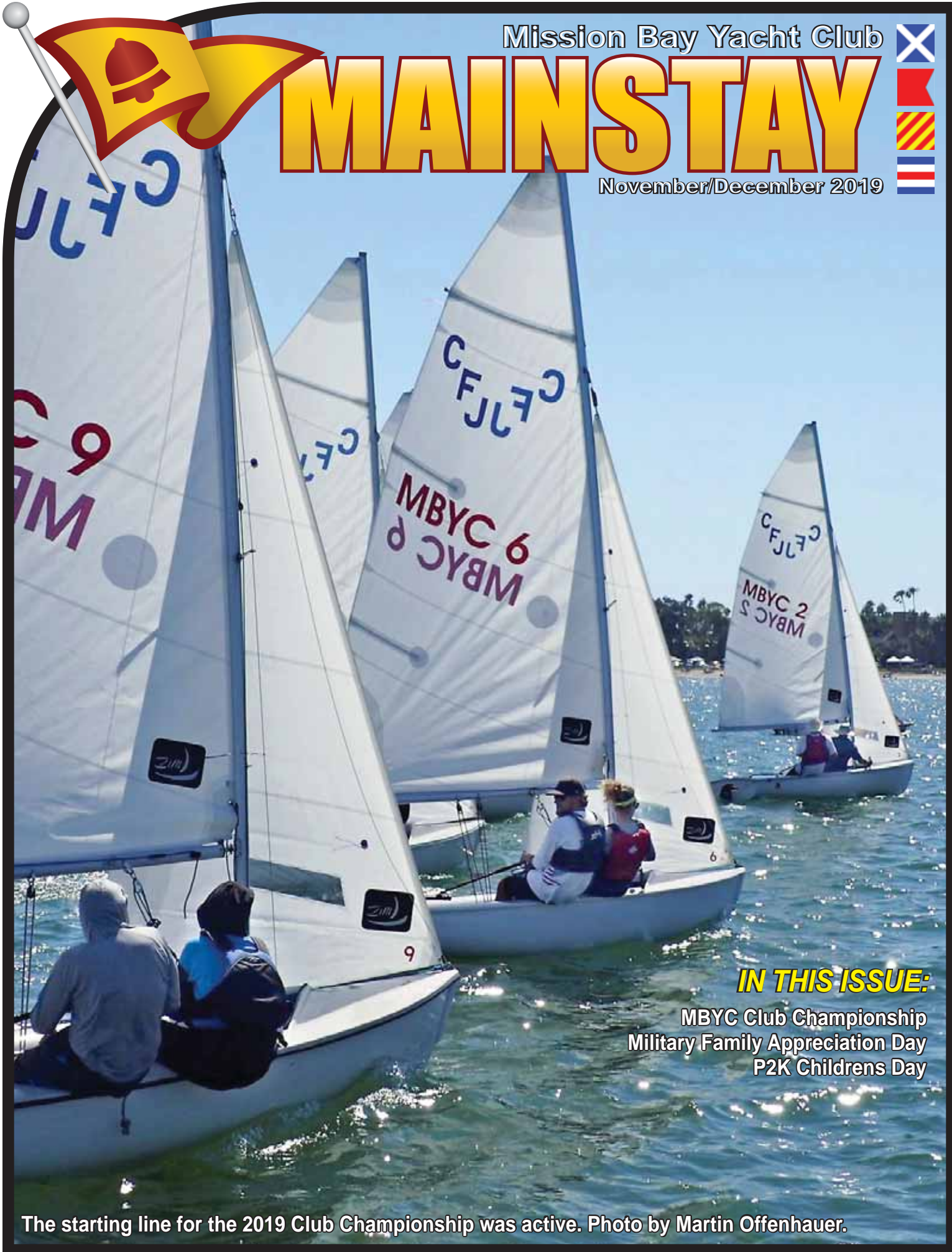


Mission Bay Yacht Club

# MAINSTAY

November/December 2019



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The starting line for the 2019 Club Championship was active. Photo by Martin Offenbauer.



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## Our Mission

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## Commodore Comments

by Bill Kenney

Here we are near the end of the year. My last article for my last Mainstay. We have been down a long road together, through many reports and many Mainstay issues. Now the time has come to bring it all to a close.

This year's Board of Directors had several goals to accomplish. One was to address our impacted storage, and the other was to try and boost membership participation at the club. The first goal to achieve was to reinforce our Underway Policy.

This policy has always been on the books but had been lacklusterly supported throughout the years. The result: many unused boats languishing in our wet and dry storage. To change this, we began with embracing the simple philosophy that MBYC is not a storage facility. MBYC is a yacht club that enables our members to experience their boating craft and yachting lifestyle. Your faithful Port Captain, Chuck Weber, spearheaded the effort to reinforce the Underway Policy by instituting checks and deadlines. Almost every single vessel qualified. This resulted in an overall compliance rate of 97% for all modes of storage.

We can now have confidence that any vessel on MBYC property is active and being used on a yearly basis at least. The policy also pressures those unused vessels to move on, making room for our ever-growing waiting list for people and families hoping to be active boating members. This policy subtly helps to meet the second goal of increasing participation.

The second goal to increase member participation will be helped by another newly enacted policy. Earlier this year, your Board of Directors voted to approve the creation of a Food and Beverage minimum for the Mission Bay Yacht Club membership. This issue has been discussed many times over many years, and now your Board feels the time is right to make it happen.

As you know, the Galley is not a typical restaurant. The hours of operation do not include all meals every day of the week, and usually caters to when there will be the most activity at the Club to support its operation. This makes a very difficult budget situation for the galley.

Many of you may already know the galley operates at a loss, some years in the tens of thousands of lost dollars. The bar does offset these losses to a certain degree, but the instability of galley revenue has hampered the ability to create a satisfying dining experience at a reasonable cost.

A quick look at all the many different types of social clubs around shows that a Food and Beverage minimum is the industry standard. This provides the kitchen or galley with a known revenue, and strongly supports the viability of the operation. For many years the addition of a minimum has been debated at MBYC, and now we are making it a reality.



The Board of Directors has taken a very measured approach in rolling out the fee, knowing our galley performance needed immediate improvement

to warrant the additional costs to our membership. In preparation, we have hired a new chef and supporting staff. We have refined the job description of the chef to be more performance oriented, and we have strengthened our menu requirements while still allowing for culinary expression. In the future, we should expect more subtle changes, like expanded operating hours for example.

How much is the fee, when will it begin, and who is required to pay? Your Board of Directors has worked hard at finding the best solution. The fee will be \$300.00 per year, starting in January of 2020, and will be seen as a running total on your monthly statement. This equates to \$25.00 per month for your typical member. Each member will see a running total on their monthly statement. How to pay the minimum is up to each individual member, but only purchases from the Bar or the Galley will apply. If charging to a member account, nothing more needs to be done. However, if a member is paying cash or with a credit card, simply give a member name or member number to the MBYC staff taking your order to have the purchase apply towards the minimum.

All membership levels will be responsible for the Food and Beverage minimum, with the exceptions of Sandpipers, Juniors, Honorary, and Active Military members. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Board of Directors or the General Manager. This is a big change for our members, but we know it is the right decision. Come on down to the Club once a month and have lunch or dinner, or buy a few beverages at the bar. You'll enjoy your Club a little bit more, and the minimum will be met easily and will support your galley, increase the food quality, and maintain a more consistent culinary experience.

I need to thank all of the current Board members for their incredible volunteer efforts over the past year. Everyone has done a great job, and I could not be more proud and honored to have served with them. Special thanks to the membership as well for all the support that has been given to this Board of Directors. Serving as your Commodore has been a wonderful privilege, and I am so pleased to have been able to give back to a place that brings so much into my life.

Lastly, this is my final issue as editor of the Mainstay. I have enjoyed serving as your editor over these past 4 years and I want to thank everyone involved for their support. Being your editor has allowed me to use my professional skills to bring an enjoyable reading experience, and I am thankful for the opportunity.

In closing, I wish everyone a happy holiday season, and a happy New Year! See you at the Club!





# Vice Commodore Comments

*by Bill Sweeney*

Welcome to a different kind of busy time of the year. As of this writing, the club is preparing for one of the best events of the year. Each year MBYC welcomes local Foster Kids and their sponsors for a fantastic day of beach activities, food and adventures on the water. If past years are any true measure, this will be remembered as yet another fantastic event that we support for our local community. Talk about "feel-good" event! Thank you to all the club members that supported this important event.

Hopefully you have been able to experience some of our new Chef Tim's culinary expertise. The menus have been re-invented. The food items on Friday night dinners are fresh and new. All of us welcome your feedback as the improvements in the galley have been done for you. Let us know what you think.

Jason and his staff continue to focus on



maintaining our house and grounds. Mother Nature continues to challenge our ability to stay a few steps ahead. The birds seem committed to making sure we are aware of their presence. Trust me it is more than a full-time job cleaning up after their constant generous deposits. Many of the ongoing maintenance issues around the club either have been or are being addressed as quickly as possible while keeping a keen eye on fiscal expense budgets. Nothing is being neglected as all projects are being prioritized based on safety and utilization. Please let the front office know if there are things needing immediate attention and we will do our best to get it handled.

Water utilization remains heavy. Clearly the biggest water use is washing boats in wash down area as well as in slips. Please be sensitive to how much water you are using when washing your boat.

All of us can make a huge difference by being a bit more conscientious of how much water is being used or wasted while washing the salt off our boats. Every little bit counts.

It seems like Ken Wild is busy improving our beach area each month. Ken's most recent effort or campaign is to replace the old and tired BBQs. He was able to raise enough capital from individual member donations to purchase the new industrial strength BBQs. I understand the campaign may still be looking for additional donations. Please check with the office or with Ken if you are interested.

Fall quickly turns into winter and the days are rapidly getting shorter. There are still many activities at the club that we can all participate. After school sailing, adult sailing classes, weekend regattas, Holiday events, Monday Night Football, Friday night dinners, etc. Come on down to the club. Enjoy what we have. It is yours.



# Port Captain Report

*by Chuck Weber*

As we wind down the year 2019, I want to leave you with a few timely and important reminders.

Pay attention to your DMV Renewal Notice for Vessel Registration. The Biennial Vessel Renewal Fee is \$20. You do not have to pay the additional \$16 Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention fee if you use your vessel exclusively in marine waters. Upon renewal, please promptly forward a copy of your 2021 Vessel Registration to the Club office.

Fire Station 21, located on the NW corner of Mission Blvd. and Grand Avenue, will accept and properly dispose of your expired flares. In order to meet the requirement for pyrotechnic visual distress signals, the expiration date must not have expired. If you have a collection of expired flares, consider dropping by the Fire Station.

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. Vessel operators must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer. Not carrying your California Boater Card when it is required can result in a fine. The San Diego Lifeguards on Mission Bay are enforcing this requirement. BoatUS offers a free online course and test and the one-time cost of the card is \$10.

MBYC Underway Policy requires that boats in wet slips or dry storage be actively engaged in yachting activities and be capable of getting underway and performing underway activities appropriate to comparable boats. This policy was implemented in January 2019 and applied to approximately 700 boats located in both wet and dry storage areas. While not every member met the published deadlines, I am pleased to report that, as of this date, we have documented and recorded 97% compliance. The support of vessel owners, and the assistance from our fleet captains, our management and office staff



has been, very much appreciated and instrumental in achieving this goal. We have seen several unused, unwanted or neglected boats either leave the club or undergo required maintenance and repairs and we have been able to assign space to members on our waiting lists.

Options are available if you wish to dispose of an unwanted boat. Consider donating your boat, receiving a tax deduction (with receipt), and supporting the San Diego Oceans Foundation. Please contact Richard Sheppard at 858-488-8697 or richardshp@hotmail.com, to arrange for pick up by a San Diego Oceans Foundation representative or to obtain additional information.

I would like to end the year by expressing my gratitude to you for allowing me to serve the Club as your Port Captain for 2019. I have enjoyed and appreciated both the positive feedback and the comments relating to "improvement opportunities". I would like to recognize the tremendous efforts, the time commitment and support of Bill Black, Assistant Port Captain, Marc Umemoto, Assistant Port Captain for Dry Storage, Paul Culkin, Assistant Port Captain for Sabot Storage, Phil Taylor, Assistant Port Captain, Bikes, Kayaks& Lockers, Mark Langman, our very patient and accommodating accountant, our outstanding office staff, our club management, and our overwhelmingly supportive 2019 Board of Directors. I would be remiss if I failed to recognize the extraordinary level of both support and patience, throughout the year, from my lovely wife, Lauren. Best for the holidays and 2020.





# Fleet's Captain Report

by Steve Cooper

As we move into the holiday season, it's a great time to reflect and give thanks for the many wonderful things in our lives. This is also the time of year for planning and changes that will make 2020 another fantastic year.

The club will soon be electing a new board of directors and many of us will be changing roles. I've served as Fleets Captain for two years now, and am thankful for the opportunity to work with all the fleet captains. We've overcome challenges and



kept the quality of the club sailing activities at the highest level. This couldn't happen without the amazing commitment of many club members, including fleet captains, race committees, PROs, board members, staff commodores and many others. Thank you. Your efforts are what define MBYC as a premier club.

Sailing activities continue year round. In November we have the Turkey Regatta, and in December with have the Hot Rum Regatta. Both

are two-day club-sponsored regattas, open to all fleets, sailed in the bay. We also have Sunday bay racing in both November and December.

Next year's calendar is nearly complete, and we have a full year of great sailing planned for 2020. The first race in the new year is on January 1st – commonly known as the Hangover Regatta. The year will continue with bay races, individual fleet regattas, multi-fleet regattas, TNTs, single-handed races and even a Moth racing series. It should be another great year.

See you at the club and out on the water.



# Rear Commodore Comments

by Gene Ratliffe

I would like to point out and say thank you to all involved for completing some great projects around the club;

- A new flag halyard and wind vane on the Bodrero building.
- A new slide and picnic tables for the beach area. Fundraising is underway for new barbecues too!
- A new drinking water fountain at the



main clubhouse providing filtered water. Remember to bring your refillable water bottle!

- A new Chef - Timothy Angel joins the MBYC family so it's time to go to the club and enjoy a meal, especially if you haven't been in a while!
- We're nearly complete on a rack design to help the laser/sunfish fleets fit more boats in the dry lot.

Volunteer efforts and projects like these are making a difference!

For long term project planning, we are already turning our attention to the main clubhouse renovation that is scheduled for 2021-2022. The board and the Site Planning Committee have already had a kick off meeting as we are determined to do the work required to get a good result on a reasonable budget.

See you on the water!

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# *Installation Dinner*

& Annual Meeting

Please join us to celebrate the installation of  
2019 Commodore

***William Sweeney***

Saturday, December 7th 2019

Live Music from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres 6:00 PM

## Menu

### Poached Pear & Bleu Cheese Salad

Pomegranate | Poached Pear | Bleu Cheese | Candied Walnuts |  
Pomegranate Vinaigrette

## Duet Dinner

Parsley Orange Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb |

Baby Leaf Spinach | Port Wine Demi-Glace

&

Sixty South Antartic Salmon | Shitake Wild Mushroom Risotto |

Carrot Beurre Blanc

## Dessert

Strawberry Cheese Cake Tart

*RSVP: [office@mbyc.org](mailto:office@mbyc.org) or 858 488 0501*





*by Martin Offenhauer*

As I write this, my last Mainstay article, I am reflecting on my year as your Race Committee Chairman. It has been one of the best years at MBYC and I have many people to thank for that. Without the support of my fellow board members, the fleet captains and fleet members, the PROs, the staff commodores, the scorers, and all the members and staff of MBYC it would have been very difficult indeed. I would especially like to thank Nick Masters for all his work in keeping our boats and facilities operational.

The year has been full of surprises and wonderful experiences. I have met many people in the club who I never knew before and have



an organization with responsibilities to both members and employees. We have addressed some challenging issues this year and I hope that I have represented the membership well. I will continue to participate in race committee next year and offer whatever assistance I can to

been amazed at the extent of their sailing and racing knowledge and experience. I have learned how difficult and rewarding it can be to be part of a board of directors responsible for running

the 2020 Race Committee chair.

As the 2019 comes to an end, we still have some races to sail. The Junior Commodore Regatta will be held on November 2 and 3 with the Juniors providing race committee. The annual Turkey Regatta will be contested on November 16 and 17 with Snipes and Lidos for race committee. And the last races of the year, the Hot Rum, will be sailed on December 14 and 15 with Lidos and Lightings for race committee. In between there is a bay race on November 10 and a short course race on December 1.

Thanks to everyone for a great year. See you at the club.



## Secretary Treasurer Report

*by Jim Day*

Our Finances are in good shape year to date and we expect that to continue through year end.

One of the great things about MBYC is our volunteers. I joined MBYC about 20 years ago and every year volunteers have stepped up without hesitation, whether it be a rebuilding project, a special event or club event. Just to mention a few: Dock rebuilding, Race committees, Picnic Tables, Water Slide Replacement, Military Appreciation Day,



Foster Kids Day, Wheelchair Regatta, Monday Night Football and many more. This kind of participation should make us all proud of our club.

For those who haven't had a chance to volunteer keep your eyes open for something that interests you and you will not regret getting involved. You will meet many wonderful people and many times make some lifelong friends (I know I have). Get involved.

On a safety note every once in a while someone

falls into the water on the back dock and if no one is around it can be very scary, dangerous and hard to get back on the dock. So keep your eyes and ears open if someone is in need of help. Also know that at the end of many of dock fingers there is an aluminum ladder to aid in getting back on the dock. Sometimes people forget about the ladders and struggle to get back on the dock. So please be safe and careful when on the docks, especially at night.

Hope to see everyone around the club for all the holiday activities.



## Entertainment News

*by Selby Winkler*

December is always a busy time at MBYC. There are several club events for adults and children.

We look forward to welcoming the new Board of Directors at the Installation Dinner on Saturday, December 7th, with a delicious dinner prepared by our new chef, Tim Angel. Pre-dinner music will be the Kev Rones' Duo. Kevin Rones is a San Diego based Ukulele and Guitar instructor, a published author, illustrator, educator and acoustic performer.

The Family Holiday Party and Parade of



Lights will take place on Saturday, December 12th. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in the afternoon to distribute gifts in front of the club Christmas tree. In the evening, participating boats will show-off their holiday lights and decorations in the annual cruise around the Bay.

On December 22nd, the Bahia Belle will dock at the club and you will have the opportunity to sing Christmas carols on the Bay accompanied by club favorite, Rose Winters. She is a talented musician who performs the blues, torch and jazz, touch-the-heart folk, top

40 and familiar classic pop and rock served up with humor, love, grace and storytelling in Northern and Southern California.

On December 31st, The Siers Brothers Band will help MBYC bring in 2020 at the annual New Year's Eve Commodore's Ball. The Siers Brothers have spent many years on the San Diego scene, fronted by brother Mark and Steve Siers. Together since the early 1980s, the group plays the best in classic rock, reggae, calypso, top 40, country, and blues.

With so many holiday choices, we hope to see you at the club during the month of December. Happy New Year!



# Junior Coordinator Report

by Todd Henderson

BYOB! Keep reading below for details...

Almost every weekend has seen our Juniors in action, at the High School level all the way to our newest Sabot Team sailors! I don't have the space to recap all the regatta results but they are updated on our website at [juniors.mbyc.org](http://juniors.mbyc.org).

I will note that we just came off an epic weekend here at MBYC as we hosted the final event of the 2019 SDAYC Luff-In Series. Team MBYC had 26 sailors on Saturday for Singlehanded racing and 24 on Sunday for the Doublehanded/ O'Pen Skiff day. We had brand new racers in every fleet: Sabots, Radials, C420s, CFJs and O'Pen Skiffs, AND came away with top 3 trophy winners in every fleet for the overall series. Wow, congratulations!

Mark your calendars for our MBYC Junior Commodore's Regatta, Nov. 2-3. This major event for Sabots and Lasers is right here at home,



and is always a great time. We are always looking for volunteers at our regattas and for race committee, so please get involved and help us keep our world-famous program running its best.

After School Practice (Wed, Thur & Fri) is still going strong and is a great place to develop or fine tune skills and foster comradery and the Corinthian spirit. Find more info and register online.

It may seem like a long way off but please hold May 16, 2020 for our 2020 Casino Night fundraiser. More details to come but tell your friends, bring your neighbors and come play some fun Vegas games, bid on silent auction items and support the MBYC Junior program at the same time!

BYOB (bring your own bottle)... You may have noticed the new water bottle filling stations

(blue one by Junior room and silver one by galley door breezeway) – please encourage your friends and family to give it a try and support our efforts to reduce single use plastics at MBYC.

The MBYC Junior Program has enjoyed tremendous success in 2019 with a full schedule of regattas, social events, and growth; not only in numbers, but in depth and quality of sailing experiences. A huge thank you to our awesome coaches, parents, grandparents, and loyal and generous program supporters who made 2019 one of our very best.

We strive to provide a fun, welcoming environment for our Juniors to thrive, grow, and take on new challenges. We are always interested in your feedback so please email me at [mbycjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mbycjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com) or stop me in the parking lot. Looking forward to fantastic things in store for the MBYC Junior Program in 2020!



# Membership

by Kathy Dryden

Hello from the membership desk!

As this is the last mainstay before the end of the year, I thought I would take this opportunity to thank our current board and membership for allowing me to serve as your membership director for 2019! This year has been very active with new members joining our club and coming aboard to participate and get involved!! All good things!!

As you think about your membership at Mission Bay Yacht Club, I encourage you to take this time and reflect on not what the club has done for you but what you can do for your club. MBYC is run in large part by volunteers and involvement from each and every member is highly necessary to continue the long standing and time-honored traditions that makes this club a home.

One of the things that I have tried to focus on this year has been getting the members who are not directly involved with a fleet involved with the club. When you join a fleet, you have an instant plugin to the happenings of MBYC and ways to participate. If you are a social



member, you are not forgotten! We want your help, advice, talents and friendly smile around the club. If you ever want a way to participate, get involved and feel more at home we have plenty of opportunities! All you gotta do is ask!

To close out 2019, I will be hosting one last member orientation. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th at 10am. This is for both new and existing members. Come on down, have breakfast on us, listen to a little interesting history of the club and Mission Beach and take a club tour. We will end in the bar where Johnny and Al will serve up our favorite Saturday morning cocktails and you can socialize with your new friends. It's always a good time and a great way to learn and have a fun morning! All are welcome.. please RSVP to the office. Oh! And there are adult sailing classes that afternoon you can join and make a day of it!

Until next time, I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Bring on 2020! Cheers!!



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# Mission Bay Yacht Club's Parade of Lights & Family Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 14th, 2019**

**12:00 pm Craft activities for ALL ages**

Graham cracker house building and decorating

Special holiday crafts for the very young

*Arrive early to allow time for graham cracker  
house building before Santa arrives.*

**1:00-2:00 pm Directory Photos**

*Get some photos taken for the 2019 Directory*

**3:00 pm Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive  
to deliver presents**

*Please note: If you wish for your child  
to participate in receiving a gift from  
Santa, please inquire at the  
Mission Bay Yacht Club office.*

**5:00 pm Family Dinner**

**6:00 pm Boat Parade of Lights  
on Mission Bay**

***No reservations needed. Available only to members and their guests.***







What a fun year! The summer was not too hot, not too cold, just right for TNTs! We had some new faces out on the starting line as well plenty of familiar faces as well. We had a good turn-out for running the Lido's October regatta. They had 20 boats out on the like and I hope we can top that at the Carolyn Nute.

Unfortunately, this article was due before the Carolyn Nute regatta so no regatta report. However, a

BIG THANK YOU to Doug Hart for volunteering as regatta chairman and for the Lido Fleet / Joe O'Leary for running the races.

For future activities in Nov/ Dec we have a couple of race committee duties and we very much need help from those who missed the last couple. Our schedule looks like this so please start planning:

Nov 9 - Single Hand RC - Only two people needed

Nov 16 - RC Turkey Day

Nov 17 - Turkey Day Snipe Races

Nov 22 or 23 - Fleet Meeting at Don & Megan's (an email will go out for which is preferred)

Dec 1 - RC Short Course

Dec 14/15 - mbyc Hot Rum regatta

Dec 14 - Christmas Party at Che Krebs

So, hopefully we are all thrilled by our selection of next years fleet captain / or co-fleet captains.

A big thank you to those who volunteered for Race Committee, a Fleet Meeting, or Regatta Chairman. As our numbers are down, WE ALL need to volunteer more in order to keep our beloved fleet fun and functioning.

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

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

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

# UPCOMING RACING @MBYC

November 2-3, Junior Commodore's Regatta

November 9, Single Handed Racing

November 10, Bay Races

November 16-17 Turkey Regatta

December 1, Short Courses

December 8, Single Handed Racing

December 14-15, Hot Rum Regatta

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

# UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS @MBYC

November 9, Fish Fry

December 7, Installation Dinner

December 14, Parade of Lights

December 21, Ladies Luncheon

December 22, Bahia Belle Caroling Cruise

December 31, Commodore's Ball

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

***Bridge every Wed @ 9:30AM***



## Power Fleet

*by Phil Taylor*

As you may have heard, the Power Fleet has big, big news on two fronts: Dedication of this year's Fish Fry proceeds toward two important Club expenditures, and the merger of the Fleet with our friends in the Racing Cruising Fleet. Both will have a sizable effect on quality and variety of life at the Club.



The Fish Fry is the Power Fleet's main event and our primary annual fund-raising opportunity. I dare say, with 62 Fish Fry's under our belt, it is one of the longest (if not the longest) running traditions of our fair Club. In recent years we've been blessed with success, providing a bit of financial freedom regarding the proceeds expected from this year's Fry.

So, what to do? Well, the members of the Fleet have voted to share 100% of this year's net proceeds with the Club, targeting two important expenditures: New Chairs for the Bodrero Building and support for the project to rebuild/replace the Club's Barbeques. Exact division of funds is not yet determined; however, the Fleet will skew support heavily toward new chairs. (If you've had the pleasure of sitting on the existing chairs you would, on bended knee, be cheering and praying for replacements.)

What is the estimated size of this financial support? That is, my fellow Club member, up to you. The Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, November 9. With your support we can count on a very big success, eclipsing those in recent memory. Reading this will find us in early November and very close to the event. If you have donations for the silent auctions and raffles, please contact Muppy Haigler (mhaigler2013@gmail.com) as soon as possible. You can also drop them at the office. Otherwise, attending the event is the best way to support this fund-raising effort. Last year we netted \$3,700. With your support let's shoot for \$5,000 this year. One more thing, if you like fish fry's, you'll love this one. (Nick Muller and Co., veterans of many years of Fry prep, assure you of another fine seafood experience.) Save \$3.00, call the office now to book advance tickets to secure your entry into one of the Club's best events. See you there.

Ok, on with the next bit of exciting news: The members of the Power and Racing Cruising Fleets have voted to merge the two fleets into one, thus combining two very closely related groups under single leadership and under a new name (yet to be determined).

The merger idea has been discussed and even voted on over many years. Over those same years, the logic and support for that idea has grown and finally emerged as the obvious path. I won't go into the details of how and why the merger was so heavily supported this time around. Looking forward, we hope it brings big benefits to the Club and to Fleet members. Honoring the traditions, events and obligations of the existing Fleets, the merger will bring new focus and clarity of purpose to the successor Fleet. This is especially important to potential new members looking for a social outlet and a way to get involved, without the confusion of choosing between two very similar Fleets.

There is a lot of work to be done to complete the merger, elect new leadership, build the team, and hit 2020 running. The new, larger group will inherit the responsibilities and traditions of two proud and accomplished Fleets. It will need a more active core of leaders and, perhaps, new ways to manage the workload. Please consider adding your name to those that help make this happen. More news to come. In the meantime, don't be shy in suggesting a name for this new Fleet.

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting and at the Fish Fry.  
Cheers!



by Steve Stroebel

Given the weather for the short course races on Oct 20th it is hard to believe that summer is over. A fleet of five F18 had awesome sailing conditions with around 12 kts of wind under clear blue skies. Short course races are probably the most difficult for the F18's with the frequent raising and lowering of the spinnakers. James Orkins and Michael Risoer won for the day even though James went swimming twice on the same upwind leg when first one side's trapeze line broke and then he was out on the other side and it broke too! Jason and Alberto capsized in one race and though Jason thought he could save the capsize but he noticed a sabot close by and sacrificed themselves to go swimming to make sure they would not hit the sabot. So it was an exciting day on the bay!

The fleet had the first organizing meeting for next year's F18 Americas and US Sailing Multihull Championships which will be held on south bay co-hosted with SDYC from Sept 26 to Oct 2. We should have 40+ F18's from throughout the US, Canada, Chile and maybe Argentina enjoying San Diego's weather and hospitality. We will be looking for race committee

personnel to help during the week (Monday-Friday) and people to host sailors in their homes. You may contact Steve Stroebel to sign up to help. Steve Cooper has volunteered to be the Regatta Chair and he has a great team supporting him.

Steve Stroebel and Michael Risoer were the only west coast representatives at the F18 North American Championships held in mid-September on Lake St Clair near Detroit, Michigan. The weather was unseasonably warm resulting in four days of light wind racing. The wind was the strongest for the first race at 10:00 and then died as the day went on resulting in sailing in very light wind with the waves left over from earlier. This made for very difficult sailing conditions but the RC managed to get in nine races for the 23 boat fleet. Steve and Michael kept improving over the regatta and for the last race were in the lead until the final tack for the finish when the regatta champion over-took them resulting in 2nd place. Robbie Daniels/Gary Chu from Florida are both the overall and Master category champions with Steve/Michael in 5th place.

## Sabot Scene

by Bob Henderson

Summer has come and gone and so have most of the Mission Bay crowds, leaving those of us in our fragile seafaring vessels known as Naples Sabots to venture out to the limits of our waters with much greater freedom and confidence. We might even chance a Friday sail-around without a barca escort for protection – or not.



The 2019 SCWSA regatta series is growing to a close with only the final event at the SDYC remaining before overall season winners will emerge. Very challenging sailing conditions at the BYC LOL regatta resulted in only 3 races completed but our MBYC competitors stuck with it, earning Scott Finkboner a 1st in

Mens just ahead of Lanny Coons in 3rd. Lachy Mc McLean brought home a 1st for his performance in Mixed C. Results for the 4th event in the series at the ABYC Ladies Day regatta: Another 1st for Scott with Lanny cruising into 8th in Men's. Serena Hanby picked up a 5th in Ladies A and another 1st for Lachy McLean in Mixed C. Well done all.

There were nine boats on the line for the Sept. 22 Sabot Sunday racing in Chicken Cove, with Ruth Jones taking it all for 1st in the A Fleet, followed very closely by Serena Hanby in 2nd and Chris Fuller 3rd. There were no B Fleet entries, leaving Lachy McLean to place 1st in C Fleet, Bob Henderson 2nd and Paul Culkin 3rd. Loads of chocolate treats for all!

There was an excellent turnout for the October Fleet dinner meeting with a roast beef feast and floral arrangement to Judy Newton for her tireless work in rounding up crew every week to man the barca escort. We also had an excuse to present the coveted Soggy Sabot Award to Lachy McLean. Gary and Carol Pearson brought details of their latest sailing adventure to Tonga and visit to the Rotorua Y.C. in New Zealand (no, this was not undertaken in their Sabots). Lastly, some real

admiration went to Mike Howe for seamanship displayed by sailing his disabled Sabot with a broken boom, unassisted, back to the beach during very heavy weather. Boom, who needs it!







# Laser Beam

by Mark Young

Hello Laser Sailors! For this last Mainstay article of 2019 I wanted to look back to the beginning of the year and the priority list I made for myself as Fleet Captain:

1. *Grow the number of weekend racers*
2. *Grow the number of sailing days*
3. *Increase race committee participation*
4. *Grow the Singlehanded Series*
5. *Increase work party and event participation*

I won't grade myself or the Fleet on how we did except to say it was a great year of racing, practice sessions, travel to remote venues and local camaraderie. Speaking personally, serving as Fleet Captain has been one of the best experiences I could imagine, with the primary result (selfishly) being more integrated into the Fleet, improvement in my racing/sailing, making new friends and existing friendships stronger. This is exactly the reason I joined MBYC and my expectations are being surpassed on a weekly basis.

Speaking for the Fleet and the Club, it's hard to improve upon a very solid performance over the past many years. The Laser Fleet is very active, with dedicated contributors and quality sailors, a close-knit bunch at its core with tons of knowledge and time directed toward MBYC. We always had more than enough race committee volunteers, always had boats on the

line for weekends and TNTs, and always had emails back and forth about ocean and bay practice sessions. So when I look at the above list the progress has to be measured incrementally and I'd say my list wouldn't change much for 2020. That said, I am proud of our collective effort to increase the number of sailing days with casual group practices during the week and on weekends, recognizing that the quality of racing is improving for all. Also, in 2020 look forward to the newly-scheduled Ocean Racing Series where the club has agreed to schedule 4 ocean days in lieu of the Sunday Bay Races. This is an initiative primarily from the Solings, Multihulls and Lasers, but heavily supported and encouraged from all Fleet Captains, and active lobbying from Brian Anderson, Edna Kirk and Steve Cooper. I'm also happy with progress to incorporate our neighboring clubs in Orange County, Utah and Arizona into our SoCal scene, with the hope that we can do more in 2020 with sailors visiting MBYC and reciprocating with visits to their venues. But please look at the list and help figure ways to make the Laser Fleet bigger and more inclusive – it will benefit everyone!

Lastly, thanks to each of you for making 2019 a success. I want to encourage everyone, but new Lasers and Juniors especially, to come out and experience what I've gotten this year – a sense of accomplishment and friendship, some sore muscles and bruised knees, some humility and a smile on my face!!

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# Lido Lines

by Chris Dorociak

Greetings from Lido land! Our fleet has had an exceptional fall season, with strong representation and great competition. MBYC's Club Championship pitted numerous full time and sometime Lido sailors against each other. I volunteered for race committee just to get close to the action. Remaining unbiased was not easy. In finishing order, our fleet-associated contenders were: Ty and Sara Beach (formidable Laser skipper and Lido duo), Ken Wild (Lido whisperer and past MBYC Club Champion), Aaron Sturm (Wabbit enthusiast and Lido TNTer) and Alaura Dorociak (all-star wife and Lido crew), Kathy Dryden and Jenn Rohr (Lido queens proving blondes have more fun), and Mike and Erin Borzage (Finn wrangler and Lido sailor). Congratulations to Chris Wright for winning the championship and fending off the Lido fleet!

Next up was the Lido Fall Invitational, which was the hottest ticket in town. A total of 21 boats competed in A and B fleets. A Fleet was star-studded with more than a few national and fleet champions on the line. B Fleet was smaller, but nevertheless competitive. The breeze was light and shifty on Saturday and heavy on Sunday. Per tradition, we gathered for chili on Saturday after racing. Our Commodore, Bill Kenney, presented awards on Sunday. Top finishers in A Fleet were Stu Robertson and Andrea Powell (1, MBYC); Ty Beach and Sara Beach (2, MBYC); and Grant Hill and Ruta (3, ABYC). Top finishers in B Fleet were Roger Hinton and Anne Hinton (1, MBYC); Walter Rosenkranz and Lauren Woolley (2, MBYC); and Will Dryden and Ken Wild (3, MBYC).

The B Fleet trophy for the Fall Invitational is named for Roger Patterson. Our fleet solemnly transitioned it to a Memorial Trophy after

his recent passing. Roger Patterson was an all-time great ambassador to the Lido class. He was Lido Class President, a Lido dealer, avid racer, PRO, Staff Commodore, father, grandfather, great grandfather, as well as a friend and inspiration to many. We will miss his ageless enthusiasm, encouragement, and cheering audible from just about anywhere on the water. Every Lido out on Mission Bay serves as a reminder of Roger Patterson's positive impact on the sport and people around him. Alaura and I are honored to sail his boat 6127 into the future. Hooray for Roger!

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# U.S. Sailing Olympic Development Program (ODP) West Clinic

## Hosted by St. Francis Yacht Club August 31-September 2, 2019

**By Marianna Shand**

The U.S. Sailing ODP West Clinic this year was hosted by St. Francis Yacht Club from August 31-September 2nd, through support from the Belvedere Cove Foundation and the St. Francis Sailing Foundation. Every ODP Clinic is special, and is aimed to improve a sailor's skills as much as possible.

Even though our original coach was unable to make it due to the hurricane in Florida. Charlie McKee, Pete Melvin and Adam Corpuz-Lahne stepped in as the Nacra 15 coaches, and were amazing. The first couple of days Charlie was our coach, and we focused on mark roundings and lay line calls. The current and high winds are what makes sailing in San Francisco so challenging and such an amazing place to sail. Over the entire weekend the wind averaged from 15-25 knots, which was great because we were able to work on our heavy wind maneuvers.

Day One was a bit rough; almost all of our lay lines were undershot because we were trying to anticipate the current slip, and then we would overcorrect and end up overlaying our marks. Later on in the day we focused on our starts. As a team, Luke and I made it a goal to be as close to the line as possible. Goal achieved, and at times we were over. The whole day was very scary because we were sailing a new boat that

did not yet have foot straps in the back! So every wave we hit on the downwind I went flying (not the best...). At the end of the day, Charlie had an excellent way of debriefing. He made each of us write what we found difficult and then we would all discuss it.

Day Two was better than the first. We hit more of our lay lines, and our downwind wire-to-wire gybes were much crispier. The current was like Day One, but we went out much earlier so we hit the water at low tide. That was nice because we spent more time on the upwinds since most of the time the current was flooding. By the end of the day the current had switched and the wind had picked up to its peak. After three upwind and downwind runs, many starts and two practice races, we headed in. We debriefed the same way we did the day before and thanked Charlie for his awesome coaching as he would be lost to the 29ers the next day.

Day Three was our final day, and we were coached by Pete and Adam. Our practice that day was shorter because we had to take the boats apart and my teammates had flights to catch. We sailed practice races all day which allowed us to put our newly learned skills to the test.

The whole weekend was a great experience and I would like to thank U.S. Sailing, the Belvedere Cove Foundation, the St. Francis Sailing Foundation, all the coaches, and JIB for making this happen.





# Children's Day at the Bay



Once again Mission Bay Yacht Club opened the gates and members opened their hearts and wallets to welcome children to a reunion with siblings who have been separated through placement. In conjunction with the Promises2Kids Organization through Camp Connect, the 14th annual "Day at the Beach" was held on Sunday, October 20th, and sponsored by the Power Fleet.

Children and volunteers were treated to barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and chips and salsa. Boat rides were coordinated by Bill Black. We received donations to support the event from the Power Fleet, Pam and Joe Marino, Marian and Kim Crosser, John and Pat Row, Lori Longstreet, our generous boat captains, and many others.

Each child departed with a backpack filled with pencils, crayons, note pads, beach towels, a cozy blanket, socks, many other items, and a big smile on their faces. A big Thank You goes out to all our generous MBYC volunteers and staff who helped make this event a heart-warming success.

*Story and Photos by Carol Bentley Ellis and Chuck Weber*





# MILITARY FAMILY

October 5, 2019 – Beautiful day! We couldn't have asked for better weather.

We had gift bags made by the USO and had a variety of items in them. Guy Raffee took pictures in front of our bell for each family to have in remembrance of the day. Great photos were taken and given to the families.

The great lunch crew headed up by Chuck Weber served hamburgers, hot dogs and watermelon. These guys and girls really worked very hard getting everyone fed. Everyone had plenty to eat and were greeted with smiles and made to feel like they were at home.

We had Wes Anson as master of ceremonies and music, face painting and music by Lauryn Hall and friend (the kids loved it), lifeguards came by and sprayed the kids on the beach and Sea World paid us a visit. We gave out buckets, coloring books, crayons, and bubbles to the kids. Susan Roth from US Bank Fairbanks Ranch donates the coloring books and crayons. Pat Row donated stuffed animals, which were raffled off to the kids. All the kids love it and it's great to see the older kids getting a stuffed animal and having a big smile on their face.

Thanks, Bill Black who arranged the boats and lifejackets for the day. The families were given boat rides by both power and sail boats.

Thanks to all of you for helping out with your boats and everyone that put it together with life jackets and scheduling. I heard many

compliments from people after their rides.

We had our own personal lifeguards, Kathy and Paul Johnson on the beach watching everyone in the water. Thanks!

Thanks to all the fleets that donated to the event. Racing Cruising, Power Fleet, Ladies Group, and the Senior Sabot fleet. Thanks!

For many years we have had two supporters of the event. Rubio's on Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach always donates chips and salsa for the event. Every one loves dipping into the salsa with the chips. Another long time supporter is Chick-fil-A at the Sports Arena with coupons and a cow toy. Thanks for all your support. Remember them when you are hungry for a taco or a chicken sandwich.

The USO supports our events in many ways and they are great to work with. We have worked with them and they said this event is the best one that they work with in many ways. They have only gotten positive feedback on the event.

Many people helped at the event and I would like to say "THANKS" to all of them. The USO and the military families really appreciate this event and we receive for the club acknowledgement and thanks from them.

*Story and photos  
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# **Christmas Caroling on the Bahia Belle!**

**Sunday December 22nd, 2019**

## **Cruise Times**

**Please arrive 30 minutes before each cruise**

**6:30 pm or 7:30 pm**

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Wes Anson, Chuck Weber, Commodore Bill Kenney, Seaworld's Coral, Carol Bentley Ellis, and Vice Commodore Bill Sweeney pose for a photo moment during the P2K Day at MBYC. Carol and Chuck have been instrumental in making this a very successful event. Photo by Lori Longstreet.