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Mission Bay Yacht Club

March/April 2020

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Commodore Comments by **Bill Sweeney**

2020 is off to an amazing start. Your Board of Directors has approved a budget that holds tight to a frugal operating model that will serve us well as we plan for the required main clubhouse renovation project in 2012 and 2022. The racing and event

calendars are complete and exciting throughout the entire year. Membership remains at a healthy level as we continue to attract more families to enjoy all aspects of the club.

January and February have been great for MBYC sailing including the Thistle Mid-Winter, SCYA Mid-Winter and the Laser Master regattas.

Fantastic events with significant participation from area clubs and sailors from as far away as Canada and Michigan. The most impressive result from all these regattas is how well our members competed and WON!. Every visiting sailor I met was very appreciative and impressed by our club's hospitality.

The biggest and constant ongoing challenge with hosting these important events is parking. Our members want the ability to arrive at the club and find a place to park their cars. The visiting competitors also need to park their trailers during the scheduled races. The club staff is keenly aware of this dilemma and continues to do their best to optimize available spaces during these events. The unfortunate reality is there are only a limited amount of spaces. Please check the calendar prior to your weekend visit to help you better plan around available parking.

The annual work party is only one day again this year. Please join us at the club bright and early on Saturday March 7 to join your fleet or pick a project. There is plenty to be done. Gene Ratliffe,



We are looking forward to working with you to enhance and maintain our awesome club. Our volunteer work force helps the club maintain a tighter control on clearly defined budgeted expenses.

Jason Proctor and Nick Masters have done a great

job identifying projects that need to be addressed.

Some projects are less challenging than others.

There is certain to be something that fits right in

I would like to remind the entire membership that we have a professional staff that is here to serve the membership, keep the club in ship-shape and maintain

a safe environment for our members and guests. The staff is dedicated to MBYC and handles all aspects of supporting each and every request as they are asked. These requests are simple, complex, positive and yes, complaints. We all must respect what Jason and his staff do for all of us. Their jobs can be challenging and they are committed to providing you the level of service you expect. Please show them the respect you expect from each of them. The club will not tolerate any members abusing or disrespecting the staff. This includes the entire staff (House and Grounds, Maintenance, Bar & Galley, Front Office, Coaches and Management).

The Board of Directors meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. You are all more than welcome to come and observe the meetings, make requests or even bring concerns to the Board. I would ask you to work with the front office prior to the meeting if you are planning on presenting/requesting. They can help make sure you reserve a spot on the agenda.

See you at the club!

Entertainment News by Bill Black

The entertainment lineup is looking good for 2020 at the club. I want to thank John Movius for successfully running our first Coffee House night on Feb. 29th. I look forward to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day afternoon party on Sunday March 15th. We will have live music on the deck starting at 3 p.m. as well as drink specials in the bar. Get your green outfit on and come join us!

Some of the highlights for 2020 will be more live music on Saturday nights as well as a "Yacht Rock" theme party on the beach and a Ska night with Third Project, Check your weekly emails for

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dates and more information on the entertainment lineup. See you on the dance floor !

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Breakfast & Lunch



Vice Commodore Comments by Gene Ratliffe

By the time you receive this issue of the Mainstay the annual work party should be a week away. (Saturday March 7th!) We've compressed the to do list and are planning for one day so keep your fingers crossed for good weather. The focus this year is primarily painting and cleaning to get the yard looking good for opening day and the

season. Please show up early ready to get dirty. Related to the annual cleanup, hopefully everyone saw the email from the office regarding



impounded items. We have quite a few kayaks and SUP's that have been put aside since they were left in unauthorized areas. Please review the photos in the email and also get down to the club and check on your stuff. If you did not see the email, give me or the port captain a call.

Let's get our work done around the club on Saturday so that we can all go sailing the next day. Sunday March 8th is the first of the newly reformed ocean racing series and I know the ocean going fleets are excited about getting more ocean racing opportunities.

Planning is well underway on the San Diego Coastal Cup which is made of the Butler Invitational which goes from MBYC to OYC and the Oceanside to San Diego Race going from OYC to SWYC. This event is over the Memorial weekend and includes a party Friday night with live music and food specials that are open to all MBYC members, not just the competitors. Get your boat ready or catch a ride as crew! Check out the event website at *www.sdcoastalcup.com*.





WINE + CHARCUTERIE + YOU

BAJA WINE TASTINGS

Please join our own MBYC Membership Secretary, Veronica Carrillo as we explore the Baja Wines; how to taste them, enjoy them, pair them with food and share with friends and family.

Thursday, April 2 | Fleet Room | 6:00pm | \$ 20 Charcuterie Board will be Included Silent Auction Items

This is Not Just for the Ladies Limit 20 Guests!

24 Hour Cancellation Policy | Please RSVP to the office by March 26th 858.488.0501 or office@mbyc.org

Secretary Treasurer Report by Steve Cooper

Spring time is approaching and the club is looking great.

I'm looking forward to another great Opening Day celebration and a full year of club activities. Last month, Lori and I enjoyed a fantastic dinner at the Valentine's Day special. Our Chef is really putting out exceptional meals, so if you haven't been to a Friday night dinner recently, I highly recommend it.



The annual club budget came together well this year. We were able to find enough savings to offset the expense increases, and thus we can provide the full range of MBYC activities without any increase in membership dues! If all goes to plan, we will make a larger profit this year and be able to save up for the major club house renovation that we are now planning.

The 2020 budget includes both income and expenses. Our primary sources of income are membership dues, storage fees, bar and galley sales, Junior programs and special events. Our expenses include our club staff, property lease, maintenance and security. We believe our 2020 budget is a realistic plan that achieves a modest profitability and positive cash flow.

The club has sufficient savings on hand to weather temporary financial fluctuations and has no external debt.

As a result of solid financial management, the club continues to accumulate funds for future major improvements. The next big investment is expected to be a major re-model of the main club house, beginning in 2021 and continuing into 2022. For this year, the key activities are planning what we want to do and continuing to save up the funds. Ideally, we would like to take on the remodel with most or all of the cash needed to complete the project already saved up.

It's going to be another great year. See you at the club and out on the water.



The MBYC Junior program continues to blaze ahead in these frigid San Diego conditions!

We initiated a new tradition here at MBYC, the Screaming Chicken Sabot series with Owen, Shane, and Alex taking the top three spots, and nearly 20 junior sailors enjoying a variety of

conditions in our very own Chicken Cove on Superbowl Sunday. Don Bedford did the tower starts and offered encouragement to all our rockstars. Many thanks to Aine for organizing this fun day on and off the water.

US Sailing hosted their Leadership Forum just across the bay and many of our coaches were in attendance. Additionally, two of our experienced Racing Team members, Diego



and Mariana, were invited to sit on a panel and were fantastic representatives of our club. Several of our other team kids got to demo and test boats in front of the crowd. Lots of positive things coming from U.S. Sailing in the areas of youth retention and

engagement across all ages of youth sailing stay tuned.

Another reminder to mark your calendar on May 16, 2020 for the stupendously fun and highly anticipated 2020 Casino Night fundraiser. Tell your friends, bring your neighbors, rally your fleets and come play some fun Vegas games, bid on silent auction items and support the MBYC Junior program at the

All MBYC juniors and their families are asked to attend the annual MBYC work party on March 7. We have a full to-do list and this is a great way to give back to MBYC and have some fun while you're doing good work.

Summer Sailing registration should be up and running at this point, please check the website as some courses have changed and the more popular ones fill up quickly, so don't delay.

We strive to provide a fun, welcoming environment for our Juniors to thrive and take on new challenges. We are always interested in your feedback so please email me at mbycjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com or stop me in the parking lot.

Ladies Group



Well, we've hosted a couple events now and there are many more to come! The movie night on the beach was a hit and we plan to do many more



front of the screen and we even got a firework show, thanks SeaWorld. I want to send a special thank you to Nick and the staff for making the actual production happen. The screen and sound were perfect. Jason and Johnny for hooking us up with popcorn, hot cocoa and outside bar. And Veronica for volunteering to stick around and handle the MBYC apparel sales. We will

have to keep to G rated (maybe the occasional PG) movies for the kiddos, but if you would like to offer up movie suggestions, that would be great!

I want to thank the ladies that attended the Meet & Greet. We had great conversations about what is important to the long-standing members and what may attract new and future members. We discussed several ideas for events, thoughts on fundraising and philanthropy. I am in the process

by Alison K. Wilson

well underway, and it promises to be a fun event. Chicken Caesar salad and a dessert will be served. Feeling lucky? We will have raffle prizes! Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon of fashion. Bring your friends, and kids. The cost is \$15, please RSVP with the office.

I'm very excited for the April 2nd Wine & Charcuterie Night. Our own Membership Secretary, Veronica Carrillo will be discussing BajaCali Region wines; how to taste, enjoy and pair them with food. We will have a charcuterie board available. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS EVENT; THIS IS NOT A "LADY ONLY" FUNCTION.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as I learn the fine art of event planning. Vickie Brady is a hard act to follow, but she's been an amazing mentor.

Look for updated informational flyers posted around the club, in the weekly events email and the Facebook page.

See you around the club!



The March 14th Fashion Show and Luncheon plans are





by Todd Henderson same time!

Junior Coordinator Report

Port Captain Report

by Chuck Weber



Coast Guard AUX Vessel Safety Checks

During the Annual Work Party on Saturday March 7th, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be available to conduct complimentary Vessel Safety Checks. Please see information included elsewhere in this edition and contact Chuck Weber, weber92037@aol.com, if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Requests for Wet, Dry Storage, and Lockers

In the very near future, members will be able to access,

complete, and submit requests for Wet Storage, Dry Storage, Sabot,

Kayak, SUPs, and Locker Space. The request forms will be available on the Club website.

Dry Storage and Trailer Parking update for 2020

- Poly Tarp covers are prohibited in all areas due to the detrimental impact of disintegrating plastic materials on our marine environment.
- All storage racks MUST be approved by the Waterfront Director prior to placement on property.

With more and more activity at the club, trailer parking has become an increasing issue. Prior to leaving a trailer in the parking lot, you must check in with the Front Office, complete a trailer request form, and obtain a Temporary Parking Tag, MBYC members are allowed to leave a trailer for ten days, reciprocating club members are allowed three days, and organized regatta participants and allowed seven days prior to and after the event. Trailers left in the parking lot in violation of this policy will be impounded (locked) and the owner will be charged a fee of \$10 per day for additional or unauthorized days.

Sabot Storage Area

Assistant Port Captain, Paul Culkin continues the reorganization within the Sabot storage racks to ensure safety and ease access issues. All craft other than Sabots are being moved to the western-most area of the racks. Some Sabots will also need to be relocated to accommodate this change. All members whose rack assignments are to be changed will be notified prior to the moves. We request everyone's patience and cooperation for this project.

Underway Policy

Please get an early start and document the operation status of your boat for 2020 by submitting a completed Underway Documentation form to the Front Office. Our Underway Policy continues with every boat assigned to and kept in a wet slip or dry storage space required to be actively engaged in yachting activities and be capable of getting underway and performing the underway yachting activities appropriate to comparable boats. Each Member assigned a slip or dry storage space must demonstrate that the boat can get underway a minimum of one time each calendar year, traveling under its own power, and with the Member on board. This activity can be verified and documented by the Port Captain or Assistant Port Captains, Front Office Staff, General Manager, a member of the Board of Directors, or Fleet Captains.

2021 Vessel Registration

The two-year 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 replace the 2019 stickers.

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 \$10.

Boat Donations and Dead Storage

Club Rules prohibit the "dead storage" of boats and trailers and require that all boats moored or stored at the Club must be Seaworthy. The term "Seaworthy", as employed in its various



forms throughout the MBYC Rules and regulations, shall mean, "In good enough condition to venture under its own propulsion onto the waters of Mission Bay and beyond".

If you find that you are not using your boat, and don't want to continue paying \$2,500 to \$3,500 each year for slip fees, plus the cost of bottom cleaning, or anywhere from \$200 to 1,600 each year for dry storage, options are available if you wish to dispose of your unwanted boat. Consider donating your boat, receiving

a tax deduction (with receipt), and supporting the San Diego Oceans Foundation. Please contact Richard Sheppard at 858-483-8697 or richardshep@hotmail.com, to arrange for pick up by a San Diego Oceans Foundation representative or to obtain additional information.

Help

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

Bill Black, Assistant Port Captain billblacksd@gmail.com 858-243-4371

Chris Wright, Waterfront Director Dry Storage *juniors@mbyc.org* 858-488-0501 ext. 107 Ken Wild, Assistant Port Captain, Bikes and Lockers *kendalwild@sbcglobal.net* 858-945-8249

Paul Culkin, Assistant Port Captain, Sabots *robjcpc@yahoo.com* 858-488-0518

Enroll Now! 2020 After School Sailing Program

The MBYC Junior Sailing Program is now accepting registration for the 2020 After School Sailing Program.

We will be offering everything from introduction to sailing to advanced racing. Classes start January 8th and are held Wednesday – Friday and run weekly until May 29th.

For more information or if you would like to register, please visit the MBYC Junior Sailing website at juniors.mbyc.org or contact the Junior Sailing Office at juniors@mbyc,org or 858.488.0501.



Please help by volunteering your time to this exciting and rewarding event!

Escort Boat Volunteer's needed for both Saturday and Sunday Shifts Shift Times: Morning: 6:30am to 12:00pm Afternoon: 11:30am to 5:00pm <u>Boating Experience Required.</u> You will be operating our club chase boats Snack, Beverages, Lunch, and Crew Classic T-Shirt are all provided to the volunteers

If you can help please contact : Bill Black billblacksd@gmail.com (858) 243-4371 -OR-

Tom Piranio tompiranio@gmail.com 619-985-6431





Come volunteer your time to help the club shine!

Work party is a fantastic opportunity to bond with fellow members, save the Club money on repairs that can then be used elsewhere, and of course give the Club a little tender loving care. In general, you may be asked to help with painting, gardening, cleaning, and repairs.

Please arrive by 8:00am. Donuts and coffee will be available in the main dining room. Drink carts with beer and soda will be coming around to make

sure you stay hydrated!

Around noon, lunch will be provided by the club in the main dining room.

Snacks and drinks will be served in the bar after the days work is complete.

We hope to see you there!

USCGAUX Vessel Safety Check



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check Mission Bay Yacht Club

Saturday, March 7th

The most cautious boater can sometimes experience unsuspected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft and paddle sport users, take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check program every year.

What is a Vessel Safety Check?

The Vessel Safety Check is a complimentary check of your boat conducted by members of the Auxiliary, confirming that it meets both federal and state requirements for safety. No citations are issued and the results of the safety check are not reported to any enforcement agency, but a decal is awarded to display if the vessel has passed the examination. The Vessel Safety Check gives you a risk-free way to check that you meet the legal minimums and to potentially avoid a citation later.

What Type of Items are Checked?

- Life Jackets
- Registration, documentation, and proper display
- Navigation lights
- Ventilation
- Fire extinguishers
- Distress signals (flares, horn, etc.)
- Battery cover and connections

All of these items are currently required by state and federal laws, and, if missing or non-operating, can result in a citation if your vessel is inspected by the US Coast Guard.

What if I Don't Pass?

If your boat does not pass, no report is filed. Instead, you are provided a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted.

To schedule your Vessel Safety Check, contact Chuck Weber at:

weber92037@aol.com or 858-337-8988

Please make your appointment as early as possible to assist us with scheduling



by Eileen Turk

The Finance Committee met in January and created a budget for 2020. The Treasurers are working on finalizing the combining of both fleets monies.

We had a wonderful turn out at the Valentine's Cruising Fleet Meeting/Dinner. The Bodrero Building worked out great. Thanks to our server Elsa & our bartender Kevin. The



lasagna and salad were terrific - thanks Chef Tim. Thanks for the nice dessert Cathy Anzouni! The Fleet voted to approve 5 new ladders for the back dock area. They will be installed on the Work Party Day on





Sat. March 7th. For those who have skills and tools, check in with Chuck Weber, Van Barr and Paul Brady....many hands make light work! Thanks for your help. Other Cruising Fleet folks are welcome to wear old clothes and bring gloves, we will be cleaning out the ZZ area (Bone Yard). Let's work together to get our Club ready for summer!!! I will send out the exact time that the Work Party will start. Join the fun!!!

Thanks to Vicky Brady and the Chair Committee --- we are moving closer to getting nice chairs for the Bodrero Building.

Next meeting will be on Friday, February 28th - Social Meeting, drinks @ 6pm and dinner @ 7pm.

The weather has been chilly but sunny, come on down and have lunch or dinner at the Club. Support MBYC!!

I will see you there!! Enthusiastically, Eileen Turk







We are moving into our spring season which always includes some great events which are always a great way to start off the season. I would like to highlight a few.

First off our annual MBYC work party on Saturday March 7th. This is a great way to give back to the club by

volunteering your time to help keep our club in tip top shape. As always lunch will be provided to all that help out. It is also a great way for members old and new to get acquainted and kindle new friendships by working together. Hope to see a great turnout.



The Crew Classic is the next big a yearly event on April 4th and 5th. for MBYC is the official sponsor of the event. We provide the volunteers, secort and perimeter boats to help at keep the races safe and moving on schedule. If you have never the participated it is well worth your time.

This is one of largest collegiate Crew races in the country. Colleges from all over the country participate every year. Contact Bill Black at billblacksd@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Opening Day is another yearly event that is

Rear Commodore Comments

by Jim Day

a huge tradition MBYC. This year it is scheduled for Saturday April 18th. It is always a great time and many clubs from all over the area come by to see the event. It is a great way to show off the club and have a party to celebrate our club.

The last event I would like to highlight is the Butler Invitational that races from MBYC to Oceanside Yacht Club on May 23 and back to MBYC on May 24th. There will be a party the night before at MBYC and at the end in Oceanside. It is a great race and a great tradition. If you would like more information or like to register to race please go to the official website *sdcoastalcup.com*

Hope all enjoy our spring at MBYC.



Sunfish Bites by Lisa Venditelli Karmel

SCYA Midwinters racing took place over the President's Day Weekend. The weather was beautiful, warm sun and moderate, cool breezes. Racing was close and a lot of fun. But it was hard to catch Les Piehl, who flew around the courses, taking first place, five bullets and one second place. That happened when Heidi Williams called the correct side, the left side of the course on the final race of the first day. She was launched into first place from about fifth. It was a great way to redeem herself after the only capsize of the weekend in the first race. Her quick shriek told me the water temperature. Finishing second was Paul Henkart, who's ability to pinch up above all of us with speed, still confounds us all. Allen Peugh was third, Heidi Williams fourth, Craig Storms fifth and, alas, I was sixth, but getting closer :). Thank you to the race committee that ran like clock work. All in all it was a fun weekend. We have loaner Sunfish if you would like to try your hand at a Sunfish. Please come on out and join us!





Adult Sailing Classes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunfish Facts:

inspired by Nancy Tomich, thanks Nancy :)

Did you know that ocean sunfish or common mola (Mola mola) is one of the heaviest known bony fishes in the world? Adults typically weigh between 247 and 1,000 kg (545-2,205 lbs). Ocean sunfish are native to tropical temperate waters around the world. It resembles a fish head with a tail. It's main body is flattened laterally. They can be as tall as they are long when their dorsal and ventral fins are extended. It is vulnerable for extinction. -Wikipedia

Stay tuned for more Sunfish facts!





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We've already been feeling lots of Snipe love in 2020.

Thanks again for Doug and Beth Hart for hosting the year's first fleet meeting. We had a good attendance and discussed the 2020 calendar, the updating of the fleet loaner boat, and the possibility of a lease-to-buy boat as is done in Miami and now in Annapolis.

began the racing with the Las Vegas Regatta in January. Doug Hart hosted a clinic on Saturday morning with great attendance. There were lots of good questions and some very informative information on tuning and dry-land boat handling demos.

The weather cooperated and we say 10-12 knots on the bay and were able to finish six races - yes, all won by Randy Lake! Though, Doug, Ken Redler, and Jim Grubbs were on his heels the whole day. We finished with some good chats around the keg in the boat yard.

Sunday was much lighter breeze from the southwest. A couple of races were in the 7-8 knot range but the last race glasses off after the first lap. New members Lynsi Gibbons & Erika Barth lead around every mark until the Grubbs team *just* nosed them out at the finish in < 1 knot of breeze. More chatter around the keg at the end of the day helped with those post-regatta questions and fleet announcements.

Thank you Beth Hart for posting the scores, to Chuck Sinks, Bob Bowden and Ed Machado for helping with race committee, and a BIG thank you to Chris Wright as regatta chairman, who missed Sunday as Louren went into labor at 3:30 that morning! And we now have a new a new fleet member, Dylan Victoria Wright!

The Midwinters were equally successful. With races in the bay both days, we had great weather with wind from 6-10 knots. It was *very* tight racing and after four races on Saturday Team Bowden had eked-out the lead. A great post race discussion occurred over a pitcher of beer whereby we all swapped tips and personal failures!

Sunday was equally beautiful. With only two races Rick Arneson pulled off a one-point lead over Bob and third was a tie between team Redler and Jim Grubbs. Yes, more been and discussion after the races.

One decision made was for March racing - we're all going out on Sunday March 15 for the one-day regatta and the prior day, Saturday the 14th, we'll be hosting a crew clinic. Please keep an eye out for emails with information for both days.



by Dave Leuck

The Mission Bay Yacht Club Laser Fleet is thriving. We routinely have 6 to 10 boats on any given weekend for Club Racing. We would love to see more Lasers on the water. We are planning more clinics in the near future. If you have a specific topic you would like addressed please let me know. The Laser is an outstanding One Design race boat that is perfect to hone your skills. It does not matter what level of sailor you are as there will be someone at or near your level to mix it up with on the race course. If you are interested in joining the fleet, or would like to participate in a clinic please reach out to me and I'll make sure you are on our email list.

The SCYRA Midwinters is in the books. We had 26 boats on the line with competitors from Canada, the Pacific Northwest and Arizona. Typical Southern California conditions prevailed with sunny skies, light to moderate breeze and surfable ocean swells. The competition was fierce at all levels with Team MBYC taking 5 of the top six finishes. Results can be found on the MBYC website. Thanks to Tom Laube for promoting the SCYA Midwinters in conjunction with the California Masters the following weekend. The two back to back regattas combined with midweek practice sessions and clinics have been a big hit with out of town sailors. This formula has significantly increased participation in two quality regattas.

The Laser fleet will have plenty of racing this spring and summer is just around the corner. The High Sierra Regatta on Huntington Lake is set for the weekend of July 11th and 12th. Several sailors have expressed interest in attending the regatta. If a long weekend of camping in the Sierras and racing in fresh water sounds appealing let me know and I'll make sure you are in the loop.

Dave Leuck, Laser Fleet Captain jdleuck@cox.net | 619-997-8354



upcoming RACING @mbyc

March 8, Ocean Race #1 March 15, March Short Courses March 27-29, Solings Not Nude Regatta March 28-29, Earl Elms Memorial Regatta March 28-29, Cat Fight 1 Regatta April 11, Single-handed Racing April 18, Asher Pier Race April 19, April Short Courses April 26, Ocean Race #2

*complete calendar and additional information at mbyc.org

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS @mbyc

March 7, Work Party

March 7, USCG AUX US Vessel Checks

March 14, Ladies Group Fashion Show & Luncheon

April 2, Ladies Group Wine Tasting

April 4-5, San Diego Crew Classic

April 11, MBYC Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, Easter Brunch

April 17, MBYC Birthday Party

April 18, 93rd Opening Day

April 24-26, Shaky Legged Players Play "NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT"

*complete calendar and additional information at mbyc.org

Bridge every Wed @ 9:30AM



RC News by Mark Young

The year has gotten off to a blazing start, with a number of pretty large regattas, including the Thistle Midwinters West, Snipe Las Vegas, Collegiate Regatta, SCYA Midwinters, and Laser California Masters. I'm very happy to say that everything seems to have gone pretty well! But who knew the racing effort at MBYC was so consuming? Who knew?? Actually, that's a rhetorical question because I'm sure a lot of people knew, including all those involved in running this effort. Maybe I am the only one who is in awe of the planning and execution process. So I have to thank (already) the number of people who are contributing time, talent and materials: Marty Offenhauer, Ken Wild, Brian Anderson, Kathy Dryden, Jason Proctor, Chris Wright, Nick Masters, Van Barr, Dick Brown, Doc and Andrea Caroe, Grant Williams, Joe O'leary (and others).

Since I'm the new Race Chair for 2020, allow me to list some of the glaringly obvious things that I've learned in two short months: 1) WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!! The race effort works only when all the functions are staffed and well-executed. There are >80 days of racing this year, most of which will need 6-8 (or more) race committee. The math is easy - we need 500 or more volunteer days. Lunch and a free trip to the bar are included! 2) Boats and gear are ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS! The club staff and the previous Race Chairs have put lots of effort into creating systems, accumulating supplies, and training members at this game, so please take advantage of the accumulated knowledge and the staff's efforts to care for the boats and gear. 3) Come ENJOY THE TRAINING! Already this year we've had Bay Boat Check by Doc and Andrea Caroe where 37 people attended. We've had a RC 101 course for basic race operation. An Ocean Boat certification is planned for March/April along with a PRO course in March or April, and Doug Hart is planning to have Dave Perry give a rules seminar in early April. 4) Did I say WE NEED VOLUNTEERS?? So bring your fleet, your family, your friends, prospective members and enjoy a day or two on the water and in the classroom supporting the race effort!

Thanks to all the RC volunteers and the Scoring Team for the ongoing effort!! Upcoming in March we have Bay Races, Club Ocean Race # 1, Short Courses, Solings Not Nude, Cat Fight 1, and the Earl Elms Jr. Regatta.



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Multihull Musings

by James Orkins

The Multihull Fleet kicked off the 2020 regatta season with an excellent turn-out at the SCYA Midwinters Regatta. Twelve F18's from all over California came to race with the MBYC regulars, including sailors from ABYC in Long Beach and even from San Francisco and Santa Cruz came down to join the fun. We want to thank the organizing committee and the race committee for hosting an excellent event! Winds were a consistent 7-9 knots on Saturday, which provided just enough horsepower for some exciting cat racing action on the water. Sunday was a bit more challenging with lighter breezes and several holes on the course, forcing the teams to stay laser-focused on maintaining boat speed and optimal course positioning. James Orkins and Michael Risoer had a comfortable lead after Saturday's 3 bullet performance, but the other teams kept the pressure on them on Sunday, with Scott Miller and Treat Bedford scoring 2 bullets along with Charles Froeb and Emily Alina also scoring a bullet in one race. The end results were tight, but Orkins/Rioser were able to maintain their lead for the win, with Miller/Bedford in 2nd, and Froeb/Alina in 3rd. We want to thank all the F18 sailors for racing in the event, especially our out of town guests.

The next major regattas for the F18 Fleet are the San Diego NOODS, which will be sailed in South Bay off Coronado on March 20-22, and the first Cat Fight Regatta for 2020, on March 28-29, to be sailed in the ocean off Mission Beach.

The Multihull Fleet would also like to thank MBYC for bringing back the Sunday Club Ocean Races this year. We look forward to returning to this tradition and enjoying some wide-open ocean racing this season!



What an amazing Mid-Winters regatta! The Victory Fleet had 11 sloops registered and was the largest keel-boat class in the ocean where the conditions were picture-perfect with 10 knots breeze/1 foot swell on Saturday, with lighter wind on Sunday. Chuck/Scooter of Fresno YC brought down 4 sloops; Dave Valez' freshly restored Barney (Purple Haze) from Santa Barbara came down, Convair SC came with one sloop, and MBYC sent out 5 sloops; one of them, Brandon Marx' "Rascal" in his first regatta since bringing the boat back home to MBYC after a decade at SWYC. Saturday's 3 races had five boats within the top 3 slots; a tie for 1st place between Kole Kammerer and Big Orange of FYC, Chuck/Scooter onboard RedEye in 2nd, and a tie for 3rd place between Dave

VICTORY LANG by Kole Kammerer

Love/Kim Carter and Brandon Marx/Joe Rollinson. Sunday was a totally different day, from an "unknown" illness (not the beervirus), boat breakdowns and switching boats to some crew shake ups, the on-the-water competition culminated in a shakeup of its own. After Sunday's battle (for a total of 6 races and one throw-out), Dave/Kim went 2,1,1 in three races to win the Regatta, Kole with Peter Busch of SDYC onboard and close behind at two points away finished 2nd overall, and Don Bonander in Big Orange taking 3rd Place. The 2020 Midwinters provided many "firsts", but solidified the camaraderie and teamwork between the racing Victory Fleets in Southern California. And if you were anywhere on the beach or a witness to our racing, you saw an eyeful of different colors of beautiful old sloops!



Nineteen Finn sailors signed up for the 2020 SCYA midwinters held in the offshore waters of Mission Bay Yacht Club. These beautiful craft built by Devoti, Fantastica, Vanguard and others were skippered by six members of our local fleet as well as guests from a total of 7 yacht clubs.

The race committee did a great job and provided 3 races each day. Saturday had more breeze than Sunday. Gregg Morton (SDYC) handed Mike Dorgan (SDYC) a bay course chart which sent Mike doing an extra lap in the first race, while Gregg won it – this is a good tip to remember. (Gregg made up for it by buying Mike a drink at the bar). Mike then came back with three seconds and two fourths to secure second place overall.

Rob Coutts, back from his travels, landed in third place. Gregg Morton and David Ryan (SDYC) had consistent top five finishes and completed the series in fourth and fifth. In the first race, Jim Hecht took a big right, hit the shift perfectly, finished in fourth place, and took ninth place overall. Eric Stiverson, Mark Tegio, and David Pearce, finished 11 through 13 th. respectively; separated by only four points, and José Manuel Martín Nieto rounded out the MBYC contingent.

by Mark Tegio

Mike, Mark and Jim





MBYC Anglers Club by Bill Black

named The Scripps and the old Whaler will be

We are actively seeking any and all members who would like to join the Mission Bay Yacht Club "Anglers Club" to contact Bill Black either by email billblacksd@gmai.com or phone (858)243-4371. We have a \$50 annual membership fee for Flag or Social members and \$10 for Juniors (Active Military are free).

The highlights of the Angers Club will be Fishing Derbys, Fishing Seminars as well as Boat Safety Classes. The Board of Directors have been very generous and have donated the 1977 Boston Whaler "The Scripps' ' to our anglers club. The new Grady White that was purchased will be



Thank you Bill Black Cell 858-243-4371



Lido Lines

by Chris Dorociak

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Continuous learning is a theme this year for the Lido Fleet. Our collective racing knowledge is expanding and we're definitely "sharpening the saw." That's one of Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. (I forgot the other six but assume they involve sailing fast.)

Our Mission Bay fleet made the trek to Southwestern Yacht Club in January to hear Dave Perry present an excellent rules clinic. Dave covered everything from the basics to those more "complicated" situations we often find ourselves (multiple overlaps, downwind rights, and start-line scrambles to name a few). I highly recommend Dave's books, including Winning in One Designs and Racing Rules of Sailing. These are great reads as you warm your toes by the fire (or heating vent) this winter.

We are starting a fun new program during fleet meetings where we have conversations with experts. Can't miss guests are sharing enlightening tips and philosophies on sailing. Speakers on the books include Kent Foster (sail trim), John Papadopoulos (TBD), Ty Beach (wind shifts), Dave Leuck (tactics), and Doug Hart (tactics). Our collective fleet speed will improve and make racing even more fun. The talks will be a great tuneup for Nationals at Huntington Lake. On that note, Nationals is July 10, 11, and 12. Lodging fills quickly. Book now if you plan to go.

Our fleet also welcomes new Lido owners: the Kozaks, the Markworths, and the Reals. Tom and Erin Kozak and Brian and Adrienne Markworth are the proud owners of a beautiful blue 6000s Series boat. They have kids in the MBYC Juniors Program, but why let kids have all the fun? Might as well jump in the game! We also welcome John and Sharon



Real. The Reals purchased an elegant yellow Classic Series boat. They've sailed a variety of boats over the years. And we're glad the process of elimination has stopped with a Lido. We warmly welcome these families to the larger Lido family. See you on the water!



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at WORK Juniors In Boating Orange Bowl Regatta

By Ximena Escobar

Arriving at the Miami US Sailing Center I breath in the warm, tropical air and only seconds later find myself rigging my boat in the rain. With a total fleet of 77 boats and a Gold fleet of 40 C420s on a starting line Orange Bowl saw promising competition. The rest of the regatta went much like the weather, very well at times, and at others quite poorly. With Oscillatory breeze between 8-18 knotts, all sailors were on the lookout for the best wind. While my skipper and I felt very prepared to do well at this event, we weren't prepared for her to get the Flu onDay One of Qualifiers. The rest of the event was a constant battle to keep my skipper in the mindset of racing and prevent her from having to go in. We ended up finishing in 37th in the Gold Fleet.

My favorite moment of the regatta came on Day One right after my skipper had thrown up for the first time that day. We were 3 minutes into the starting sequence and thinks weren't looking all that promising for us. With a quick pep talk we managed to start the race in a decent position. The entire race I periodically looked back to make sure my friend could keep racing. With a smile here and there and a couple, " keep it ups," we crossed the finish line in 6th. Immediately after my skipper threw up again, but this time we started laughing because we knew we could handle the situation. Sadly the rest of racing didn't go as well, but I learned tons from the experience. The most valuable lesson I learned was not to share your water bottle with other people. Getting the Flu at an important yachting event can spoil the regatta regardless of your preparation. Lesson number two: one's state of mind at an event like Orange Bowl can really impact your performance. I was definitely guilty of thinking negatively at times and those were the races we found ourselves at the back of the fleet. Lesson number three: there is no such thing as being over prepared. I am almost certain that our ability to do well on Day One of racing was due to instinct and muscle memory. We were able to do what we had practiced several times before while my skipper was having a hard time because of all the previous hours we'd put out on the water.

Entering this new decade I hope to switch things up and try skippering to broaden my skill set. Additionally, I would like to go to c420 North Americans and try to break the top five. Finally, I want to go to the Ida Lewis Trophy and see how well I can perform. JIB is an immense help in realizing my sailing goal because of its financial support.

2020 MBYC Scrapbooking/Crafting Group

Who: Anyone interested in Scrapbooking or CraftingWhen: Wednesdays. 9:00am-4:00pm (or later if you want to stay)

February 19 March 4th, 18th, April 1st, 15th, 29th May 13th, 27th June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th July 1st, 8th, 15th , 22nd, 29th August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th. September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October 7th, 14, 21st, 28th November 4th, 18th, December 2nd, 16th



Where: MBYC Fleet Room

What: A time for us to get together and put our pictures into scrapbooks or work on whatever crafting project you are doing. No previous "skill" necessary. Feel free to come with a box of pictures, scissors, glue, a few colored sheets of paper and an empty album. We will help you get started. Or feel free to bring whatever crafting project you are working on. Enjoy the beautiful setting and work on the project of your choice with other scrappers/crafters. If you have any questions just call... Barbara Hochart 858-273-7118



If you're looking for a quiet, peaceful place to contemplate life, try Sabot Beach on a Friday morning in January or February. We're a wimpy bunch of senior sailors these days. Tide is either too high leaving no sand

to rig on or too low leaving us up to our knees in the muck. Raining, temp below 70, wind above 5 calls for foul weather gear! Let's just sit by the fire or hitch a ride on a Duffy.

After saving the fleet from impending dissolution last year, our most devoted Fleet Captain and First Mate, Charlie and Barbara Hochart were given kudos and lavish (?) gifts at the first fleet meeting of the year. They have really teamed up to bring new vigor and ideas to the table and the fleet can now feel very positive about moving forward with these great folks at the helm again for 2020.



Of course, we never miss a chance to bring along the Sabot

MBYC is an Official Sponsor for the San Diego Crew Classic for 2020. If you would like to volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift, please email Bill Black: billblacksd@gmail.com. We are expecting to sign up over 100 volunteers to assist with over 4000 rowers!



Ukelelie Ensemble for dinner. They really performed a super salute for Staff Commodore Edna Johnson's birthday in January, playing a custom rendition of Our Calendar Girl in recognition of Edna's many years coordinating the MBYC events calendar.

With the very appreciated recent donation by Marilyn Patterson of a brand new Boston Whaler for RC use in the bay, several Senior Sabot Fleet members have already completed the checkout and are looking forward to using this wonderful asset.



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SHOWTIMES

Friday, April 24th Saturday, April 25th Sunday, April 26th Dinner 6:00 PM, Show 7:30 PM Dinner 6:00 PM, Show 7:30 PM Dinner 5:00 PM, Show 6:00 PM

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24 hour cancellation policy in effect





After a long hiatus, the Soling Fleet News is back. Although we have not communicated much, the fleet has been growing and active. With the recent

additions of Scott Bennett with USA-770, and Tony Imbimbo and Eric Stiverson with USA-606, Mark Baker's purchase of USA-791 the fleet is now 10 strong with an additional eleventh boat, our fleet boat. Finally, there is a twelfth boat, USA-699, that will be at MBYC by the time this is published.

The Soling fleet has built the group on the model of having all boats be in comparable condition, and available for charter for the bigger events, e.g. the 'Not Nude' regatta in March and the Pacific Coast Championship in September. Over the past three

years we have regularly had teams from Canada and the Pacific Northwest participate by bringing crew and sails and using a MBYC boat. We have interest from teams from Annapolis and from Germany for events this year in addition to the teams from Canada and the Pacific Northwest.

We fulfilled our race committee duty in January for the Thistle Midwinters West by providing support to the PRO Andrea Caroe. There were three days of racing in the ocean followed on day four by the Larry Klein Regatta, which entailed three short races in the bay to reduce the fleet for a subsequent match racing final. The ocean conditions seemed to be what has become the norm, not much wind and a significant swell. There were big wind oscillations, which necessitated changing mark locations and on race with breeze, perhaps 12 knots, that shut off almost immediately.

Andrea Caroe was also the PRO for the match racing event. Match racing is an interesting type of sailboat racing. Mastering that discipline requires a thorough understanding of the rules, which are somewhat modified from the normal racing rules, good boat handling skills, and a crew that both understands the game, and can sail the boat. The Soling Fleet provided the chief umpire, known in the business as the CHUMP. The author was the CHUMP, and had honed his match racing skills in Solings with Russel Coutts and Larry Klein in the early 1990's when both of them were hoping to represent their countries in the Olympics. Beginning in 1992, the Olympic medals in the Soling class were awarded based on a match racing event after the conclusion of the fleet racing. Standing in the fleet racing portion determined participation in the match racing portion.

The important event on the recent calendar was the SCYA Mid-Winter Regatta. Racing in the ocean in breeze is always what the Soling Fleet desires. Saturday was an almost perfect day. The breeze was somewhat further north than typical, but the velocity was perhaps 10 knots by the start of race one. Four Solings sailed the event, including new fleet member Tony Imbimbo in USA-606 and Lightning sailor Larry Schmitz using the fleet boat with a set of sails borrowed from John Walton. Unfortunately, Mark Baker lost his newly re-led spinnaker halyard before the first race and was forced to sail in to fix the problem. Walton and Schmitz went left on the first beat, because there appeared to be a lift on the left side up the course. Tony Imbimbo went right and ended up leading at the first weather mark. Walton with crew Mario Eade and Alex Perry jibed shortly after the weather mark found a bit of pressure on the right side and had the lead by the leeward mark. They held the lead until the upwind finish, which was a bit confusing because the Race Committee boat was not on station. Schmitz was perplexed by the lack of a race committee boat and apparently thought his team had the course wrong and sailed another lap, which was better than getting an extra point by not finishing. The Schmitz team with sailmaker Luis Gianotti and Jack Carries got a good start in race two and led the Imbimbo team at the weather mark. Walton went center left on the run and got back to within a boat length of Schmitz at the bottom mark but could never get past on the beat to the finish. The right side was now the favored side and coupled with the traffic offered few opportunities to separate. In race three the wind lightened

somewhat and shifted left. Schmitz got a lead and held it to the finish.

Day two of the regatta had less wind than day one. Larry Schmitz continued to have excellent boatspeed to weather. Walton had an opportunity to get a win when Schmitz hit the weather mark, but suffered the same fate snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. On day two Mark Baker sailed with Tony Imbimbo to pass on his knowledge of how to sail a heavy boat in light sloppy conditions. As the day progressed the wind lightened

and shifted very far left. The final result was Larry Schmitz and crew in first.

If you are interested in serious, tight and competitive racing, talk to fleet captain Mark Baker or me. We have a fleet boat you can try.

2020 MBYC Ladies Group UPCOMING EVENTS

Event details are subject to change. Please watch the Bulletin Board, Club's weekly email, Facebook page and Mainstay for updated flyers and informaton

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Around The Club



























MBYC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11th 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!

Mission Bay Yacht Club

Sunday, April 12 Seating Times: 10:00am - 2:00pm - Indoor or Bayside Seating -Adults: 36.00 tax & service charge included Children Under 12 Years Old: 18.00 Free Flowing Champagne & Live Music

Menu

Omelet Station Fresh Omelets made to order with a variety of fixings

Buffet Station

Apple Cinnamon French Toast, Whipped Cream Belgian Waffles with Grand Marinier Marinated Strawberries & Whipped Cream Applewood Smoked Bacon Sausage Links Easter Egg Parmesan Potato Stacks Biscuits with Sausage Gravy Soft Scrambled Eggs with Cheese Assorted Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tray Chilled Vegetable Primavera

Ice Cream & Dessert Station

Ice Cream Dessert Station Berry Cobbler

Carving Station

Maple Glazed Bone in Ham Grilled Golden Pineapple Salsa NY Strip Steak Au Jus Horseradish Sauce

Salmon Bar

Whole Smoke Salmon Traditional Smoked Salmon Dill Cream Cheese Shaved Shallots Fried Capers Lemons Toasted Crostini

Drinks Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice, & Cranberry Juice

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April 17, 2020 6:00pm - 9:00pm Adult 24.00 Child 12.00

- menu -

Vegetable Southwest Roll with Soba Noodle Salad

Shrimp Cocktail Shooter

Charcuterie Board

Seared Sesame Crusted Ahi Wonton

Narragansett Lager Paella

Gazpacho Soup

Spaghetti & Meatball Muffins

MBYC Birthday Cake

Menu subject to change

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Thistle Patch

by Mike Poltorak

This year's Thistle Mid Winters West (MWW) turned out to be a fantastic regatta. I got motivated early to try to get all of the local competitive boats on the racecourse either with their owner, or as a charter. We had all but two competitive boats being used for not only the Thistle MWW, but also for the Larry Klein Memorial Match Race competition. This year we welcomed 35 boats from all over the country. We had boats from the Pacific Northwest, the Eastern Seaboard and from the deep south. We had representation from all over the country. The conditions were BEAUTIFUL. We welcomed several guests to our class, Larry Schmitz, long time MBYC member and Glen Selvin, a Finn Sailor from Alamitos Bay YC. Also, of note was the return of Stu Robertson. It was great to have these new faces on and around the racecourse. We had numerous out-of-towners chartering boats. This really boosted the participation numbers in the regatta. Congratulations to Regatta Champion Greg Griffin from Jacksonville, Florida and the runner up was our very own David Tillson. It was great seeing Dave back on the water sailing with Eric Heim, and his son Cole Tillson. For the Larry Klein Memorial Regatta, we welcomed Jamie Malm (sailing with

his son) and Coach Robert Capita, the coach from the UCSD sailing team. We feel that by inviting new blood into our competitions, we will likely increase participation.

The Thistle fleet is seeing a bit of a resurgence and I encourage anyone that is interested in checking out these fine boats to come on out and join us. We can get you on the water as crew, or we can get you behind the helm. We have a fleet boat that is available to our members to take out and test drive....I think you will like the feel and performance of these awesome boats. A special thanks to PRO Andrea Caroe and her team for getting off all 9 scheduled races in very challenging conditions. I don't think there is a PRO around that cares more about trying to do their best for the competitors.

On a personal note, I was very pleased and proud to not only have my daughter Mindy (and her boy-

friend Sergio) crew for me, but I was also able to race against my daughter Miranda as she skippered her first MWW without her dad. She had excellent crew in Craig Smith (Past National President) and Charlie Yingling (long time Thistler). Miranda had a successful regatta; she didn't flip over and didn't finish last. She even crossed in front of her dad on at least one occasion. The picture that I had submitted with this article was taken by Judy Tilson. As a father, it gives me much pride to see my daughter keeping her boat flatter than mine as I duck to take her transom. Thanks, Judy, for capturing a very special moment for both me and Miranda. The highlight of the regatta was after the regatta during the Larry Klein Match Race Competition. Since Mindy and Sergio couldn't race with me, I was scrambling for crew. It was looking like I wasn't going to be sailing at all...Along came my wife Belen to the rescue. After attending church, she quickly changed and came down and sailed with the old man. We missed the first race, finished a respectable 8th in the 2nd race and won the third race with a comfortable margin. Belen and I had not sailed together for many years, and it was very special for me to be able to share this win with her.



Sailing in the Thistle Mid Winters West with my middle daughter Mindy and her boyfriend Sergio.



Some Highlights from the Jr Awards Banquet

- Sailor's Choice Award (Voted on by the sailors.) Will McDermott
- *Rookie of the Yea*r (Awarded to most stand-out new team member.) Lucas Sarouhan
- *Victory Fleet Bulldog Award* (One point for every regatta sailed.) **Oakley Cunningham** with 30 points.
- Junior Achievement Award (All around sportsmanship, attitude, effort.) - Ben Conroy
- Joe Hill Memorial (Most Improved.) Oakley Cunningham and Paige Tillson
- *Pauline Colombo Sportsmanship* (Outstanding effort and sportsmanship.) - Will McDermott and Luke Oxfeldt
- Doc Williams Sportsmanship (Best attitude and sportsmanship.) Lina Carper and Garrett Henderson
- Junior Sabot High Point (Best results in MBYC hosted Sabot events.) - Owen Fretwell

<u>MBYC have Juniors Sailors at regattas EVERY</u> <u>SINGLE WEEKEND from January through March!!!</u>

ABYC Junior Invitational/SCYYRA North Series 2/4 - Jan 11-12

• MBYC had 11 sailors at the ABYC Jr Invite. Five of them in the 21 boat A fleet which was also part of the SCYYRA North Series. This is the most we've had in this "elite" fleet in awhile. All 5 had stand out moments, getting at least one 6th or better finish over the 9 races. Both Ben and Owen broke into the top 10 overall with the winners of the last 3 Nationals among the competition. Our C3 fleeters were incredible, navigating a new yacht club and race venue with a great showing of independence and grit. In C1 Alex and Luke had a strong Sunday performance with a 1,2 and 1,3 in two of the races. Our C2 fleet had a few sailors out with injuries, but we're looking forward to getting Dean and Will back out on the water for the next event! Thanks Dean for your company on the coach boat!



• This is an exciting time for Team MBYC in sabots as we see our hard working, more experienced sailors competing among the best and our newer C3 racers showing growing independence and confidence on the racecourse.

SCYYRA Shadden Series: Jan 18

• MBYC had 6 teams and 13 sailors at the 24 boat Shadden on Saturday. We're really happy to be getting so many kids to this event these days as it is the first step in getting more involved in competitive double-handed spinnaker racing. Mark your calendars for the next and last event in the Shadden Series, February 29-1 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. "The day was filled with many general recalls, there was a nice turn out of about 15 knots and an overall fun day of racing." - Oakley Cunningham

SCYYRA Junior Installation and Luff-In Series Awards Dinner: Jan 19

- Our Junior Board of Directors attended this annual dinner acknowledging the SDAYC Juniors Boards from all the area clubs. Our kids put on their yacht club best attire and made us proud.
- Also, congratulations to our SDAYC Luff-In Series trophy winners! MBYC had an impressive showing on the stage among the series' overall top finishers, winning 3 of the 5 Series Perpetuals.
 - o Dennis Conner Sabot Series: 3rd Place Owen Fretwell
 - Doug Hart CFJ Series: 1st Place Cole Tillson and Owen Fretwell, 3rd Place - Sean McDermott and Kaden Miller
 - JJ Fetter Laser Radial Series: 1st Place Cole Tillson, 2nd Place -Oakley Cunningham
 - Jeff Reynolds C420 Series: 3rd Place Allie Shand and Sarah Ozaki
 - o O'Pen Škiff Series: 1st Place Shane Tillson

Harold Adams Team Race: Jan 19-20

- While MBYC had 9 on our club team, we had 15 sailors total competing at the Harold Adams Team Race among the 18 teams in attendance with some of our sailors racing for their high schools and one joining another club's team so they'd have enough sailors to compete. In team racing, you need at least 6 sailors on the water for the 3v3 format.
- Team MBYC's MVP was Cole Tillson as he led the team with his knowledge, experience and positive attitude. Coach Jimmer was proud of every member of the team as they learned and developed over the two day event. We look forward to more team racing activity at MBYC.

SCYYRA Perry Series #3: Jan 25-26

 "On the weekend of January 25th MBYC sent 5 combined teams to the Perry series regatta up in Alamitos Bay. This is the 3rd regatta in a series of 4 who's cumulative results will determine this year's winner. This added level of competition adds to the difficulty and challenge of the event. Typically a breezy venue, Long Beach surprised the fleet with light and variable conditions throughout the weekend. This made tactics very hard to call and emphasized boat handling to keep things moving in calm conditions. MBYC's top team of sister Marianna and Allie had an impressive 7th place finish overall!" - Head Coach Jimmer











Screaming Chicken Cove Series #1 - Feb 2

 We had 18 Sailors come out for the first ever "Screaming Chicken" Cove Series!! The afternoon was filled with smiles, laughter, sunshine, decent breeze and LOTS of squawking chickens:) We are thrilled to welcome new Team MBYC sailors Creston and Cameron and were delighted to have some of our hibernating sailors dust off the cobwebs and get out on the water. Keep an eye out for dates for future Screaming Chicken Sundays!

US Sailing Leadership Forum

- The Junior Department Staff attended the annual US Sailing Leadership Forum at the Mission Bay Resort February 5-8. This conference drew Directors, Coaches, Administrators and Speakers from all over the country, and we came away with a wealth of knowledge and ideas to bring back to our own program. A select group of MBYC Junior Sailors were invited to the "Demo Day" where they showed spectators an example of an O'Pen Skiff "Un-Regatta" complete with the "Bridge of Doom"! After that the sailors were also able to try out lots of other boats. We especially enjoyed windsurfing and hope to add that to our program.
- Marianna and Diego were asked to be special guest speakers on the Junior Sailors' Panel at Forum. People around the country want to hear from our kids. "It was an honor to provide the audience full of sailing directors from around the nation an inside view of junior sailing and how it works." -Marianna Shand

SODA Youth Match Race Clinic: Feb 7-9

 Garett Henderson and Cole Tillson attended this Youth Match Race Clinic with Dave Perry at SDYC. The boys found Dave to be a fantastic teacher and mentor. He makes the Rules of Sailing FUN! We are extremely excited to announce that Dave Perry will be doing a special clinic at MBYC on April 5th! Details to follow...

Junior Board Meeting: Feb 12

 The Junior Board discussed upcoming events, our GearSwap which will be held during the Work Party on March 7th, and Summer Program plans. After the business part of the meeting, we had a special lesson on "Adding Compasses to your Tactical Game". Next month we'll have an "Introduction to Splicing"!

St Pete Valentine's Regatta Exchange

 Team MBYC's Oakley Cunningham and Ben Conroy both travelled to Florida with Juniors from other SDAYC clubs for the St Pete's Valentine's Exchange. We host St Pete kids for the Jr Commodore's Regatta in Sabots and in exchange, we send a group out to Florida to race Optis. This is a special experience for the kids that has been going on for many years. Oakley and Ben are grateful to the host families, St Pete YC and MBYC for their support.

SCYA MidWinters

- At the Sabot MidWinters in Newport Beach, even after losing a few to sickness and recovering from broken bones, we had 9 kids racing throughout all five sabot fleets, a sure sign of a healthy program. We continue to see our A fleeters breaking into the top half of that really competitive fleet while our C3 fleeters show improvement and growing independence with every event. Great job to our trophy winners: Allie, 3rd in B and Carlin 4th in C2. C3 fleet had 18 boats and both Lucas and Evan earned multiple single digit finishes, and both broke into the top 5 at least once. Great job team!
- Back home a week later, the SCYA MidWinters continued with 10 different classes racing out of MBYC. The Juniors had sailors in the Lasers and O'Pen Skiffs. Diego and Cole headed out to the ocean with the other 27 Full Rigs where Diego WON overall!! He puts in the hard work these days and we see the results that follow. We are also very proud of Cole for stepping outside his comfort zone to join the competition outside. Opportunities like these contribute more than just sailing experience, they teach our kids life lessons about ambition, independence and grit. Inside the bay, the Radials had a tight battle going on with MBYC's top finisher Oakley winning a race and placing 4th overall. We'd also like to congratulate Carolina on her very first Laser regatta. It takes guts to get out there for the first time and we're excited to see her growing in the sport.
- In the O'Pen Skiff fleet, we're seeing other clubs joining in now which makes for more competition and more importantly, more FUN! It was neat to see four area clubs represented among the trophy winners and smiles all around:) This was also the first ever official O'Pen Skiff MidWinters West, which will be an annual event hosted by MBYC. We are sure this regatta will draw more and more boats as the fleets continue to grow around the country. Team MBYC's Efe Derman had a solid performance, dominating the 19 boat fleet with no finish worse than a 4th! What impresses us most is the camaraderie these kids are finding in each other. The competition is always real at the top yet it remains friendly and supportive. As soon as they are off the water, they are running, skating, windsurfing, kayaking, swimming and laughing together and the pure joy is infectious on and off the water.

High School Sailing - Sean McDermott, High School/CFJ Fleet Captain reporting.

- Rose Bowl Regatta: 9 MBYC juniors competed for their High School Teams at the Rose Bowl Regatta hosted by USC, Jan 4-5.
 - MBYC Juniors sail for Point Loma HS, Coronado HS, Francis Parker HS, Cathedral Catholic HS and Mission Bay High School.
 Diego and Ximena won Gold A Division.
- Diego and Ximena
 SoCal #4: Feb 1-2.
 - MBYC Juniors Sean and Avery won Silver Fleet.

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Saturday, April 18th, 2020

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. Third Annual Duffy Race– Will Dryden–

Contact Will: wkdryden@me.com

Bayside Grill Opens at 5:00pm for your dining pleasure. **Live Music**