



**Louis Berg**

**Commodore's Log**

Hello Fellow Members;

Well I finally made a meeting, because it was on land. I know it's considered bad luck to change a boats name, however I'm considering switching to Pandora.

Our meeting was as you know a general meeting preceded by a directors meeting. At the directors meeting we finalized some plans and prepared a new board of directors for the coming year.

The new board will consist of the following, Commodore, Marc Sykes Vice Commodore, Tom Wolinski Secretary, Dee Sykes Treasure Judy Murray, Fleet Captain, Earlene Lagier and of course Past Commodore, Lou Berg.

After reviewing our first year's activity as a paper club we found the need to increase our yearly dues to \$ 125.00 and our initiation fee to \$ 50.00. These new fees should make it possible to stay in the black and keep our reserve capital in tact. The reserve is for re-entrance into a building should the opportunity and desire greet us.

At our general meeting we introduced two new members to our club, Normandie Fischer and Dan Burke. This makes a total of 5 for the year so far, so we are still growing.

Earlene Lagier has done a wonderful job keeping our cruise outs going, lots of fun. We hope to see more of you. Join us. Watch the Signal for dates and destination.

Lou Berg,  
Commodore

**Fleet Captain's Report**

Alameda YC Cruise-Out Pirate Party.

LA DOLCE VITA left her berth on Oct 6th at 9 AM. Crew members were Patty Kemper (Earlene's sister) and Hap Hasty. The bay was flat and no wind, but beautiful and sunny.

Those joining us at Alameda were: WINDLOCK-Mike and Janice Tryon, and GRACE-Tom and Kathleen Wolinski.

Alameda members were all so friendly and accommodating. They had a great meal for us, good music, and lots of libations. This is the third year we have cruised-out for this party.



Pirates - Tryon's and Wolinski's

Dennis Gade had to back out at the last minute due to boat problems, and Lou Berg and family are also still having boat problems. We hope to see them back on the bay again soon.



Pirate Paul and Wench Earlene

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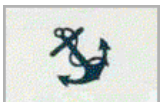
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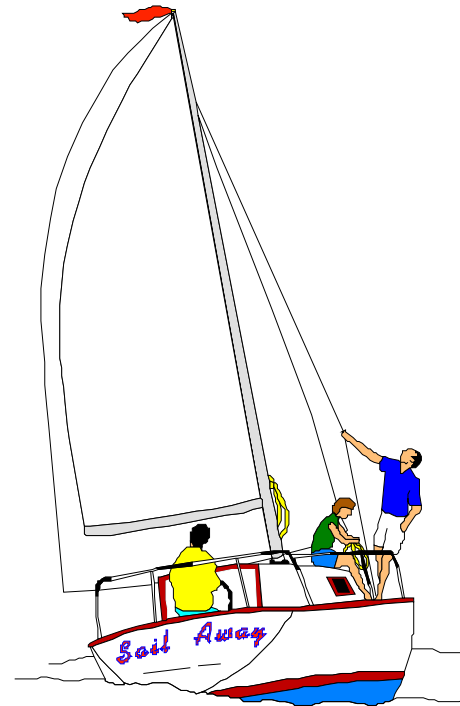
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## New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.

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## New Members

Michael and Normandie Fischer who sail the 56' Hudson *Sea Venture*

Dan Burke who drives the 34' Hatteras *Ms. Murphy*

Returning members Lee and Jole Rector who sail the 30' Freedom *Califa*

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The competition for best costume included 3 ladies- Earlene, Patty and a little Aussie gal (she tried to steal my pistol all evening). Well, my sis Patty won the first prize, a bottle of Captain Morgan Spiced Rum. Three men were chosen including Mike Tryon and Paul Lagier. Hands down, Mike Tryon was the winner of a bottle of Jack Daniels. Marina Bay members did well.



Sunday morning AYC had free breakfast for us. Everyone was very hospitable. On our return trip we hung out in the bay as it was Fleet Week and enjoyed the air show and those Blue Angels. What a great weekend. Hope to see everyone soon.

The November Cruise-out is the 17-18th to Schoonmaker's Marina at Sausalito. I have reserved the 60' dock for our club. I will let you know where we will eat Saturday evening. There are several good places within walking distance. The Bay Model is also close by.

Paul and I were in Sausalito last month and did the tour. Please let me know if you will be able to join us by land or sea. When you arrive by boat you will have to check in at the harbormaster's office. Fees are a \$1 per foot you will get a key for the gates and restroom/showers.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Earlene Lagier  
Fleet Captain, MBYC

## Port Captain's Report

October Membership Dinner



Dinner Scene

## La Dolce Vita - 2007 Baja Trip

### IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ PART III

After having a fun time in La Paz, Robert, Erin and I sailed north to Isla La Partita. We anchored in a large bay at the NW corner of the island called Ensenada Grande. This large bay is surrounded by limestone cliffs that are quite spectacular. Over eons of time these sandstone cliffs have weathered into columns, caves, and rounded shapes. Many boats were anchored here. We arrived in the afternoon and found a place to anchor in 40 ft. of water, tucked under the cliffs so we were sheltered from the NW winds that evening we had a great BBQ of steaks purchased in La Paz.

The next morning we spent snorkeling, spear fishing, and cooking. That evening during cocktail time a large power yacht came in, anchored and immediately put a ski boat in the water and towed water skiers around the bay and through the anchored boats. They were very unpopular to say the least.

In the morning after a breakfast of trigger fish fillets and eggs we pulled anchor and continued north a few miles to a large rock off the far north end of Isla La Partita. We anchored in 60 ft. of water about 100 yards south of this rock. A large colony of seals live here and they have no fear of man. Rob and Erin took the dinghy in close to the rock and spent much of the day in the water swimming with the seals. Late in the day we pulled anchor and returned to Ensenada Grande and anchored for the night. Next morning, French toast for breakfast and return to La Paz. Robert and Erin's flight back to the San Francisco was the following day. We anchored in my favorite place off Marina de La Paz. That evening found us at the La Perla Restaurant for dinner. On the way Rob and Erin purchased their bus tickets to the airport for the next days flight at 2:30 PM. We were up early and got to the bus station for the early bus.

I was now alone in La Paz and headed for La Perla for a lunch of fish tacos. While walking back to Marina de La Paz to dinghy back to my boat Robert calls me from a pay phone. "Papa" he says, "We have a BIG problem". It seems that when he went to my briefcase for their passports he took mine without realizing it He would need his own passport, first to get out of Mexico, and he was leaving for Venice, Italia the following Monday for business. He asked me to take the afternoon bus to the airport and bring it to him and they could catch a later flight.

I rushed to the boat, got the passport, rushed back into town (3 miles each way) to the bus station only to learn that the afternoon bus had been cancelled. Now I'm up a creek and can't get a hold of him as he failed to have his cell phone put on International calling while in Mexico. I knew I could get a bus to the nearest town to the airport, but not to the airport. At 2:30 PM Rob called again to see if I was on my way. When I explained the situation he said just take a bus to San Jose del Cabo and they would meet me there. This is a 160 mile trip from La Paz to Todo Santos to Cabo San Lucas and to San Jose del Cabo.

I got to see a lot of Southern Baja I had not seen before on this bus trip. Robert and Erin were waiting for me at the bus station in San Jose del Cabo when I arrived at 6:30 in the evening. We exchanged passports and then discovered there were no more buses back to La Paz that evening. Robert got to talking to a young man that told us at the "other" bus station about 10 blocks away and I could get a bus to La Paz that evening. Well, I got a bus to La Paz at 9:00 PM and arrived at 12:30 AM in the morning. The very young bus driver could really drive that bus--160 miles in 3 1/2 hrs. with a stop at Todo Santos and at Cabo San Lucas. We passed everything on that 2 lane highway that evening. By the time I walked back to Marina de La Paz, got my dinghy, and headed out to La Dolce Vita it was after 1:30 AM in the morning. A very long day indeed. I now had another week in La Paz before sailing down to Cabo San Lucas to meet Harry Hogan. He would be my crew to head back to California.

To be continued. . .  
Paul Lagier



# *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*

6-7 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: Alameda YC

## *November*

17 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Cruise-Out: Schoonmaker's Marina at  
Sausalito

## *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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