



**Marc Sykes**

### Commodore's Log

Welcome to 2008.... I'm a little late getting started writing the January Signal article. It's January 3rd. I've been your Commodore for 3 days. Almost every one I see has asked how the year is going. My answer is always

the same. This year my youngest daughter is going to be 18. My oldest Daughter is going to be 21. I'll have been married for 25 years in September and sometime this summer, I'll turn 50.

I'm a past president of my Board of Realtors, a past president of my regional MLS and I just started a three year term as a Real Estate Commissioner after being appointed by my Governor. Somebody thinks I'm responsible. Fooled them!

When I was a kid I was a junior sailor at what is now the Redondo Beach Yacht Club in King Harbor. I grew up racing Windward and Naples Sabots. Think El Toro it's the same boat. When I got good enough, I started racing in Marina Del Rey and got to start all over at the bottom of the food chain. In high school, my family moved to Marin and my girl friend's father raced a Peterson 43 out of the St. Francis YC. It was a fast boat but terribly unstable. I remember being out practicing for a Big Boat Series and getting knocked down by what is now Blackaller Buoy and going across the bay, almost to the Alameda Estuary, passing boats, with the mast in the water. Sailing for me was racing. I'm still not a great cruiser, but I'm learning.

Half way through my freshman year at San Diego State, I drove down to the Federal Building in San Diego and enlisted into the Coast Guard. I went to boot camp on Government Island, Boatswains mate school in Yorktown, Va. and back to Group San Diego where I used to get paid to jump out of perfectly good helicopters while the pilots worked on their Air Commander rating. After I made rate I was transferred to Group San Francisco and stationed at what was then Station Fort Point where I spent the balance of my enlistment on 41 ft Utility

Boats and 44 ft Motor Surf Boats towing people in from the Farralons and picking up jumpers off the Golden Gate Bridge.

I moved my family to Reno about 14 years ago and didn't expect to do much sailing in the Great Basin. But, soon I was a partner in a Catalina 270 racing out of the Tahoe YC. Sailing at Tahoe is beautiful. There's nothing like sitting in the middle of the lake drinking wine, watching the snow melt on the Sierras. There's also nothing like sailing around in a complete circle, 200 yards across, without having to trim sails, because they're full all the way around, but that's lake sailing.

I bought my funny looking cruising boat, Pegasus, three years ago and sail every chance I get. If I'm late getting to a cruise out or leave a little early, It's because I have a three hour drive home. As your Commodore, one of my goals this year is to make every event, but if I miss a cruise out this year, I apologize, but I'm probably racing somewhere. It's the way I'm built. I've been fooling around in boats for over 40 years and the people I've met that I liked the best are you, the members of the Marina Bay Yacht Club. The best thing I'm looking forward to this year is serving you. In closing I'd like to say thanks to our 2008 leadership team for stepping up, Tom Wolinski as Vice-Commodore, Earlene Lagier as Fleet Captain, Judy Murray as Treasurer, and my wife Dee as Secretary. I'm looking forward to a great year of cruising in 2008. See you out there!

Marc Sykes,  
Commodore

### Fleet Captain's Report

Hi all,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Our trip to San Francisco South Beach Harbor was very exciting for me. We had seven boats attending. This was a new record. In attendance were: Tom and Kathleen Wolinski on "GRACE". They sailed over on Friday

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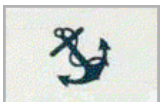
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## New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.

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No new members at this time.

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and were able to spot the whale close to Angel Island. "LA DOLCE VITA" left Pt. San Pablo YC at 8AM and were tied up by 10AM at the harbor. The trip was very calm.

We were also hearing reports of the whale in the bay, but did not see it Saturday or Sunday. Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray on "PIXY TRAILS", Dave and Sue Jacoby on "ENCHANTE", Mike and Janice Tryon on "WINDLOCK", Lou Berg, Roy and Robin Edwards on "WILDCAT", and Marc Sykes and a friend on "PEGASUS" joined us later in the day. Michael and Lupe Shulkin drove over and joined us for cocktails before dinner.



We were 18 for dinner. Barry's son Chris also joined us. The dinner at the Delancy Street Restaurant was excellent. We each had our own personal Marina Bay YC menu. "Mike" who handled our reservation made a point to come over and meet me and introduce himself to the club members. The weather in the city was beautiful both days.

Saturday afternoon I went up Potrero Hill to a high school friends home. The cab ride was quite scary. I was sure he was not going to make all the stops without getting in an accident. All in all the weekend was very good. This last Cruise-out of 2007 was by far the biggest turn-out of the year. More info to come later for January 2008 cruise-out.

We are on the books at San Rafael YC on March 15th for their St. Patrick's Party. Mark your calendars. Let me know yeah or nay if you will be able to attend. Benecia YC will also be cruising in that weekend. Driving is always an option. I am working on other COs, but have had problems with getting my messages returned.

January 19th CO is a possible to Corinthian YC. I am waiting to hear back from them again. This will have to be a cruise by land if they can accommodate us for dinner. There is a big regatta of 200 boats in the harbor that weekend. More on this, later this week.

Earlene Lagier  
Fleet Captain, MBYC



# *MBYC 2008 Calendar of Events*

## *January*

27 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Marina Bay Yacht Harbor  
Harbormaster's Office

## *February*

TBD Board Meeting & Dinner  
Pt. San Pablo YC  
Cioppino Feed

## *March*

15-16 Board Meeting & Dinner  
San Rafael YC  
St. Patrick's Day

## *April*

19-20 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Ayala Cove Raft-up

## *May*

3-4 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Oyster Point YC  
Cinco de Mayo

## *June*

28-29 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Petaluma YC

## *July*

3-6 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Mandeville Island Raft-up  
Fourth of July

## *August*

8-9 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Benicia YC  
Benicia Peddler's Fair

## *September*

1 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Half Moon Bay YC  
Labor Day Weekend

## *October*

TBD Board Meeting & Dinner  
Alameda YC  
Pirate Party

## *November*

1-2 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Schoonmaker Pt. & Sausalito YC

## *December*

6 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Annual Meeting  
Christmas Party

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

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