



SeaGate Yacht Club

CATALINA CRUISE

By Kathy Kreil

"Twenty six miles across the sea, Santa Catalina is awaiting for me..."

We're sure many of the over fifty members and guests were singing, maybe humming, this tune as they peacefully cruised with sunny skies, warm weather and playful dolphins across the channel to picturesque Avalon Bay for SeaGate Yacht Club's annual Avalon Cruise. Fifteen boats (we think that is a record) were greeted at the entrance of the bay by our Burgee flying proudly beneath the American flag. The weather in Avalon was perfect for boating. You will want to make sure you visit the SGYC website to enjoy the beautiful pictures of the boats and harbor.

Although many of our members and guests arrived in Avalon as early as Wednesday, most "tied-up" sometime on Friday. That afternoon always finds members meeting on the streets of Avalon, in the cockpit of one of the boats, or cruising the harbor before gathering for the traditional Friday night cocktail party. This year the party was hosted by Cindy Shaw in one of Avalon's quaint rental homes on Eucalyptus Street. The party spilled onto the street and lasted well beyond the scheduled two hours. Thank you, Cindy for hosting this year's party. Cudos also go to Jerry and Linda Cassidy for once again transporting and setting up a well stocked bar.

We awoke to another beautiful sunshiny Avalon day on Saturday. Later in the day, two special events were held to test the skills of willing participants. An ice cream eating contest drew many diet-conscious spectators, but only four combatants. Jerry Cassidy walked (slowly) away with the Golden "OLAF" for downing the most ice cream. The popular miniature golf tournament was again held in the Wrigley Plaza. Mike Novak, Roy Martin and Tom Worden placed third, second and first respectively. Later, Tom Worden was awarded the "Golden Putter" for his "sub-par" performance. Dinner on Saturday night brought everyone together at the Mi Casitas Restaurant Avenue.

The food was excellent (good choice Josef and Kim) and the Conseulos, a small pond of fruit margaritas, were enjoyed by many.

Sunday morning brought calm weather for smooth sailing across the channel. For those of you who did not attend this wonderful event, we encourage you to put it on your calendar for next year. This is a truly great experience where members can relax together, establish new friends and reconnect with those they haven't seen during the winter. Your hosts, Josef and Kim, Tom and Jean, and Dennis and Kathy thank all of those who ventured across the channel to make this weekend a very special SeaGate experience.



