



**Marc Sykes**

### Commodore's Log

The MBYC Board of Directors recommended a slate of candidates for 2009. You will notice that we're recycling some familiar names. As we are a small club, we rely on all of our members for successful club operations and a busy cruising calendar. If you haven't served yet and you are interested in serving your club in any capacity, please give one of your Board Members a call.

As your Commodore during 2008, I want to personally thank the officers who served with me during this busy year.

Vice Commodore: Tom Wolinski  
Treasurer: Judy Murray  
Secretary: Dee Sykes  
Fleet Captain: Earlene Lagier  
Past Commodore Barry Eldridge

These are the people who keep the fires burning for the Marina Bay Yacht Club

### CRUISING...

If you have a favorite cruising destination that we may have overlooked, please contact Fleet Captain, Earlene Lagier, for she is still firming up the Cruise-Out program for 2009, at this very moment.

### HATS AND SHIRTS...

As most of you know, the Marina Bay Yacht Club shirts and hats have arrived. They are selling fast, so contact your Vice Commodore, Tom Wolinski, with your size and color selection.

September is a spectacular month for sailing on the bay, and, after finishing the SSS Vallejo Race, my crew wanted to sail up Raccoon Straights to see Tom Perkins' Maltese Falcon, the world's largest privately owned sailing yacht. The first time I saw her she was sailing back from San Francisco, and with all her sails filled,

she looked like the Embarcadero Center office complex sailing on the bay. The boat in the foreground is a Cata-



lina 42 to give you some idea of the perspective.

If you're reading this article and you are not presently a member and would like to join the Marina Bay Yacht Club, please call any of the Board Members for any questions you may have. You will find club information and an application on our web site... [www.marinabayyc.com](http://www.marinabayyc.com)

The Cruisingest Yacht Club in Richmond!  
Thank you all! You did a great job.

Marc

### Signal Editor's Report

For a variety of difficult-to-explain-conditions, the Signal has been in a holding pattern. Enumerating, or explaining just how these "conditions" came about is confusing; suffice to say it's the economy, i.e. It's Wall Street and the horse they rode in on... So, this issue will be "catch up!" ...a summary of past events. In order to do this, we've condensed the text and relied more on the

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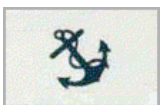
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## New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.

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## New Members for 2009

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photographs, as these are often timeless and few of us read the text anyway. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused

### PETALUMA - AUGUST...

Our August Cruise Out to the Petaluma turning basin was our most challenging to date. Four boats made the run across San Pablo Bay to the mouth of the Petaluma River. This year with Vice Commodore, Tom Wolinski scheduling the departure, we hit the mouth of the river just before high tide and had a beautiful and uneventful run up the river.

After we got tied up and secure at the Turning Basin, we took a short walk up to the Petaluma Yacht Club where they opened up their hearts and their bar, and then (surprise) we had a round of drinks on P.Y.C.'s back deck before walking over to Dempsey's for dinner.



Grace and Windlock tied up in front of the Petaluma Yacht Club.



Heading home with the D Street Bridge in the background



Pegasus and Uncle George with Downtown Petaluma in the background.

Petaluma is always one of our favorite destinations because the turning basin is in the center of town, surrounded by great places to walk, eat and sightsee. The trip up the river is always beautiful, and so long as you time your trip to the tides and watch your depth sounder, it can be very relaxing.



Mike Tryon and Windlock cruising down the Petaluma River.

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### HALF MOON BAY - AUGUST...

September Cruise Out to Half Moon Bay. Fortunately Sunday was a much nicer day than the weatherman predicted. There were no gale winds.

Everyone but Mike Tryon, Captain Nemo to his admiring friends, drove down for dinner on Sunday to the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club. When Mike started telling his stories about wind conditions and a dragging anchor (three times) in the outer harbor, your Commodore felt much better about the decision to turn around and head for home Friday night. ...Sometimes discretion is the better part of valor.



Dinner Sunday was like déjà vu' because I'd had dinner in Half Moon Bay the weekend before after the Single Handed Sailing Society's race. But on this day, both the weather and the company were much warmer, and I didn't have to get underway at sunrise the next morning to motor back to the bay.



Thank You, Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, for your good food, funky bar, friendly folks, fine weather and generous hospitality! And "Yes," we would love to return in 2009. It was wonderful to see everyone having a good time.

### ALAMEDA - OCTOBER...

Earlene Lagier is back after cruising to Hawaii, and she did a magnificent job putting together the barbeque we had on the rear deck of the club.

The Alameda event was one of the least expensive and best tasting meals we've had this year. Thanks to Paul Lagier and Mike Tryon for doing the barbequing. Thanks to the Alameda Yacht Club for their hospitality and a great breakfast Sunday morning.

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Mark is heading back to the Farm



Across the Marina in late November



Jim and Pamela Duvall, are ready... What's next?



### MARINA BAY - OCTOBER...

Our next meeting was the Annual General Membership Meeting at Marina Bay. Sue Jacoby worked tirelessly on Chili Cook Off and the catering. We accomplished a lot, and the stories just bounced off the walls.

Our Annual Chili Cook Off, General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers took place as scheduled, in the Harbor Master's Room in Marina Bay. A good time was had by all...



Ward and Elaine Anderson, enjoying the moment...

Our last cruise out of the year is to South Beach for our annual Christmas Dinner, and this year this will be held at Gordon Biersch, the first weekend in December, 2009.

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## Board of Directors Meeting

### MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING 17 JANUARY 2009

At home of Earlene and Paul Lagier, Ripon, CA

Officers Present: Earlene Lagier, Tom Wolinski, Marc Sykes, Mike Tryon, Barry Eldridge, Judy Murray

Meeting called to order at 3:20 p.m.

1. Oct.25, 2008, and Dec. 6, 2008 minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's report, including year-end reports prepared by new Treasurer, Tom Wolinski.
  - a. 2008 expenses: \$6442.30; deposits: \$4714.94
  - b. Tom will have summary reports for each board meeting, including general membership meeting in Oct., 2009
3. Judy will send Mike Shulkin a card from the club because he has had health problems that kept him from joining us this past year.
4. Twelve renewal memberships received so far approved.
5. Marc proposed the following dates and places for 2009 cruise-outs:  
Feb 28-29 Corinthian; Mar. 14-15, San Rafael; Apr. 25-26, Ballena Bay; May 23-24, Oyster Point; Jun 20-21, Glen Cove; July 3-5, Mandeville Island; Aug. 8-9, San Leandro; Sep. 5-7, Half Moon Bay; Oct. 17, Annual Membership Meeting, Marina Bay Harbormaster's; Nov. 14-15, Sausalito; Dec.5-6, Delancey St. has been changed to Gorden Birsch.
6. Agreed that Marina Bay Harbor management's objections to wine and beer served there during our meetings have been resolved. Management received a document from our insurance company stating that the club's liability is covered.
7. 2009 Board meetings will be in Jan., March, May, Aug., Oct., and Dec.
8. Agreed that prices for restaurant dinners advertised in advance to members should include tax and tip.
9. Agreed that the club's address should be changed to a P.O. box in Pt. Richmond. Marc will open a new box the end of Jan. and fill out a forwarding address form for the Postal System.

10. Discussed possibility of changing web sites for the club. Mike suggested we check out the server he uses for [www.seabee-diver.com](http://www.seabee-diver.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Judy Murray, Secretary MBYC

## Fleet Captain's Report

Our first cruise-out for the year 2009 was a very successful one. On January 17, MBYC members cruised by land yacht to the Lagier's home and boat shop. The members got to see the new boat being built that is now about 20% complete.

Those in attendance were: Mike and Janice Tryon, Tom and Kathleen Wolinski, Ward and Elaine Anderson, Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray, Marc and Dee Sykes, David and Sue Jacoby, Marty Griffin and guest Julia, and Beth and Jeff Easterling. The ladies all enjoyed Earlene's doll room.

The day was warm and gorgeous. The board meeting was held on the patio, and we all soaked up the wonderful sunshine.

Shari, Paul and Earlene's daughter, provided yummy hors d'oeuvres. Paul baked roast beef and members provided their potluck dishes.

There was plenty of variety and dessert. Dinner was wonderful. Thank you, everyone.

All in all, this was a wonderful day and great 1st cruise-out for 2009. Our next cruise-out is to Brisbane-Sierra Pt. YC on February 21. More info on this next month.

Happy Boating,

Earlene Lagier, Fleet Captain  
Marina Bay YC

# *MBYC 2009 Calendar of Events*

## *January*

17 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Home of Earlene and Paul Lagier

## *February*

21-22 Sierra Pt. YC  
Brisbane

## *March*

14-15 Board Meeting  
San Rafael Y.C.  
St. Patrick's Day

## *April*

25-26 Ballena Bay Y.C.

## *May*

23-24 Board Meeting  
Oyster Point Y.C.  
Cinco de Mayo

## *June*

20-21 Glen Cove Y.C.

## *July*

3-5 Mandeville Island Raft-up  
Fourth of July

## *August*

8-9 Board Meeting & Dinner  
San Leandro Y.C.

## *September*

5-7 Half Moon Bay YC  
Labor Day Weekend

## *October*

17 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Harbormasters Bldg.

## *November*

14-15 Schoonmaker Pt. & Sausalito YC

## *December*

6-7 Board Meeting & Dinner  
South Beach YC  
Annual Meeting & Christmas Party  
At Gordon Birsch Restaurant

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

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