



**Marc Sykes**

### Commodore's Log

It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a shot rang out and a pirate ship appeared on the horizon....

It certainly was a dark and stormy night at the first dinner the Marina Bay Yacht Club has had in private in some time. I want to say "Thanks" to our Fleet Captain, Earlene Lagier, for a great dinner, prime rib, spare ribs, rice and mixed vegetables. And "Thanks" to Paul Lagier for helping with wine and most of all "Thanks" to all the members who turned out. Judging by the photos a good time was had by all and almost every member showed up. Congratulations to every one for making our first quarterly dinner of 2008, a huge success!

Thanks to all who stayed and participated in our short planning session afterward. It was a heated discussion with a broad spectrum of perspectives voiced. The consensus opinion seems to be: We are who we are and that's the Marina Bay Yacht Club. Our boats are in Marina Bay, our friends are from Marina Bay, and, as a yacht club, our home should be at Marina Bay. So for 2008 we'll continue to have our quarterly meetings in the Harbor Master's Room. I bet that as the days get longer and the weather improves the view from that room will keep getting better and better.

I also want to take a minute to thank Steve, our Marina Bay Harbor Master, and his staff for making our meetings affordable and very easy. As a club, in the past, we've had differences of opinion with the Harbor Master's office, but I hope those days are behind us.

Just before dinner, the Board met. It was a very positive meeting. We agreed to an advertising budget and to work towards growing the club to a level where, if we wanted to consider having a permanent location we could. So, you'll be seeing more about us in the mail and in other venues.

Check the web site. The Cruising Calendar will continue to be updated as requests for cruise out dates come back from destinations that we've applied to cruise-out to. There have already been a few changes. We're going to dinner at the Corinthian YC in Tiburon this month.

We've got a Cruising Calendar with some short hops like San Rafael YC and Alameda YC and some longer, multi-day trips like the Delta for 4th of July and Half Moon Bay for Labor Day. If there's a cruising destination that you love and we're over looking, please send me an email and if we can't get it on the schedule for 2008 we'll get it on for 2009.

We're Marina Bay Yacht Club. We're friendly, affordable and growing and

**We're the Cruisingest Yacht Club in Richmond...**

### News You Can Use

**SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND TO HOST TALL SHIPS LADY WASHINGTON & HAWAIIAN CHIEFTAIN**

The ships are to arrive Feb. 21 at San Francisco's Pier 40, March 6 at Oakland's Jack London Square

Two tall ships return to San Francisco Bay this month to bring unforgettable maritime history experiences to school children and the general public. The 112-foot brig Lady Washington and the 104-foot topsail ketch Hawaiian Chieftain will pass through the Golden Gate in grand fashion at approximately 9:30 a.m., Feb. 21. They'll tie up at noon at San Francisco's Embarcadero at Pier 40 for a two-week visit. On March 6, both ships will transit to Oakland's Jack London Square for 18 days of activities especially for East Bay residents and visitors.

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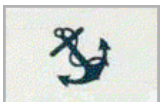
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## New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.

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## New Members

No new members at this time.

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The Marina at Dusk



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Media are invited to the ships' arrivals. Reporters and producers are also welcome to transit with the ships from San Francisco to Oakland on a space-available basis. Contact Joe Follansbee, 360-589-0766 or

[jfollansbee@historicalseaport.org](mailto:jfollansbee@historicalseaport.org).

Activities during the ships' San Francisco and Oakland stays include:

- Dockside tours: The public is invited to board the ships dockside and greet crew in period costume.
- Adventure Sails: Family-friendly trips into the Bay with demonstrations of tall ship traditions
- Battle Sails: Mock "battles" between the ships featuring cannon fire and close-quarters maneuvers

A full schedule for all activities will be published in the coming days.

In addition to public activities, the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will welcome hundreds of school children from northern California private and public schools for educational programs. For details on school programs, including media ride-alongs, contact Carrie Roberts, 800-200-5239 or

[carrie@historicalseaport.org](mailto:carrie@historicalseaport.org).

After Oakland, the ships are scheduled to visit Redwood City and Sausalito for multi-day stays.

## Wooden Boats on San Francisco Bay

See them on Flickr.com, the Web photo sharing site.

Here's the location:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/swbc/>

Anyone can contribute photos to this group by uploading photos to a Flickr account (basic accounts are free), joining the group and adding the photos to the group's photo pool. This is all pretty easy to do on Flickr.com.

The photo group is sponsored by the Spaulding Center, with the goal to help publicize the Center and promote interest in SF Bay wooden boats. Rod Bauer just started the group, but already there are photos of Freda, Polaris, Santana, Alma and other boats that various people have contributed.

It would be great to see more photos of wooden boats, including those belonging to members of Marina Bay Yacht Club.

More information is at the group's site on Flickr.com or e-mail Rod Bauer with any questions:

[webmaster@spauldingcenter.org](mailto:webmaster@spauldingcenter.org)



Dinner at the Harbormaster's



# *MBYC 2008 Calendar of Events*

## *January*

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

## *February*

23 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Corinthian YC

## *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  
Benicia YC

## *July*

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

## *August*

9-10 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Petaluma YC

## *September*

Aug 30-1 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Half Moon Bay YC  
Labor Day Weekend

## *October*

18-19 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Alameda YC  
Pirate Party

## *November*

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

## *December*

6-7 Board Meeting & Dinner  
South Beach YC  
Annual Meeting  
Christmas Party

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