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#### **Commodore Comments**

#### by Bill Kenney

Welcome to the new Mainstay publication format, where you will be receiving this newsletter on a bi-monthly basis, starting with the March

issue. The Mainstay will still be your favorite way of discovering Mission Bay Yacht Club news, just a little less frequently. These changes are part of a larger vision for our MBYC experience, and a modest change for maximizing our budget effectiveness. For more current and updated information regarding our yacht club news, I encourage you to visit our newly redesigned website at mbyc.org.

By the time you are reading this, Work Party will have been completed. Every year this is a very important function of our membership and well-being of our beloved Mission Bay Yacht Club. This year was no exception and was very different than the usual Work Party weekends of more recent years.

I am always amazed at how well the annual turn out of volunteers, with all the human effort, contributes to the betterment of MBYC. This year was different for many reasons. We needed to cancel the second Saturday to accommodate a very important North American Championship for the O'Pen Bic class. Also, we wanted to accomplish the oiling of the dry storage area before Opening Day and the sailing season. This was a known improvement, on our regular maintenance schedule, and getting it organized has been a huge effort by many people. Thanks and appreciation goes out to Steve Cooper and the Fleet Captains for rallying the boat owners to move their vessels well before the project execution date. General Manager Jason Proctor, and maintenance guru Nick Masters, were both pivotal in making the logistics happen smoothly. Nick and the MBYC staff were tasked with moving boats, but with the amount of pre-planning and the incredible volunteer effort by members, less than half had to be relocated by staff.

With the dry storage vessels moved for lot repair, Work Party was utilized to move all the boats back to their familiar locations. Once this was completed, only then would the many tasks we identified for traditional Work Party labor would be available for action. Thanks to everyone for being flexible and for all of the effort involved with this project.

I must mention the incredible events that occurred over January and February. The Thistle Fleet held their annual Midwinters Regatta, with 27 entries, and was a great success. PRO Andrea Caroe and the Soling Fleet pulled off the Race Committee duties that contributed to the event.

Then in February, the annual SCYA Midwinters Regatta kicked off all over Southern California, with MBYC hosting plenty of awesome sailing.

Special thanks to Regatta Chairperson Katie Ham, with Race Committee organized by PROs Andrea Caroe and Stan Betts, along with the Senior Sabot and Racing/Cruising Fleet, for making this regatta so successful.

The Junior Program held the annual, and Club favorite, Casino Night in February. This is a must-attend event,

and I had every intention of participating, but a family issue caused me to miss it. I am confident that all of you who attended enjoyed yourselves, and if you did not make it this year, like me, make sure to plan to attend next year. Not only does the money raised go to supporting our excellent Junior Program, but you also get to have a real gambling experience for a fraction of the cost with all of the fun! I cannot wait for next year!

Not to be overlooked, the 2019 Laser Masters' California Championship took place on February 23 and 24. Almost half of the 23 competitors were from MBYC. It is very cool to see how many people travel here for this race.

Coming up in March, we are proud to be hosting the 2019 O'Pen Bic North Americans starting on March 15. I cannot wait to be part of this incredible event! Ever since we added the Bic class to the Junior Program they have been a very desirable boat and some of the best money we have ever spent on the kids. These boats are tough, durable, and a lot of fun to race! Hosting this prestigious event not only supports the program and the sport, but gives Mission Bay Yacht Club just another opportunity to really shine in the Junior yachting world. I hope to see you there.

Later in the month of March is the very important Earl Elms Junior Regatta, starting Saturday March 30. This annual event is always well attended and I will be there as well. The first weekend of April (6 & 7) is the Crew Classic, and MBYC plays a huge role in the success of this important event. If you are looking to help out, contact organizer Bill Black, who has been a volunteer extraordinaire. Thank you Bill!

Easter is happening on April 21, and your Board of Directors will continue their tradition of filling champagne glasses. Opening Day is on April 27, and you better be there if you want to experience the most spectacular day on the MBYC calendar. If you need to be convinced, contact me directly and I will be happy to encourage your participation. Let's all enjoy the fun, and please

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#### **Vice Commodore Comments**

#### by Bill Sweeney

Work Party! March 2 is the date. Many will have new slurry applied. Thank you to all the

of the individual fleets have signed up for specific maintenance projects that needed to keep the Club in top operating condition. We are expecting a good turnout with hopes that the single Saturday is enough to get all the projects completed. There are plenty of projects that you can

contribute regardless of skills. It is a great sense of accomplishment knowing that each of us are involved with keeping the Club clean, safe and

By this printing the dry storage parking lot

boat owners that helped move your vessels out of the way in order for the work to be completed. This had all the potential to be a logistical nightmare...

The heavy rains have tested every inch of the Club's roofs. As you can imagine, there were a few minor leaks that have been addressed and made

watertight again. Amazing to see so much rain in San Diego. Most of the dry and wet stored boats weathered the storms without any significant damage to report. We still have more rain and wind coming. Make sure to check your covers,

lines, sails and bilges are secure.

There have been a few recent thefts at the Club that have resulted in missing equipment and damaged property. The Club Manager is aware and is addressing our security procedures to improve visibility to the dry and wet storage, kayak racks and lockers. We all need to be more diligent in watching out for each other's property. Make sure you secure your vessels and storage. Keep obvious valuables out of plain sight, etc. This is a serious problem that we are committed to minimizing immediately.

Thank you for your help with the Work Party. Enjoy the Club.



#### **Rear Commodore Comments**

#### by Gene Ratliffe

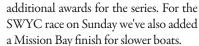
days away and i am very excited. We are

building on the success of last year and here's a quick rundown;

· Coordinating with SWYC and OYC we've created a new series called the San Diego Coastal Cup which will consist of the MBYC Butler Invitational race on Saturday and the OYC to SWYC race on Sunday.

• We've created one NOR and one entry fee

At press deadline the Butler Invitational is 93 for both races to keep things simple and we'll have



• This is Memorial Weekend so we're focused on fun events for competitors and MBYC Members. All MBYC members are encouraged to join us for the party and live music at the club Friday night. Competitors will be able to

attend the party since we're going to provide shuttle

service to Mariners Cove again this year.

- MBYC skippers get your boat and crew ready and race!!
- MBYC sailors who want to crew send me an email and I'll try to find you a ride.
- Competitors will also enjoy Butler Invitational trophies and party at Oceanside YC on Saturday night and a trophy presentation at SWYC Sunday night.
- More information and registration can be found at mbycbutler.com

#### Commodore **Comments**

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enjoy it responsibly.

One of the tasks each Board must accomplish is coming up with capital improvements; those annual purchases that will improve the lifestyle experiences at MBYC. We are replacing 2 outboard motors on our RC boats which is a must need, and we are keeping an eye out on a gently used Boston Whaler. The hoist also needs some love. Our plans are to react as needed, while keeping the purse strings a bit snug for future plans.

As always, I am proud to represent you as your commodore, and remain available to anyone who needs to speak with me. Find me in your newly printed Directory! Check out the inside cover for a fine example of the MBYC



### **Secretary Treasurer Report**

by Jim Day

We had a meeting in February and approved the budget for 2019.

Club finances are doing well and we are expecting they will continue to be throughout the year.

As you should know by now the Mainstay will now be published bimonthly on the odd months. Because

of that I want remind you of a few important and enjoyable events that you should put on your calendar.

Work party Saturday March 2 (great way to give back to the club and meet new members)

Opening Day Saturday April 27th ( always a great time so get your boats cleaned up and come

Crew Classic Saturday and Sunday April 6th & 7th (This a great way to volunteer and give back



to the boating community) contact Bill Black (bill-blacksd@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer

Lastly Bill Black is putting together a MBYC Anglers club. So all of you that would like to participate or just want to learn more about fishing reach out to Bill Black for details. (bill-blacksd@gmail.

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#### Fleet's Captain Report

#### by Steve Cooper

What a winter. We've certainly had our share of cold and rainy weather this year.

In January, a few boats braved the elements and sailed on New Year's Day. I guess that's our version of the polar bear plunge. Then the Snipes and the Thistles got the year started with their mid-winter regattas.

In February, ten fleets with 74 boats participated in the SCYA Midwinters. This two-day regatta included fleets racing in the open ocean with others in the bay. It was also the first year to include Open BICs racing. Despite some stormy weather, everyone seemed to have a good

time. Also in February we held the Laser Masters regatta and our Sunday bay races.

For March, the racing continues. We have the Open BIC North Americans with over 150 boats set to compete. Next is the Soling regatta, followed by the Cat Fight I regatta at

the end of the month.

This time of year, the temperature, wind and rain can be unpredictable, so it's best to be prepared. If you have a boat in the dry storage, make sure everything is tied down well, and be sure to strap your boat to your trailer. "My boat was flying" takes on a whole other meaning when one of these high-wind storms comes through. Everyone should also observe the no poly tarp rule. These types of tarps get shredded and make

It's also time to make sure the club work party in on your calendars - it's scheduled for March 2nd. This year we are only planning a single day event, so plan to come to the club and spruce up the place for another great year.

See you at the club and out on the water.



#### **Port Captain Report**

#### by Chuck Weber

Thanks to those members who have provided current copies of registration, documentation, and insurance to the office. Your willingness to do this saves quite a bit of time and effort, and failure to provide these documents in a timely manner creates an unnecessary workload on our staff and volunteers, unnecessary mailing costs, and could cause your slip or storage fees to double. Qualification for wet storage includes proof of continuous marine liability insurance, with fuel and other spill liability, with a minimum of \$300,000, and MBYC must be named as an additional insured party.

The deadline to demonstrate underway activity is April 30, 2019. Please take action to meet this requirement. A form is available in the office for your convenience in documenting this activity.

Please pay attention to all that deferred maintenance, torn canvas, peeling paint, rust, frayed lines, and bird nests. The club prohibits "dead storage" and requires that your boat must be properly maintained and seaworthy. Notices are going out to members with poorly maintained or neglected boats and they will be required to remedy deficiencies if the vessel remains at the club. 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



Poly Tarps are prohibited for use at the Club in both wet and dry storage areas due to the detrimental impact of disintegrating plastic materials in our marine environment. Please remove poly tarps from your vessels in wet and dry storage areas. Please consider replacing with canvas of other non-degradable materials.

We have scheduled several Coast Guard Aux Vessel Examiners who will be available during the work party on March 2nd for complimentary Vessel Safety Checks. Please see the flier elsewhere in this edition for details.

The following individuals are assisting with wet or dry storage issues. Please contact the appropriate person if you require information or assistance.

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#### **Membership**

#### by Kathy Dryden

Welcome to March! First order of business is our member orientation on March 9th, starting promptly at 9am. Please come down whether you are an old member or a new member. If you have never had a proper introduction to the club and its facilities, ways to get involved, activities not to miss and history of Mission Beach this is for you! I've been a member of the club for over 10 years, after growing up here as a junior, and never had an official orientation... so don't be me! Come

on down! Breakfast will be free, plus a free drink or two after the tour. It's like a timeshare presentation! An hour of your time for a free meal and a drink... just no buyer's remorse afterwards. :)

Just following the orientation, Doc and Andrea Caroe will be putting on a Race Committee 101 class with boat check outs. This is a PERFECT opportunity to get involved with Race Committee and learn what happens on the water and why that flat boat with a bunch of sticks on it makes all those beeping noises. Race Committee is also an awesome way to meet new people, learn about sailing (you DID join a YACHT



club, right!) and fulfill some volunteer hours at the best club in San Diego.

I want to welcome new members approved at the February Board Meeting; Mike and Viviane Mason (social), Frank and Marci Plant (social), Fred Albert (flag, Catalina 380), Bruce and Cindy Osmun (social) and Michael and Stephanie Brooker (flag, Hobie getaway and Prindle 16). I am reading the things that our new members say they are interested in doing around

the club and its quite impressive! Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, race management, race committee boat driving, marketing help, social event preparations, grounds maintenance, wood working and boat repairs. Boy, do we have some talent in our club! I have already called our new members and invited them to work party - but for all of our current members, make sure you come down and offer up your own contributions to our beautiful home.

And since you won't hear from me again for two months, call/text/email/flare gun for any and all membership needs, or just to say hi!



#### **Jr. Coordinator Report**

#### by Todd Henderson

Casino night is in the books for 2019 and while the committee is still tallying the results, I can say that attendees enjoyed fantastic prizes and copious auction items, and that without a doubt, the biggest winner of the evening was the MBYC Junior Program! As lady luck would have it, we received a very generous last-minute financial contribution by a longtime MBYC member who asked that we keep the fanfare to a minimum, but please accept a very heartfelt thank you from the

kids who will benefit! I would also like to give a huge thank you to Carolyn Krebs, our event coordinator, and her band of organizers for all of their hard work! Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, product donors, gift basket donors, MBYC staff, and all volunteers whose time and generosity ensured that Casino Night was a stellar event!

In other news, twelve of our Juniors made the trip to NHYC with a strong showing at the Sabot Midwinters. The regatta results illustrate the building strength of our junior program, with Marleigh Henehan taking 1st in the Sabot A fleet, Kate Bossler taking 1st in the C1 fleet, Lina Carper taking in 2nd in the C1 fleet, Alex Markworth taking 3rd in the C2 fleet, and Will McDermott taking 2nd in the C3 fleet. Great job!

On the heels of the Sabot Midwinters, many of our Juniors then sailed



the following weekend in the Laser Radial and Open Bic fleets at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta hosted by MBYC. The breeze was up both days and the kids had their hands full. Cold water and gusty conditions did not deter them and they got lots of practice hiking, capsizing, and navigating a busy course! Cole Tillson took 1st in the Laser Radial fleet, with Oakley Cunningham in 3rd, Marleigh Henehan in 4th, and Garrett Henderson in 5th. MBYC swept the Open Bic fleet with Efe Derman in 1st, Allie Shand in

2nd, Sarah Ozaki in 3rd, Owen Fretwell in 4th and Shane Tillson in 5th.

The 2019 Summer Sailing Program registration is now open! Online registration is easy and available now on the Juniors webpage at *www.juniors. mbyc.org* or by calling the MBYC front office at 858-488-0501

Last but not least, get ready for the Open Bics North Americans hosted by MBYC from March 15-17! This is the first time this regatta has been held on the West Coast and we are expecting a huge turnout. As the host club, we are actively looking for volunteers in a variety of roles so please contact Chris Wright, our Junior Sailing Director at juniors@mbyc.org or 858-488-0501.

You can always find information on these items and more at www. juniors.mbyc.org. As always, I welcome your thoughts so please stop me in the parking lot or email me directly at mbycjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com.



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#### **RC News**



#### by Martin Offenhauer

Once again MBYC had a very successful Midwinters Regatta, despite some projected high winds and small craft advisories for both days. PROs Andrea Caroe and Stan Betts quickly revised the sailing instructions so that both Ocean and Bay fleets could compete in the Bay. The Ocean fleets competed in the north bay and the original bay fleets competed in the south of the bay. Both days saw great winds and the Sunday races were completed before more rain moved in. There were a total of 79 boats on the bay including 19 Finns and 16 Open Bics. Great

to see all those boat out sailing! Congratulations to Katie Ham for again organizing and running a great regatta. And a big thanks to all of the club members who staffed the Race Committee both days and made it a great race for all who participated. Check out the results on the MBYC webpage.

The Laser Masters Regatta was held on February 23 and 24 with a very good turnout. Thanks to the Solings for RC and Grant Williams providing PRO leadership. Bay and short course racing continues as well. Be sure to come out and race and stay around to collect your trophies and cheer for your fellow racers.

Work Party is one day this year, March 2. Please come on down and help fix up, clean up, repair, and update the club. Remember that your time spent at Work Party saves the club money that can be used elsewhere to all our benefit.

March starts out with bay races on the third with the Multihulls providing RC and dave Meacock as PRO. Then a huge Open Bic Nationals Regatta that could see over 100 boats competing March 14 - 17. As of this writing, 75 boats have already signed up with more to come. That will be a very crowded time but an amazing event to see.

March is a great month for racing. The Solings will be hosting an invitational on the 15th and 16th with the Thistles providing RC support. The Earl Elms Jr. Regatta with the Juniors providing RC and Ken Wild as PRO. Catfight 1 on March 30 - 31 rounds out the month with PRO Doc Caroe supported by the Lasers for RC.

Doc Caroe will be giving his very popular and useful Race Committee 101 (RC101) again this year on March 9 starting at 10 AM in the newly renovated Fleet Room. Doc provides some classroom instruction on what you need to know to perform the various RC duties, rules, flags, and procedures. Then he will provide instruction on how to use the club bay



boats (whalers) for RC. This includes how to put in and move marks and provide rescue assistance when needed. These are all important tasks to know and certification is necessary to operate out boats under the club's insurance for races.

RC 101 is open to everyone who wants to learn about race committee duties and those who have been helping out all along and want to learn a little bit more. Come on out! Once you've updated your skills, please remember to participate in Race Committee when it is your fleet's turn. You'll have a great

time and your fellow members will thank you for it. If you don't have a boat (yet) but want to learn more about our fleets, then participating in Race Committee is a great way to learn and meet the members to find out about the various classes we have at MBYC.

The other very important aspect of Race Committee is scoring. Scoring using our SailWave software is really very easy. All you have to do is enter the sail numbers in the order of finishing and Sailwave does the rest. All of our boats area already entered in the database and identified by Fleet. With modern technology it's easy to have the finish boat record the finishes, take a picture with a phone and text it to your scorer back at the club or even at home. It's very important that each fleet has at least one person who can do scoring. If you don't have a fleet scorer, please talk to Selby or me and we will arrange for an instruction session.

#### **APRIL**

First and foremost for April is Opening Day! Remember to put April 27 on your calendar in big letters and come celebrate our 2019 season! Festivities begin at 11:00 onshore and later in the day is the famous Asher Pier Race with Craig Storms as PRO. Spruce up your boat and compete for the Bristol Boat Award.

With the Crew Classic, Easter and Opening Day all happening in April, we have only two other races this month. April 20th is a single-handed race and April 28 Bay Races with the Solings providing RC and PRO Mark Young.

#### FIND MORE CLUB NEWS AT MBYC.ORG



#### **Ladies Group**

#### by Vickie Brady

A big thank you to Rob Hutsel, founder, president and CEO of the San Diego River

foundation



for the wonderful presentation at our February ladies' lunch. We learned a lot about what's going on with our river and surrounding areas.

We hope to see you at

work party on Saturday, March 2nd.

Please note: There is a scheduling change

due to the Catalina trip dates shifting. The annual Catalina trip is scheduled July 27 to August 11. Our future meetings are as scheduled:

May 11 Fashion Show featuring Cabi fashions

June 15 Bill Toone from Eco-life Foundation August 10 date to be rescheduled for Brandon MacDonald with Western Service Workers Assoc.

October 12 topic pending December 7 Our Annual Christmas Party. Be kind to one another!





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#### **Power Fleet**

#### by Phil Taylor

Well, I wonder if this issue of Mainstay is the last monthly or the first bi-monthly? Either way, thanks for reading it. (For some reason it reminds me of younger days in the Bay Area when I listened late at night to San Francisco Radio station KSFO. Russ "The Moose" Syracuse aka "The Prince of Cheese" held court. Odd but fun, Russ put his listeners into two

categories: He had his "Regular Irregulars" and his "Irregular Regulars". To me, it was a hilarious distinction. Either way, Irregular prevailed.) In our remarks herein, we've been reminded to think way ahead. After all, the next addition isn't until May! Don't be fooled, it wasn't the Writers Guild of Fleet Captains that cut our work in half.

Committed to tradition (at least for now) the Power Fleet will maintain having monthly meetings, the last of which was held Friday, February 8. It was attended by members that enjoyed

good company -- friendship and interesting conversation. I feel a little guilty when it's time to start the business part of the meeting, interrupting what is obviously engaging conversation at each table.

At that meeting we discussed and voted on the 2019 Budget. I am happy to report the vote to approve was unanimous. My thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work toward this successful conclusion. This year's budget provides greater flexibility to support the wider needs of the club. Although details are not final, it included a certain amount of support for resolution of electrical issues on the back dock.

Staff Commodore, Van Barr, provided an update on those same electrical issues, reporting on his survey of the work needed and his experiment to add additional outlets to two power pedestals. As you may recall, the addition of pedestal outlets is one of several ideas to resolve the problem of vendors disconnecting electrical connections as they do their work. Stories abound of lost power, dead batteries, spoiled food, etc. all, allegedly, caused by careless vendors. What to do? If you have thoughts, please contact Jason, Van, or Port Captain Chuck.

Terry and Karen Senier are at it again, enjoying their third extended visit to the Sea of Cortez and its many mainland ports. Making their way south in "Howie B" it sounds like they're having many wonderful experiences. Along the way, they ran into fellow cruisers, club members

John and Trish Billings. Small world, eh. As of this writing, they are visiting the town of Bara de Navidad, in the state of Jalisco.

At the meeting, Art Athans provided a report on two recent visits with the Seniers. Helping them out with a complicated electrical problem, Art did a good deed and got a taste of the cruising lifestyle, giving it an

enthusiastic thumbs up. As he states, "It's another world down there."

As the drama of his rescue of a capsized sailor outpaced the helping hand exhibited by Art Athans, Rick Hall was selected as this month's, Fleet "Good Guy". Congrats Rick. On the other hand, due to losing track of the fleet's burgees, yours truly received the Oops Award.

Brian Vanderspek is managing the club's Opening Day Raft Up. He is hoping to make it bigger and better than the success of

last year's event. The date is April 27th. Please RSVP at brianvanderspek@yahoo.com or by calling him at 619-392-8420. As usual, look forward to a fun time.

Speaking of raft ups, repeating an item from last month: Bill Black announced that this year's Crew Classic will include permission for a raft-up for MBYC participants. Get with Bill for details, but the idea is to gather near the finish line over that weekend, April 6 & 7. Contact Bill at billblacksd@gmail.com.

Our next meetings will be held Friday, March 8, April 12, May 10. Please consider attending and joining the fun. (And of course joining the Fleet – dues \$10 per household.) We have a great raffle and a terrific grand prizes. Plus it's a good forum to discuss boating and club topics of concern to you. We gather in the bar at 6pm and enjoy a great meal (only \$15) starting at 7pm. (You may also order off the menu, placing your order in the bar prior to the meeting.) Please let me know if you have entree ideas that we can run by Chef Javier.

Reserve the date: This year's Fish Fry will be held on November 9.

Lastly -- Theft. It's a problem. Please do what to you can to secure your gear and report any suspicious activity. Also, if you have ideas to help abate this scourge, speak up.

Until next time, Cheers.



#### **Racing Cruising**

#### by Bill Black & Doug Brady

Hope everyone is staying dry during this Rainy San Diego Winter. Also, a quick reminder to make sure your dock lines are secure and anything on your boat decks are properly tied down... we have had a crazy windy winter so far this year with more to come.

Please remember that the club has strict policies restricting the use of "Poly-Tarps" anywhere on club property. These inexpensive tarps do not hold up for more than a storm or two and then become a hazard to our Bay and Marine Life. Chuck Weber has done a great job as Port Captain this year, please help him by removing any Poly-Tarps if you are currently using one.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Annual Club Work Party (Saturday March 2nd). This work party saves the club thousands of dollars of maintenance costs each year, please plan on attending. The next big event that we need your support is the Annual Crew Classic (Saturday April 6 & Sunday April 7th). Each year MBYC provides "Perimeter Control" for the entire race course. Please contact Bill Black at 858-343-4371 or billblacksd@

gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding event. Escort Boat duties have two shifts available each day (AM is 6:30-12 noon and PM Is 11:30 AM to 5 PM - both Saturday and Sunday) Your help is appreciated...

The next big event is our "Opening Day Raft Up" Saturday April 27th - Brian Vanderspek is going to coordinate the Raft-Up order for the power boats (thank you Brian for stepping up) - more on Opening Day as we get closer.

See you at the Club... Bill & Doug (Fleet Co-Captains)





## ADULT SAILING!!

Saturdays and Sundays 11am - 4pm

#### Register at juniors.mbyc.org/adult-sailing

#### **Winter Classes now open:**

- Learn to sail
  - Jan 12 & 13
  - Feb 9 & 10
  - Mar 9 & 10
- Into to Racing
  - Jan 26 & 27
  - Feb 23 & 24
  - Mar 23 & 24

#### Cost: \$200 per session

- \*Maximum 4 students per session.
- \*Current MBYC members only please.

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# UPCOMING RACING @MBYC

Mar 2 - Work Party

Mar 3 - Bay Races

Mar 9 - RC101 Class

Mar 13-17 - Bic NA's

Mar 15-17 - Soling Regatta

Mar 17 - Single Handed Racing

Mar 30-31 - Cat Fight 1

Mar 30-31 - Earl Elms Jr. Regatta

Apr 13-14 - High School PCC's

Apr 20 - Single Handed Racing

Apr 28 - Short Courses

\*complete calendar and additional information at mbyc.org

# UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS @MBYO

Mar 2 - Work Party

Mar 9 - RC101 Class & New Member Breakfast

Apr 6-7 - Crew Classic

Apr 6 - Coffee House

Apr 20 - Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 21 - Easter Brunch

Apr 27 - Opening Day

\*complete calendar and additional information at mbyc.org

For more info about Wednesday Bridge 858-278-0594





#### **Thistle Blossoms**

#### by Will Cummings



Well, another successful Thistle Mid-Winter's West was added to the books during the last week in January. The sailing weather was great – a bit cold (by San Diego standards), clear skies with winds ranging from 5 to 13 knots. We had 27 boats from as far away as New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona seeking wide-open ocean sailing. The winner of the Cham-

pionship Division was Mike Gillum or as he prefers, "Team Gillum," from Lake Washington in the Mt. Shasta area with 14 points. Wayne Pignolet (Idaho), 26.5 points in second, with Graham Vaughn (Seattle) taking third with 36 points. In the President's Division, Steven Hale was the winner with 12 points; John Howell III took second with 25 points, followed by Mike Arrow with 30 points. For Steven, it was a wonderful victory to top off a very bad year. Steven lost his house AND he lost not one, but two wooden Thistles in the Paradise fire. Wooden Thistles are no longer made and just about impossible to replicate and we Thistlers love them all.

The entire regatta was raced in the ocean and was ever so close in both divisions with many passes and repasses. The strength of the wind at the time was a major factor for most boats and, of course, experience mattered most.

On a real positive note, Thistle Fleet #13 happily awarded the Bill Goldfarb trophy for the highest place finisher 24 years of age and under, to our newest member, Miranda Poltorak. Miranda recently bought her own Thistle after crewing for her dad, Mike for years. Even with only two bay races under her belt, Miranda stuck to it and beat two other boats with much more experience. Our hats are off to her. We look forward to Miranda joining Kirsten Cummings and other female skippers to be on the line in fleet races.

Finally, the Larry Klein match racing competition in the bay on Sunday the 29th. Sixteen boats sailed off in fleet racing in the bay for the eight slots allotted for match racing. In an unusual turn, none of the match races were close. Get the start and you are off. In the end Mike Gillum (who else) beat John Baker in the final race for the Larry Klein championship. It is rumored that Mike had to rent a U-Haul truck to get the hardware home. Let's face it, Mike is a great sailor AND he does NOT work for a sail maker.

Thanks to Edna Johnson for being our scorekeeper for the umpteenth time during the Larry Klein, and to Jane Engelman, for providing the skilled umpiring. Thanks also to the large crowd that turned out for the event.

Our thanks go out to the Soling Fleet who provided the bodies for RC and of course to our PRO, Andrea Caroe, who called a perfect game. I also want to thank members of our own fleet that put in many hours to make it all happen - Kyle Smith, George Samuels, Jane Engelman. Most of all, I would like to thank Lizette Hackett who thought of everything from day one to make things perfect. She put in countless hours making the hundreds of decisions that need to be made. The efforts of everyone made for a very successful time.

In other news, Thistle Class Officials were promoting the 2019 Thistle Championship, which will be held this summer in "our western area" (there are five national areas) at Sandy Point in the very most northern tip of Idaho. Expectations are for 70 boats plus. The area is the heart of the Rockies. It promises to be a week that few will ever forget. Possibilities from our fleet are Mike/Miranda Poltorak and Kirsten Cummings.





#### **Lido Lines**

#### by Chris Dorociak

Spring is in the air: spring training and spring cleaning for the Lido fleet.

As I write this, we've been spring training with Bay Races and Short Courses on Sundays. And as you read this, keep track of the scores on the MBYC site. See who is out racing and gearing up to be competitive during the late spring and summer. We award the fleet champion by scoring a series of our "regular season" of races. Remember that the best major league baseball players spend months in batting practice. I've certainly had plenty of curve balls thrown at me on the race course.

In April, we are planning clinics designed for novices and experts alike. Our fleet has many years of experience to share, and we also welcome new sailors and racers. The Lido is unique because it accommodates a wide range of sailing abilities. It is stable and forgiving for new sailors and it's a tactician's boat for experts. With only a few controls to fine-tune, there's a lot of strategy between positioning on the course and poisoning relative to other boats. Even our most experienced Lido sailors will tell you there is always something more to learn. Stay tuned for clinic dates via email and on the MBYC website.

Finally, thank you to all who helped move boats for the repaving project. Pushing a Lido across the parking lot is in no way as much fun as sailing it, although boat speed may be similar in light air. (Okay, I made that joke so the F-18 and Moth sailors didn't have to.) Some Lidos were easy to recognize; others were a little dusty. Let's try and get a few more of those good-looking boats moving back and forth on the water. See you on the bay.



#### **Scow Scuttle**

#### by Brian C. Anderson

The MC Scow Pacific Coast Championship was held in conjunction with the SCYA Midwinters Regatta at MBYC this past February 16th and 17th . As many of you may recall, that weekend of sailing was chilly, windy, and occasionally wet as rain and storm fronts moved over San Diego periodically. Saturday sailing, however, was bright, brisk, and blustery. Many of us at the Club were bundled up in long pants, wet suits, spray tops, and light foul weather gear as wind and waves were so strong as to force all fleets to race on the bay.

There were two exceptions to this dress code, however. The MC Scow Fleet was very pleased to have two guest competitors from the great Midwest. Doug McNeil, who sails E Scows out of Grand Haven, Michigan and Steven Martin who sails MC Scows amongst the lakes of Wisconsin. Both chartered or borrowed boats and raced with us. Doug told me that he cherished "the fresh balmy breezes of San Diego" as he sailed his chartered

scow at the head of the fleet wearing shorts, a flimsy cotton long sleeve pullover shirt and flip flops. Steve was also sailing in shorts. It has been So Cold in the Midwest this winter that they considered our weather more suitable to a Spring Regatta.

Well, Doug most certainly handled the breezes, gusts, and puffs rather well and he was leading our own Howard Macken by one point at the end four races on Saturday. Sunday the wind blew even harder. There were no puffs that day. No lulls. Just steady hard wind punctuated by near knock down gusts. Four of us went out to race, took several practice tacks upwind, realized that we were in too much wind for our boats, and we all retired to the bar.

So, the E-Scow sailor from Michigan, Doug McNeil, has taken our Pacific Coast Championship trophy home to Grand Haven. Congratulations to Doug. Come back to defend your trophy next year.



#### Handicap Rails

#### by Chris Winnard

As we move into 'Handicap Season', which means the Butler/SD

Coastal Cup, Lynch and TNT's, handicap racing at MBYC as we know it needs to be addressed.

For years, the club had adopted a 'golf handicap' system loosely based on the Portsmouth handicaps for boats. Two years ago, this started to change as we adopted the universal standard of PHRF and, for this year, we are going to attempt to implement real ratings for boats. Last year we tried to incorporate the

PHRF So-Cal Corinthian rating adjustments, which tried to accommodate more cruise-oriented boats. This was done to placate previous incarnations of the MBYC handicaps that were arbitrarily adjusted on a club level and not in concert with PHRF-SD protocol.

Boats that are going to race the TNT, Lynch etc. will be rated using their PHRF-SD or So. Cal ratings. If you race a TNT with a boat that doesn't have a rating, you will be rated at 0. You get to race but unless someone on hand can make the call, you are sailing for fun, which is the main goal.

I should add that for the high performance PHRF start we will be converting some of the light OD boats like FD's and 505's to PHRF numbers for handicapping purposes.

The scoring office will have a list of eligible boats. If you plan to race, please contact me to discuss your boat. PHRF-SD is considering rating boats that have Dacron sails, roller furling etc. The difference here from previous years is if you want to get rated you need to go through the correct means. No more golf handicaps, which have sullied this club's ability to attract real handicap racing.

While we don't have a dedicated MBYC member on the PHRF-SD Board, I am the assistant chief handicapper and can dutifully assist you to get a valid rating.

#### FIND MORE CLUB NEWS AT MBYC.ORG

# Mission Bay Yacht Club

Seating Times: 10:00am - 2:00pm - Indoor or Bayside Seating -Adults: 35.00 plus tax & service charge Children Under 12 Years Old: 17.00 Free Flowing Champagne & Live Music



#### **Omelet Station**

Zucchini, Mushrooms, Basil, Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, Spinach, Ham, Turkey, Feta Cheese, Shredded Jack Cheese, Ranchero Sauce, and Tomatillo Salsa

#### Buffet Station Carving Station

Apple Cinnamon French Toast Smoked Ham with Whipped Cream Black Forest Roasted Tri Tip

Cheese Blintzes with Orange Strawberry Sauce Served with Dijonnaise, Horseradish, and

Bacon, Sausage, and Tater Tots Pineapple Honey Glaze

Biscuit and Gravy Mediterranean Salad

Scrambled Eggs

#### Seafood Station

Whole Poached Salmon, Smoked Salmon, Shrimp, and Oysters

Served with Lemons, Cocktail Sauce, and Hot Sauce

#### Ice Cream & Dessert Station

Vanilla Ice Cream **Assorted Desserts** 

#### Drinks

Fruits

Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice, & Cranberry Juice

24 hour cancellation policy is strictly in effect. Reserve at: 858 488 0501 or office@mbyc.org

## MBYC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th will be the Annual MBYC Easter Egg Hunt and activities for the Children!

The schedule of events is as follows:

10:00 - 12:00

Pony rides & petting zoo, and arts and crafts

12:15

Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 3 and under

12:20

Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 4-6

12:25

Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 7 & up

12:30

**Photos with the Easter Bunny!** 

If you have any questions or want to help out with any of the activities, please contact Melissa Cunningham at: (858) 405 0899

Don't forget your baskets!

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#### **Sabot Scene**

#### by Bob Henderson

The Senior Sabot Fleet is ready to set sail into the new year following our first dinner meeting on Jan. 4. The taco bar was well received and several good suggestions were offered for future menus.

For those not in attendance, please note that the winter schedule for Friday sail-arounds is now in effect: meet for lunch at 11:30, rig boats and be off the beach by 12:30. Those who might want to socialize more over lunch can agree on some earlier eating schedule. Unfortunately, our very first shot at the new schedule turned out to be a cold and windy Friday. Several sailors showed up to sail but opted instead for a nice walk followed by a cozy, warm lunch by the fire in the clubhouse. Always nice to have alternatives.

Another new wrinkle in the Sabot fabric is a plan to institute a special Sunday Sabot only series to be held in Chicken Cove using tower starts and some form of handicap protocol. These would begin as soon as the

spring weather starts to warm up and would be run concurrent with the regular club short course schedule. The handicap system will provide some of the less experienced sailors with a chance to develop skills and confidence while giving more experienced sailors a greater challenge and chance to hone skills as well. Grant Williams has already offered to run these events and Gary Pearson has some preliminary thoughts on working out the handicap protocol. Anyone wishing to put in their 2 cents should contact Charlie Hochart. Stay tuned for more info as plans solidify.

The fleet has RC duty for the SCYRA Midwinters on Feb. 16-17. If you haven't already volunteered, contact Charlie Hochart today and maybe plan to hang around Saturday for some fun at the Jr. Program Casino Night fundraiser. A big thank you to Stan Bets and the Lido 14 Fleet for offering to help fill any unmet staffing needs we might still have. Let's be sure to reciprocate when asked and pay the favor forward.



#### **Laser Beam**

#### by Mark Young

It's been an active start to 2019 for the Laser Fleet. The Hangover Regatta was well-documented in photos in the February Mainstay (congrats to Diego Escobar for finishing at the top!). Also in January, Doug Hart led a group of 10 boats in a shore and water clinic featuring a three-buoy drill, starting drills, downwind speed work and upwind trim work – all sailors receiving individual tips in places where we needed it the most. We'll try to organize another for late spring/summer. Ty, Jim, Nick and Ken did a great job to RC the Feb Singlehanded series in shifty and variable breezes with 8 boats, won by Dave Hochart. The Fleet had responsibility for Race Committee on Feb 10, and also contributed to the Thistle Midwinter Regatta RC to help out the Soling Fleet for the 3—day series on the ocean.

Last weekend, as the first part of the SoCal Laser Master's Series, five MBYC boats ventured up to ABYC to sail in their Master's Midwinter Regatta. 15 boats sailed five races in howling conditions, with average velocities near 20 kts, and gusts in the mid 20s – survival for some, but just a warm-up for others. Doug Hart walked away with first place, Dave Leuck (5th) and Doug Seeman (7th) sailed great, with myself and Clay a little further back. No one will deny the valuable experience in those challenging conditions. Congratulations Doug!

Coming up are the MBYC Master's Championships (Feb 23, 24), the MBYC work party (Mar 2), Bay Races on Mar 3rd, race committee training by Doc Caroe on Mar 9th, and Singlehanded Series on Mar 17th. Several sailors are planning to attend the District 23 championships on March 17, 18th, hosted by the Arizona Yacht Club at Lake Pleasant near Phoenix. That information has been (and will be again) circulated by emails.

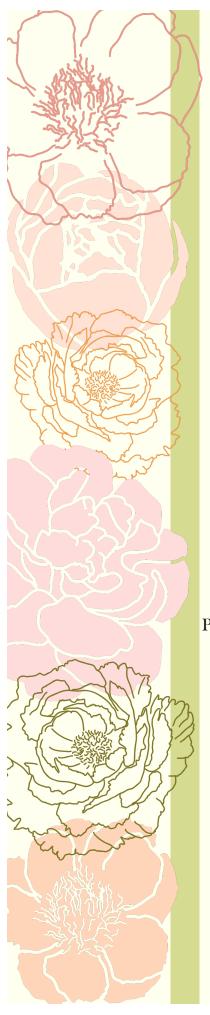
Finally, the Laser Fleet is responsible for staffing the CatFight I regatta on March 30, 31 (Doc Caroe, PRO), so please do what you can to contribute one or both days to help make that a success! Send your availability to me as soon as possible (myoung.sd@cox.net). Happy sailing!

# Laser US at work Championship

#### By Diego Escobar

From January 11 through 14 I participated in the Laser US Championship. The event was held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club and observed an array of predominantly light air conditions. I sailed in the Radial division. This event was of particular high caliber as its competitors included many international and national olympic hopefuls that were gearing up for the Miami World Cup later that month. With a midline boat dividing the whooping 85 boat starting line, this competition was no easy feat. Good starts were crucial to a successful race, however, due to the wind's extreme variability, there were plenty of passing lanes if you didn't get off the line particularly well. One of my highlights of the regatta was on the second day, the breeziest day by far, when I found myself leading out of the left with 2 olympians next to me. I was stoked and ended up hiking my way to the windward mark in 4th. Unfortunately, I didn't have the same jets that some of these ladies had on the downwind and I dropped to 10th place by the finish, but nonetheless it was my best moment. The whole regatta however I struggled to get off the line but i was pleased with my overall preformance in the tough fleet. I ended the championship 20/84, not my best regatta but nonetheless a formidable result in the tough fleet. I'd like to thank my parents, JIB, and my coach Doug Hart for supporting me through my efforts as it wouldn't be possible without any of them.





# Mission Bay Yacht Club

Sunday, May 12th

Seating Times: 10:00am - 2:00pm

- Indoor or Bayside Seating -

Adults: 35.00 plus tax & service charge Children Under 12 years old: 18.00

### Menu

#### **Omelet Station**

Eggs, Egg Whites, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Basil, Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, Spinach, Ham, Feta Cheese, Shredded Jack Cheese, Ranchero Sauce and Tomatillo Salsa

#### **Buffet Station**

Florentine Frittata Pancakes with Caramelized Bananas & O'Brian Potato, Cheese Blintzes and Orange Strawberry Sauce, Bacon and Sausage, Fruit Salad

#### Ice Cream and Dessert

Scooped Vanilla Ice Cream with Condiments Assorted Mini Desserts





#### Carving Station

Smoked, Glazed Ham, French Herb Roasted Turkey. Side Condiments of Dijonnaise, Apple Chutney and Rolls Cheese Tray and Crackers

#### Seafood Station

Whole Poached Salmon, Smoked Salmon, Oysters, Shrimp and Fresh made Ceviche. Served with Lemons. Cocktail Sauce and Hot Sauce

#### Drinks

Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Tea, Coffee (Regular and Decat), Milk

Free flowing champagne





## Mission Bay Yacht Club

Invites You to Celebrate our 92nd Opening Day!

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

Raft up - 8:00am

Join the raft-up at the front dock.

Ceremony - 11:00am

Begins at 11:00am on the deck of the main clubhouse and includes Color Guard and Drill Team.

**Appetizers** 

After the ceremony, please stay and enjoy appetizers and snacks provided by MBYC's kitchen.

**Parade of Fleets** 

Participate in or watch the sail-by and salute.

**Junior Program** 

Watch the Juniors as they race for the MBYC burgee.

Asher Pier Race - 1:00pm

Test your racing skills in the Asher Pier Race.

First Annual Duffy Race

**Bayside Grill** 

Opens at 5:00pm for your dining pleasure.

**Live Music** 



## Mission Bay Yacht Club Summer Sailing Program





June 10 — August 9 2019

Registration is now open to join in the excitement during MBYC's 2018 Junior Summer Sailing Program.

Courses for beginners to advanced (ages 6-18)

- - Excellent US Sailing Certified Instructors
- Experienced Coaching for the summer racing schedule

  Quality club-owned charter boats

  Morning and afternoon classes available

Contact us today for more information!! 1215 El Carmel Pl San Diego, CA 92109 . juniors@mbyc.org . (858).488.0121

## Special Report

# THISTLE 366



heart full of beaming pride, I looked at my newly purchased Thistle. I lowered the foundation of my future in sailing into the water. Left alone to rig my boat by myself, my crew (My dad) was out getting us lunch. I faced the first challenge, "Can I rig the boat by myself". After a little bit of a struggle and some advice from the more seasoned thistlers, I finally was able to get the boat ready to push off the dock and head out to my first regatta as a skipper!

At the start of this long Midwinters West regatta I was so nervous. Staying up late the night before the first day of sailing, I was knee deep in studying, "how to skipper". There were doubts as I navigated through the channel out into the ocean, but luck was on my side as the first day of the race was perfect light wind and weather for my two person team.

As we made it to the committee boat to check in, all doubts melted away and my thoughts were in one





#### EVERYONE is invited to the

#### **Opening Day Raft-up at the Front Dock**

Saturday April 27th

Even if you do not keep your boat at the club, bring it to this year's raft-up!

The Raft-Up will begin at 8:00am with the intention of being completed AT LEAST 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.

If you are planning to be part of this exciting event please email Brian at <a href="mailto:Brianvanderspek@yahoo.com">Brianvanderspek@yahoo.com</a> with the following information:

- Your boat's name and size
- Your name and cell number
- Advise if you are spending the night

Boats spending the night will be placed first, closest to the dock. Those boats going back to their slips will be placed outboard of the boats staying overnight.



# SATURDAY April 6th 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Please join us for a night of acoustic music in the main clubhouse!

Come down and listen to, or even perform, with your fellow MBYC members.

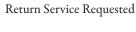
It will be coffee house style with an open mic.

Specialty drinks and pastries, along with the normal dinner menu will be available to order from the Galley window.

If you are interested in performing, please contact Charlie or Barbara Hochart: Hochart@att.net

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