

## Port Walk #22



### Protecting the Ocean

Beyond the Golden Gate, 7,000 square miles of ocean waters are protected for the benefit of fish and wildlife, and for our common future. Some human activities are allowed, but wildlife has priority in the Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries.



### An Underwater Mountain

If you sailed 52 miles northwest of the Golden Gate, your boat would pass over the Cordell Bank, a submerged mountain that rises to within 120 feet of the surface. The waters around this underwater mountain teem with life, providing one of the richest biological environments in the Pacific. Whether you are a person, a seagull, or a sea lion, the fishing here is excellent.



### Wild Sanctuary

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary is home to thousands of seals and sea lions, as well as the largest population of breeding seabirds in the continental United States. On a clear day you can see the sanctuary's Farallon Islands, located 26 miles out to sea.



### Ed Ueber, Sanctuary Manager

“As we look out the Golden Gate, fog often blocks our view to the ocean, the most productive, beautiful, and mysterious wilderness in the world. Our activities on land affect which mammals, fish, and plants survive and multiply beyond the Golden Gate, in the Gulf of the Farallones. We all must make every effort on land to protect the ocean wilderness, for humans will not survive long without it.”