

# **Resources for Regatta Attendees**

On behalf of the Morro Bay Yacht Club and our Santa Cruz 27 Fleet, we'd like to welcome all of you who are planning on visiting Morro Bay for this year's SC27 Nationals! While the regatta will be held Labor Day weekend–Sept. 3, 4, 5 – we know many of you will be eager to make plans for the event. For those of us who sail within proximity of the famous volcanic rock that casts shadows over our beautiful harbor, our goal is to share this unique sailing venue with fellow SC 27 racers, and to make your experience as enjoyable as possible.

Below you will find information on a range of topics related to the regatta– from important dates, accommodations and dining to launching and retrieving boats. Because Labor Day weekend will be a crowded and festive time in Morro Bay, we would advise those of you who need to make reservations for accommodations to do so as soon as possible.

Notice of Race and Registration through Regatta Network will be made available at a later date.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Contact our fleet captain, John Krossa at <u>ikrossa@missionprep.org</u> cell # 805-471-5778

## Launching/ Retrieving of Boats

Currently, we are in negotiations with Associated Pacific Constructors to hire them to hoist our boats in and out of the water. They are located twodoors down from our club. Hours for launching would most likely be Friday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm; hours for retrieving would be Tuesday Morning 8 am to 12. They are a waterfront construction company; as a result, their hours are very limited. Use of the crane will be included in race fees.

The Morro Bay Harbor Patrol has a launching dolly that can be hooked up to a long rope, chain, or car towing strap, allowing boats to be safely lowered down the ramp and into the water. (When Evan Diola delivered Mistress Quickly to Morro Bay – he used the launching dolly). The dolly is easy to use. MBYC SC27 members will be happy to assist out of town boats with water launching.

Our Local SC27's Janina and Gotcha use the ramp three times a month to launch and retrieve. They do not use the dolly – but their trailers are set up for water launching.

MBYC has a small hoist that can be used at any hour of the day to raise and lower masts. Because of the limited height of the hoist, boats must be in the water to use the hoist.

Boats that are comfortable launching through use of the ramp will find the tides favorable at the following times:

- a. Friday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to about 7 pm.
- b. Saturday Sept 3rd from 5 am to 10 am.

Boats that are comfortable retrieving through use of the ramp will find the tides favorable at the following times:

- a. Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 9 pm
- b. Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 10 pm

The launch ramp is free to use, but there is a small daily fee to leave your trailer in the parking lot. But, parking on the streets is free in Morro Bay for seventy-two hours in one spot. So those who do not want to pay the \$10 a day to park in the lot can do the trailer shuffle.

# Docking

We have reserved the entire MBYC dock for this event from Friday Sept 2nd to Tuesday September 6th. We can fit at least six SC 27's on the dock and we can go three-deep for a total of eighteen boats. If we have more than eighteen boats register, we have further options. <u>Your registration will reserve a spot on the dock.</u> Docking charges will be covered by race fees.

## Harbor Conditions

Please be aware that tides in Morro Bay can be strong (1 to 3 knots). Boats who have an outboard should bring it. Those who do not should consider borrowing one.

Also, on very rare occasions, the Morro Bay harbor entrance (like most harbors) gets closed because of bad weather/ocean swells. In the past, such rare occurrences usually happened during a winter storm. Labor Day weekend will most likely be fine.

### Wind Conditions

The average wind velocity for September in Morro Bay is approximately 10 knots.

## Camping

Morro Bay is home to a number of wonderful campsites that are close to the beach and harbor facilities. Because of the popularity of local camping, we recommend that you make reservations for Labor Day weekend as early as allowed under registration rules.

- a. Morro Bay State Park. <u>https://www.parks.ca.gov.</u> This site is a nice 1.7 mile walk from MBYC to the campground. <u>Reservations open up exactly 6 months from the date you want.</u>
- b. Morro Strand State Beach campground <u>https://www.parks.ca.gov.</u> Camping here requires a 3.6 mile drive from MBYC to the campground that takes about 9 minutes. <u>Reservations open up exactly six months from the</u> <u>date you want.</u>
- c. Waterfront RV Camping City of Morro Bay. These are new sites. Three of them are less than a hundred yards from MBYC.

These campsites are referred to as Tidelands. <u>Check to see</u> <u>how far out you can reserve them.</u> <u>https://book.rvspots.com/CityofMorroBay.</u>

#### Hotels and Lodging near MBYC

a. Embarcadero Inn and Suite 456 Embarcadero Blvd, Morro Bay, CA (855) 516-1090 https://embarcaderoinn.com

#### b. Estero Inn

501 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA · (805) 772-1500 https://www.esteroinn.com

#### c. Anderson Inn

897 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA · (805) 772-3434 https://www.andersoninnmorrobay.com

#### d. Inn at Morro Bay

60 State Park Road, Morro Bay, CA(805) 772-5651 https://www.innatmorrobay.com

#### e. Motel 6 Morro Bay

298 Atascadero Rd, Morro Bay, CA · (805) 772-3434 https://www.motel6.com/en/home/property/morro-bay.html

#### f. Rodeway Inn

2460 Main St., Morro Bay, CA (805) 772-5651 https://www.choicehotels.com/california/morro-bay/rodeway-

inn-hotels/cah71

The first four hotels are luxury accommodations very close to MBYC - but any hotel in Morro Bay is less than a 7-minute drive to the club. You could also choose to stay in Cayucos. It is a lovely, scenic 15 - minute drive from Cayucos to MBYC.

# **General Weekend Schedule**

(More details will be provided as we get further in the planning process)

# Friday, September 2nd

11:30 am - 3:30 pm:	Associated Pacific Constructors Crane will be Launching boats next door to MBYC
9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Tides favorable to Launch at MB RAMP http://www.dbw.ca.gov/BoatingFacilities/Detail s/1465
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	MBYC Happy Hour with Appetizers: All out of town guests invited.
Saturday, September 3rd	Racing
After racing	MBYC Happy Hour with Appetizers: All out of town guests invited.
Sunday, September 4th	Racing
TBA	Dinner and Libations: location TBA
TBA Monday, September 5th	Dinner and Libations: location TBA Racing
Monday, September 5th	Racing
Monday, September 5th	<b>Racing</b> Trophy Presentation and MBYC Famous
Monday, September 5th After Racing	RacingTrophy Presentation and MBYC FamousSoup Bar: All out of town guests invitedTides favorable to remove boat at MB RAMPhttp://www.dbw.ca.gov/BoatingFacilities/Detail

8:00 am - 12:00 pm:	Associated Pacific Constructors Crane will be
	pulling boats next door to MBYC