

SeaGate Yacht Club
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FROM THE BRIDGE

by Bob Axel, Commodore

Note from the News Room by Walter Windshield

GOOD EVENING MR. AND MRS. AMERICA AND ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA here is all the news that's fit to print!

Date line Sea Gate Yacht Club : 4 February was the date of this years Super Bowl. Sea Gate had a high scoring party to watch the festivities. Hot Dogs, chili and an array of desserts kept the attendees happy watching the seventy-two inch HDTV. It was just like being present on the field. What an event. Dennis & Kathy Kreil, Cliff and Sandy Meier, our staff Commodores, carried the ball over the goal line in terms of fun. It played to a maximum crowd

Date line Long Beach Yacht Club: 25 February saw the annual New Member Brunch, hosted again by Staff Commodore Jim Senske and his wife Lyn. The day opened with three boats departing Huntington Harbour at 0930 with only two boats arriving at the LBYC dock at 1000 Hrs. The brunch was great as usual, but the missing boat required an extensive search party and the assistance of the port authorities, the coast guard and vessel assist to locate and return them to safety. Your Vice Commodore Cleve Sproule took command and control and supervised the rescue in seamanlike manner. No lives were lost, and the passengers returned to port safely, having breakfast a little late. It was reported that several guests, in spite of the adventure, applied for membership in the club, so the day was successful. Thanks to the skippers who provided the boats for the event.

Date line St. Patrick's day: 17 March. Club members enjoyed a spectacular event. The maximum capacity crowd saw the Larson Academy of Irish Dancers perform a wonderful Irish dance with five young ladies dancing traditional numbers. The authentic dances on both tap and toe shoes had everyone in awe. Irish stew, corned beef sandwiches and salads were washed down with beer from our new beer tap. Every one had a ball and we all felt badly that so many were turned away since we were

at capacity. All the up-coming events will have a maximum capacity stated in the initial invitation, and once that is met, no more people will be added so if you want to attend an event, make a reservation early.

I'll see you with my felt hat and press pass in place at Opening Day, the Avalon Cruise and Night at the Races before our next news cast!

SEAGATE YACHT CLUB BOATING COURSE

We have arranged with the US Coast Guard Auxilliary to conduct an all day Safe Boating Course at the clubhouse on Saturday May 12th. This is an ideal course for beginners as well as an excellent refresher course for experienced boaters and many insurance carriers will give you a discount on your marine insurance for successful completion of this. This is the ABC course and includes a training manual and a DVD, and you can get more details on the course content at <http://nws.cgaux.org>. The cost is \$35.00 per person and we need to give the coast guard about 4 weeks notice on the number of people. So please send me your check made out to US Coast Guard Auxilliary by April 14th, as they would like to get the training materials to you before the course date. My address is: 3455 Windspun Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. Any questions please email me or phone 714-840-6920.

Best Regards,
 John Humphreys



SEAGATE YACHT CLUB OPENING DAY, APRIL 7, 2007

By Mike Courtway, Jr. Staff Commodore

Festivities began with 14 boats representing SeaGate Yacht Club parading through Huntington Harbour at 1:45 p.m. Saturday April 7, 2007. Skies were overcast, but the weather was warm and perfect for boating. In addition to lots of champagne for members and guests, the boats were all carrying the club burgee and highly decorated with flags.

The Harbor Patrol led the parade while showering water from a nozzle on its bow. The SGYC lead boat, the 'Linda Si', a 42 foot Ocean Alexander skippered by Commodore Bob Axel, lead the parade of fleet through Huntington Harbour. The 'Linda Si' also carried Jr. Staff Commodore Mike Courtway, Staff Commodore Mary Shebell, Vice Commodore Cleve Sproule and Rear Commodore Ray Nagele.

Following the parade at 4 p.m., 95 members and guests met at the gaily decorated SeaGate Yacht Club clubhouse for cocktails and a traditional flag raising ceremony on the lawn. Staff Commodore Cliff Meier delivered the invocation, followed by introductions and recognitions. Upon conclusion, Commodore Bob Axel declared SeaGate Yacht Club 2007 yachting season "officially open".

Dinner of carved tri-tip and barbequed chicken breasts was arranged by Jr. Staff Commodore Mike Courtway and his lovely wife, Sharon. Following dinner, there was some lively conversation surrounding nominees for the Dumb Bell Award.

Seagate Yacht Club was founded in 1976 for residents of SeaGate and Huntington Harbour. Our 31st year promises to be one of the most active with monthly events and cruises. Visit our website and check out our schedule of events. Plan to support as many events as your schedule permits.

Until next time, happy boating.



On March 17, 2007, SGYC had its first St. Patrick's Day Event, hosted by Mark and Linda Stephan, Jeff and Sharon Smith, Commodore Bob Axel and his lovely wife Linda, Vice Commodore Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi, the evening was a huge success.

To begin the evening, our caterers, Thank Goodness It's Sophia, served us salmon cakes, assorted mini-corn beef sandwiches, and spinikopeda (a spinach and cheese delight).

Following appetizers, we were entertained by some outstanding Irish student dancers. Between their extraordinary authentic costumes, their enthusiasm and beautiful smiles, our club was really bedazzled. And, as if this wasn't enough, the girls even taught those who dared a few of their dance steps.

Next up was our hearty dinner of Guinness Irish Stew served in a bread Boulle accompanied with a Shanangarry Salad. To end this gourmet feast, dark and white chocolate bread pudding was served with Irish cream sauce and of course, let's not forget our house chair who served up a special green beer and coffee with Irish liqueurs. Thank you, Jerry and Linda Cassidy and crew.

This unforgettable evening was decorated to the hilt and some of the guests really got into the spirit with their Irish costumes. Thanks to all for making the evening a blarney good time.

Sharon Smith

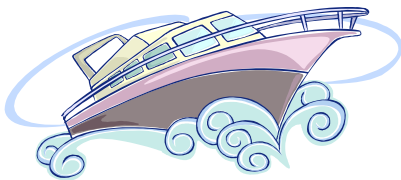


FROM THE REAR

by Ray Nagele, Rear Commodore



The boating events are lining up! We have our yearly Cruise to Avalon May 18th to 20th hosted by the Novaks. We have just booked a cruise to King Harbor Yacht Club for June 29th to July 1st. Richard Kappes is the host for this cruise. This took contacts and a lot of work to get approved, KHYC's policy is not to allow cruise visits during the summer, but we persevered. Almost inked is a cruise to Dana West Yacht Club, a favorite yacht club for many. This will be on July 27th to 29th. Happy Sailing!



BOAT OWNERS

Save the dates...

June 29 through July 1

Two nights and three days at King Harbor Yacht Club in King Harbor. Wonderful opportunity to enjoy a great weekend with other SGYC members. More details to follow.

Contact: Richard Kappes (714) 840-8087

SHIP'S STORE



Visit the Ship's Store at the Bonaire Clubhouse events. There are many wonderful new Seagate Yacht Club articles for sale.

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Lundin Mary	4/1
Cohen Ted	4/2
Gray Jim	4/3
DeHeus Kaylyn	4/5
Ralphs Dorothy	4/6
Jones/Kujat Don	4/7
Davis Ed	4/8
Jarvis Roy	4/11
Thomas Paul	4/14
Pazornik Gary	4/15
Wiegand Jack	4/16
Walton Jim	4/17
Snegg Barbra	4/18
Djordjevic Mirko	4/19
Dorsey Margery	4/20
Bayless Bruce	4/20
Skerek Sherry	4/21
Cohen Linda	4/22
Willis Burt	4/23
Daugherty Joanne	4/23
Russell Jerry	4/24
O'Brien Regina	4/26
Metro Stephen	4/27
Kirkwood Carol	4/27
Shebell Mary	4/30

MAY

Jones Ron	5/3
Lee Kathy	5/5
Cencak Shirley	5/6
Hayden Terry	5/10
Barnett Jeanie	5/11
Gallaughery Sandy	5/13
Siegel Barbara	5/14
Nagele Ray	5/18
O'Brien Tim	5/19
Thornburg Bill	5/27
Smith Jeff	5/30
Woods James	5/31
Thornburg Lucille	5/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Guy & Caron Mount	4/6
Jim & Kathleen Rusch	4/7
Joel & Sherrill Lander	4/13
Jim & Donna Gray	4/15
Boris & Dorothy Ralphs	4/26
Keith & Mary Kay Shelton	4/29
Dick & Pat Naulty	5/4
Ray & Ellen Martin	5/11
David & Bea Swanson	5/13
Don & Jeanie Barnett	5/16
Pat & Vaughn Jenkes	5/28
Tony & Bonnie Rumfola	5/31

2007 Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 25
NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

Saturday, March 17th
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday, April 7th
OPENING DAY
EVENTS & DINNER

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THESE
GREAT EVENTS!**



Your 2007 Crew

Bob Axel, *Commodore*
Cleve Sproule, *Vice Commodore*
Ray Nagele, *Rear Commodore*
Mike Courtway, Jr. *Staff Commodore*
Marty Lipman, *Treasurer*
Susan Lipman, *Secretary*
John & Margaret Humphreys, *Membership*
Jerry Cassidy, *House Chair*
Bea Swanson & Ted Cohen, *Ship's Store*
Tom Worden, *Webmaster*

Many thanks to those of you who have helped with these Newsletters. And special recognition to our Webmaster Tom Worden for use of some photos from the SGYC Website at www.seagateyachtclub.com.

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