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COMMODORE'S CORNER

by *MICHAEL COURTWAY*

Ahoy fellow SGYC members!

As autumn has come into focus in Huntington Harbour, I can reflect back on a summer filled with SeaGate Yacht Club activities.

August 19th, perfect weather contributed to the success of the annual SGYC Progressive Dinner. Thanks to the planning of Margaret & John Humphries and their committee, we all had a wonderful time 'in the park' enjoying the Caribbean themed appetizers and listening to soft sounds of Prince Bernard playing the steel drums accompanied by his singer. All while enjoying the special coconut rum punch made for us by Jerry and Linda Cassidy. Prince Bernard followed us to the artistically decorated SeaGate clubhouse for dinner of salmon curry and roasted stuffed pork loin, with all the trimmings. Following dinner, we all made it over to the beautiful waterfront home of Bob & Georgie Bromley on Humboldt Island. There, we were treated with dessert cocktails and freshly prepared bananas flambé with Captain Morgan's rum. Um, good!

Next came the Newport Harbor raft-up on September 15th - 17th. With six boats participating, the skippers generously opened their yachts to the landlubbers on Saturday afternoon for a cocktail party. The pick-up location, this year, was the former Ruben E. Lee paddle boat. Skippers brought their tenders and rafts for the shuttle service. Guests brought hardy appetizers for the skippers and crew. There was no formal dinner party afterwards as we had difficulty securing a reasonable dinner spot. But, thank you Mike & Sheree Novak for putting this event together. And, thanks to each skipper for bringing their boat to this event.

Throughout the months of June, July and August we had a new event. It was called Tuesday Cruzin' and scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The format was informal and simple – meet over at Pelican Isle in Peter's Landing around 6 p.m. for cocktails and/or dinner. It grew to such success that it was extended during September. Most came by boat, others drove. Joe & Barbara Siegel walked over! Its success was, in

part, due to the Mitchell's, Dixon's and Cohen's showing up in their Duffys loaded with 10-12 people, each time. I had a fun time. I hope you did, as well.

Next up on the SGYC agenda is the annual meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Please come to this event and enjoy free pizza and refreshments. And, meet the new SGYC Rear Commodore. *Incoming* Commodore Bob Axel has an exiting roster of new officers ready to take over the responsibility of running SGYC in 2007. I hope you will give him your full support.

By now you should have received an invitation to the SGYC Halloween Party on October 28, 2006 at the clubhouse. This promises to be a very fun evening. And, what a cute invite, thanks to Marsha Hendler, the Dixon's and the Platt's..

The remainder of the year is summed up as follows: After the Halloween Party comes the Commodores Ball, followed by the Boat Parade in Huntington Harbour. And then, a fabulous SGYC **New Years Eve celebration** which is being finalized by Vice Commodore Bob and Linda Axel. Usher in the New Year with your friends, close to home, at the SGYC clubhouse. Put this in your calendar.

But wait. It's not over, yet! We need a boat to decorate and represent SGYC in the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade. The theme of the parade is "Music for All Ages" and the dates of the parade are December 9th and 10th, this year. The boat should be a minimum 30 feet in length. If you have a boat we can use, or know of one, please contact Rear Commodore Cleve Sproule at 714-376-9692, right away. It is a gratifying and worthwhile endeavor. Your boat will be cleaned and returned to you – shortly after the parade weekend, for your use and enjoyment during the remainder of the holidays.

In closing, let me remind you **SGYC** is your club. We appreciate your participation in events that are planned. As your commodore, I invite you to let me know of any comments or suggestions for these and future events. Visit our website, often. It's informative and there are a lot of photos from events for your enjoyment. Check it out: seagateyachtclub.com

Here's to Happy Boating and Friendship.
Mike Courtway, 2006 Commodore

Report on SeaGate Yacht Club Progressive Dinner on August 19th

By John & Margaret Humphreys – event Hosts

The Caribbean was our theme for this year’s progressive dinner. Teak Catering served delicious hors d’oeuvres at our first stop at the park off Tortola Circle to 88 lucky guests, consisting of curry crab cakes, cocoanut shrimp, plus dipping sauces. The cocoanut rum punch put together by our tireless house manager Jerry Cassidy and ably assisted by Ray Nagele was perfect for the occasion as we relaxed in Caribbean ambience to the steel drum sounds of Prince Bernard. Several folks came by duffy or whalers and parked at the nearby visitors dock.

Then we were off to the clubhouse, which had been beautifully decorated for our Caribbean theme with lots of help from Jan Nagele and Mary Lou Espinosa. Our steel drum sounds followed us there where we enjoyed delicious Jamaican salmon curry, roasted stuffed pork loin, plus Caribbean style rice, spiced corn on the cob, and salad. Those who came by boat were accommodated at the boat slips near Bonaire. As usual Gerry and Linda Cassidy did a marvelous job of setting up the bar to meet every discerning taste. After our main course we were then off to the home of Bob and Georgina Bromley, who graciously allowed us to serve dessert there, on Humboldt Island. We had wonderful banana flambé with Captain Morgan’s whipped cream, and Caribbean coffee with various liqueurs. There was ample docking space provided for our boaters, who were ably assisted by Bob’s dockmaster. A good time was had by all, and a special thank-you goes out to Galen & Mary Lou Espinosa, Jan & Ray Nagele, and Mike & Sharon Courtway who helped with the speedy clean-up the following day.

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Becky Mueller	10/1
Jim & Uta DeClerck	10/12
Ron & Kay Nelson	10/15
Bob & Georgie Bromley	10/16
Ron & Mona Jones	10/17
Rich & Dianne Rector	10/21
Bob & Shirley Mullaney	10/21
Ted & Linda Cohen	10/25
Jack & Terry Hayden	10/29
Cliff & Sandy Meier	10/30
Donald & Susan Duncan	10/30
Merle McCormick & Mary Shebell	11/16
John & Lu Mendenhall	11/19
John & Maryann Boryszewski	11/21
Gary & Arlene Dixon	11/25
Bill & Carol Kirkwood	11/26
Oscar & Mary Ann Brinket	11/27
Josef & Kim Davydovits	11/30
John & Margaret Humphreys	12/6



NEWPORT RAFT-UP 2006

The 7th Annual Newport Cruise and Raft-up was held on September 15th through 17th. This year we decided to again do a raft-up at the main anchorage in Newport Harbor, and obtained permission from the Harbor Master.

This year's raft-up was made up of six boats, many skippered by folks that have done this raft-up before:

Tagged & Released	Dennis & Kathy Kreil
Natsu	Nat & Susie Pendleton
Bali' La	David & Barbra Snegg
Kathleen	Greg & Kathy Lee
RO III	Floyd & Mira D'Angelo
Legacy	Doug & Sharon Fuhrman

Everyone was eager to get underway on Friday, so they could arrive at the raft-up site in the early afternoon. As the boats arrived, the veteran skippers (all of them) took charge and put out the bow and stern anchors to secure the boats for the night.

After a relaxing day on Saturday, the boaters were preparing for the traditional cocktail party before dinner. Unfortunately, about 3PM the winds changed in the harbor and our raft-up skippers had to re-adjust the anchors to keep the boats from drifting. This was a "big deal" but our experienced skippers handled it without a hitch.

Simultaneously the "landlubbers" arrived at the Ruben E. Lee for pick up. They were planning to join the raft-up for cocktails with some staying for dinner. The re-anchoring of the boats caused some delay in picking up the "land lubbers", but shortly all SGYC members were aboard the boats to enjoy the party.

The Kreil and Lee's were nice enough to host our bar boats while appetizers were enjoyed by all at various locations on the raft. There was plenty of good spirited fun and some football games on the TV. Everyone had a great time which came to an end about 7:30PM. when most of the "land lubbers" were returned to the Ruben E. Lee to drive home.

Afterwards, the dinner parties started and the fun continued well into the evening with everyone retiring with "stories to tell."

"A true Yachting Event with a drinking problem."



BIRTHDAYS

Robert Axel	10/2
Donna Gray	10/2
Jean Clark	10/4
Marsha Hendler	10/5
Kim Davydovits	10/5
Lyle Kilgore	10/6
Dianne Rector	10/6
Kathleen Rusch	10/6
Jerry Cassidy	10/7
Pat Naulty	10/9
Sheree Novak	10/9
Elynn Kennedy	10/9
Jan McKnew	10/14
Bett Walton	10/17
Mark Daugherty	10/21
Nancy Metro	10/22
Terry Parcell	10/22
Lu Mendenhall	10/23
Robert McCormick	10/26
Gary Gochman	10/28
John Humphreys	10/31
Rich Rector	11/1
Joyce Wiegand	11/3
Scott Mueller	11/4
Verna Smith	11/8
Ria Cencak	11/9
Kathy Bayless	11/12
Caron Mount	11/12
Bob Mullaney	11/13
Mary Lou Espinosa	11/15
Judie Kappes	11/17
Richard Kappes	11/19
Marthe Fee	11/19
Doris Willis	11/20
Morton LaPittus	11/21
Robin Clark	11/21
Tony Flecklin	11/23
Michael Novak	11/24
Francis Okino	11/24
Radha Sharma	11/27
Mary Louise Lund	11/27
RJ Parcell	11/30
Cathy Kelly	11/30



SHIP'S STORE



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

2006 Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 11
ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, October 28
HALLOWEEN PARTY
Hosts: Hendler, Dixon, Platt

Saturday, November 18th
COMMODORE'S BALL
Margaret & John Humphries

Sunday, Dec. 31st
NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

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



Your 2006 Crew

Michael Courtway, *Commodore*
Bob Axel, *Vice Commodore*
Cleve Sproule, *Rear Commodore*
Mary Shebell, *Jr. Staff Commodore*
Marty Lipman, *Treasurer*
Susan Lipman, *Secretary*
Maryann Boryszewski, *Membership*
Jerry Cassidy, *House Chair*
Pam Jackson, *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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