



### Commodore's Log

Hello members and friends of the Marina Bay Yacht Club...

Our small organization is such a joyful experience for our members. First of all we really like each other and have such a great

time together.

My name is Michael Patrick Tryon. Yeah there is some Irish blood in my veins. If I may, I'd like to take a moment and introduce myself to those of you who don't know me very well.

First of all: I would feel uncomfortable if I didn't recognize the hard work and leadership exhibited by our former Commodore Marc Sykes. Thank you Marc, from all of us on the board and we wish you nothing but the best.

I grew up in the Winter Water Wonderland of Michigan. My love of boats began when I was about eight years old. We always lived near a body of water and every winter my brothers and I would be laying out our plans to discover something new. For many years we chopped a hole in the ice and on January 1st we were the first to skinny dip every year. I don't remember what started the darn tradition but it became more important every year and took on more noteworthiness.

One of the first boats we had was an old wooden rowboat that needed to have its seams calked every spring. We needed to take a bailing can us on every trip though because the old boat still leaked a lot.

Every summer we spent hours exploring the Saint Joseph River. As time passed I found myself returning to this old black water river. From childhood to adult I'd find myself back on the old river.

My Father-in-Law and I floated the darn thing one day from the dam at Berrien springs to the mouth of the river at Lake Michigan in the City of Saint Joseph.

The Army invited me to Viet Nam in 1969 but I joined the Navy instead. In 1971 I attended Assault Boat Coxswain School in San Diego. My love for life around water was reinvigorated and eventually led me to going to 2nd Class Navy Diving School. After achieving my diving qualifications which is a story I'll tell another day. I explored the underwater world around San Diego, San Clemente Island, and Bermuda.

My Uncle sailed a Pearson 30 out of South Haven, Michigan. I was only able to sail with him once, but the thrill planted a seed deep into my heart. Here we are, thirty years later, my wife Janice and I own an Islander 36 and we sail out of Marina village in Alameda.

I look forward to serving you as the Commodore of our Yacht Club. We have a lot of fun and invite anyone with a love of the sea to look into joining the Marina Bay Yacht Club.

Michael Tryon, Commodore MBYC  
"My heart is in the wind."

### A Chuckle

- ABAFT – Toward the rear (stern) of boat. Behind
- ABEAM – At right angles to the keel, not the boat.
- ABOARD – On or within the boat.
- ABOVE DECK – On the deck, not over it. (Aloft)
- ABREAST – Side by side: by the side of...
- ADRIFT – Loose, not on moorings or towline.
- ANOW – Another beer 1st Mate, ...now please.

A blonde Irishman calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, 'Just a minute...' "Thank you," he says, and hangs up.

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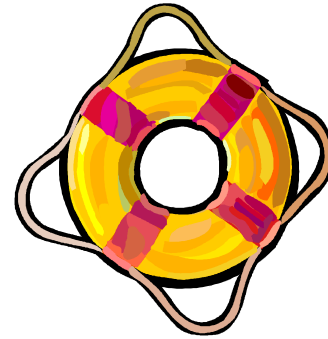


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## New Membership Applications

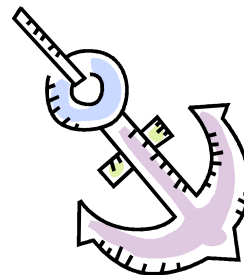
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## New Members

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## Fleet Captain's Report

ALAMEDA CRUISE-OUT: Great time at the Alameda Cruise-Out: The food was wonderful, people there were a lot of fun, we had a good turnout and I understand that no one fell into the channel.

Sailing over were: Dave the horse and 1st Mate, Susan Jacoby, on ENCHANTE...

Paul and 1st Mate, fast draw Earlene Lagier, on LA DOLCE VITA...

Barry Eldridge and 1ST Mate, Olympic Class Nap Taker, Judy Murray, on PIXY TRAILS...

Scott and 1st Mate, Shelly Morris and crew of Joe and Julia, reportedly shanghaied from the inland valley, on SEA LION...

Glen Bigelow and world traveler, Ron Bryan, on GRATITUDE...



Jody, Mike, Janice and Shelly say... the food must have been good...

Ahhh, sunshine, good friends and stories...?

...and By Other Means: Driving over through wind and snow were Mike and 1st mate, Janice Tryon on their two-wheel land yacht. However, Tom and 1st Mate, Kathleen Wolinski, preferred to wheel over on four.



Great Music, Great Food and a wonderful bunch of Sailors. Think we should do this again?

Busy, Busy, what could they all talking about?



It's amazing, but if you eat this egg, you will learn to love sailing

But I don't like eggs?

The day is winding down and it's time to pass on some parental wisdom...

Sailing Across the Slot:

For those who arrived at the Alameda Y.C., early in the day, they had questionable winds and didn't set sail until after they hit the bridge. For those arriving just after lunch, they had pleasant, 10-15 kt winds off the stern quarter. For those of us who showed up later, it was twenty-knot winds head on, ...rumble, rumble, rumble.

(Will one remember this for future South Bay cruise-outs. Right? Probably not...!)

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'Sookay, but we like Mom's cooking's better.'

## A Skeleton Crew

In 1913, while cruising near the coastline off Punta Arenas, Chile, the British sailing ship Johnson sighted what appeared to be a boat with sails floating in the wind. When British signals elicited no response, the craft was approached. The crew noticed that the ship's masts and sails were covered with some kind of green moss, and that the vessel seemed abandoned by its crew.

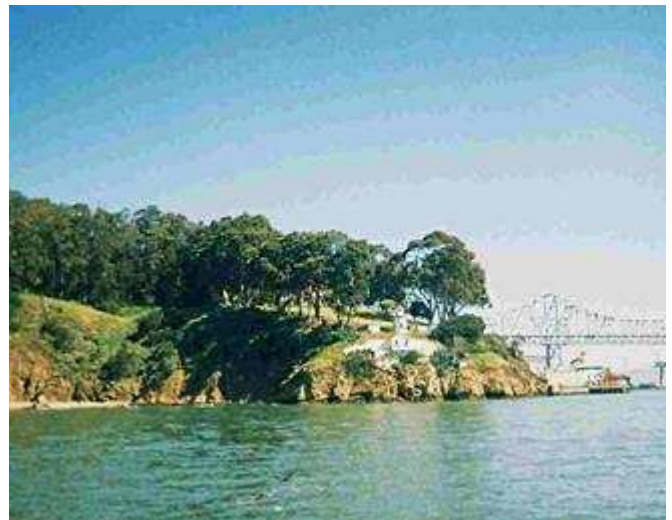
Upon boarding it, the skeleton of a man was discovered beneath the helm. The deck was decayed to such an extent, that it gave under the footsteps. Three more skeletons were found near a panel, ten were found in the crew's quarters, and six on the bridge.

Upon the ravaged prow of the vessel, the words, [Marlborough Glasgow](#), could still be discerned.

The Marlborough left Littleton, N.Z. in January 1890 with a cargo of wool and frozen mutton, and a crew of 23 men under Captain Hird. In April 1890 an unsuccessful search for the vessel was made. Nothing was ever found of them until this time.



One two three, one two three, won too Hmmm



Early on, this light house with it's wonderful bay views, was a tough assignment, for the nearest pub was 3 miles away, and that was by boat...

# 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~~  
CANCELLED due to a fire in the Club's  
Kitchen - Bummer

## April

25-26 Alameda Yacht Club for the  
Western Dinner/Dance

## May

23-24 ~~Board Meeting~~  
~~Oyster Point Y.C.~~  
~~Cinco de Mayo~~  
CANCELLED - They apologized.  
Apparently they had too many cooks  
Interpreting their calendar - Bummer #2

## June

6-7 Board Meeting & Dinner  
San Francisco Y.C. Tiburon

## July

3-6 Mandeville Island Raft-up  
Fourth of July

## August

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

## September

5-7 Half Moon Bay YC  
Labor Day Weekend

## October

17 Board Meeting & Dinner  
Harbormasters Bldg.

## November

14-15 Schoonmaker Pt. Drinks at the  
Sausalito YC. Dinner at Scoma's  
Restaurant. Each sailor must call  
Schoonmaker directly at 415-331-5550  
By October 15<sup>th</sup> for berthing.

## December

5-6 Board Meeting & Dinner  
South Beach YC  
Annual Meeting & Christmas Party  
At Gordon Biersch Restaurant

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

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