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## Commodore Comments

by Bill Sweeney

Yes, it's summer, my time of year! MBYC is up and running. Our Summer Sailing Program has impressive participation and is going well. TNTs are happening. Sunday racing is both competitive and entertaining. The Galley schedule is available in the front office. The bar is available for take-away drinks. 4th of July has a few events scheduled including a dinghy parade around the bay. The Cruising Fleet is well into planning their annual Catalina adventure. And best of all, it looks like our kids are all going back to school in August/September.

The Club is in great shape. Our budget is holding strong with this year's Board of Directors commitment to a very frugal year regarding expenses in preparation for the main building remodel project coming up in the next few years. The Galley under Chef Oscar's direction is serving some fantastic meals. The fleet of chase boats have been carefully serviced, cleaned up and even restored to being good functioning Club assets. The Summer Sailing Program is performing as planned. Chris Wright and his coaching staff are doing a great job.

All of us like to reflect every now and then on how things used to be. We often hear people talking about the "good old days" as something referred to as normal. As members of a beautiful yacht club like MBYC, we are in a fortunate position to shape what normal looks like today and carry it into tomorrow and the next days. As we can reimagine the fantastic benefits of our physical club and the amazing group of fellow members, our normal going forward may not look like days gone by. It is up to all of us to create an amazing new standard of normal.

Most of the spring and summer regattas have been cancelled or postponed due to state, county

and city restrictions. Many of the planned events have been rescheduled to 2021. There are still a couple events that are scheduled to take place in August and beyond subject to local government easing restrictions on group gatherings and non-household racing crews. We are watching local announcements every day making sure we adhere to all guidelines that are in place to keep us all safe and healthy. Make sure to check the Club Calendar online or in the front office for any additional cancellations.



MBYC is extremely fortunate to have Jason Proctor as our General Manager. Jason and his small staff have kept the Club operating and available to the extent as permitted. In recent months of slowdown at the club have allowed his staff to take care of some much-needed repairs and maintenance. The Club's finances are healthy and directly reflect lower expenses supporting recent slow down at the Club.

It is imperative that each person at the Club once inside the gate must always have a mask or some sort of face covering in their possession. As of this writing, no one is allowed in the main clubhouse or Junior building without face covering – mask. Out of simple respect and consideration for your fellow members, please wear your face covering as you walk through the Club grounds and back docks. Some of our friends are a bit more susceptible to catching whatever the cooties are that can be transmitted. We will send out notification when this restriction eases.

The second half of the year is always full of fun and adventure at the Club. Come on down and help us define our new and improved normal. It is up to all of us to continue making MBYC such a spectacular Club.



Calm Day at the Bay by Brandon Weber



## Secretary Treasurer Report

by Steve Cooper

As the Covid restrictions ease, life at the club is returning to the new normal.

Now that the uncertainty of operations is mostly behind us, I'd like to provide an update as to where the club is financially. The short answer is that we have survived what we believe are the most difficult impacts of the Covid response, and that financially we are doing pretty well. For more details, read on.

The club's financials consist of our sources of revenue, our operating expenses and our long-term capital equipment and building improvements. During these difficult times, we made changes to all three areas.

Each year, the club collects approximately \$2.5M in revenue and spends slightly less than this in order to generate a modest profit. The club's revenue consists of member dues, dry and wet storage fees, galley and bar sales, private events, junior programs, and a few other miscellaneous items.

The number of club members and occupancy of the storage areas are key to revenue



model. Perhaps surprisingly, our membership has actually increased during the Covid crisis. We lost a few members, but gained an even greater number. Our storage space is also at near full capacity, with only a few open spaces in the dry storage area.

Thus, our membership dues and storage fees have continued as planned, but our galley and bar sales, special events and junior programs were impacted. In total, through May the club collected \$160K less than we had budgeted.

To help offset the loss in revenue, we reduced our operating expenses. This included reducing our staff, reducing services, and the reduced cost for food and beverages. In total, through May our expenses were \$131K less than budgeted.

Therefore, through May the club generated \$29K less in profits than we had budgeted. Given that portions of our lower cost structure are continuing as the club's revenues are increasing, it is entirely possible that the club will be back on budget for the full 2020.

Other critical elements of the club's financials are our cash on hand (including savings), and the money we spend on capital equipment and building improvements. Here too, we have been quite conservative. Our cash on hand has increased during the first 5 months of the year, as we continue to build-up funds for our next major improvement – a significant remodel of the club house which is expected to cost \$1M. Our intent is to have the bulk of the funds needed for this project saved-up in advance, so that we do not need any special fund-raising or extra dues to see it through to completion. To help with this effort, we are being cautious with other capital equipment spending.

We have also been blessed with significant private donations that have helped us improve our race committee support boats, get new picnic tables, bar-b-ques, a new slide, and soon new chairs for the Bordrero building. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

So, despite the Covid crisis, the club is doing OK. And with more and more activities opening up, it's going to be another great year. See you at the club and out on the water.



## Vice Commodore Comments

by Gene Ratliffe

Summer is in full swing at the club.

A big thank you to the entire MBYC staff for spending recent months cleaning and painting and getting the boats and buildings ready for the season. And thank you to Jason and the kitchen and bar staff for getting our food and beverage operations running. MBYC is ready for summer!



We've restarted planning committee efforts around the required main clubhouse remodel. As part of the group's work you received a survey that was designed to collect data on member usage and priorities. I hope everyone took the time to fill that out! There will probably be more of those in the future since gathering and understanding

this data is important to the committee when updating plans for the board.

Racing is back and thank you to Kathy, Mark and all the fleet captains for working out the revised format to deal with the constantly changing guidelines. I've been able to make it a couple of times to the Sabot "Tuesday Night Thing" and I will tell you that the tower format and competition have been great! Kudos to the Senior Sabot fleet for that!

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## Junior Coordinator Report

by Todd Henderson

Summer is here! School is out, the weather is heating up and we're ready to get out and sail.

Our MBYC Summer Sailing program has been modified and a whole host of measures have been implemented to address the health and safety of our staff and sailors alike. Please be patient with the changes we have adopted and I'm sure there will be additional modifications that will need to be made on the fly.



We've added some new aspects and features to the program to hopefully accommodate working families and those interested in a more comprehensive day. Our new Fishing Fleet will also be offering classes and outings and we will be incorporating S.T.E.M. curriculum into some of our classes.

Several weekends in June had up to 15 Laser Radial juniors on the water for a full

start line and lots of smiles and chit chat on the water. Please remind your sailors to wear a mask when rigging and we are still practicing social distancing. Not only are these recommended actions but also required for us to remain open under the County's guidelines.

We hope you are as excited as we are about returning to our favorite home away from home at MBYC. on the bay as soon as possible. Once again I encourage you to keep up with us on the website and see you on the water!

## Fun Activities of the Junior Program



In the days just before all our lives were turned upside-down, we had our second Screaming Chicken Cove Series, going from 18 sailors at the first race day in February to 27 sailors in March! With fun new marks and great competition, this is turning into an event the sailors, coaches and parents really enjoy. Thanks to Don Bedford for running races from the tower and keeping the vibe so positive.

We also squeezed in our March Junior Board Meeting where along with the regular business, the kids had a splicing lesson from Head Coach Jimmer. These "lessons" have been a neat addition to our monthly meetings.

Then everything changed...

Still, the Junior Program has been staying connected with our families through online video communications, Virtual Racing fun, Friday "Afterschool Specials" with weekly guest speakers (Bill Hardesty, Nevin Snow, Jon Rogers, Doug Hart and Andrew Campbell so far), social media posts and more. Our Junior Board had their April meeting via Zoom where we explored more ways to keep in touch, improve our sailing skills and knowledge and discussed ways to reach out to help in our community. Our coachboats in particular are getting tons of attention during this down time

and will be sparkling and smooth running when we get back on the water. Also, our new 420s arrived and are settled in to their new home at MBYC.

While we don't necessarily have long term definitive answers to many questions, we are moving forward with Summer Sailing planning and are excited to be developing new programs and additions to our curriculum. Here are some important dates and developments:

- The Summer Program is still on target to begin Monday, June 15th.
- The 10% early discount deadline has been extended to May 30th.
- In the case that things begin to return to normal



but with new limitations on class sizes, earlier registrations will have priority.

- In the case that the program gets delayed and/or cancelled, rescheduling or full refunds will be given.
- We will be adding an additional week to our Summer Program: August 17th - 21st.

New exciting classes, programs and curriculum enhancements:

**Fishing Classes:** Thanks to Bill Black, other Power Fleet members and the new MBYC Angling Fleet, we will be offering Fishing Classes aimed at establishing a solid foundation in local marine knowledge and developing responsible fishing skills in our Juniors.

**Reach - US Sailing's STEM Education Initiative:** We will be integrating

S.T.E.M. based lessons into our curriculum for Rock Stars all the way into our Advanced Race Team modules. Our coaches will connect Science, Technology, Engineering and Math concepts to give our students a deeper understanding of the "hows" and "whys" of Sailing.



### Morning Recreation Program:

In addition to our Afternoon Recreation Program, we'll be offering Morning Recreation. The Recreational Program is particularly for families who have a child in a morning or afternoon sailing class but need to be dropped off earlier or picked up later. The Recreation Program provides games, movies, beach play, as well as kayak and swimming times throughout the afternoon.

Aine McLean

Junior Communication Director



## Port Captain Report

by Chuck Weber

The recent months have been challenging and we welcome the re-opening of our Club. In our efforts to resume "normality" please review the following information and reminders.

### Storage Requests

Member requests for wet and dry storage, sabot, kayak, SUP spaces, and bike and locker assignments are now online and accessible on the Club website. A big Thank You to Mark Langman in Accounting and to our Office Staff for the time and effort to accomplish this. All requests must be submitted through the Club website.

### Vessel Registration, Documentation, and Insurance

The two-year California vessel registration renewal was due by January 1st. If you have not already done so, please promptly forward a copy of your 2021 Vessel Registration to the Club office and place the decals on your boats. 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.

### Safety

The past several months brought quite a bit of rain, wind, and inclement (relatively speaking) weather. Please take the time to get down to the Club and check your mooring lines and replace old, worn, frayed lines, for the safety and security of your boat and your neighbor's boat. Check your boats for wind and water damage and check and test your bilge pumps and automatic float switches and ensure that they are functioning properly. Please don't let your bow obstruct the dock as this is dangerous and could result in injury. Club policy prohibits storage of kayaks, paddle boards, dinghies, and other items on the docks.

### Boat Partnership Rules

Rules governing slip assignments and partnership arrangements can be found on page 89 of the 2020 Club Directory. If you are involved in a partnership or co-owner arrangement, or considering such an arrangement, please review this information and take appropriate action. 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. The rules require that a written statement signed by each co-owner be submitted each year, certifying that the joint ownership agreement remains in place, and their intent to comply with Club rules pertaining to boat partnerships.



### California Boaters Card

A reminder that as of January 1, 2020, a California Boater Card issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is required for individuals age 35 or younger, operating a motorized vessel. Boat US offers a free online course and test and the one-time cost of the card is only \$10. Quite a few of our members have taken advantage of the recent down-time to take the course and obtain the Boater Card.

### Assistance

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

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## Power Fleet

by Eileen Turk & Phil Taylor

Ahoy Cruising Fleet & Members,  
Where is 2020 going? Well, onward of course!! Mark your calendars for Sat. July 4th. The Cruising Fleet will be organizing a small craft/dingy Independence Day Boat Parade. Meet at the back dock at 12 noon. Have your boat decorated in RED, WHITE & BLUE!!! Wear your patriotic best. We will go around the bay (similar to the Christmas Boat Parade). Afterwards gather on the beach --- social distancing -- of course, to listen to a band around 2pm. FUN, FUN, FUN!!

The Catalina Trip is still on!! Official Dates: Sat. July 25 - Sunday, August 9th.  
Steve and I will be going over on Monday,

July 27th, we look forward to seeing you there!  
Mark Haigler has signed on to handle the "Morning Net" 9am roll call for the first week.  
I'm looking for a volunteer for the second week. I am in the process of sending out supply lists, maps and general information. We look forward to dingy happy hours and other events. We are still working on plans.... email me your dates so I can add you to the Float Plan. My email is eileenAlohnerturk@gmail.com Cell (760) 533-6161.

Gentle reminder, if you park your car at the Yacht Club during the trip, please park in the back area to leave parking spaces for other club



members to use while we are gone. :-)

Looking forward to the future when we can host Back Dock Parties and more rafts ups etc.

In the meantime, stay happy, safe & healthy!! See you at the Club!!



## Entertainment News

by Bill Black

Entertainment:  
As we get our day-to-day lives as well as activities around the club transitioned into the "new normal" we will begin to have live music at the club again. We do have music planned for our beach area from 2-5 PM on both Friday July 3rd and Saturday July 4th. I will also be mixing in a few of our upcoming TNT's with some live music. Please

watch the weekly email updates, I will add any entertainment news update through this type of communication.

Lastly, I am very proud of how our Board of Directors along with our Club Manager Jason Proctor and his Staff have handled things around the Club during tough and different times... Nice Work!



## Fleet's Captain Report

by Kathy Dryden

Whats up MBYC!

I have something to confess to... I have REALLY enjoyed being your Fleets Captain this year. This is one of those positions on the board that I have always looked forward to - first, cause I love racing and planning good sailing at our fine club but second, because I so enjoy the social aspect of all of the fleet captains coming together and making a difference at MBYC. It's a STRONG group of 17 people that care immensely about their club, their fleets and the betterment of MBYC.

So let me tell you something, this time has been kinda fun. We have had to PIVOT (Friends TV fans.. anyone??) and find ways to CONNECT and CHARGE ourselves and the club we care so much about. Every single Fleet Captain has been fantastic, involved, trying new things and being cheerleader. That's the kind of grit that is awesome!!! A personal Thank You to all of you... you are all amazing, wonderful humans! Just think... who knew there was legit Virtual Racing before all of this...

VIRTUAL SAILING... no, really!

We spent a good two months SAILING ONLINE! If you haven't heard yet (cause you've been under a rock??), there is an app called "Virtual Regatta In-Shore" available on your phone and also online through the website. Now, when Chris Wright told me there was racing we could set up online - I was skeptical at best. Sailing? Online? How? Is? That? Possible?

Well, turns out I was completely wrong about the viability of this Virtual Regatta program. We hosted racing for TNTs and Sundays and had a blast! It was pretty challenging and a different kind

of sailing fun - although the banter that goes back and forth was all the same!! Even though we aren't hosting VR as a club, you can still do it on your phone or computer and have fun with people from literally around the world! Try it out!

CONNECT CHALLENGE

One of the (many) reasons I love being the Fleets Captain is that I get to be intimately involved in all of the fleets and their activities, members and communication. It's like a great big phone tree (remember those?). I get information from the board and I share it with the members of their fleets. The members of fleets share information, concerns, ideas, etc with their Fleet Captain and in turn, they share it with me, which I then take to the board.

This got me thinking... we have a big club - over 450 members - and while we have some avenues of communication and checking in that are well established and work pretty seamlessly, we have others that don't. Yes, you all get emails from the club, but let's be real, we all get a lot of emails!

We started a new initiative called the CONNECT CHALLENGE. You all have a membership book, if you don't, the entire directory is online. The Connect Challenge is simple - pick up the phone and call someone from the club and connect with them. Five minutes a day - check on them, ask them how they are doing, introduce yourself, etc. It doesn't have to be someone you know. Meet someone new! Can you imagine if we all did this?? What a positive impact that would have on our members during this time. Yes, we are hanging out at the club more - but that is a handful of people - the people that aren't there are those

that choose to stay home and be healthy and safe - and alone!

I'm sure you are all checking on your family members - remember we are a big family at MBYC - lets act like it!

One last thing, if you haven't had the opportunity to see the videos that we are doing weekly, go to the MBYC facebook page and watch them. It has cool information on how to stay connected during this time. My (very talented) daughter, Aubrey, is filming and editing them - it's a passion of hers so thank you to Aubrey! Warning... the cheese factor is high - so, if you're laughing while watching, that's a good thing - happy to make everyone smile! :)

Your MBYC Fleet Room inside of the Bodrero Building has a brand new face lift! Go check it out next time you are at the club. You will notice new paint on the walls, on the cabinets, updated hardware and a FANTASTIC MIRROR WALL. The mirror wall honors all of our fleets at MBYC, including boats from the back dock and creates an artistic masterpiece that is gorgeous. It's a true reflection of the rich history of sailing and cruising at MBYC. In the early fall, the room will be outfitted with brand new, beautiful chairs. A big THANKS goes out to the Ladies Group and Cruising Fleet for raising \$10,000 to purchase 70 chairs for the Fleet Room. Vicki Brady, Debbie Hall, Judie Jilka and Joanne Taylor have researched, met with, sat-on and called references on basically every commercial chair in the country (no joke). The selection is a beautiful, function, comfortable, stylish, classic chair that we will be able to enjoy for many, many years. I can't wait for you all to see the room all put together and enjoy one of our many assets at MBYC.



## RC News

by Mark Young

Help solve the mystery - Free beverage to the best explanation!!! Last week MBYC yellow racing Buoy #4 was reported out of place in Century Cove, about a mile south from its intended location. The buoy was retrieved and returned to Sail Bay, only to discover that the original Buoy #4 was still there!! How were there now two Buoy #4s?? How did the second get to Century Cove?? Submit your explanation to me and win a prize - it doesn't have to be true! - I'll share the responses and announce the winner next Mainstay.

The Lynch Regatta from Mission Bay Jetty to La Jolla is on for Saturday June 27!! Sail with



'same-household' crew and sign up online at 'mbycracing.com'. Also, enjoy the return to racing Sundays, TNTs and informal sparring with friends. Thanks to Kathy and Chris for instituting the new online system for

RC and racing sign-up. We need RC volunteers to do Tower, chase boat duties, and also hoist operators! And stay tuned for further easing of restrictions and return to our intended 2020 racing

schedule, along with chase boat certifications and Race Committee 101 classes.

Whateletodo? GETYOURCALIFORNIA BOATER CARD!! Lots of ways to do it, but the easiest (and cheapest - \$10) can be found at the following link: [http://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=28734#homeStudy](http://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28734#homeStudy). Download the PDF course booklet and do the home study, request the test packet by email, take the test and mail it in. The course is free and your lifetime card is \$10.

Stay well, stay in shape, read up on tactics and rules, and come back ready to mix it up on the course!!



# 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.

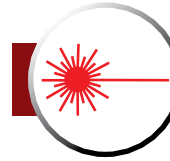
Our program recognizes that not everyone wants to be the next America's Cup skipper, and we offer a range of classes and coaching to suit everyone from the beginning sailor to the advanced racer.

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](mailto:juniors@mbyc.org)

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



**Laser Beam**  
by Dave Leuck



Hello Laser Sailors!

Summer is in full swing and despite all of our challenges, the Laser Fleet has enjoyed quality racing in champagne Southern California conditions. Not surprisingly the best one design single handed boat around has attracted some new members recently. Keith Cruickshank, an MBYC member back in the 80's, but away since the early 90's, is back and mixing it up at the top of the fleet. Bob Martin, whom many of you know as an elite Lightning sailor, bought a new Laser and is showing a mastery of the light and shifty conditions on Mission Bay. Several junior members have been mixing it up with the fleet as well. Jeremy McCullough has been sailing fast and 13 year old Allie Shand has shown she is plenty strong enough to handle a full rig. In the last race on June 14th Allie had a nice start, showed superior boat handling tacking on the shifts in Chicken Cove and launched herself into a sizeable lead that she held all the way to T ... might have to review when not split form the fleet though!

We will be having clinics for both new and advanced Laser sailors in the near future. Stay tuned for the dates. If you do not have a Laser but would still like to attend the on shore portion of the clinics send me an email and I'll make sure you stay in the loop. If you are thinking a Laser might be a good fit for you feel free to stop by the club any morning before club racing and there will be plenty of Laser sailors to chat with. Several sailors are planning to attend the North American Masters out of Santa Cruz Yacht Club in August. Look for a write up of that regatta in our next article.

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## Snipe Droppings

by Don Bedford



Yawn... What happened to Spring? Oh yeah, quarantine.

Well, say hello to summer and to getting out on the bay! While new rules apply to the YC for wearing masks on land and social distancing, at least we can get out (with those of our same household) and enjoy the sunshine. We're now racing every other Sunday with tower starts and finishes. Check [www.mbycRacing.com](http://www.mbycRacing.com) for the schedule as to which Sunday we're out and sign-up for races. Also, if not racing PLEASE sign-up for one the race committee positions - same rules - one household per RC boat or tower. Yes, the new reality is different but I'll take it vs. sitting at home while 8-10 knots and sunny is calling out at the bay.

We've yet to be able to start-up fleet meetings but we have some renewed activity for the Snipes. Ty & Sarah Beach have joined the fleet as partners in Lanny Coon's Snipe. They've already been out racing and helping with RC. Ty & Sarah are also top Lido sailors and Ty is a formidable Laser skipper as well. Lynsi Gibbons was just getting her Snipe going before the lockdown and has now tuned the boat (Randy Lake's old boat) and is looking to get out with her daughter. Lynsi is a great Laser and keelboat racer and a great addition to the fleet. Please introduce yourself if you find a new (covered) face in the boat park.

Lastly, please use the email list to broadcast when you're heading out on the water - no one likes to go to a party if they think no one else is going...

See you on the water – TFC



## Lightning Strikes

by Donna Collins

The Lightning fleet captain decided to run a Lightning Trivia game for fleet members with the prize being a Lightning class flag. Here are the questions he asked:

- 1) Where would you use a pig stick?
- 2) Who was the highest placed MBYC skipper in the Lightning North Americans?
- 3) Would you be able to compete in the NA's sailing Lightning #1?
- 4) Which NA's had the most MBYC skipper sailing?

We looked at buying flags, \$500 ouch costly and decided to make them as we currently have some extra time and some left-over supplies from a sail we put together.

Not being able to go to the local fabric store, we got online and ordered some rip-stop nylon. The fabric was sold by the yard, 54 inches width.

We made 2 flags per yard. We order a contrasting color for the Lightning bolt. We selected white background and red bolt, I hope it doesn't fade in sunlight.

After cutting the 3 ft by 3 ft flags and two lightning bolts per flag, one for each side we were ready to sew.

Not really, turns out when you cut nylon it frays so you have to sew a hem on the edges, otherwise you just have some nylon string. This is where the seam-stick is used, it is just a thin double-sided tape that you put on an edge and fold over and guess what? It sticks!

We folded the edge over one more time to hide the ruff edge and Donna threw down a mean zig-zag with the super V-92 outdoor made for sails thread. This should outlast the nylon, but we had a lot left over. I did the hems and Donna did the sewing. We did the top and bottom hems first and then the sides.

On one side, we made the folds wider so we could run a line through the hem to fly the flags. I used an old spinnaker sheet, ran it through the hem and then folded it back into the hem to form a loop at the top and bottom. Donna ran a stitch into the loop to hold it in place.

We did not hem the bolts, just taped them on one side, sewed them and did the same to the other side. Just need someone that can tape the hem lines, and someone that can run a sewing machine! Team effort required.

How to make 12 Class flags for your fleet:

- 1) For the background - Cut into 3' x 3' squares.
- 2) For the class logo - Trace it from a sail. You will need to cut 24 logos, one for each side. Make sure your logo will fit or make background larger.

3) Hem on three sides by placing pieces of the tape on the raw edge of the fabric, and fold the fabric over the tape. Then, put tape on the new fold, and fold again. This will seal the edge and make a long-lasting flag.

4) Hem the Halyard side, tape the hem by placing pieces of the tape on the raw edge of the fabric, and folding the fabric over the tape. Then, put tape on the new fold, but make it 1" away from last taping, and fold again.

5) Zig Zag on the taped seam on all four sides. Your needle may get sticky at some point if you make a lot of these, just use "glue be gone" or alcohol to clean it.

6) Tape the logo to the background, using small pieces of tape. Zip Zag around the edges of the logo. Flip it over, put the logo on the other side and zip zag around the edges, try to make the back look like the front.

7) You now have your first-class flag, nice work!

Here are the answers for the trivia question. If you got the correct answers you have just won a Lightning-flag!\*

1) A pig stick is indeed a short pole or staff that customarily held a yacht club burgee (flag) that was set on the main mast above the sail to aid in wind direction. Not currently used in the Lightning Class.

2) Carl Eichenlaub 1960 Taway Bay Michigan.

3) No, Lightning #1 did not have a skeg when it was first built and would not pass inspection, so you could not sail.

4) 2018 MBYC had 10 boats sailing in the North American Championships.

\*Lightning sailboat required.



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## Sunfish Bites

by Lisa Venditelli Karmel



Gene Ratliffe snapped a photo of the Sunfish Fleet working hard painting the bar, while the Laser Fleet can be seen congregating outside the window.- Lisa Venditelli Karmel

I truly miss seeing everyone and can't wait to reap the benefits of all the Laser's hard work on Cat beach. Stay healthy! Sunfish facts:

Sunfish are generalist predators that consume largely small fishes, fish larvae, squid, and crustaceans. Females Sunfish can produce more eggs than any other known vertebrate, up to 300,000,000 at a time.

Sunfish fry resemble miniature pufferfish, with large pectoral fins, a tail fin, and body spines uncharacteristic of adult sunfish.- Wikipedia



## Lido Lines

by Chris Dorociak

"Family Sailing – Family Fun" The tagline of the Lido 14 sums it up. Regulations allowing families to sail together brought the Lidos out in force on May 24. It was the first MBYC Sunday Race on Mission Bay since March 15. Most of us in the Lido Fleet sail with our spouses and kids. It was a delight to be in boats with loved ones competing in the sport we love. This was certainly a lesson in taking nothing for granted! It was very nice to see the Beachs, Leucks, Foster/Fairleys, Drydens, Rosenkranz/Woolleys, Inglis, McLeans, Markworths, and Williams on the course. Competition was excellent as always. Beachs, Leucks, and Foster/Fairleys took the top three positions. Three families were relatively new to the fleet, including the Inglis in our Loaner, the McLeans, and Markworths. I hope conditions allow for some of our other Lido sailors to get back on the water as well. We miss you!

The current pandemic has emphasized the importance of family. Our fleets are extended family, another source of connection and support in a very strange time. By publication, Alaura and I may have welcomed the newest/youngest fleet member to the world. Our baby's due date is June 19. The Lido fleet has remained connected on Zoom, and the fleet meeting on May 8 was extra special. There was a surprise baby shower! We played some funny games and opened presents on the call. The generosity of our fleet was above-and-beyond. Many, many thanks to all. A special shout-out to the Drydens for delivering gifts and practicing social distancing by literally running them out to our doorstep! These are strange days indeed but a blessing to be part of a strong connected group.

The Lido fleet has also connected through virtual sailing. In the process, we've formed new friendships and rivalries. Our own Grant Williams is consistently at the top of the fleet and very tough to beat. I've played against

Alaura enough to understand who the real tactician is in our boat. I'm lucky to be in her wind shadow. We've all enjoyed Poltorak's father-daughter rivalry in the Thistle fleet. As we phase back into sailing, I hope the connections made and maintained during this time will grow stronger. A special thanks to Jason Proctor, the MBYC Board, and all members for sticking it out, coming together, and supporting families and extended families during this time.

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## Sabot Scene

by Bob Henderson

And they're off! Wasting no time getting back on the water, Senior Sabots launched their first Friday sail-around within a few days of the official reopening of Mission Bay for recreational activities. Twelve intrepid mariners braved the murky red tide and mud, making it one of the largest turnouts we've seen in some time while still following social distancing and face mask protocols. Tuesday night racing has resumed with a terrific turnout of 8 Jrs and 16 Srs – now they just need to find as many eager to serve RC support!

Chartered over 70 years ago as Fleet #2 by the International Naples Sabot Assoc., our MBYC sailors have always managed to navigate troubled waters. When given orders to stay off Mission Bay and practice social distancing, many found creative and productive ways to keep a positive attitude.

For instance, Scott Finkboner discovered San Diego Bay was not under any boating ban when Mission Bay was first closed, so he took his Sabot downtown and started off for Hawaii. He got well out beyond the bay entrance off Pt. Loma when this idea seemed too daunting, even for Scott, so he turned around and sailed back downtown to the Midway. He blissfully sailed around the Big Bay for several days before it too became a 'no fun zone'. Rob Pinkel made good use of the down time by restoring his beautiful boat in the garage so he would be sure it was ready to launch the very minute we could start Friday sail-around gatherings again. Judy and Gary Newton woke up one morning to find the hill behind their home had slipped into the backyard, leaving a huge pile of debris. To put some lipstick on the pig, they are planning to host the very first Sabot downhill luge event – no rudders, leeboards or sails required.

Charlie and Barbara Hochart kept busy crafting new guitars, scrapbooks and finding new songs for the Sabot Ukulele Ensemble to



master at home. They were also very happy to see the Navy Hospital Ship Comfort returned to home port along with their daughter-in-law and Head Nurse aboard. With the latest reopening guidelines in mind, they considered inviting Dennis Conners to the club as their guest, but he must remain on the deck and cannot skipper their Harbor 20 in the next TNT - bummer!

Many utilized the internet to continue happy hour gatherings while sequestered at home (not quite as much fun as we once had as pirates of olde but probably safer during these times). Still others like Wes Weslake took to sailing in the virtual reality universe where you don't even need a real boat, water or wind. We've come a long way since all you needed was some plywood, a garage and a set of plans from Popular Mechanics to get into the Naples Sabot Fleet!

It is unfortunate that our very first Dave Watry Invitational Regatta had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and as of this writing it seems the Sabot Scramble has met the same fate for 2020. Looking forward to their return in 2021.



Finn

by Mark Tegio

There's no better way to social distance and enjoy yourself on the water than racing a Finn! We had good sized fleets out for the Ocean Races on March 8th and Short Courses March 15th. We took a short break in April that made us appreciate more than ever what a gift it is to be able to race on Mission Bay, and we are back enjoying the every-other-week race format, with the Finn Fleet out May 24th and June 7th. Some of the world travelers in the fleet (Santi Reyero, Rob Coutts) are now sheltered-in-place in San Diego, so that will help assure we have a consistent fleet out on the water over the next several months. We appreciate MBYC officially recognizing that our fleet is one that is much stronger with participation from sailors from that other local yacht club (SDYC) and allowing reciprocal privileges so they can come race with us.

SDYC has also resumed racing, and they've been great about inviting the MBYC Finns to come over, park and launch. June 13th was One Design Racing out on Coronado Roads with 12 Finns out, followed by a big-boat pursuit race on June 14th. Finns got a head start, and probably had a thrill as 40-50 foot race boats screamed through at the finish line.

We also had an amazing opportunity May 9th to race on Corte Madera Lake (thank you Ryan family). It was the first time a Finn had ever been in these waters in the middle of a beautiful

private cattle ranch outside of Pine Valley. And if you think the shifts and holes are crazy on Mission Bay . . . this was lake sailing at its finest. Winning one of those races was the most fun I've had in a while!

The MBYC/SDYC Finns have a great time on the water and off. Many of our race days are followed by a performance by the Finn band, featuring Gary Mitchell (vocals/guitar), Lee Hope (vocals/harmonica), Rich Wright (guitar), Mark Tegio (bass), and Jim Hecht (drums). Not many fleets have their own band! We're getting better all the time. SDYC seemed to enjoy our

performance on June 13. Hopefully we'll have the opportunity to play music at MBYC in the near future. Our set list features Rolling Stones, David Bowie, Jimi Hendrix, Lou Reed, Tom Petty, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Radiohead, Elvis Costello . . . something for everybody.

TNTs have resumed! Life is returning to the new normal. Sign-up online for Sunday racing and TNTs at [www.mbycracing.com](http://www.mbycracing.com). And on the off-weeks, sign-up for race committee like our fleet captain, Mark Tegio, did June 14th. I hope to see more of you out on the water soon and enjoying our slice of paradise in San Diego.



## June Board Meeting



*Wearing your mask at the Club is mandatory, this is for everyone's safety.*



## MBYC Anglers Club

by Bill Black

We launched our Membership Drive the first week of April with great success (Covid 19 put a damper on us by not allowing our new members to get together as a group). We have approximately 30 Members that have Un-Officially joined our Anglers Club and an additional 10 Junior Anglers, we are now planning a Re-Launch of our Anglers Club on July 1st (look for updated emails with more info coming your way). I will be sending more information out on how-to- sign up, pay your dues, and/or make donations, etc. We will be organizing our first meeting for this newly formed club the first couple of weeks in July, again check your emails. We are still on plan to host many events such as a Junior Fishing Derby, Fishing Seminars, Boating and Safety Seminars and the Gene Merrill Fishing Tournament (date TBD). And lastly, our 1977 Boston Whaler Re-Furb project is coming along nicely... The old Tom Scripp's Whaler is getting a complete Make-Over, she's going to look like she just came out of the Whaler Factory (yes, she is going to be that nice). We hope to have the Whaler on the water over the 4th of July Weekend. See you at the club.

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# UPLIFTING MBYC DOCKS 2003-2008



WRITTEN BY VAN BARR

**1997-98:** It obvious to all our wooden docks needed to be replaced. Annual repairs and overall deterioration from 30-40 years left no question. An assessment fee was approved by the board and designated as "The Dock Fund". This money to be collected solely for 'THE DOCK PROJECT'.

**2003:** Gary Rufener, Marc Cicchetto, Alex Ray and John Hildebrand met to put together a plan for replacement of the docks and electrical service. Gary had contacts for docks and was an electrician/electrical engineer with knowledge. The plan was presented and approved with the electrical service being the first focus. All electrical service from the gate to the pier was to be upgraded.

**Late 2003:** Atlantic Meeco was contracted for the docks in the first phase: AA CC DD and around the pier. AA was first. Docks were delivered March of 2004. Work started prior to that for preliminary electrical service and orders for Trex, deck screws, and all manner of construction materials and equipment.

**2006:** AA, CC, DD were done. The docks around the pier were put in place with the leadership of

Mike Shear and Jim Van-Epps. Again a lot of volunteers showed up. A Plan was presented to the BoD late 2006 to finish the project meaning FF&GG, EE, BB & HH. Approval was granted and materials were ordered from Atlantic Meeco FF&GG would be first.

It was estimated that boats would be out of their slips about 2 weeks. Fairway would be blocked with side tied boats. Access to some boats would be denied for a time. What to do with the old docks? Figure the three docks with fingers & floats at about 10,000square feet of material. A necessary first step was to scrap 30 years of sea life off the floats before removal.

Volunteers stepped up to help with this. Word went out and some in Mission Bay wanted the old docks. Much of AA was towed to new owner(s),some of CC & DD also found new homes.

What was left was demolished, put in dumpsters and removed.

Alex, Marc and Gary ran the show and MBYC membership stepped up to help; assisting in chopping up docks, floating them away, transporting all the materials needed from the pier to the dock, and any scrap from the dock to the dumpster. Work stations were set up to cut Trex to length, predrill for the screws and transport for install. The 40 foot dock sections were floated in place and connected one after the other. The design of AA included 15' of right angle docks for CC, DD, EE, FF & GG. This advanced planning formed a base for future dock installations with water and an electrical transformer in place at each terminus. AA ran 408' to the end, plus 29 fingers. Some boats were out of there slip only a day or so. AA was key as the main walkway it would carry all the new water lines and electrical conduit that the other docks would connect with. A learning curve for all of us. The old phone line was eliminated and data cable added.

The January and February Mainstay alerted all that a big project was starting in March. Help was needed for all types of activity from all manner of people, young, old, male, female-all encouraged, cajoled, bribed, solicited and begged to come and help.

**2007:** March FF&GG sections arrived. Most of the main run of FF&GG was in place that first day-as were some fingers. A full turnout of volunteers and experienced help guided all the activity for this first phase. Fingers followed working weekends with large numbers and weekday with those who could. Once dock and fingers were assembled, conduit & water could be installed. Cleats and Trex followed.

**2007:** September EE sections arrived. Again help showed up in droves EE was in place on the same day. Fingers flew on 14 total, the crew knew what to do. So many people, did so much that day. Hundreds did everything asked.

Cutting up old docks, towing them away, sweeping up Trex dust (hundreds of pounds), walking cut trex to the docks, and packing dumpsters.



If you participated in this project in any way you can look with pride at what you did. The cost to the club for the complete project was about \$1.2M. I know FF&GG, EE, and BB&HH cost including donuts was \$468,428.

Note that the electrical upgrade (2003-4) went from 1960' transformers/ electrical to 2003 electrical. Wires hanging in the water, conduit compromised, and voltage drop at end ties-a safety issue and bad visual. The new system will support the Queen Mary.

PS: Docks were completed in 2008. Trex failures were apparent early. Some warranty work happened between 2008 and 2012. June 2015 Trex settled our claim giving us 31,768 square feet of new Trex with Polyethene 3 sided wrap worth about \$335,000 in 2015 dollars. The settlement included enough for all Trex on the property-front ramps & dock, pier and Bodrero. Plus enough for the pier cap rail and two foot wash stations on the beach.

For those interested in a better look at the size and scope of the project and for those who helped go to the MBYC.org web site to check out 987 pictures of the project and people who made it happen. Pictures mostly from Kerry Teeple, with some from Kenny Erlandson.



**2008:** March BB & HH docks arrived. We had two crews working. Old docks were removed for demo then BB and HH went in. The crews installing the docks were fast and efficient. Boats were back in their new slips in short order.

The grunt work of getting all the conduit, electrical cable and towers in place takes a lot of time mostly with one or two people-their names are Gary Rufener and Dwight Roberts. Many others helped, but these two guided & coordinated the work to the end. As the electrical engineer on site it was Gary's responsibility to ensure the electrical work was done correctly and safely to standards.

The other two tasks that qualify as grunt work are cleats and Trex. Atlantic Meeco Cleat installation is very complex but exceptionally strong to support any load. The Trex is 27,000 square feet, at about 75,000 screws no short cuts-on your knees one screw at a time. In summary, installing each of the docks runs and fingers went within days. The grunt work took weeks and months to fully completed.

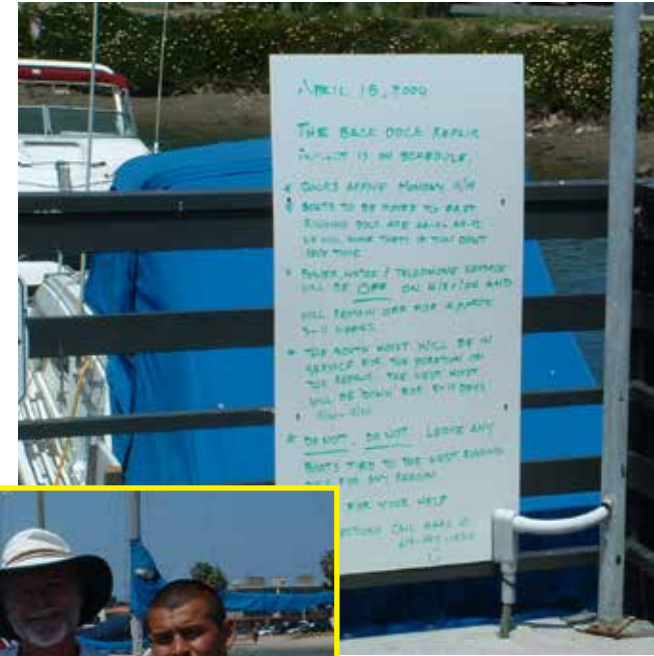
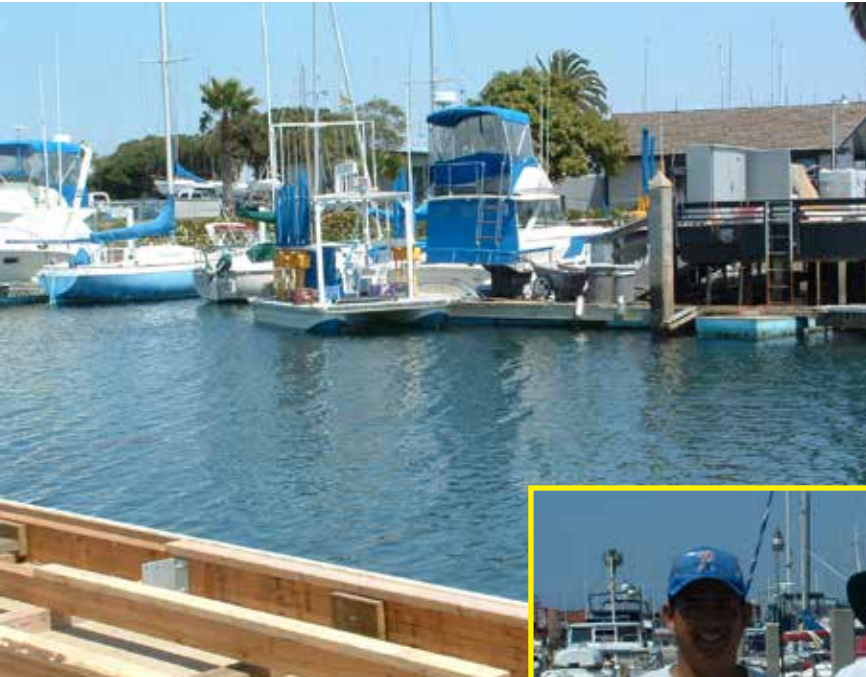




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