

SYC Interclub Farallon Islands Cruise

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As part of the Sausalito Yacht Club cruise program, we are planning a one-day cruise out the Gate to the Farallon Islands, hoping to see some whales. We've done group sails of this type before, and sometimes have seen lots of whales and other times have seen none, but it's always a fun trip and gives members a chance to go out together. We've also been able to encourage sailors and cruisers who are a little shy about going out the Gate to join us for the security of a fleet cruise. The tides are good for an early exit at daybreak, with a nice flood to push us back into the bay before nightfall.

We thought it would be great fun if we could be joined by sailors and cruisers from some of our sister clubs in and around the bay area - sort of an "interclub" fleet cruise. Just think of all those burgees slipping out the Gate at dawn on a neat little Saturday adventure! At the end of the trip, the SYC will have a dinner at the beautiful SYC clubhouse located next to the ferry landing in downtown Sausalito, where we can all share our tales and get to know each other better.

Obviously, the success of this trip depends on weather and sea conditions, which we can't control or even predict more than a few days in advance. In the past, as this year, I will be happy to coordinate the go/no-go decisions and keep everyone updated by e-mail for a daily count-down the week before the trip.

As a bonus, if we do end up scratching the trip for weather or sea state, SYC will still have the dinner party, so we can all "cruise in" for that, anyway. That should appease the disappointment gods sufficiently!

I welcome any and all bay area sailors/cruisers who wish to join our fleet to contact me directly, and I will forward and coordinate with my co-cruise chair Bob Wilson, and with SYC Cruise Director Jeff Polick. Please include your name, e-mail and cell contact info, YC affiliation, boat name, boat type and size, and # of anticipated crew.

I will collect your info and keep you updated weekly, and as the day approaches, daily. I will also include an Excel spreadsheet with the participating boats as part of these updates. Of course, this is an individual event, and each captain and boat is responsible for all safety matters and go/no-go decisions on an individual basis.

I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

