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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 CCWF President

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Hello Ladies,

I have a little update to give you on what CCWF is doing. Because of COVID19 restrictions we have continued to meet each month on Zoom and we are making progress on our projects. First of all, our website is progressing and we'll hopefully be ready to go live in the next month with a whole new look and more current info. We want to send a THANK YOU out to **Hunter Kilpatrick** for his help with this. The new website will be easier for us to manage and keep up to date.

Another big project we have talked about for a long time is to put up interpretive signs in Port San Luis and Morro Bay. We want to use this opportunity to educate the public about the local fisheries. We have started working with a group of Cal Poly students who are doing this for one of their classes and they are assisting us to design the signs. If anyone has some thoughts on this project we welcome your input. We would especially like to see some involvement from some of the women from Port San Luis. If you have an interest or want to know more please contact me. Lenore 805-550-0253.

Lastly we are waiting on SLO county to give us the OK and waiting on a food permit under the new COVID restrictions, and then we will do our albacore enchilada fundraiser. When we get this permit and a date set we will need a lot of help from all of you. It will be fun to get together again! We will get the word out and hope to see you then.

Lenore, CCWF president



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Fishing Heritage Scholarship Program

Apply Now!

The deadline for applying for the 2021/22 school year is **May 30, 2021**. Applications can be found at womenforfish.org. click on programs, then Fishing Heritage Scholarship Program. The application and recommendation form is at the bottom of the page.

If you have problems getting it to print or finding it (We are in transition to a new and improved website) then email Sharon at srowley303@gmail.com with your address so she can mail one. If you receive the application late we can be flexible on the deadline.

Central Coast Women for Fisheries has been awarding scholarships to fishing families for 15 years and are looking forward to many more years of helping students with their pursuits. It's not just for college but also trade schools and certification courses. The scholarships help with the high cost of education for fishermen, their children and grand children. CCWF typically awards 13 to 18 scholarships every year, some years a little more or less. Students can receive a maximum of 4 scholarships from us. Most are just out of high school and in their 1st through 4th year of college. Some are adults returning to school after years of fishing. We put occasional profiles of our scholarship recipients on the Central Coast Women for Fisheries Facebook page. Visit sometime and scroll down to view past profiles. We are proud of them all!

Dues Reminder

It's the time of year for the annual CCWF dues. It is **\$20**. Please let us know if you have any change to your email, phone, or address. You can let us know when you receive your dues letter in the mail and return your check. It is much appreciated and we want to-

Thank all of you for your continued membership!

Fresh off the Boat Sales

CCWF continues to put out emails for those that want to be on the list for fresh seafood for sale when the fishermen come in from sea with their catches. Both Morro Bay and Port San Luis fishermen let us know when they will be in, where and what they have to sell. CCWF then puts out the email notifying everyone. It has proven to be popular with people wanting various kinds of fresh fish, crab and shrimp right off the boat. It depends on the season and at times there will be salmon and albacore too. It can also depend on the weather if the fishermen are out.

The emails are a good way to get very fresh seafood, but also the local fish markets in Morro Bay and Port San Luis have local fresh seafood and they are excellent markets for having what the boats bring in and getting good quality seafood.

If you would like to get on the email list, or have some family, friends or neighbors that may be interested, email a request to Lenore with your email address. CCWF sends the email notifications so no one else sees your email. lenoredw@gmail.com






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 Sharon:
srowley303@gmail.com
Or
(805) 674-4854

We would like to once again THANK the Central California Joint Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee for the generous grant of \$18,000 for scholarships. This is a tremendous help for the several students who will receive it for the 2021/22 school year. We also are grateful to the Committee for receiving a grant for our organization's operating costs. Due to the Covid 19 we had to cancel all of our fundraisers this last year, so this grant was very much appreciated.

CCWF sent a card to Rick Algert



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Cooking With CCWF and Friends

Glazed Salmon
This delicious sounding recipe is submitted by CCWF Vice president and secretary, Sheri Hafer, a good find from cookingprofessionally.com.

- 1 salmon fillet (about a pound)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar

Preheat oven to 425 degrees .
Cut your salmon into 4 equal parts, gently place in a foil-lined pan. Season desired amount of salt and pepper.
Allow the salmon to bake for 10 minutes.
Remove from oven, and preheat the broiler.
In a small saucepan, mix brown sugar, mustard, soy sauce and vinegar. After mixed, place over heat on stove and bring to a small simmer. Gently brush over salmon.
Place salmon 6 inches from broiler heat and broil just until salmon begins to flake easily with a fork, about 1 to 2 minutes.
Using a spatula, gently remove salmon from baking sheet to plate.

Just News

As CCWF President Lenore mentioned on the first page, the annual Albacore Enchilada Fundraiser is right around the corner. We are waiting to get a date with the Morro Bay Community Center kitchen on Kennedy Way, where we always have it. Keep an eye out for an email when this happens.

Harbor Patrol supervisor Becka Kelly, (and CCWF Director) advised us that the Morro bay Marine Swap Meet will be held on Saturday June 26. Check out friendsofthembhd.org website for great profiles and information about the Harbor Department. Also check out Friends of Morro Bay Harbor Department Facebook page for news and upcoming information about the Marine Swap Meet and other news.

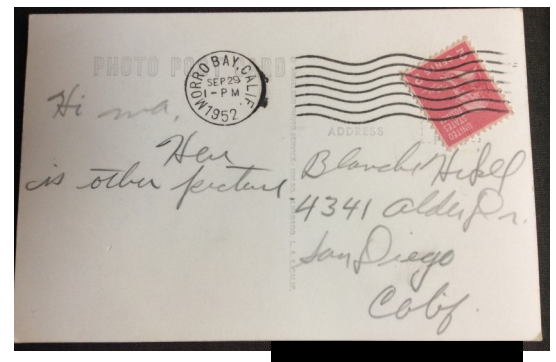
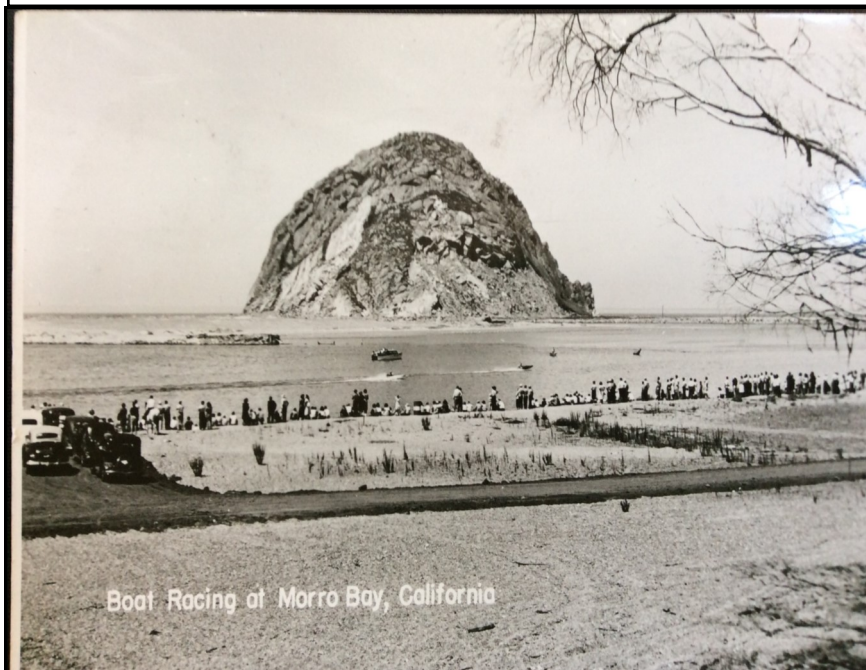
CCWF Vice President/Secretary Sheri Hafer produced more CCWF coloring books for sale. If we don't sell out, there may be some at the Albacore Enchilada Fundraiser and other events we have. We still have We Fish Wild hats, shirts and sweatshirts too.



Pages From the Past

Long time local fisherman, Marlyse Battistella, sent this Morro Bay postcard from years ago. There's a picture of the back side with the 2 cent stamp too. She had the following to say:

“A long time friend just sent me a postcard of Morro Bay from 1952 with a 2 cent stamp on it. It's black and white with the caption "Boat Racing at Morro Bay, CA. It's pretty darn cute. Abe was the owner of the Sea Breeze a San Diego tuna boat and he sent the postcard to his mother. “



Pages From the Past continued

Salty History

There are several resources for fishing history to be found, and for Facebook users there is a great one for west coast fishing, the fishermen and the boats they fish. There's a lot of pictures too, including familiar ones if your from the Morro Bay area.

Former CCWF member and retired commercial fisherman Barbara Stickel has a Facebook page called **Salty History**. You can join the page and get the benefits of Barbara's years of extensive research, interviews and access to some great photos. This information about the abalone and Edie Pierce is one that can be found on the Salty History page.

Photo to the right: from Thom Hall collection.



Abalone processor **Edith Pierce** was a fixture on the Morro Bay waterfront, her tireless efforts fascinating countless tourists for hours on end. When not handling someone's dinner, Pierce was infamous for always having a cigar in her lips.

Edward Romero Pierce, a gold miner, and his brother Walter homesteaded between Morro Bay and Atascadero along what today is Highway 41. In the 1920's, Edward's son, Bill Pierce, wandered over to Morro Bay and began shore picking abalone from rocks exposed at low tide, selling them to early processors such as the San Luis Fish Co. who iced and shipped the product to San Francisco's restaurants. Before long, Bill was diving from a boat and Pierce Brothers abalone processing shop was in operation in downtown Morro Bay. Joining him in the highly successful business venture were his brothers Les, A.R. (Dutch), Charlie, Eddie, and Walter (Duke). Bill Pierce is credited with founding the abalone industry in Morro Bay.

By 1933 a number of Bill Pierce's cousins were also employed in the abalone industry. Shown here is **Edith Pierce**, the only daughter of Walter and Annie (Kester) Pierce. In addition, her brothers Ferree (Cougar), Carl (Boog), Tom, Chester (Bob), Raymond Walter (Blub), and William (Whimpy) were all involved in abalone, either processing them, diving, working on boats or deckhands.

This mid 1970's picture was taken in Chuck Sites' abalone processing shop in the same building which today houses Tognazzini's Dockside Restaurant, at 1245 Embarcadero in Morro Bay. The shell chimes hanging in the windows reminded Sissy Sites (Chuck's late daughter) that her mother was the one to suggest adding the shells and other trinkets to sell to the tourists who regularly lined the windows to watch abalone being processed. Eventually this suggestion grew into a chain of eight shell and shirt shops along the Central Coast. Currently, Chuck Sites has The Shirt Shop on the waterfront in Morro Bay.

Looking for Stories, Pictures, Experiences

Personal stories of a fisherman's experience at sea or a family member's memory from the shore may seem insignificant to them; just another day in their life. However, even small, short experiences are interesting to others because they can relate to them, learn something, maybe even get a chuckle. CCWF will always welcome a picture or story (short or long) that **YOU** can send us for the newsletter. Thank you! srowley303@gmail.com



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

The Value of Storytelling

How I would like to be a youngster again
Back with Dad on the farm,
And hear him tell of God's blessings
As we stacked hay in the barn.

Or Dad telling of God's protection
While in WW I in France,
When Dad's whole regiment was spared,
Dad knew it was through prayer, not chance.

Those were the days with golden memories,
Hours set with jeweled stories rare.
But my youth never knew their value
Till they slipped away without care.

And the tales my Grandma told
Of her only son shipped overseas to fight.
How God's word reassured her
As she prayed for Dad each night.

While the months and years are passing
Like morning dew upon the rose,
I now understand the value of those stories
That a youth never knows.

There is no golden highway
Leading back to boyhood dreams.
But the many stories of God's faithfulness
Lifts my spirits higher,
Back to pleasant youthful scenes.

Travis O. Evans
9/15/2019

