

# *Cruising Policy*

1. The mission of the SMYC cruising program is to:

- a. Determine the date and destination for cruises.
- b. If the destination has slips (visiting a yacht club or public wharves), contacting the host regarding availability and determining the best way to handle slip reservations (as a group or individually).
- c. Plan the social events at the destination.
- d. Provide contact information among the participating boats.
- e. Provide a clearinghouse to match members with boats with members who would like to crew.
- f. Provide information about cruising experiences and helpful hints that may make cruising safer and more enjoyable.
- g. Make it abundantly clear that the boat owner and skipper bear sole and full responsibility for the decisions regarding boat preparation, navigation, and operation.
- h. Sponsor the re-instatement of the club seamanship contest, which tests anchoring, man-over-board drill, and sailing.

2. It is NOT the mission of the cruising committee to:

- a. Impose any requirements or guidelines regarding boat preparation, navigation, or operation. If individual skippers want to buddy boat, they can do so on their own.
- b. Undertake any responsibility for aiding boats in distress. Boat skippers may respond individually to calls for assistance in accordance with the federal, state and laws of the sea.

3. Participation

- a. Each boat participating in a SMYC-sponsored cruise must have at least one SMYC member aboard and fly the SMYC burgee.
- b. When the cruise includes using the facilities of another yacht club, e.g., dock or club house, SMYC members must sign in under their SMYC membership number. As GUESTS of the hosting club, ONLY **MEMBERS** in good standing may use the facilities of the host club.