if you have any questions about the Handicap Fleet or would like to participate please contact me.



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Ladies Group

by Vickie Brady

The New Year is upon us and we are ready for an amazing year of Ladies Club events. I



will once again be heading up the pack with the help of my wonderful people: Lisa Coffman, Sue Pasterkiewitz, Pat Hammond, Muppy Haigler, Sandy Weber, Julie Hocking, Joanne Taylor, Lori Cooper, Lucy Benner, Cathy Anzouni and more. I couldn’t do it without all of you!

Put these dates in your calendar for next year’s luncheons: Feb. 23, May 11, June 15, Aug. 10, Oct. 12 and Dec. 7. Thanks to Cathy Anzouni and team we had a fabulous Christmas party! Her games were super fun. The club looked so beautiful, the tables were divine and the food was delicious! I am waiting to hear back from Rob Hutsel with San Diego River Valley to see if he can speak at our first meeting. We have a couple new things in the works for next year. We will let you know more when we get logistics worked out. Have a wonderful 2019!

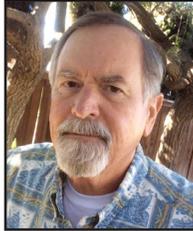


You've seen it: from the deck, reflections of a full moon rising, casting its light across Mission Bay; or the last light of a setting sun sharing images in still water of boats along the back dock; families and friends enjoying a day at the beach; hard working sailors launching and recovering their boats along the steep slope of Cat Beach; summertime fleets of kids learning the art of sailing; the hopeful young angler -- I could go on and on. Our Club is a great place to be; always interesting and beautiful, and active. Here we enjoy a wonderful marine environment and a wonderful place to part of.

We are all grateful to those that lead and support the Club and for the community it provides. The Fleet extends its congratulations and support to Bill Kinney and his team of Club officers. We wish them a good year and many successes.

The Power Fleet said goodbye to the fine year that was 2018 and hello to 2019 and the promise it holds. We ended the year with a fun Christmas party attended by over 150 members of the Power and R&C Fleets. The food was great (thanks Chef Javier) and the band and dancing were excellent. Everyone looked great in their Sunday best. Even the visiting elves dressed to the nines.

The Party provided an opportunity to share service awards with three



deserving recipients:

- Chuck Weber: Especially for his unscheduled time in the role of Port Captain, Chuck earned the "Stepping Up" Award;
- Van Barr: For all the things he does for the club, in particular his time and effort (blood and sweat) on the various Bodrero Building projects, Van earned the "Leading By Example" award;
 - Art Athans: With appreciation from all of us on the back dock, for his inventiveness, "get it done" focus, generosity with his time, skills and ideas, and service to the community, Art earned the "Just Do It" Award.

We extend our congratulations and thanks to these three Power Fleet members.

Also, let me extend my personal thanks to all members that helped with Fleet events and projects. Your time paid off by making 2018 fun, eventful, and memorable. As Sinatra used to sing -- "It was a very good year". Special thanks to my wife Joanne for her support and active participation in getting things done and for her thoughtful ideas to make meetings and other events just that much more fun.

We are a little behind naming a slate of officers for the new year. I hear rumblings that for 2019 we may steal another line from a sixties song: "Second verse, same as the first." If so, I had a great time in the saddle this year and look forward doing it again in 2019.

Until next time,

Cheers and Happy New Year to you all!

Adult Sailing Classes

Mission Bay Yacht Club has developed an Adult Sailing program designed to meet your needs. Our coaches are US Sailing certified and we have classes to suit your busy schedule.

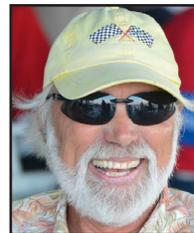
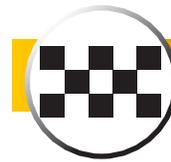
Our program recognizes that not everyone wants to be the next America's Cup skipper, and we offer a range of classes and coaching to suit everyone from the beginning sailor to the advanced racer.

Classes will be taught in a Capri 22 to add comfort and stability to the class. Call us, email, or stop by MBYC to ask questions. We welcome your interest.

We will be offering classes that run every other week for 4 weeks at a time. Each 4 week class will be \$200 for the entire 4 week class.

If you are interested in taking the adult sailing class, contact the Junior Sailing Office today by calling 858.488.0501 or emailing us at juniors@mbyc.org

Registration will be live soon so stay posted for updates!!



It was a glorious Summer with the Victory fleet being very active in the TNT races. The wins were spread throughout the fleet. The lead in each race was different at every mark. Just great racing.

The Victory fleet participation in the TNTs increased as the summer passed.

Some of the dates I couldn't find the results posted. I sailed every one and I know I wasn't ever alone.

A great fleet and a great summer.

We now have 5 Victories at the Club.

The Victory Nationals were hosted by Convair Sailing Club. Their hospitality was wonderful. They put on a great regatta and excellent parties.

Our fleet sent 5 boats to San Diego Bay to compete. The team of John Killian/Joe Rollinson won the nationals. Dave Love/Kim Carter were 2nd. Kole Kammerer/Nicole Rollinson made a good showing in their first national championship. The team of Doug Diepholz and Terry Edlund and the team of Michael Tabler and Kyle Tabler/ Andy Marcus had their moments in the lead.

Some of the other usual suspects Scooter/Chuck, and Sandy, were also seen in the front. It was a marvelous weekend of sailing. A big thanks to Convair Sailing Club and Doug Diepholz.

DATE 2018	VICTORY
09/06/18	4
08/30/18	4
08/23/18	3
08/16/18	3
08/08/18	3
08/02/18	3
07/12/18	3
07/05/18	
06/21/18	2
06/14/18	4
06/07/18	2
05/24/18	
05/17/18	2
05/10/18	2
05/03/18	2
Total	37



I would like to begin by wishing a very Happy New Year to all of the Mission Bay Yacht Club members, families, and friends. I am truly looking forward to another year of sailing and racing on Mission Bay under the very capable leadership of our new Commodore, Bill Kenny (who is quietly and capably supported and encouraged by his dear wife, Heather). Thank you Bill and Heather for your willingness to volunteer your time and effort in support of our wonderful little Club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Howard Macken for being the MC Scow Fleet Captain for the past two years. I hope to be able to emulate his quiet capable management style during the next year or two. Thank You, Howard.

By way of introduction to those of you who may not already know me, I have been a member of MBYC since the mid-1990s when a fellow named Kendall Wild recruited me off the Bahia Hotel beach over across "Chicken Cove" where I was trying to sail my Laser after having cartopped it from my home. I moved from the Laser to a Capri-14.2 for several years as I was sailing and racing with my daughter when she was in high school. I then moved on to the Lightning after my daughter went off to college. I still have my Lightning. However, I have been primarily sailing an MC Scow during the past six years. I have come to appreciate the elegant simplicity of sailing and racing the MC scows as there is no need of recruiting crew. I have previously served as Capri-14 Fleet Captain. I am one of the MBYC Club Race Officers and I regularly volunteer in support of Race Committee. I have also served as a member of the Board of Directors in various positions for six years. In 2014 was privileged be able to serve as Commodore. Most

recently, I have been coaxed to once again volunteer as a Fleet Captain... coming round full circle, so to speak.

We have a new member to the MC Scow Fleet as well as to MBYC to whom I would like to bring to your attention. She is Ms. Rebecca "Becca" Ludford who comes to us from the Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club where she crewed for her father in a very nice older Johnson MC Scow. As it happens, she has finished her studies and has a good job in San Diego and her father bought a brand new Melges MC Scow for LAYC. Becca now has the nice old Johnson boat here in MBYC. She is practicing her skippering skills with her very tall and handsome boyfriend. At this point, she tells me that she needs some more "tiller time" before she ready to race on the bay. Nevertheless, she is a welcome bit of new blood in our fleet. And, with her now a member of the fleet, the average age of our skippers is reduced by 25 years.

My Goals for 2019 as MC Scow Fleet Captain.

1. Quiet capable leadership without a lot of unnecessary hassles... always remembering that We All Do This For Fun in an attempt to escape the obligations that we all have outside of this wonderful Club
2. Attempt to interest other Club members in sailing and racing the MC Scow (we do have a "loaner boat" for use by anyone who wishes to join us).
3. Regular QUARTERLY reports and Mainstay articles.
4. Work closely with the Commodore, Bridge Officers, and other Board members for the benefit of MBYC

Most Respectfully
Brian C. Anderson



The Graham Cracker House activity at MBYC is a cherished tradition. Photos by Bill Kenney.

UPCOMING RACING @MBYC

- Jan 1 - Single Handed Racing
- Jan 6 - Jan Series 1-3
- Jan 13 - Short Courses 1-5
- Jan 19, 20 - Snipe Las Vegas Regatta
- Jan 24-27 - Thistle MWW & Match Race Regattas
- Feb 9 - Single Handed Racing
- Feb 10 - Bay Races 1-3
- Feb 16-17 - SCYA Midwinters
- Feb 23-24 - Laser Masters
- Feb 24 - Short Courses 1-5

**complete calendar and additional information at mbyc.org*

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS @MBYC

- Jan 19 - Coffee House Night
- Feb 14 - Valentines Dinner
- Feb 16 - Casino Night
- Feb 23 - Coffee House Night

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Laser Beam by James Moran

First and foremost, I have to say that it was a wonderful year representing the Laser Fleet as Captain. These fleet is competitive, the racing is fun, and the camaraderie is real. For 2019 our friend Mark Young will be representing the lasers as Fleet Captain. He'll take good care of the squad. On Saturday December 8th we had 15 Lasers out racing for December's Singlehanded Series. Considering the light winds we had, that turnout was pretty spectacular. Racing with this many boats, and the talented sailors in the fleet, will improve all of your sailing skills. Thanks to Don Bedford for doing Singl-handed Race Committee single handedly (pun intended), he crushed it without any help. Thanks again Don!

Hangovers hurt, more and more every year. There's no way around it, it's terrible. The good news is that we have the HANGOVER regatta January 1st. This is always a well attended day at MBYC. We've had 20-30 Lasers come out on New Years Day, historically it's not a day to miss. So grab your coffee, stuff as many home fries down as you can and come rig up the Laser. You'll be glad you did. For Singlehanded races in 2019 we have been getting organized (well, Mark has - Thanks Mark!). So far a schedule has been put together to coordinate RC for the Singlehanded series. We need 2-3 volunteers for RC per month for the following dates, some of which have already been claimed:

2019 Singlehanded Race Committee Schedule		
DATE	NAME	FLEET
Tuesday January 1 – Hangover Regatta	Leif Gihbsson, Mark Young, Faith Young, Joe O'leary	Laser
Saturday February 9	Ty Beach	Laser
Sunday March 17		
Saturday April 20	Lisa Karmel and Ken Wild	Sunfish/Laser
Saturday May 11		
Sunday June 2		
Saturday July 6		
Sunday August 11		
Sunday September 1	Clay and Max Karmel	Laser
Saturday October 12		
Saturday Nov 9	Don Bedford and team	Sunfish/Snipe
Sunday Dec 8		

Thanks to the people who have already claimed a day! If you don't already follow MBYC on Facebook go ahead and like the page and please join our Laser mailing list! The Laser fleet has a thriving Google Group with a Google Calendar perfect for your smartphone. It's the best way to stay up to date with the Laser class happenings. Speaking of, be on the lookout for a Laser Clinic coming up next year, organized and led by the our fleet members.

If you would ever like to join the class, demo a laser, have a beer, or you need crew, feel free to reach out to me at Moran.James.J@Gmail.com. Cheers!

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How many Commodores does it take to sail a Lido? One more than last year. Congratulations to Bill Kenney, Lido (and alleged Sabot) sailor on the new position. We're looking forward to a great year.

Now to introduce myself as this year's Lido Fleet Captain. I'm Chris and my wife is Alaura. I'm a recovering college sailor (Go Gators) dusting off dinghy racing tactics. Alaura started racing about two years ago when we joined the club. She holds the Silvia Jefferson Memorial Crew Trophy, and she's a serious competitor and borderline unfair advantage onboard.

Now to introduce the team. 2019 Fleet officers include Jenn Rohr as Treasurer, Roger Hinton as Race 1, Tim Bentley as Website Host, and Allan and Kathy Spousta as Secretaries. All have contributed to the Fleet at least as long as we've been members (and in most cases much, much longer).

The end of 2018 marked the season of Holiday festivities and some

great Lido racing. Kent Foster and Pam Fairley hosted the annual Christmas party. With 50+ guests and a raucous white elephant gift exchange, we're just hoping the neighbors didn't complain. Our most recent sailing event was the Hot Rum regatta. We had a great turnout and I counted 13 boats on the line. Our top three finishers were 1.) Ty and Sara Beach, 2.) Kent and Pam of Christmas party infamy, and 3.) Kathy Dryden and Jen Rohr. The regatta's namesake helped the field warm up on a brisk winter (okay, sunny 70 degree) day.

If you're curious about Lido sailing, stop into our first meeting in the MBYC Fleet Room at 6:00 pm on Friday, January 11. For \$15, you'll get a buffet dinner and all of our racing news. The Lido Fleet will be racing on Mission Bay Sunday, January 6, and Sunday, January 13. If your New Year's resolution is to sail more, we'll help you keep it.



Snipe Droppings

by Don Bedford



Welcome to 2019! It sure feels a lot like 2018 but maybe a little better.

First, a few thank-yous... We had a couple of race committee duties that I'd like to thank you if you helped out. I know this is not the most exciting day on the bay but that's how we get to sail our races. We probably have six total for the year and not very many people to fill all the seats so we ALL need to do three

or four at least. As I accepted another 2 years as Fleet Captain I could sure use your help organizing RC. If you could please volunteer then let me know.

Also, a HUGE thank you to Susan Elms who, once again, hosted our holiday party. The Taco Cart food was wonderful (and easy!), the jam session was very fun, and Santa himself was a true inspiration to all of us little elves who may have to fill those big boots some day...

Next, we have the Las Vegas Regatta coming up January 19/20 and Bob will be sending out information on the date for the golf tournament.

See you on the water.



Thistle Blossoms

by Will Cummings



The fall has been a quiet time for the Thistle fleet especially after our efforts in providing the racing boat for the Club Championship last September. We participated in Turkey day and in the Hot Rum series but not much else. Kirsten Cummings, with crew consisting variously of Jane Engleman, Lizette Hackett, and Moni Lampe won ALL of the races over their male competitors, George Samuels, George Spoerri, and

Don Sondys. Winds ranged from 7-14 in those races so the "girls" were just not feeding on light winds. We will see how they do in the upcoming Thistles Midwinter's West in the last part of January. We expect 30 plus boats including a selection of sailmakers from all over the country.

By popular demand (no one else wanted to do it) I will again be the fleet captain of Fleet #13 and my illustrious partner, Lizette Hackett will again be the fleet treasurer AND Midwinters West chairwoman. Andrea Caroe will again be our Midwinters PRO.

As in the past, we will hold the Larry Klein Memorial Match racing championship on the Sunday of Mid-Winter's week. Everyone is invited to come out to watch this amazing event as some of the best sailors in the country duke it out for the championship. The format is three fleet races to decide the top eight boats and matching racing afterwards of the top eight finishers. The last three years have been won by the Inghams (father or son) from New York. Exciting stuff.

We are sorry that one of our long-time fleet members, Jon and Karin Lucas are making a career move to Idaho. We will miss them and Thistle #3566. John is in the process of selling his boat and we are hoping to keep it in the fleet. A strong, well kept boat with virtually new sails.

Did you know? — When Kirsten, Jane, and Moni sailed to victory in the Hot Rum that he had 126 years of Thistle experience between them? Amazing and they love it. Practice makes perfect

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Sabot Scene

by Wes Westlake

To quote Staff Commodore Edna Johnson, "If you missed this year's Sr. Sabot holiday party, you missed a GREAT dinner and great time". If you were there, you were treated to a wonderful prime rib feast planned by Pat Whitcraft and Sharon Brown and executed by Chef Javier.



Of course, this was also the official Change of Command ceremony to welcome our 2019 Fleet Captain, Staff Commodore Charlie Hochart and commend our outgoing Captain, Wes Westlake, for all his efforts over the last two years. Wes took this opportunity to introduce two new awards for

fleet members who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to make the Friday sail-around a safer environment for all. Judy Newton was recognized for "Excellence in Escorts" as coordinator for this weekly duty. Paul Culkin was recognized for his "Remarkable Rescues" after his many daring and heroic efforts to assist fellow sailors who may have exceeded the seaworthy boundaries of their vessel only to qualify for the coveted Soggy Sabot award.

Topping off the festivities, everyone got into the holiday spirit with a sing-along lead by vocalist Staff Commodore Greg Brown and supported



by the Sr. Sabot Ensemble directed by Staff Commodore/Fleet Captain Charlie Hochart. The 12 piece ensemble had been meeting Wednesdays in the new Fleet Room to practice their repertoire and must have found this scenic new space to be the perfect location



for artistic expression. Let's give a big round of applause to all these fine musicians. Ukulele section - Serena Hanby, Mary Mackey, Susie Borzage, Gerri Moncilivich, Barbara Hochart and Daphne Cantrell. Guitar section - Charlie Hochart, Bill Taylor, Wes Westlake and Judi Works. Cool guys section - Dave Watry on violin and Bob Henderson on autoharp.

Looking good for another great year of fun and frivolity sailing the bay in our mini yachts - the Bathtub Brigade is the place to be.



MBYC Holiday parade



When Katie Ham learned that the Pacific Beach Holiday Parade would not conflict with any of the MBYC holiday activities, she thought it might be fun to get a yacht club parade entry together. Little did she know that Jen Bayliss, Katy Cresto and Jen Henehan would band together with her to make it happen.

At the beginning of December members gathered at the club to prepare decorations for the parade. They painted the wooden Santa and large wooden bells. Empty boxes transformed into wrapped presents, and members strung bells onto colorful yarn to make jingle bells for the parade.

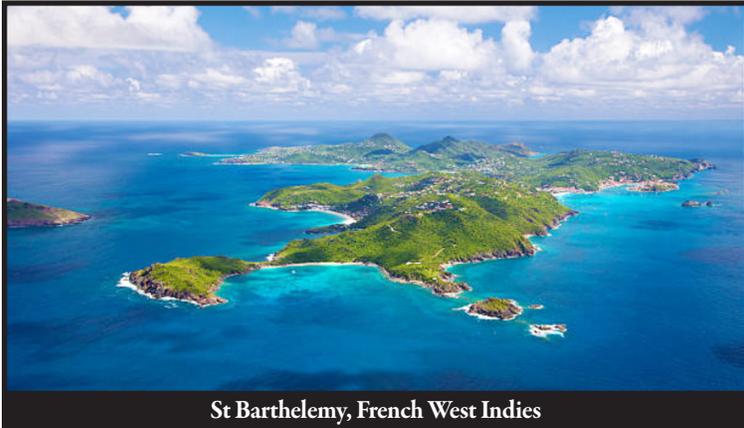
Fast forward two months and the MBYC members had a jolly time at the Pacific Beach Holiday parade on December 15. We met in the morning to decorate the MBYC "fl-boat." Hundreds of feet of garland wrapped around the stays, and sides of the boat to add tremendous sparkle in the sunshine.

Once lined up, the group got to meet Susan Francia, a two-time Olympic gold medal rower, who now rows with ZLAC. Adults and kids alike loved the chance to hold her gold medals!!

The parade itself was an absolute blast. With junior sailors, powerboaters, adult sailors and new members in attendance, the diversity of our club was truly represented. As we walked down Garnet, we handed out candy and smiled and laughed with the assembled crowd. This should DEFINITELY be a regular event for the club.



2018 Cata Cup



St Barthelemy, French West Indies

Cata Cup is one of the best Formula 18 catamaran regattas to attend in the world. It is in its 11th edition held from November 15-18, 2018 and has become an annual classic sought out by sailors from around the world. Cata Cup is sailed at Saint Barthelemy (more commonly called St Barts) which is part of France in the West Indies 150 miles east of Puerto Rico. A small 10 square mile volcanic island with a population of 9,600 it is one of the most exclusive tourist destinations in the Caribbean with vacation homes for many movie stars.

St Barts hosts this regatta to provide an event where the local F18 sailors are able to race against the best in the world without having to travel far. Some of the local boats are from St Barts, others from the neighboring island of St Maarten who sail their boats to St Barts, and other Caribbean islands from which their boats are shipped by barge to St Barts.

This year three 40 foot containers with about 10 boats each were shipped from Europe and one container was shipped from Sarasota, Florida loaded with 11 boats after the conclusion of the World Championships.

This year there were 50 boats entered with competitors from 17 countries including seven boats that were former F18 World Champions, Continental Champions, Olympians, including some who had won medals, and former Cata Cup champions. Going into the regatta the favorite to win were Danny Paschalidis



Our container loaded with 11 boats in Florida

and Konstantinos Trigonis from Greece who had just won the F18 World Championship in Florida and were the defending champions from the 2017 Cata Cup.

This was my second Cata Cup representing the USA and MBYC. My previous experience was in 2014 which was an unusually windy regatta with high seas. I was

hopefully looking forward to a more typical regatta with moderate winds and seas.

The Team

For this Cata Cup I teamed up with Michael Risoer who is Danish but now living in San Diego. Michael is a former Danish National Team member where he was sailing Tornados (also a catamaran) training for the Olympics. He currently crews on F18s at MBYC and though we had never raced together I was confident that he could handle the tough conditions in St Barts.

Logistics and Preparation

On Sunday Michael and I flew from San Diego to St Maarten which has the largest international airport in the area. We spent one night on St Maarten and then took the early ferry to St Barts which was a very rough ride. On the ferry there

were other Cata Cup sailors and we heard from them that the weather forecast for the entire week was heavy winds. I was thinking “not again” after the 2015 heavy wind experience when

we almost lost MBYC member Alberto Serrano at sea.

We spent the first day unloading our boat from the container and reassembling it. The container port is on the opposite side of the island so once the boat was ready we had to sail it to the regatta beach off St Jean Bay.

By Tuesday afternoon we were ready to sail around. There were periodic squalls coming through the area so we timed our departure right after a squall had passed. We had an easy sail and were surprised when we arrived in St Jean Bay that the wind had decreased so we spent some time practicing as the deckswepser mainsail was new to Michael.

Most of the F18s were based at Nikki Beach with the famous Nikki beach bar and restaurant. There were tents on the beach to serve as race HQ and the restaurant was next door where we ate our lunches and had many of our evening dinners.

As part of the regatta package we were lodged in a villa in the mountains to share with a French



Steve and Michael



Nikki Beach – headquarters for Cata Cup



PRO presenting the course for the first race



Start of the race

team from St Maarten and one of the other American crew. The St Maarten team had sailed their boat to the island on Monday in the very rough seas.

On Wednesday the winds were up in the 20 to 23 knots range so we went for a practice sail. We stayed inside St Jean Bay since it is more sheltered from the big waves and had a good practice. When we arrived at our villa we found out that the French crew had injured his knee during practice and that it was knocking them out of the competition. They ended up sailing their boat back to St Maarten on Saturday, the windiest day of all, but sailed using only their jib since it was all downwind. Later we heard that they had arrived safely.

The Races

The Cata Cup is different from the typical round-the-buoys race for F18s. For four days two races are scheduled per day with a long lunch break at the beach in



Rounding the Weather Mark in Race 3



Sailing behind the island with our Swedish rival

Nikki Beach until after lunch. Around 1:00 the squalls cleared so they sent us out for the first race. The first race was almost a traditional triangle race course because they wanted to keep us in St Jean Bay for safety and to see the capabilities of the fleet. The race consisted of two laps with a finish line near Nikki beach. We had a relatively good start and our boat speed was good. We were in the top tier of the fleet and finished in 10th place. We passed the Greek boat (the current F18 World Champions) 100 meters from the finish line because they went too close to shore where the cliff blanketed the wind.

Race Day #2

When we arrived on Friday the R/C said we would sail again inside St Jean Bay but gave us a slightly different course. When we were racing the wind was 20 – 23 knots with waves 4-6 feet. We finished 12th in this race so became confident that we could stay in the top tier of the fleet.

After a big sit-down lunch at Nikki Beach they briefed us on the afternoon race. Since the wind abated a little to 18-21 knots they decided to send us on a long race into the open water. This race had a very long downwind leg to a square rock sticking out of the water which was our leeward turning mark. You have to

be careful to not go too close to the “mark” because it blankets the wind. We had a good race to finish in 10th again. We found that everyone in the top 15 boats was fairly consistent in their finishes so it seemed that a pecking order was in place. In this race Enrique Figueroa from Puerto Rico dismasted when his port shroud stay pulled out of the hull of his Scorpion boat. There was a good team effort that evening that fixed the boat so he was ready to race again on Saturday.

Race Day #3

Saturday was again very windy in the 20-24 knots range. Though normally they sail a race around the entire island the R/C did not want to risk sending us around the very rough north east corner of the island so they invented a new course taking us halfway around the island in the safer counter clockwise direction and then back. This race took only about 2 hours with the strong winds and was a very fun race. The half-way turning mark had to be set very close to the shore due to water depth so there was nearly no wind there. It was very frustrating for many boats to get around this mark but we managed to get around it quickly. We had some very tight racing with the lead changing often between the boats around us. We were happy to finish 7th in this race. After the poor first race for the Greek boat was consistently finishing first with a good margin. After this fourth race there is a throw out which put them on top. After another big sit-down lunch we are sent out for the final race of the day.



The complex course chart for race #5

The race starts in St Jean Bay but then we go between two of the smaller islands, head off-shore to another island and then return through the Anse Paschal straight where the wind is very strong due to a tunnel effect and the waves are like being in a washing machine because the waves bounce off the shore. It was tricky to figure out which side of the straight to play but after doing several races through here it seemed you want to stay to the right to go along the shore. We finished 11th in this race maintaining our consistency. The R/C promised us a special surprise race for Sunday but also postponed the competitor’s meeting until 10:00 so people could party longer in the evening.

Race Day #4

For Sunday, since it is the last day of racing, only one race was scheduled. At the race briefing they announce that we are going around the island since the wind strength decreased a little to 18-22 knots. The course was set as clockwise around the island back to St Jean Bay then around a buoy to return to the container harbor so in effect this race was about 1.4 times the distance around the island. The R/C



Sailing upwind in St Jean Bay

also warned us that on the northwest corner of the island it was very rough and they would have plenty of safety boats along this shore but that if we went too close to shore and capsized they would only be able to rescue the crews and not the boat which would then wash up on the rocks.

We had a good start for this race and were up with the leaders. We ended going

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Racing Cruising

by Bob Hammond

The Racing Cruising Fleet had a wonderful year. We sponsored many events that were well attended and a lot of fun for all. Just a reminder, it is only \$10 per year to join the fleet. I encourage all MBYC members to join, you do not need a boat to have fun with us. For your \$10 you are invited to Back Dock Parties, the MBYC Annual Catalina Cruise, to help with Military Day and Foster Kids Events, the Chili Cook Off, a great Christmas party, our monthly dinner meetings with great raffle prizes, and fun comradery at the club.

I want to thank my wife Pat for all her support during the past two years. She was always there to give me a hand with whatever needed to be done. She purchased all the nonalcoholic gifts for the raffle prizes at each meeting and sold a heck of a lot of raffle tickets. Pat also, edited all my monthly Mainstay Articles. I could not have done this position without her backing me up. Thank you so much Pat, I love you.

A very big "Thank You" goes out to Fleet Co-Captain Doug Brady. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make sure all the activities for the fleet run smoothly and are successful. Doug and I were a team that worked well together. We both brought ideas to the fleet and supported each other if one of us had to miss a meeting. Thanks Doug! I would also like to thank Doug's wife Vickie for helping out the Racing Cruising fleet when ever she was needed.

I want to thank Cathy Anzuoni for being our diligent Fleet Treasurer and excellently reporting, keeping the books straight, the fleet fiscally stable, and keeping us on a straight and narrow path. It is a thankless job to make sure all fleet members have their dues paid. She makes sure individuals that purchase items for the fleet are properly reimbursed. She also purchases many of the items we use at the Back Dock Parties and other fleet activities. Cathy



brings to the fleet a lot of history of what it takes to put on our events. She reminds the fleet captains what needs to be done and when. For example, she knows when to contact a band for an event, when to contact Two Harbors for the MBYC Annual Catalina Cruise, and what money needs to go where. Thanks, Cathy, for all your hard work. We all appreciate it!

I also want to thank Lisa Coffman for quickly volunteering to be our Fleet Secretary this year. It requires someone to pay attention at the monthly meeting and take notes of the items that are discussed, motions passed, and note who won the Yachtsman and Good Guy awards each month. Thank you, Lisa.

The Barbara Erlandson Perpetual Award for Cruiser Woman of The Year was awarded at this year's Annual Christmas Party hosted by both the Racing Cruising and Power Fleets. This award honors a woman in the current year that cruises the most miles, or does something unusual, or memorable, or unique while being on the boat they own. The award went to Eileen Peternouschek. Eileen and Pete downsized from a 41 foot Yacht to a small 26 foot "Yacht" (fishing style boat), with a small cuddy cabin and much smaller v-berth. They made the trip to Catalina for the MBYC Annual Catalina Cruise in their smaller "Yacht" and were gone two and a half weeks. Their grandson accompanied them on this adventure. This was quite a memorable experience for Eileen and one she will not forget for a long time I'm sure. For this adventure Eileen was awarded the Cruiser Woman of The Year Award. Eileen's name will be added to the Perpetual Barbara Erlandson Plaque that resides in the bar.

I want to thank the Racing Cruising Fleet and its members for a great two years. Now, to enjoy my boat! It was an honor and a privilege to be Co-Captain of the Racing Cruising Fleet.

Multihull Musings 2018 Cata Cup

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a little too far off-shore. The leaders were tacking up the shore to get around Turtle Island. Once we got around the top of the island it was time to reach off. The waves were very hairy here and almost on our beam. I decided to sit on the hull instead of trapezing to be safer. Shortly afterwards Michael was slammed by a wave and knocked into me. In the process of recovering we almost tacked and capsized but managed to get the boat going again. If I had not been sitting in most likely we would have capsized. On the leeward side of the island it was golden sailing with flat water and 18-20 knots of wind. At one point we almost ran into a large sea turtle (about two feet across) that would have destroyed our daggerboard.

Then it was back towards St Jean Bay with the high winds and waves to turn around to head back to the container port. We finished 12th in this race.

At the top of the fleet there was drama. The Greek team had an extensive lead but rounded the mark at the end of the round-the-island course in the wrong direction taking it to starboard instead of the required port. I understand their



Michael taking a wave

making the mistake because for many of the marks in this regatta the rounding was to starboard. When the Greek team crossed the finish line they did not get a horn and were told they had sailed the course wrong scoring DNF. Now their 11th place finish in the first race counted in their score. This pushed them to fourth place but only one point from winning the regatta.

For the top three positions there was a three way tie on points for first place, but then on the tie breaker rules Patrick Demesmaeker from Belgium took 1st, Enrique Figueroa representing Spain was 2nd, and Pablo Volker from Argentina was 3rd. Pablo was the 2016 F18 World Champion. We were happy with our 11th place finish; the top team from the USA.



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(Foiling Nacra 17)

By Marianna Shand

This October I packed my bags and flew to one of the most exciting events I've ever sailed in - the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the Triple Crown Series presented by Oakcliff Sailing with support from U.S. Sailing. I flew to New York on the red eye (which is always good because it saves me a day of traveling) and landed early Thursday morning. I met up with Luke Melvin at the airport and we took the train over to Oakcliff, both of us very excited to register and sail the foiling Nacra 17s we had sailed in while training at Oakcliff last summer. (Before registering for this event, Luke and I also had to request an invitation from the Organizing Authority in order to participate.)

Oakcliff is an amazing training facility in New York where Olympic athletes come to train against the best of the best. We arrived at Oakcliff and were literally only there for two minutes before we met with Andres, the high performance manager. Andres runs all of the fifteen Nacra 17s, and twenty 49ers owned by Oakcliff. He showed us the boat we'd be sailing for the next week, and Luke and I spent the entire day rigging the boat to our preferences. The next day we went out sailing in our warmest gear (it was 45 degrees every day),

The people we went sailing with were members of the U.S. Sailing Team, and it was an honor to sail with them. They were incredibly experienced and were a wealth of knowledge. Sailing against them was comparable to sailing against Olympic sailors. They were great training partners, and took us in as the "young ones" in the group, and shared

all of their helpful tips and data that they'd accumulated over their years of training. It was so amazing. Every day was like this: we'd wake up early in the morning, walk to the boat park, rig up, go sailing with the group, and talk afterwards.

The wind at Oakcliff was very favorable; always windy enough to foil every day. Flat water allowed for great foiling and consistency downwind, as well.

During the week between regatta weekends, we had a couple of days when it was too windy and we did not go sailing. Those days we caught up on our homework and. At Oakcliff you make your own meals, share a communal kitchen, bunk in rooms with other sailors, and keep everything as clean as possible. I woke up every day so excited to check out the wind and get on the water, and didn't want my stay there to end.

There is a special feeling at Oakcliff with all of the sailors because of our shared love of high performance sailing. The Oakcliff coaches are always encouraging, and I was able to drive a foiling Nacra 20 one day with my friend, Sydney Monahan, from Florida. We had a lot of fun out there, being a couple of extremely underpowered girls sailing a superpowered boat. We didn't capsize though, and had a blast out there.

The racing both weekends was intense and humbling at the same time. There is so much to learn, and we are already looking forward to sailing the next Triple Crown Series at Oakcliff!

Thank you to JIB for helping me attend this special event!



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