

Mission Bay Yacht Club



# MAINSTAY

July/August 2019



## 2019 Butler Regatta

The Butler Regatta has expanded into the California Cup.  
Forty boats competed this year. Photo by Steve Ross.

### **ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:**

All Girl Sail Jam  
Herb Shear Regatta  
Sabot Family Scramble





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Sunday:	Breakfast & Lunch

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& the Sportsmanship  
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## Commodore Comments

by Bill Kenney

Summer is here and life at Mission Bay Yacht Club is beautiful. The TNTs have been going strong, the Junior Program is having another excellent season, and the sailing competitions are being well attended. I want to be at MBYC as much as possible, and so do a lot of other members as well.

Membership and access, and their symbiotic relationship, directly affect the Yacht club experience. We have an interesting quandary of issues here. How do we maintain a healthy membership while managing a limited amount of access? We have only so many parking spots, wet slips, and dry storage. Your Board of Directors is working hard on finding a balance.

Port Captain Chuck Weber and his team have been working hard implementing our Underway policy. They are doing a great job! I have mentioned this before and will continue to restate it: MBYC is not a storage facility, we are an active and vibrant Yacht Club. The Underway policy is meant to encourage participation and also discourage the stagnation of equipment. Get out there and use your boats! If you are like me, and find you are not using one or more of your yachting lifestyle assets, maybe it is time to reassess the value of keeping it. Getting rid of something I'm not using anymore opens up a spot for someone else. This helps keep the Club healthy.

Membership and parking and their relationship to each other is always a hot topic, especially during the busy season. Many times throughout the year the Board of Directors receives complaints about the parking access and the policies used to manage it. For several years we have instituted a summer parking restriction, allowing member only parking during the peak season, for a better member experience. Recently, a notice was sent out to the membership as an effort of letting everyone know the coming weekend was expected to be busy, and this might impact parking availability. We also offer a limited number of guest passes for your convenience on a first come first served basis. I highly recommend checking in with the office for these passes if you'd like to invite guests to the club during the days with restricted parking.

Our many sailing events impact the parking lot. Regattas are typically invitations, and as the host our club tries to accommodate out of town travelers to support the sailing. If the Board of Directors deems any regatta will be impactful to the parking, the Regatta Chairman is charged with asking for accommodations or the participants can drop off their boats and trailers and then park outside. Some events like our Open House receive an exception to

the parking rule to support the event and encourage outside participation. Other events, like weddings or parties, must comply with our membership only policy.



The amount of membership population directly affects the parking lot. How many members is too many? I have been on the Board of Directors for about 7 years now, and membership has hovered around 650-680 family memberships. A modest increase came about a few years ago when the economy gained some strength. Since then, we've consistently been in the 670ish range. This number is an average of all membership classes, and we call it an equivalent number to give it context: we have on average 675 equivalent family memberships.

Every month we experience membership losses through various reasons. This averages about 2 to 5 memberships a month. With this much attrition, we need to plan on adding a certain amount of members every year for replacement to continue the viability of the club. We also count on the initiation fees as a budget item. Adding about 25 members a year, for example, not only replaces membership loss, but it adds \$62,500.00 to our revenue. That is no small number. The Open House along with other special promotions we might employ throughout the year generates some buzz, all in the effort to add members.

We all enjoy Mission Bay Yacht Club and want it to remain a wonderful place for our family and friends and lifestyles. How do we maintain our Yacht Club, keeping it healthy and viable while maximizing our experience? By encouraging participation and adding new members. I think we've been in balance for the last few years, albeit with the occasional crowded parking lot during the good weather season. The Board of Directors knows that the parking limitations do impact the club experience for everyone, members and guests alike. I can promise you this is taken into consideration for every large event we approve, especially during the busy times of the year. By being proactive, and reaching out to our members to give them notice when we think a particular weekend might unduly affect the parking, we hope to improve member understanding and the club experience as well.

I look forward to seeing you there!







# Vice Commodore Comments

by **Bill Sweeney**

It is summer time already! What a great first six months for MBYC. We have hosted multiple regattas with great success. The Butler was even better than last year. The 2019 club budget is on track. Our Membership Chairperson held a successful open house in early June to introduce new, current and potential members to the club history and all the various fleets. All in all, the club is running quite well.



fleet needs to last as long as possible and will only do so if they are properly cared for while being launched, used and put away. This includes proper cleaning after each use. Please report any issues with the boats, big or small to the front office immediately. All of us can make these boats last.

There are a few repair projects that have been delayed due to material availability and missing competitive bids. All identified projects are on the maintenance schedule. We are very aware of a few cosmetic and structural issues that need immediate attention and are at the top of the list.

The Board of Directors has formed a committee to evaluate and purchase a couple new club boats to upgrade and replace some of the aging fleet. As of this writing, negotiations are in process for the first new boat. The Board also is aware of the ongoing maintenance requirement to the fleet in general. We have approved the purchase of a couple new engines each of the next few years. The hulls are being cleaned and repaired as necessary and possible. These boats are heavily used and need to be cared for by everyone that uses the club assets. Our

MBYC has a set number of parking spaces. For the most part, there are spaces available when membership comes down to the club. Summer time will be more difficult than any other time of the year, which is why member only parking is being enforced. This is an ongoing challenge that we all need to understand and support. It is a

reality of belonging to a yacht club in the middle of Mission Beach. Awesome location, but sometimes a difficult place to park. Come on down early and enjoy a great breakfast from the galley to start a fantastic day at the club.

Our Port Captain has been busy with the new "Underway Policy" requiring each boat in wet or dry storage to demonstrate they actually float and perform as intended. You can call it seaworthiness. We are all delighted to see how well the majority of the vessels and captains got underway. There are a few that have not made the effort and are subject to the Underway Policy rules.

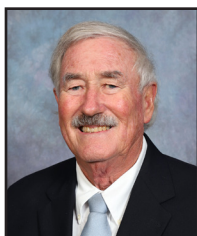
MBYC is your club. The Board of Directors is in place to serve you and the club in general. If there are any issues that need to be addressed, please bring it to any of us. Everybody wants to enjoy how great of a place this is for our families, friends and fellow boating enthusiasts. Enjoy the rest of summer.



# Port Captain Report

by **Chuck Weber**

Please contact the port captain or the office if you want to leave a boat on the rigging dock for more than a few hours. The rigging dock is often committed for regatta or other events or used as temporary mooring for members or for reciprocating club visitors, if slips are not available. Often, there are slips that can be used on a temporary basis. We make every effort at MBYC to provide temporary space for our club members, if available, and to serve as a gracious host to members of reciprocating yacht clubs requesting guest slips or temporary mooring assignments. This year so far, we have been able to accommodate numerous requests for temporary space from MBYC members and guests from other clubs. You can help by advising us if you plan to vacate your slip for more than a day or two. This helps greatly in our ability to respond positively to these requests.



The number of unauthorized boats on the rigging docks, and boats and trailers left in the parking lot, on the North lawn, and in the dry storage spaces has increased significantly to the point of becoming a problem and a nuisance. You must check with the office and obtain a temporary trailer tag prior to parking a trailer or leaving a boat at the club. Club members may store a trailer in the lot for a maximum of ten days. Thanks to all for your cooperation in keeping our rigging docks clear for our regatta events during the busy summer months. Your ongoing efforts and consideration are appreciated and help to avoid congestion at the docks during our busy times.

## Expired Flares

The Fire Station located at the corner of Grand and Mission Blvd. will take your expired flares.

The following individuals are assisting with wet or dry storage issues and are always available to answer your questions and assist you with boat storage issues. Please contact the appropriate person if you require information or assistance.

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Just another reminder that the club prohibits "dead storage" and requires that your boat must be properly maintained and seaworthy. If you no longer use or enjoy your boat and consider selling or moving it, please let us know. Consider the monthly storage fees, maintenance and insurance costs necessary to keep a neglected boat at the club. If you are not using your boat, please consider selling or donating. We may even be able to help find a buyer for your boat. With a long list of members waiting for wet and dry storage, information on possible upcoming vacancies would be appreciated and helps with planning and coordination.

Thanks to all the boat owners who have complied with the club requirements and provided current copies of marine liability insurance and vessel registration or documentation. Please continue to provide current copies of, registration, documentation, and insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 marine liability insurance with fuel and other spill liability, and naming MBYC as additional insured party. Remember that your slip fees will double if you fail to provide current documents.





## Fleet's Captain Report

by Steve Cooper

Welcome to summer!

The days are longer and the club activities are in full swing. It's time to get out on the water and enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

There are a lot of racing opportunities this summer. The TNTs are in full swing every Thursday evening with the first start at 6:00pm. The bay races are occurring 2-3 times per month on Sunday's. And several fleets have special regattas, either in the bay or in the open ocean.

In early September, we will have this year's



club championship regatta. This is where each fleet designates their sailors to compete against the other fleets in a "neutral" boat. For this year's championship we've decided to use the club's CFJs for the racing. These are the 2-person boats most commonly sailed in high-school and college competitions. It should be a great event.

Another area of focus is improving the quality of our race committee boats – particularly those used for the open ocean regattas. We organized a special work party in June that spruced up our

existing fleet of boats. Thanks go to Gene Ratliffe for organizing the work party and also thanks to the volunteers who helped out. We are also looking to purchase an additional ocean-going boat – we're leaning toward a 19-footer with a 250 HP engine. It should be really nice.

Looking ahead, we are also considering holding some of next year's Sunday races (possibly 6 of the 22 races) in the open ocean. The race committee logistics are more complicated, but if everything can be worked out it should be a lot of fun.

See you at the club and out on the water.



## Secretary Treasurer Report

by Jim Day

All is well with the finances at the club and our new software is up and running. I want to thank Mark and Jason and the staff for all the hard work on implementing this with minimal disruptions. If you have any questions regarding the new system Jason will be happy to discuss.

We are now into our busy season and I hope everyone comes down to enjoy our great club and make visitors from other clubs feel welcome. As you know your membership gives you reciprocal

visiting privileges to other clubs all over the world. It is a great perk of being a member of MBYC. In June my wife and I had the pleasure to utilize this privilege in Vancouver Canada. We visited the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and had a wonderful experience. Everyone one was friendly and welcoming. We stayed for dinner and watched the sunset, it was great, food was exceptional, and the people were wonderful. If you get a chance to



visit Vancouver visit the club you will not regret it. If you are traveling to other places this summer check and see if there is a local yacht club and stop by and introduce yourself and have a drink and or dinner. You will be amazed at the hospitality at most clubs.

Have a great summer.




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# Rear Commodore Comments

by Gene Ratliffe

As Rear Commodore I have a couple of fun but demanding things on my list; Monitor 'boats and floats' and coordinate the Butler Invitational. I've got good news for you on both.

As for our race committee boats, member feedback has prompted several projects. A small committee has been reviewing the overall condition of the fleet. We've identified that the Scripps is becoming quite tired and the board has approved funds for the committee to find a replacement. We're also analyzing and pursuing a more aggressive boat and engine replacement strategy. Our boats are used a lot and a proactive replacement strategy helps reduce maintenance cost, down time and improves our image. We are also working with volunteers to do some deep cleaning. We hope all RC volunteers will notice the difference and respond in kind by always leaving boats clean for the next person. Your Race Chair Marty and I are updating simple checklists to make sure we are consistent in the use and care of these assets.

Finally, please make sure you are compliant with the new California laws before you sign up to drive for RC. As a reminder the deadlines are;

- January 1, 2019 Persons 25 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2020 Persons 35 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2021 Persons 40 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2022 Persons 45 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2023 Persons 50 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger



• January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age

The Butler Invitational and the newly created San Diego Coastal Cup was a success this year with 40 boats! A big thank you is well deserved for Stan Betts and the entire RC, Selby Winkler for scoring, Jason and Javier for great dinner and breakfast buffets, Chris Winnard for co-chair and PHRF work, Vicki Nienberg and Cathie Umemoto for work on party and sponsors, Steve Ross for taking some great photos of the race, and everyone who helped to drive the shuttle boats!! And of course, our co-host clubs OYC and SWYC were great each throwing fun parties.

Finally, a quick thanks to all of our sponsors since they helped with raffle items and cost offset; Pantaenius Yacht Insurance, 8th Devil Sailing Spirits, Snake Oil Cocktails, VSSL, North Sails, Graphix Group, Sunglasses and Optical Warehouse, Walter Johnson Yachts, and community partners PB Town Council and the SD Lifeguards!



# Entertainment News

by Selby Winkler

July kicks off with the 4th of July. This year the holiday falls on a Thursday with a performance by The Wild Nights Band. Playing from 6-9, Wild Nights (formerly Left4Dead) delivers crowd-pleasing, generation-spanning, danceable rock & roll in San Diego since 1999. On Saturday, July 6th from 6-9, we will have the band Never2Late, a 4-piece rock, classic rock, pop and dance cover band playing all mainstream, classic hits ranging from the 60's to present day dance



tunes.

The annual club Luau will be Saturday, August 17th. We look forward to the NA PUA ILIMA ELUA dancers, drummers, musicians and fire-knife dancer starting at 7:30. The Luau includes an island-themed dinner buffet created by Chef Javier.

We hope to see you at this special event!

Labor Day Weekend will be celebrated with two bands performing from 6-9: The Distractions Band on Saturday, August 31st

and Stylus Overhang on Sunday, September 1st. Stylus Overhang is a club favorite featuring our one and only, John Fretwell, on guitar and vocals. The Distractions Band plays classic rock with an emphasis on the 60's, 70's and 80's. The band has performed at several venues in San Diego in recent years including Tio Leos, Fast Times and the Blackthorn.

We will be booking entertainment for some of the TNTs in July and August. Please read the e-blasts and check the calendar to find out who and when.





Summer is heating up and so is the racing! There will be TNT's, Bay Races and Short course racing throughout July and August. A big thanks to all of the PROs, Scorers and Race Committee volunteers who have and will donate their time on and off the race course to support all of the racing at MBYC!

MBYC again has the privilege of hosting the CFJ Nationals on July 25-28. So be ready for all the competitors and their parents who will be visiting our club. For more information contact Chris Wright.

In August TNTs and Sunday racing continue. Please check your fleet assignments for Race Committee assignments. If there are any problems please contact Steve Cooper or me for help.

We will host two regattas in August. The first is the MBYC One-Design Regatta on August 17 and 18. There will be both ocean and bay competitions. Joe O'Leary and Grant Williams are PROs and the Senior Sabots and Lidos will provide Race Committee staff. On August 23 and 24, we will host the Finn North American Regatta. Stan Betts will be PRO and the MultiHulls will provide Race Committee staff. Information will be available on the club website and Facebook page.

I would like to remind everyone about proper procedures for our club-owned boats use for Race Committee service. Firstly, the club is actively involved in replacing our aging power boat fleet to provide safe, reliable, useful boats for our members to use. By the time you read this we may have already replaced at least one of the ocean boats with a much newer and reliable one. We are also making upkeep and repair of club boats a high priority. Remember, if a boat has a problem when you use it, write up a repair ticket at the office with the specifics on the problem so it can be quickly addressed.

When an ocean boat is needed for an offshore race, make sure to check with Jason or Nick at least a week before the event. That way if there is a problem with a boat, it can be addressed so the boat is working and available the day of the race. Ocean boats are splashed and removed by Nick and the Maintenance staff. But, all Race Committee equipment used (anchors, buoys, PFDs, flags, etc.) must be removed by the members operating the boats and returned to their proper place in the Race Committee room. Each boat key set has a Race Committee room key on it. Make sure that the Race Committee room is locked when all equipment has been returned and put in its proper place. If any RC equipment is damaged or lost during use, make out a repair ticket at the office and address it to me. The office staff will make sure that it gets to me for action.

Thanks so much to Nick who is always making sure our RC equipment and boats are in good working order. The quest for an organized RC room is ongoing – thanks to Staff Commodore Brian Anderson who has been a great help to me. Between the two of us, the equipment is



in good working order and mostly organized. Thank you in advance for your help as you put things away after each race. There are photos posted on the cabinet door to show where all of the equipment should be placed. We also have two new electric inflators for ocean marks in the cabinet.

To help with good operation of club boats, please use the following checklist

### Beginning of the race

1. Check out keys from office. Note only members who have been checked out by a board member or club operator class may operate a club boat.
2. Check out a handheld radio from the office. Check the battery level to make sure it's charged and working
3. Uncover boat(s) and leave the cover in the parking area
4. Check fuel level. If the fuel level is low, check with Nick to fill it or use another boat.
5. Inspect lifting bridle before hook-up
6. Install drain plugs (VERY IMPORTANT)
7. Hook up the lifting sling and hoist boat into water
8. Return boat trailer to maintenance shed area – do not leave on dock or in wash rack
9. Ocean boats will be in the water on the dock
10. Lower and lock engine
11. Start engine, verify steady cooling stream, listen for normal/smooth operation
12. Check steering
13. Check shifter - forward and reverse shifting operation
14. Load all RC equipment needed for the race – check with the PRO to be sure that all necessary flags, floats, PFDs, inflators, etc. are in the boat and in working condition.
15. Make sure to take clipboards, pencils, and result sheets in case they are needed.
16. Once underway, conduct radio check with handheld and/or boat mounted radios to be sure you have communications with the other RC boats

### After the race

1. Turn off the motor, turn off battery switch, tilt motor up
2. Remove all RC equipment from the boat and return to RC room
3. Securely tie up ocean boats on the dock – staff will hoist them out
4. Lift small boats out of water onto the correct trailer
5. No small boat is to remain in the water after a race unless it is to be used the next day
6. Remove drain plug, hose out the boat, and remove all trash
7. Park boat in designated spot and replace the cover
8. Turn in your keys at the office
9. Report any damage or mechanical issues by completing a repair ticket at the office







# Junior Coordinator Report

by Todd Henderson

Summer is in full swing and the MBYC junior program has hit the ground running.

A few highlights from the Juniors:

1. Diego and Marcus are off to US Sailing Youth Championships in New Jersey in June.

2. The All Girl Sail Jam was a big success; see more photos on our Facebook page.

3. We are sending a full team to Gold Cup in Newport Harbor and we'll post results on the website.

4. Our Race Team will be busy in July with 15 regattas throughout the month.

5. The Summer Program is in full swing with a few spaces left in select classes.

See you on the water soon!



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A few highlights from the Juniors:

Diego and Marcus are off to the invitation-only US Sailing Youth Championships in New Jersey in June and we all wish them good luck.

Two new CFJ boats for our fleet should be on site as we speak, complete with new rudders and other parts to keep our fleet boats in tip top shape. This purchase was made possible in large part due to your generous support of our Casino Night fundraiser earlier this year.

The All Girl Sail Jam was again hosted by MBYC and was a big success; see more photos on

our Facebook page.

Our Race Team will be busy in July with 15 regattas throughout the month. The end of July will bring the CFJ Nationals to MBYC with exciting ocean racing for youth from around the country. The best way to keep tabs on upcoming events is our website, Facebook page, and the monthly e-newsletter, Pins and Shackles.

The Summer Gold Cup corner in Newport Harbor is right around the corner and once again MBYC is sending a full team; we'll post results on the website.

Our Junior Sailing Summer Program is in full swing with a few spaces left in select classes. This is a fantastic program for youth sailors of all ages and abilities. Stop by and see our staff for more information or register online.



# Ladies Group

by Vickie Brady

Time is flying by with one great club event after another! The Ladies luncheon and Fashion



Show hosted by Jennifer Ziska with Cabi Online was fabulous. Check it out at [jenniferziska.cabionline.com](http://jenniferziska.cabionline.com). A huge thank you to all our wonderful models: Fiona Hardy, Jenee Ray, Judie Jilka, Linda Terpstra,

Nikki Black and Patrice Hammond. We couldn't do it without you! Also, a big Thank You to our male escorts Bill Black and Doug Brady! We had to reschedule our June 15th luncheon with EcoLife Conservation's, Bill Toone, due to circumstances beyond our control. We will have to wait to learn about EcoLife's exciting March trip to Uganda. Perhaps in 2020 we can reschedule him.

Next, on September 28th Brandon MacDonald will be speaking about another local organization, Western Service Worker's Association and how they are helping our

community. Finally, on December 7 we will celebrate the holidays with a super fun ladies luncheon with free champagne! A big thank you to everyone that helps make these luncheons so fabulous! Raffle prizes are always welcome. This year, instead of hosting a fundraiser with silent auctions and raffles, we will be sprinkling

these fundraising items throughout the year at various events. We have brunch tickets, fleet room rentals, duffy rides and MORE! Keep your eyes open for these opportunities to get a good deal and support the ladies club. All Ladies club money goes back into the club to support club beautification. Thanks for your support!



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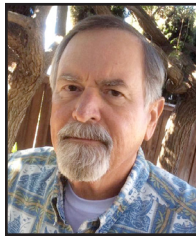




Hopefully July will bring warmer, less cloudy weather to our beautiful Mission Bay. May gray and June gloom is good for a while; but, enough is enough. But, isn't this what we say each year about this time? I know, as the Memorial Day weekend approaches, Joanne and I feel bad for the out of state vacationers as they arrive expecting and eager for sunny days at San Diego beaches - Nope! Little do they know that summer is late in San Diego with great weather starting in mid-July and lasting almost through November. Can't wait.

The annual Catalina trip is coming up soon at the end of the month. If you've never been, consider it this year. Ask around and get a feel for what it's all about -- a little bit of adventure, lots of fun, daily events, dinghy parties, and good times with some very friendly folks.

The Fleet had a great time at our Cheeseburgers in Paradise Back Dock party. Our thanks to Muppy Haigler for managing this event and for the efforts of our decorators and gatekeepers, Joanne Taylor and Debbie Hall. In



place of wristbands, the ladies issued Hawaiian leis. What a great idea. Manning the grill was John Row and a team of practiced burger flippers. Thanks John! Good food and great conversation on the back dock.

On June 7th, many Fleet members joined the San Diego Parrot Head Club in attending the Padres "Margaritaville" special event at Petco Park. This before game happening included a great Trop Rock band and several bars offering \$5 Margaritas and beer. What a deal! Later, during the game, we descended into ballpark financial reality, such as a \$14.50 beer and a \$13.50 bratwurst. That said, it was a terrific night of baseball. After blowing a three-run lead over the Nationals (almost said Senators), our home team came back and scored two in the ninth to win the game. Special treat -- we were

all stars as our group was shown on the big screen several times.

We held our monthly Fleet meeting on Friday June 14. Highlight of our get together was an update on Campland by Ted Terpstra, who attended a recent special meeting on the future of this Mission Bay jewel. Confirmed at a subsequent city council meeting, it's great to report that Campland has survived a short-sighted political assault and will continue to offer its unique vacation services to visitors from all over the country. In fact, they will expand their footprint, having agreed to manage and pay for the repurposing of the old, de Anza mobile home park to the east. A well-earned reprieve for this important ambassador of San Diego hospitality.

As organized by Fleet member Art Athans, on Tuesday July 23 our Club opens its doors to the City of San Diego in support of special needs children. Managed, I believe, by SD Parks and Rec, each year at this time the city offers a week of activities to special needs kids, including a day of fun and sun at MBYC. Boat rides, time on the beach, and fun with kayaks and other floaties are scheduled. Volunteers with and without boats are needed. Please let Art know if you can help in support of this excellent example of our commitment to the local community. You can reach Art at aathans@aol.com. Thank you.

Hope you all have a wonderful Fourth of July celebration, and a terrific summer of fun. Until the September issue, Cheers!



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# *July 4<sup>th</sup>*

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## **GALLEY TIMES & MENU**

### **Thursday, Friday, & Saturday**

Breakfast: 8:00am - 11:00am

Lunch: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Dinner Special 3:00pm - 8:00pm

### **Sunday**

Breakfast: 8:00am — 11:00am

Lunch: 11:00am — 3:00pm

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## **July 4<sup>th</sup> BUCCANEER ACTIVITIES**

### **Buccaneer Activities:**

12:00pm Tattoos

2:00pm Cardboard Boat Races

4:00pm Kids movie in the Bodrero Building

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# UPCOMING RACING @MBYC

July 6 - Single Handed Race  
 July 7 - Bay Series 1-3/3; RC: HC/RCr  
 July 11, 18 - TNT  
 July 13 - RCr Dinghy Poker run  
 July 14 - Bay Series 4-6/6; RC: Laser  
 July 17 - Sabot II Championship  
 July 21 - July Short Courses 1-5/5; RC Finn/MC Scow  
 July 26 thru 28 - CFJ Nationals; RC: Juniors  
 Aug 1, 8, 15, 22 - TNT  
 Aug 4 - Bay Series 1-3/3; RC: Lido  
 Aug 10 - Bay to Bay Race  
 Aug 17 - One Design Regatta  
 Aug 23 thru 25 - Finn North Americans; RC: MH  
 Aug 25 - Short Courses 1-5/5

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

# UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS @MBYC

July 3 - Fleet Captains Meeting  
 July 4 - Fourth of July  
 July 9 - Staff Commodore's Dinner  
 July 10 - Board of Director's Meeting  
 July 11 - Windsurfer LT Demo  
 Aug 7 - Fleet Captains Meeting  
 Aug 14 - Board of Director's Meeting

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*Bridge every Wed @ 9:30AM  
 Catalina Cruise July 27 thru Aug 11*

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## Thistle Patch

**by Mike Polterak**

We are beginning to see some new life in the Thistle Fleet. Recently we had 9 boats out on the water for a Thursday Night. One of the boats didn't quite make it to the start line but did fulfil her obligation to demonstrate sea worthiness. Two others didn't quite make it to the finish, but we did have 8 boats on the starting line. Miranda Poltorak is coming along as she develops her skills and has been out frequently without her dad. She and Mike are gearing up for the class nationals this year at Sand Point, Idaho. We will be sure to get a recap of their Nationals experience.

The Thistle fleet recently participated in the MBYC Open House and had the Miranda's boat "the Little Devil" on display to help promote the fleet. There are currently two sound boats for sale locally and the fleet would love to welcome some new blood to help us as we are rebuilding. If you are interested in skipper or crewing opportunities please reach out to me, Mike Poltorak at 619-368-4717 and I will help arrange getting you out on the water.

In looking at the calendar, I see that we have had several months with very few weekend club racing opportunities. TNT's are great, but I feel that we should also have more weekend Ocean, Bay, Triangle/Windward-Leeward races. If you have felt the same way, I urge you to speak with your fleet captains, so they know the pulse of their fleet. As the club prepares for the 2020 calendar, we can plan for more racing if that is what the members want. We have one of the best racing venues anywhere and it's a shame that we don't take advantage of it more.



**Miranda Poltorak's boat "Little Devil" on display at the club's open house.**



**Board member Kathy Driden and two prospective club members getting a thistle ride at the MBYC open house.**





# Handicap Rails

by Chris Winnard

The 2019 San Diego Coastal Cup was a big success with over 40 boats participating in the MBYC Butler Invitational Race to Oceanside and the SWYC Race back to San Diego.



This is an evolving event and for next year having a scoring gate is being considered to allow for MBYC and slower boats to finish and turn left or continue under power if it's a light air race. The kickoff party at MBYC on Friday night was a big hit with excellent food and a great band. We



are already working on next year's event as it continues to be one of the most popular near coastal series.

As this Mainstay issue goes to press the Lynch Race have been sailed. This is a fun club event and does need some rebranding to get more club members to sail.

TNT's are well underway. Scoring has been a challenge at times but seems to be getting worked out between Selby Winkler, Mark Young and myself. The Handicap fleets, HCK and HCP will be scored separately for all TNT's to help avoid any confusion with data input.

As always, if you have a question about handicap racing, please email me [chris@winnsail.com](mailto:chris@winnsail.com)



# Lido Lines

by Chris Dorociak

The Lido fleet is in the heart of summer racing season and we're enjoying warm water and sunshine. Our busy preseason included two clinics, the Pete Jefferson Memorial Regatta, Race Committee, and the MBYC Open House. Our fleet championship series is underway, which includes a mix of TNTs, Bay Races and Short Courses through the summer.

In the spirit of competition, Quantum Sails and Ullman Sails both produce excellent Lido tuning guides. Put "Lido tuning guide" into Google and both will pop up. They are worth reading.

Okay, so the tuning guides tell you what you should do, but it's also important to know what not to do. Here are the top 10 things to avoid in your Lido this summer.

1. Old crane harnesses and hardware. Gravity can move your boat faster than hull speed from the crane to the dock. Impact with the dock does not make a fast boat.
2. Leaving warm clothes at home. Summer is here, but a wet and cold crew does not bode well for racing. Crew should be warm and comfortable at all times.
3. Running out of drinking water. If you're reciting The Rime of the

Ancient Mariner, you will be less likely to be sharp on tactics. Becoming dehydrated is slow and dangerous.

4. Leaving your watch at home. Guessing the time is not a good starting strategy.
5. Not knowing the course. "Wow, we rounded first!" "Wait, what course was it again?" If you want to win, you have to stay ahead of the fleet and know where the next mark is located.
6. Leaving the centerboard up while rounding the leeward mark. I heard this from a friend.
7. Trusting old hiking straps. Breaking a hiking strap is a quick way to turn the Lido into a single-handed boat when you go overboard.
8. Not maintaining a positive attitude. Races include multiple legs and staying positive can help the skipper and crew recognize opportunities to make gains.
9. Not communicating. Skipper and crew should be helping each other see boats, shifts, and gusts. Surprise tacks and surprise starboard boats are not the good kind of surprises.
10. Not sailing. A Lido on the trailer is its slowest point of sail. Come out and join us for good fun and competition this summer!

by Steve Stroebe

Steve Stroebe is doing his annual F-18 racing circuit all over Europe for the summer, so I am filling in for him while he is away. We wish Steve well on this exciting adventure!

Three MBYC teams participated in the Memorial Day Regatta at ABYC. There were nine boats participating, including some of the State's top F-18 sailors. The MBYC teams "swept" the series! First Place, James Orkins/Michael Risoer, Second: Travis Vetter/Emily Allina; Third: Steve Stroebe/Clement Maestri. Congrats to all, well done!

Our Fleet had R/C duty for the Lightning District races in June. It was fun and easy with a great crew: Kevan, Lorraine, Scott, Patty, Jeff, Jason, Alberto, Ian, Chuck, Wally and myself. Thanks everyone!

A cool and blustery spring, followed by May grey and June gloom, seems to have dampened our Fleet's enthusiasm lately. By the time you read this, hopefully the June Gloom will have dissipated, and warm summer weather

will be in full swing! There is a lot happening in July and August...wow!

There will be Bay Races on July 7th and 14th. Scores are combined as a two-day regatta. Short course races are on the 21st. August is even busier, with Bay races on the 4th, the One-Design Ocean Regatta on the 17th & 18th, plus a new event on Saturday the 10th! We have been invited to join the "Bay to Bay" race, hosted by SWYC. The start will be near the MB jetty at noon. Sail around SD buoy #3, then to the Coronado Bridge, then finish near Shelter Island. SWYC will host awards and a BBQ afterwards. We can work out logistics as the date approaches.

Lastly, we have R/C duty for the TNT on July 25. We will also have five R/C positions to cover for the Finn North Americans. This is a three-day event, August 23-25. That's 15 shifts to cover! MH Fleet racers, please mark your calendars to help with our Fleet obligations.

Have a great summer, everyone!



## Laser Beam

by Mark Young

Hello Laser sailors (and everyone else who might read this)... I'm writing this from Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam after a bike tour to the Zuider Zee where we saw a small group of Lasers racing on the water! I shouldn't be surprised I guess, but it did make me remember to write this. It wasn't a windy day – in fact they had to use electric power to turn the local windmills. Did you know they regularly trim windmills to gain max efficiency? Unlike most Lasers (with the exception of Doug and Dave) the windmills are most efficient pointing directly into the wind. And also (like a few of you) they don't like days with less than 20 kts since it doesn't enable enough speed on the grinding stones to get a good product. Yeah, I know I'm a nerd for stuff like that, but you made me Fleet Captain and you have to read this stuff!

Racing turnouts have been great! 10 boats for each of the recent TNTs – both won by Jamie I think! I want to specifically recognize a few known sailors who came out – Nick C, Lachy M, Chris W and Mike A. Great to see everyone out! The recent Bay Races on June 9 had an

unexpected blessing of 12-15 kts with Clay taking 3 firsts. The ocean and bay practice sessions are still taking place whenever people want, so please take advantage of these. Joe and Ken ran the Lightning Districts on the ocean and were kind enough to give four of us starts on the Lightning course one Saturday. We will look to do more of that!! Also, there are a few people looking for whole Lasers or sails/rigging, so if you are one of these folks or know who to connect, please respond to me and/or make sure the GoogleGroups has your name on it.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Race Committee duties – TNT, CatFight, Singlehanded – over the past months. Our Fleet responsibility has been well-filled recently, and I'll let you know what comes next. The open house for new and prospective members was a little quiet, but two people stopped by to inquire about weekend bay and ocean racing, please encourage anyone you see to join us when they can.

That's it for now – I'm sending this before I run out of power. See you on the water...



## Snipe Droppings

by Don Bedford



First, a big thank you to those who volunteered for Race Committee for the TNT and Lido Invitational. As you may know, RC is a fleet responsibility if we want to sail at MBYC. PLEASE do your best to come out for at least two of our annual RC obligations. Another reason to give your time to RC is to enjoy the reciprocity of the Lido fleet for running the Herb Shear regatta in May.

While there was a calendar conflict that took some boats out of play, we still enjoyed some great racing.

Now for what's coming up... Unfortunately, the High Sierra Regatta

had a big issue as the Parks Department closed down the Rancheria campground, where most of us camp, so another year of no Huntington Lake. Please be on the look-out for a note to rally the troops for next year. It really is a beautiful place to sail and camp with your friends.

While we have weekly TNTs to enjoy, we'll be doing TNT RC on July 18 - I hope we can get all you sailing on Thursdays to help out. Then in August we hope to see you all come out for the One Design regatta on the 18th / 19th. We usually get a great turnout for the weekend and we also want to get some junior out as skippers or crews so if you can loan a boat or need a crew, please let your kindly fleet captain know.

Now, get that boat fixed-up and get it out on the water! TFC.



# Mission Bay Yacht Club

## Luau

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

*Adults: \$32*  
Includes tax & tip

### Menu

*Kids: \$16*

Veggie Spring Rolls

Pineapple Coconut Rice

Teriyaki Chicken Wings

Kailua Pulled Pork

Thai Apricot Vegetable Shrimp Salad

Bowl: Served with rice noodles & vegetables tossed  
with shrimp and Thai apricot sauce

Macaroni Salad and Fresh Fruit

Pineapple Upside-down Cake

### Live Music

5:00pm-7:30pm

7:30pm Hawaiian Dancers

### Galley

Buffet Begins at  
6:00pm

### Bar

Cocktails Start at  
5:00pm

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# Herb Shear Snipe Invitational 2019

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



# The Butler Invitational Regatta

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# Lightning Strikes

by Donna Collins

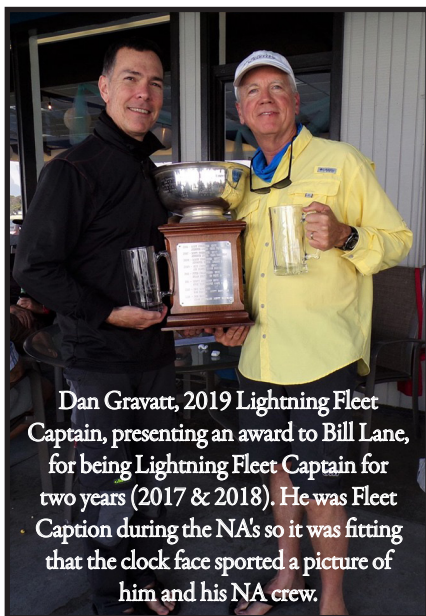
The Lightning fleet presented a clock to last year's fleet captain, Bill Lane, during a Lightning meeting out on the patio. Got the original idea from Edna a number of years ago and saw a picture posted from Bill with his crew from the 2018 NA's in San Diego. It took about 5 minutes to go to Amazon, paste the picture and wait for the clock to arrive. If you want to do this, order way ahead of time because this was the part that took some patience but arrive it did and it was worth the wait.

Speaking of Edna, she was out on the barka, when we had race committee for the TNT and we had to manage ourselves without her. I was impressed that Marty showed up to see how things were going, we timed without Edna, and everything worked okay and it was fun to see everyone.

Our fleet is made up of some very accomplished racers that have long sailing resumes. We had two skippers Jeff Coppens and Scott Finkboner attending the European and Master Championships, this year in Espoo, Finland. These guys ship their boats in crates and hope for the best, what a great experience it must be to race in another country.

Racing with people that have more experience and race like they were born in a Lightning, indirectly makes us all better racers. It is easy to lose sight of what we come away with when we don't come out in first place. There is always that moment when you did something right, followed by the times when everything went wrong, and when you figure out what went wrong the next time, the circumstances are different so that doesn't work that time either. That is what makes racing fun, it is a choice to be disappointed in yourself for being last or not first or to be happy that you are in a club that supports dinghy racing and you are around like minded people. Being first is a feeling that I can imagine but all the best conditions have to prevail!

The Lightning Districts were sailed, the first of June, in the ocean and the winner, for the 5th time, Bob Martin. His crew



Dan Gravatt, 2019 Lightning Fleet Captain, presenting an award to Bill Lane, for being Lightning Fleet Captain for two years (2017 & 2018). He was Fleet Caption during the NA's so it was fitting that the clock face sported a picture of him and his NA crew.



was Diego Escobar and Brian Genovese. Larry Schmitz was 2nd, and Scott Finkboner took 3rd.

The Lightning fleet will have a 'Lightning Sundae' this summer. Yes, it will be ice cream, cones, and sundaes for all people at the club and all racers and crew. Don't miss it; we will post a flyer when we have the date nailed down.



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# SABOT FAMILY SCRAMBLE

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# Sabot Scene

by Bob Henderson

Two months have passed and summer is allegedly here but it's another cold and cloudy Friday in June as I write. Regardless, the Sr. Sabots endure and set sail. Even our traditional Easter Egg hunt took place under such adverse conditions that most of the eggs blew away and had to be retrieved by Jr. Program staff in chase boats! The gusty winds did provide Kirk Johnson another opportunity to win the coveted Soggy Sabot Award!

Lots of great racing during this period despite unpleasant conditions. Our first Sunday Funday event on April 28 brought out eleven intrepid sailors and nine more for the May 26 outing. With better weather around the corner (?) this new racing series will be providing plenty of chocolate treats for those willing to test their skills on the water.

For the 2019 MBYC Sr. Sabot Invitational, nine of our own sailors entered with five garnering trophies: Chris Fuller picked up 3rd in

Women's B, Scott Finkboner with a nice 1st in Men's and a complete MBYC sweep of Mixed C with Lachy McLean in 1st, Diana Bentley 2nd and Wes Weslake 3rd. Our fleet was also represented at the recent Sr. Sabot Nationals held at the SDYC. Big finishes in the Grand Masters class with Ruth Jones earning 1st place and Lanny Coon taking a solid 2nd. Jim Hecht and Jason Brooks competed in the Masters class with great finishes in several races but not quite enough to trophy overall - mighty tough competition in that group!

Hope you didn't miss the Sabot Family Scramble – June 22 – check the MBYC website for results posted after this issue deadline.

In March, the Sr. Sabot and Lido 14 fleets were deeply saddened to bid a final farewell to our most venerable and beloved fellow sailor, David Watry. With his passing at age 93, we lost one of the earliest members of our fleets and the entire MBYC family. David and his lovely wife Barbara could always be seen sailing/racing one of their classic Brian Thomas Sabots or Lido 14 on Mission Bay. As Sr. Sabot Fleet Captain in 1999, Dave was always busy recruiting new members, offering informal racing classes, providing positive feedback and even developing his patented Sabot self-rescue technique while still actively sailing in his late 80's. He and Barbara will always be in our fondest memories and we hope to continue his annual birthday bash at Sabot Beach in perpetuity. *We miss you, Dave.*



Dave Watry sailed Sabots at MBYC for many decades.







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The All Girl Sail Jam is always a great regatta. Photo by Judy Tillson.