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Pelorus: a fixed compass used to take bearings relative to a ship's heading.

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A Message From the President

Hello Members,

I want to give you a glimpse of what is happening with CCWF in the last few months. Our primary focus has been on the interpretive signs that will be placed in Morro Bay. This has taken an incredible amount of time and effort to get this organized, with the appropriate local pictures and information. Thank you to Sheri Hafer for taking the lead on this project. We would also like to give a big Thank You to Kevin Johnson, PHD, an Aquaculture Extension Specialist from California Sea Grant and Research Scientist, Biological Sciences Dept. at Cal Poly. He has been a tremendous help! Another big Thanks to the artist, John O'Brien of Art Ministry, Inc. for his work and many modifications. John has completed his work at this time, and the next steps are to work with the City of Morro Bay on placement options and permits.

CCWF had it's general membership meeting this last August, at which Kevin Johnson also spoke about his work with Sea Grant. Several of our husbands were in attendance too, so it was nice to have that chance to chat with Kevin. See the article in this newsletter to hear more about the meeting.

What is coming up you ask? I invite any and all of you to participate in the Maritime Family Fun Day with us, and in December we will be at the Lighted Boat Parade in Morro Bay. We will need lots of help for both of these events. More information is included in this newsletter about these events, and I hope to see you there!

Lenore Ward, CCWF President



The Maritime Family Fun Day sponsored by the Morro Bay Maritime Museum will be similar to a one day Harbor Festival. It should be interesting for both tourists and locals alike. Among fun activities and food will be local fishing history and current fishing displays and information. The event is in an area behind the Maritime Museum on the waterfront.

CCWF will have a fish print booth for kids, however, in the past we have found that adults enjoy it too. We will also have educational displays, including a "fish boat" filled with ice, displaying different kinds of local fish. Another good reason to go is to get CCWF's popular albacore stuffed avocados.

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2022 General Membership Meeting

Last year's meeting at Morro Bay Yacht Club was such a pleasant atmosphere and a convenient Place, that the CCWF board decided to have it again this year at that location. It was on Saturday August 27 from 10 AM to noon and a delicious brunch was provided for the several members and guests that attended, including some local fishermen who were husbands of CCWF ladies.

Treasurer **Tacy Lee** gave a lot of information about the Fishing Heritage Scholarship Program and the Fishermen's Relief Fund, which are some of CCWF's ongoing projects. She also gave a brief overview of other activities such as the Marine Swap Meet and the success of selling hot chocolate and goodies at last December's Christmas boat parade. Tacy gave a summary of the organization's finances as well.

Secretary **Sheri Hafer** talked about our current big project of fishing displays for the Morro Bay waterfront. It began in March 2019 and display signs are near ready for 5 local fisheries: albacore, salmon, Dungeness Crab, deep water groundfish and nearshore groundfish. Sea Grant and Cal Poly have been involved, and students helped gather data and other information for the signs as a class project.

The guest speaker was **Dr. Kevin Johnson** from California Sea Grant Extension Program and is also a Professor of Marine Sciences at Cal Poly. He gave more details on the sign project and got feedback from the fishermen on some needed changes. Rough drafts of the signs were at the meeting for everyone to view. Dr. Johnson also introduced and gave details about Sea Grant's California Commercial Fishing Apprenticeship Program.

Scholarship News

In the previous newsletter we listed the 2022/23 Fishing Heritage Scholarship recipients. One person not on the list, but receiving a scholarship from CCWF this year is **Lorrin French**. He's a 3rd generation fisherman from Morro Bay, for mostly Dungeness crab and salmon. The family boats are the Nadine and Langosta II.

Lorrin was accepted into Cal Poly's Master of City/Regional Planning program. He has recently worked for the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce as an Economic Development Assistant. His resume includes architectural and graphic design projects and completing the San Luis Obispo County Citizen's Planning Academy.

More about Lorrin and his work can be found at lorrinfrench.com.

On the website, under "About Me", Lorrin writes:

"As designers our inclination is towards that of perfectionism, the real-world is anything but. Understanding what does and does not matter in the context of moving a project forward is in part, where your value lies. In many cases, like fishing, a building just has to "work".





ALOHA: (In Hawaiian, “Aloha “ means love: CCWF uses it to say both “hello” and “farewell” with love.)

Our Aloha committee is there for you. The committee sends cards and flowers, but we need you to make the call and let us know of the need and the address. Members are encouraged to contact the committee and help CCWF observe occurrences throughout our community, whether happy or sad.

For Aloha announcements
Contact:
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*A card was sent to the family of
Jean Leage.*

*A card was sent to
the family of
Elyse Battistella*



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If you already have it emailed and have no printer and would like a hard copy, let Sharon know that too.

Check out the CCWF Website:

womenforfish.org

Read about upcoming special events, projects and what the organization is up to. There is also a Scholarship link for guidelines and an application for the Fishing Heritage Scholarship Program. There are some educational topics under Programs/Events, including a recipe video for Prawn Ceviche and how to fillet an albacore video. More videos will be added in the future. Click on More to find copies of recent issues of Pelorus, which are the CCWF newsletters. You can also sign up to be a member there, or volunteer with anything you are interested in. There is also information under the Fisherman Relief Fund and how it got started. Read about the board members under About Us and we can be contacted throughout the website.

COOKING WITH CCWF and FRIENDS

There are a lot of great albacore recipes from the Oregon Albacore Commission <https://oregonalbacore.org/recipes/>
Here is one for **Quick Albacore Fried Rice Dinner**.
It's under "Cooking with Troll-Caught Canned Albacore"

6 ounces canned albacore, drained and flaked
2 cups cooked rice
2 Tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
1 clove garlic
1/2 cup minced parsley
Juice of 1/2 a lemon

Heat the oil in a skillet and sauté the onion, celery, red pepper and garlic until they are soft. Remove the garlic, then add the flaked Albacore, rice and parsley. Cook over high heat while stirring constantly until heated through. Squeeze on the lemon juice and serve.
Two servings

A dash of soy sauce after served is optional.

Travis Evans' 100th Birthday Celebration

Please join us Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 at the Park, 16th & Nice Streets, Grover Beach.

FAMILY ONLY LUNCHEON 11 am - 1 pm

Friends Celebration 1 pm - 4 pm

There will be Photo Ops, card signing & more! (No gifts or cards needed)

RSVP: Please text YOUR NAME and # OF ATTENDEES in your group to Eileen at 805-234-4931 by OCTOBER 15.



Christmas Boat Parade

The date is yet to be announced, but CCWF is planning to sell hot chocolate and possibly other hot drinks and baked goods at the boat parade in December. We will put out an email with more information when we know the date.

Pages From the Past

During Travis Evans lifetime of fishing, he has worked many different boats and fisheries. He also has had many experiences, thus stories to tell. This is just one of Travis's experiences that he told a reporter for a local newspaper many years ago.

In 1961, Travis Evans was headed from Morro Bay south to Los Angeles on his boat, the *Golden Rule*, when the recently repaired boat lost its rudder, Travis knew how to steer without using the rudder but thought he could go in at Cojo Bay and wait until the next day to go on to Los Angeles.

When the ocean grew progressively rough, it became obvious that he could not go even the few miles to that bay; he decided that he would let the boat drift until daybreak. He lay down on the deck and went to sleep.

A few hours later he awoke to find the boat in the breakers rolling toward the shore. Even after more than a decade of working as a commercial fisherman, this was a frightening experience. His faith in a loving God led him to ask, "God, what do I do now?" You see, Travis could not swim.

Putting on a life jacket seemed to come as the answer to that question.

The boat broke apart as it rolled in on the breakers. Lying on the sand, Travis wondered about important items he needed. His dentures were in a cup in a cabinet and he really needed them badly. The cabin tore loose from the hull of the boat and landed nearby. Travis reached out and found the cup and his dentures. He calmly rinsed them in salt water and put them in his mouth.

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On top of the cabinet he found his direction finder. This was before the days of GPS equipment. The instrument seemed to be unharmed, so he picked it up and carrying it uphill, set it down beside the railroad tracks where he retrieved it weeks later.

The unfamiliar area was isolated and mostly uninhabited. The Air Force had leased much of the surrounding area from the Bixby Ranch. Thinking that there had to be people somewhere in the area, Travis started walking away from the ocean. His soggy tennis shoes squished when he walked and the sun dried the salt on his skin but he was determined to find someone who would help him.

About five miles from his broken *Golden Rule*, he came to a farmhouse. Stopping at a barn and washing himself a bit in a watering trough, rinsing salt water from his dentures, and trying to make himself a bit presentable, he made his way toward the house.

He could hear a lawn mower on the other side of the house. Waiting until the mower stopped to refuel, he yelled, "Anybody home?" A woman appeared from behind the house. He told her that his boat had crashed on the beach and he needed to call his wife to come and get him.

Mary Smith helped Travis call his wife, Kathryn, and offered to prepare something for them to eat while waiting for her arrival. Sitting down to eat lunch, Travis asked if it would be OK if he prayed before they ate. Mary said it was OK with her. As they ate, Travis shared his story about how God had cared for and protected him through all of his many and varied experiences.

One of those experiences involved hauling in a 12-foot long, 82-pound squid in his fishing nets. Disney sent a team to measure and photograph the giant squid which they used as a model for the movie, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

Another memorable experience involved guiding Bible study and worship experiences for fishing crews scattered over many miles of open ocean. It seems that hundreds of fishing boats often spend the nighttime hours drifting until it is time to work at their tasks of hauling in their nets. Using Citizen's Band Radio, they were able to communicate with one another although separated by many miles.

These are a few of the things I know about Capt. Travis Evans; but there is so very much more. In the words of one of his many poems, he says it like this:

We gaze out on the ocean as we walk along the shore.

We can see the far horizon, but beyond there is so much more.

And in all of creation in nature's treasure store.

Beyond our wildest imagination, there is so very much more.

It is also true of God's love as He beckons from yonder shore,

With forgiveness, mercy, grace, peace and rest,

And so very, very much more.

So this vigorous, loving, talented, resourceful, busy 88-year-old lives his life doing what he does best: loving and serving his God and all the people he meets, fishing each day that he can, and writing poems, and caring for his family.

That is Capt. Travis Evans.

Lompoc Record, January 10, 2010.

Listen to Captain Evans tell the tale here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5pGDqerdRU>

This article was available to our newsletter because of Barbara Stickler. She is phenomenal at producing results from her researches. A lot of interesting fishing history can be found on her Facebook page:

Salty History <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292825605597810>

Thank You Barbara!



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The Last Word.....by Travis O. Evans

Travis has sent many poems and stories for our newsletter for many years.
We appreciate them all, and this is one we have put in the newsletter before.

Recipe for Happiness

I mixed a little loving with my living
And found it made my life so much more complete.
I mixed some understanding with my living
And found it made the bitter waters sweet.

I took some oil of gladness in the morning
And mixed it with the work I had to do,
Then suddenly I felt my heart was warming
And I was at peace with everyone I knew.

I took some sympathy for those in trouble,
And mixed it gently with a smile.
I felt joy within begin to bubble.
I found a mixture worthwhile.

I took a lot of love and godly pleasure
And mixed it all together with the rest,
I then poured in more faith than I could measure.
Results! A life full of joy and happiness.

