

SeaGate Yacht Club
Friendship & Boating Since 1976

The BURGEE

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“ I’M SO BUSY,

I DON’T KNOW IF I FOUND AN ANCHOR

OR LOST MY BOAT ! ”

Melinda Johnson-Pasque - Commodore



ONE PERK of being Commodore... (in addition to the very cool hat), is being invited to other club’s Opening Day celebrations. The tradition of recognizing our military veterans moves me every time, the cannon blast makes me jump every time, and the spirit of friendship and kindness at each celebration reminds me of our club, and our own successful Opening Day. (So Happy our Huntington Harbour has been declared free of ice and safe for this season’s boating!)

AS SGYC members, you too can enjoy the reciprocal privileges provided by many other yacht clubs - close clubs like those along the California coast, or exotic ones across the globe! Just grab your membership card, make a reservation, and enjoy a beautiful sunset on the water. Snap a picture while you’re there – we love to know where our members are visiting! Here are some shots from recent visits to Waikiki, Long beach, Shoreline and Dana Point, and Remember, we’re never too busy



to find our boat!

From Vice Commodore Tiffany Vlasek:

Happy Almost Summer, SeaGate Yacht Club Members and Friends! It’s hard to believe we’re charging into June!





Diane Kaplan and Rich Maier hosted us on May 21 for our Western Bonanza. What an enjoyable night. Our DJ was Doug Houston. His great voice had people up and dancing before dinner, and Doug led us in some Country Line dancing afterwards. Diane and Rich provided a really great meal, much of it homemade: Our Vice Commodore Vance Vlasek, a self-declared Deviled Eggs connoisseur, deemed Diane's to be "a solid 10!" She also made Stuffed Jalapeños, bacon-wrapped weenies and a fabulous Triple Berry Cobbler with vanilla ice cream. The ribs were top-notch and the rest of the meal was just perfect. We are very grateful for Diane and Rich's efforts for this really fun night.

On July 17, we will be having our Duffy Brunch at the Huntington Harbor Yacht Club. This event always sells out quickly so be sure to get your



tickets as soon as you receive the flyer.

Lastly, summer is upon us and we are starting up Tuesday Cruzin'! This is one of our favorite relaxing, fun events and we will be rotating new locations into the mix this summer. Tuesday Cruzin' is always the second and fourth Tuesday of the months of June to September. Our first stop this season will be on Tuesday June 14 at Golden Road Brewery (right next door to Pelican Isle) at 5PM. Robin Clark will be coordinating boat/Duffy rides so get in touch with Robin if you need a ride or if you want to offer space on your own boat for other members. Boat parking is limited so we always want to have as many people on boats as possible. We plan to also visit Beale's Texas BBQ and of course, our old favorite, Pelican Isle, on subsequent Tuesdays during the rest of the summer. Keep an eye on your email for information.



And we hope to see you Tuesday Cruzin'!

We are looking forward to a fabulous summer on the water and in our clubhouse. Mark your calendars for these fun events and we look forward to seeing you at each one.

Getting to know Rear Commodore Grace Toy

My sons and I moved to SeaGate in October 2021, and were immediately accosted... eh hem, met by super-friendly neighborhood yacht club recruiter Vance Vlasek. (Totally kidding, Vance - you're the best!) Within 2 weeks I became a member of SGYC, went to my first Dock Party, and was elected Rear Commodore. (That's not usually the way this is done.) I have met more neighbors and made more friends in my 7 months at SeaGate than I did during the past 10 years in Seal Beach, and I thought that neighborhood was friendly! I've learned more about yacht clubs and boating than I ever imagined, especially as someone prone to motion sickness; and am enjoying every minute of my new adventure. Universe, bring it on!



A unique fact about me: I stood beside a Medical Examiners at the L.A. County Coroner's office while she performed an autopsy on Notorious B.I.G. in the late 90s. It was surreal and fascinating at the same time. During the same time period, I had a job where I harvested corneas and whole globes for transplant for U.S. and international recipients. It was a scary and creepy job, but my perspective changed when I ran into a patient in the elevator who thanked me profusely because he had just received a cornea transplant from one of the corneas our staff harvested, and he would be able to see again. It brought me to tears.

SGYC Opening Day 2022, by Jr. Staff Commodore Francis Okino

Seagate Yacht Club's 46th Opening Day was held on April 23, 2022. The event was attended by 121 guests that included 11 invited guests!

The event started with a boat parade at 2:00 pm. The parade was escorted by the Huntington / Sunset Beach Harbor Patrol, followed by 9 power boats, one sailboat and four electric boats.

The ceremony went well, according to the script, with a wonderful singing of the national anthem by Staff Commodore Dale and Susan Westover Giali, and an exceptional Invocation by Staff Commodore James Woods. Based on the feedback from the attendees, the food was great, there was plenty of drinks and everybody had a good time. We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed in one way or another, to make this such a successful event.

***Be sure to thank Francis and his lovely wife Aurelia
for heading up this landmark event and making it such a success!***



SHOULD WE WORRY ABOUT MONKEY POX?

By Mark N. Monroe, M.D.

Monkey Pox is not a new infection. It has been around for hundreds of years, just like small pox or cow pox. It is not a single-stranded RNA virus which makes it less prone for rapid mutations and variations like the flu or COVID viruses.

The particular strain of monkey pox that is currently in the news was traced to the outbreak of 2017 in Nigeria, Africa. It is less virulent or deadly than small pox. US government has stockpiled 100s of millions of doses of small pox vaccine because small pox killed more than 300,000,000 people in the 20th century before the live vaccine eradicated it in 1977.

The older population was vaccinated for small pox. If you were vaccinated, then you will find a small oblong patch on your upper arm with 25 needle pricks. Those who were born after 1980 were not vaccinated. Monkey pox has much less symptoms which include fever, body aches, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes followed by white pustular blister rash.

Mass vaccinations of Americans is not warranted since there is limited cases in US with 2 reported in Sacramento and linked to recent travel from abroad. It is more difficult to transmit as compared to COVID or measles which are airborne. Monkey pox required direct contact or exchange of body fluids. We also now have an effective and accurate readily available PCR blood test. There are also effective anti-viral medicines after identifying and isolating each case and vaccinating all close contacts. Monkey pox can be a problem, but it is no COVID, and no one should lose any sleep about it.



MAY HAPPY HOUR

(CHEERFUL, LIVELY, MERRY) + (OPPORTUNITY, MOMENT, OCCASION)

Mix and match the terms however you wish, but the best definition of the SGYC Happy Hour in May was F U N. Approximately 7,682* Seagate members and friends were in attendance at the clubhouse, all sharing their own favorite appetizers and club supplied libations, and opinions were unanimous that this should happen again soon!

(* Attendance figure is an estimate provided by SGYC officials.)



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OUR BURGEE

By John Humphreys

On a recent trip to **England** to visit Margaret's Mom we came across the **Bognor Regis Sailing Club**. It is just a small club with small sailing dinghys and hobie cats. I intended to do a burgee exchange but the only club burgee they had was the one hanging over the bar so

I did not think it was appropriate to "pinch it".



Bognor is a small seaside town on the south coast of England dating back to 680 AD and was primarily known as a fishing and smuggling village. In the 1900's it became developed as a seaside resort for the wealthy, and King George V and Queen Mary visited when recovering from an illness. The King was so impressed with the recuperative effects of the sea air that he added the title of Regis onto Bognor

2022 SEAGATE YACHT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date	Hosts
Event Hosts Brunch at Bonaire Clubhouse	Sunday, January 9, 2022	The SGYC Board
New Members Brunch at Acapulco (with Ship's Store sale)	Sunday, January 30, 2022	Dan Torla and Bill Oneida
Valentine's Dinner/Dance at Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, February 12, 2022	Laura Roskelly and Ginger Hegler
Bahia Corinthian event	Thursday, March 3, 2022	Cleve Sproule, Staff Commodore, and Mark Arizmendi
Opening Day Parade and Ceremony/Dinner at Bonaire Clubhouse (with Ship's Store sale)	Saturday, April 23, 2022	Francis Okino, Jr Staff Commodore, and Aurelia Okino
Western Bonanza at Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, May 21, 2022	Diane Kaplan and Rich Maier
Progressive Dinner	Saturday, June 11, 2022	Floyd and Mira D'Angelo and Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Vice Commodore, and Vance Vlasek
Duffy Cruise @ HHYC	Sunday, July 17, 2022	Josef Davydovits, Staff Commodore, and Felicia Emad
Summer Festival	Saturday, August 20, 2022	Linda Theile, Diane Wiegand, Mary Shebell, Staff Commodore
Cruise to Cabrillo Yacht Club	September 9-11, 2022	Debra Wainer and Lisa Ratkelis
Dock Party	Saturday, October 1, 2022	Dale Giali, Staff Commodore, and Susan Westover-Giali, and Mike Courtway, Staff Commodore, and Sharon Courtway
Annual Meeting @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Tuesday, October 11, 2022	Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Vice Commodore, and the Board
Halloween Happy Hour	Saturday, October 29, 2022	Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Vance Vlasek, and Melinda Johnson-Pasqua
Ship's Store Holiday Boutique	TBD	Laura Roskelly
Commodore's Ball	Saturday, November 5, 2022	Melinda Johnson-Pasqua, Commodore
Holiday Boat Parade	November/December 2022	Grace Toy, Rear Commodore, and Club membership
New Year's Eve Party @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, December 31, 2022	Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Vice Commodore



Birthdays

Mark Monroe-6/1 Gene Rolle-6/3 Tom Worden-6/5 Ronald Jagner-6/5 Tom McKnew-6/8

Josef Davydovits-6/10 Meeling Kok-6/12 Lyle Theile-6/15 John Bolan-6/16 William Greene-6/24

Vaughn Jenkes-6/27 Pat Surridge-7/2 Susan Giali-Westover-7/3 John Boryszewski-7/10

Floyd D'Angelo-7/11 Michael Dix-7/2 David Swanson-7/15 Cheryl Rogers-7/16 Aurelia Okino-7/16

Mark Jones-7/17 Susan Lipman-7/17 Kay Nelson-7/17 Gil Morris-7/18 Paul Herold-7/19
Barbie McMahan-7/23 Diane Wiegand-7/24 Jeanne Woods-7/24 Rick Pope-7/26
Barbara Wright-7/26 Linda Axel-7/27 Pat Jenkes-7/28 Suzanne Richmond-7/28
Cleve Sproule-7/28 Merle McCormick-7/28 Barbara Olschwang-7/31

Anniversaries

Rho & Ping Chao-6/6 Mark & Lina Monroe-6/11 Jon & Jetty Bouleware-6/13
Eugene & Lucille Mascoli-6/15 Jerry & Linda Cassidy-6/17 Bob and Linda Axel-6/20
Jim & Judie Hagin-6/22 Ron & Lisa Ratkelis-6/25 Larry & Marilyn Schwartz-7/3
Ed & Georgette Davis-7/4 Dean & Nancy Knupp-7/19 Richard & Judie Kappes-7/21
Lyle & Linda Theile-7/25 Michael & Sharon Courtway-7/29



Your 2022 Elected Officers:

Commodore Melinda Johnson Pasqua
Vice Commodore Tiffany Tokar Vlasek
Rear Commodore Grace Toy
Jr. Staff Commodore Francis Okino
Treasurer Laura Roskelly
Secretary Cindy Broz Allen (Staff Commodore)

2022 Appointed Officers:

Membership: Kevin Cloud
Port/House Captain: Craig Whitacre
Communications: Michael Dix
Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Mark Monroe (Staff Commodore)
Roster: Cindy Broz Allen (Staff Commodore)
Webmaster: Austin Dix

Judge Advocates: Dale Giali (Staff Commodore) & Susan Westover-Giali

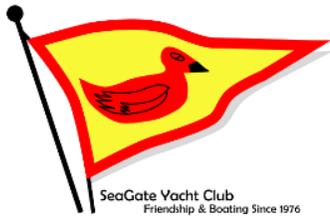
Thank you to all those who contributed to this issue. To see all event pictures, go to <http://sgyc2021files.seagateyachtclub/>.

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