



## Commodore's Log

Hello,

Having had, and still having boat engine problems, makes me wonder how did Columbus manage? Comes Oct 12th I plan to show special respect for him. Also, our

own Sir Francis Drake in our waters. We were able to sail the boat back to our berth where a semi successful landing was made. It's that last minute decision time that gives one reason to appreciate them. I think we all might benefit from a little practice in this department. Try it with your engine running and out of gear. In my thirty some odd years of sailing I have had the pleasure 6 to 8 times and have found saying WHOA! has very little effect on the situation. Since Roy and I have been unable to participate in the last two cruise outs the meeting department has suffered, not that we have a lot of business to conduct other than our quest for new officers. Once again we plead with you to step forward. The job doesn't require a great deal of talent. Roy and I are proof of that. This is all from the top. We hope to re-join you all at the next meeting.

Lou Berg ,  
Commodore

Here are some photos from the cruise-out to Oyster Pt. YC for their Hawaiian Luau:





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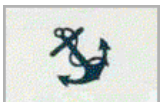
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## New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.

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## New Members

No new members at this time.

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## La Dolce Vita - 2007 Baja Trip

LA DOLCE VITA left Pt. San Pablo YC at 6:00 AM on March 31st on a cruise to Baja, Mexico. I single-handed the leg from San Francisco to San Diego. LA DOLCE VITA anchored off the East side of the Santa Cruz wharf late that afternoon. Anchor up at 6:00 AM the next morning. Anchored that evening in San Simeon Bay. A lovely small bay with only a small group camping on the beach. I left early the next morning for the long run to Cabrillo Isle Marina in Long Beach, and left early the next morning for San Diego. Arrived in San Diego on April 3rd late afternoon. This was after hours at the Harbor Police Office. I tied to an empty slip at this dock and checked in the next morning. Earlene arrived by plane in the evening. We spent two fine days in San Diego and left late in the evening of April 6th for Ensenada, Mexico. We arrived in Ensenada at 6 AM.

The single-handed trip from San Francisco to San Diego, was mostly made in strong Northwest winds and sea. Winds were 25 knots+ and steep seas. LA DOLCE VITA was averaging close to 7 knots under Yankee Jib and StaySail only. I did not use the Mainsail on this leg of the trip.

In Ensenada we tied to a vacant slip in a new marina development at 6 AM. Earlene stayed on the boat and I went to see my old friend the "Bandito" to see if we could go in one of his slips. About 7AM I knocked on his door and his wife answered the door in her bed clothes and invited be in. The Bandito was in bed, he had just had stroke and one arm was paralyzed and his speech was slurred. He was over-joyed to see me as is was many years since I had seen him on LA DOLCE VITA'S shake-down cruise. He asked his wife to move some boats around and make room for us.

On Monday after Easter we completed our Mexican paper work and took on 400 Liters of Diesel at \$2.40 per gallon. The weather continued to worsen and on April 11th the Port Captain closed the Ensenada Harbor stranding 2 cruise ships for an extra night. Good for the passengers and the Ensenada vendors alike. As we had our son Robert and girlfriend Erin meeting us in Cabo San Lucas on April

14th, we felt we had to get going. On the afternoon of April 13th I went to the Port Captain's office and spoke with the meteorologist there. He gave me the 5 day forecast for the west coast of Baja. Fifteen to thirty knots of wind from the northwest seas 8-12ft. stronger in the south. These were the same conditions I experienced on the California coast, where I had made a fine run. So we decided to leave in the morning. We made daily runs of 168 - to our best of 178 miles. Due to increasing winds and seas crossing Bahia Visconso and the Cedros Channel, fatigue was getting to us and we decided to anchor and get a good nights sleep. We anchored behind the south breakwater at Cedros Village in calm water. Outside of the lee of the breakwater the seas were 10-12 ft. breaking. We were glad to be at anchor. In the morning the wind and seas were down and the wind was from the west giving us some lee from Cedros and the island to the south. Soon after leaving Cedros Island astern we caught a nice Yellowtail on the meathook. This was a pleasant surprise as the meathook had only been providing us with a daily Bonito. We made a fast run to Cabo San Lucas arriving at Midnight on April 18th. We were anchored up by 12:30 AM. We met up Robert and Erin in the morning.

In looking back on this passage from Ensenada to Cabo San Lucas, a voyage of some 750 miles, leaving Ensenada on April 14th at 6 AM and arriving at Cabo San Lucas on the evening of April 18th at Midnight with one night at anchor (13hrs.) this was indeed a very good passage for the LA DOLCE VITA. 750 miles in 102 hrs. under way.

I may submit a future article of LA DOLCE VITA'S adventures in the Sea of Cortez and the return trip to San Francisco if there is any interest.

Paul Lagier

More Photos from Oyster Point . . .



Hi! I'm Mike and I raise cane, I mean sugar...



The Trick is in the footwork...



Tom and Kathy Wolinski Claus

# MBYC 2007 Calendar of Events

## January

13-14 Cruise-Out: to South Beach  
Board Meeting & Installation dinner

## February

24 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo Yacht Club

## March

31 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out to Benicia

## April

21 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Jack London Square

## May

19 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: Petaluma Yacht Club

## June

16 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: TBD

## July

14 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: San Leandro Yacht Club

## August

11-12 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: Oyster Point YC

## September

1-3 Cruise-Out: Pillar Point Yacht Harbor  
Half Moon Bay

## October

20 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: TBD

## November

17 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: TBD

## December

15 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: TBD

**NOTE: Please make reservations for each Yacht Club dinner you would like to attend.  
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