

SeaGate Yacht Club
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The BURGEE

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Welcome 2023!

Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Commodore

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! As your pilot for this year's journey, all systems have been checked and our flight plan has been filed. On behalf of your entire flight crew (all of us on the Board), welcome aboard and settle in as we've been cleared for takeoff.

Our "exotic destinations" this year include some fun new things as well as some old favorites. We will cruise to Ensenada, Long Beach and around our own harbor. We will visit our friends at the Bahia Corinthian and the Huntington Harbor Yacht Clubs. We will get together for casual themed Happy Hours and fancy "formal nights" ie... Commodore's Ball and New-Year's-Eve parties. There is something for everyone and every budget.

So, buckle up, sit back and relax and let's enjoy this trip together!

Let's all welcome Tiffany as our new Commodore,
Along with the 2023 Flag of Officers:
Vice Commodore Grace Toy
Rear Commodore Chris Johnson-Pasqua
Jr. Staff Commodore Melinda Johnson Pasqua



Christmas Boat Parade

By Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Rear Commodore

Who doesn't love a parade, and this year's Christmas boat parade was spectacular! Over 50 boats, excellent weather, great friends and lots to eat and drink! Once again, the Fin-Tastic was the SeaGate Yacht Club boat.

Our thanks to the Clark family for their support and hospitality



This year, we went for a more traditional Christmas theme and decorated the boat as Santa's

Workshop. A big shout out to Robin Erickson for her fantastic design and hard work building the main components of the decorations.

Besides Robin, building the decorations and boat install was made possible by the exceptional crew of Doris & Michael Dix, Pat Jenkes, Melinda & Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Bob McCormick, Michele and David Murray, Kevin Rew



& Kirk Zimmerman, Grace Toy, Tiffany & Vance



Angela Wong, Truc Bui, Pat Jenks, Kirk Zimmerman, Kevin Rew, Kristi Whitacre, Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Vance Vlasek



Doris Dix & Robin Erickson

Vlasek, Kristi and Craig Whitacre, and Angelia Wong & Truc Bui. This year's design



Dave & Michelle Murray

included large candy canes, giant presents, multiple Christmas trees and of course Santa's Workshop with a smoking chimney and live Mr. and Mrs. Claus - played in person by Craig & Kristi Whitacre. We won Best Yacht Club and made the front page of the Orange County Register. Many thanks to everyone who contributed building materials and helped decorate the boat. One team = one giant success.



Craig & Kristi Whitacre



New Members' Brunch

By Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Rear Commodore

Our first event of 2023 was a huge success thanks to the efforts of our hosts Barbie McMahan, Candy Cloud, Debbie Wainer, and our Commodore Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek.





The morning started with a boat ride to Long Beach Yacht Club. Our boat captains received the traditional plaque of appreciation from the club. A big shout out to Clem Aime-La Fortuna II, Craig Koehler-To the Max, Ron and Lisa Ratkellis-Full Deck, Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi-Sea Ya, John Ochs and Joyce

Zimmerman-Carpe Diem (unfortunately, Kevin and Candy Cloud's boat Sea Cloud was down for repairs).



The sold-out event included a delicious breakfast buffet, Valentine Bingo, and the presentation of

burgues to new members Miki Singer and Dave Colebank, and Erin Ledford. Thanks to the efforts of Eugene Mascoli and Staff Commodore Dale Giali, the 50/50 drawing brought in \$250 for the holiday boat parade fund, and \$250 for four lucky winners each getting \$50, and one really lucky winner getting \$100. What are the chances of Mark Arizmendi having two winning tickets?! Way to go Mark!



Here's to a year filled with more fun and successful SGYC events.

Ship Store News

by SGYC Treasurer Laura Roskelly

The SGYC's Ship Store held its Holiday Boutique on December 3, 2022 at the Bonaire Clubhouse. This was a free event and, everyone was invited to join in on the great shopping and fun day!



The event was hosted by Laura Roskelly and our new Ship Store Manager, Margee Lennard. A lovely charcuterie platter, wine and champagne were enjoyed by our guests, and hand-made decorative Angels and Ornaments were gifted to each of our VIP Guests in attendance.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON OUR 2023 VIP LIST, BE ONE OF THE FIRST THREE MEMBERS TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OF OUR CLUB EVENTS!.

You will ALSO be presented with our Infamous "LUCKY BUCKS" to spend at the ship store.

Our next ship store event will be held on Saturday, Feb 4th. We will have almost 100 new and amazing items! Hope to see you there!!



Which Sunglasses

By SGYC Fleet Surgeon Mark N. Monroe, M.D.

I get asked frequently: Which sunglasses are the best? Sunglasses are essential safety gear. Without sunglasses, you risk getting cataracts, ocular melanoma cancer, or even hitting a reef while boating because of not seeing it due to the sun's glare which polarized UVA/B sunglasses block.



The ABCs of UV sunlight:

- *UVA are long wavelength frequencies that are associated with aging because they penetrate deeper into the skin dermis and its elastin fibers. They are also associated with lentigo or aging spots.*
- *UVB are medium length frequencies that cause sunburns and skin cancers.*
- *UVC are short wavelength frequencies that are usually absorbed by healthy ozone layer so that not to reach the earth's surfaces. Due to damaging pollution, the ozone layer is thinner which poses greater risk to the planet's inhabitants like us.*

Lens material has come a long way from glass to plastic to urethane for durability and scratch resistance. Lens colors range from rose tinting to brown to grey to black as the darkest. Copper color shows the most contrast whereas brown is medium, and yellow/green is better for fog or overcast. VLT is the measured Visible Light Transmission (i.e., Brown 15 means brown lens with 15% of light transmitted and 85% blocked). 10-15% is ideal VLT.

Mirrors reflect light. Black/blue mirrors blacken by an additional 2%, whereas silver/gold darken by an additional 4%. Polarizing lenses block the 90-degree reflected glare of shiny surfaces. To verify if the lenses are polarizing, experiment by taking 2 pairs of sunglasses overlapping the lenses and rotating them 90 degrees. If they sunglasses are sunglasses should be



darken, then both polarizing. The wrap around so that the

damaging rays can't attack the eyes from the sides as well.

Lastly but equally important are eyeglass holding straps and floating eyeglass cases so you will not cry when you lose your glasses overboard. Duluth Trading sells a very durable floating dual eyeglass case with a built-in lens wipe that holds 2 pairs of eyeglasses. Check it out and have fun.

New Member News –

Truc Bui & Angela Wong

In August 2022, we attended the Summer Festival at the Seagate Clubhouse and were delighted to meet the organizers/members of event (Melinda and Tiffany). Subsequently, we joined the club after the event. We officially became members of the Seagate Yacht Club/Huntington Beach on September 02, 2022.

We lived in Arcadia, CA before moving to Huntington Beach on July 2021. As a family, we are very active with outdoor activities (boating, paddle boarding, camping, biking, fishing, golfing and tennis).

We are a family of four with two kids (Milla 14yr girl and Miles 12yr boy). I am in the Real Estate industry and Truc is in the pharmaceutical industry.

Since joining the club, our favorite event was the Commodore's Ball. A night of elegant fun! We are very happy to be members of Seagate Yacht Club and looking forward to the next event!!!



More New Member News –

Brian & Aubree Fuentes

Hello SGYC friends and future friends!

We moved to HB / Seagate Community in 2020 from Riverside and joined SGYC in November of 2022. We have 2 daughters, a Sophomore at UC Irvine and a Senior in High school at Marina. We love to kayak, float in the lagoon, enjoy sunset wine cruises in our Duffy, play games and enjoy bible study time with church friends. Pat and Vaughn Jenkes invited us to several events over the past couple years and we have enjoyed each event. We enjoyed the NYE party and look forward to meeting new people and participating in upcoming events!



Future Events

Date	Event	Location	Hosted By
Feb 4	Membership Drive HH	Clubhouse	Board
Feb 18	Nat'l Drink Wine Day	Clubhouse	Robin Erickson Kristi Whitacre
March 17	St. Patrick's Day HH	Clubhouse	Board
April 6	BCYC Prime Rib Night	BCYC Newport	SC Cleve Sproule Mark Arizmendi
April 29	SGYC Opening Day	Clubhouse	JSC Mel Johnson-Pasqua, Board

May 19-22 Commodore's Cruise	TBA lux liner	COM Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek & JA Sue Giali
June 10 Night at the Races	Los Alamitos	SC Francis Okino Aurelia Okino
July 16 HHYC Duffy Brunch	HHYC	SC Josef Davydovits Felicia Emad
August 19 Mystery Event	Clubhouse	Michelle Murray Kevin Rew Kirk Zimmerman
Sept 9-10 Catalina / Cabrillo Cruise		TBD
Oct 3 Annual Meeting	Clubhouse	Board
Oct 14 Dock Party	Seagate Docks	Judge Advocate Sue Giali
Nov 11 Commodore's Ball	TBA Fancy Place	COM Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek
Dec 2 Ship's Store Holiday	Clubhouse Boutique	Margee Lennard
Dec 9-10 Holiday Boat Parade	Seagate Docks	RC Chris Johnson-Pasqua Board
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party	Clubhouse	VC Grace Toy

ALSO:

Tuesday Cruzin' to PCH restaurants, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, June though September

Members Making Waves



Birthdays

February

Diane Prince - 2/1 Michele Murray - 2/2 Karen Dafesh - 2/3 Truc Bui- 2/4
 Dick Scholl - 2/5 Ginger Hegler - 2/6 Ping Chao - 2/7 Jean Worden - 2/9
 Felicia Eman - 2/9 Lina Monroe - 2/16 Richard Boatright - 2/16
 Michele Cowan - 2/17 Larry Schwartz - 2/26 Marilyn Schwartz - 2/17
 Rick Umbarger - 2/25 Jeannie Celeketic - 2/26 Joe Stewart - 2/27
 Rich Maier - 2/28

March

Kristi Whitacre - 3/1 Susie Pendleton- 3/2
 Maryann Boryszewski - 3/5 Julieann Best - 3/5 Jim Walton -
 3/5 Elliott Wainer - 3/6 Tanya Scheer 3/13 Sandy Meier -
 3/15 Arlene Dixon - 3/17 Steven Cervantes - 3/18
 Dale Giali - 3/23 Roger Wilhelm - 3/25
 Margaret Humphreys - 3/27 Kevin Rew - 3/27



ANNIVERSARIES



Nat & Susie Pendleton - 2/5
Rich & Michele Cowan - 2/16
Jim & Jeanne Woods - 2/14
Dennis & Kathy Kreisler - 3/6

Robert & Joanne McCormick - 3/21 anniversary

NOTE:

We try to keep names and dates as accurate as possible.
If you notice an error, please contact our Membership Coordinators,
Craig and Kristi Whittacre!



Have a great Harbor / Sunset / Seagate photo?
Please share it! Contact any of the people below,
and maybe you'll see it here in the next issue!

From the Commodore

Currently when a member purchases an event ticket or renews their membership using PayPal on our website, the club incurs a fee of 3.49%+49 cents. On the \$175 Annual Membership renewal for example, the club will pay PP \$6.60. For the Commodore's Ball last year, the tickets were \$98, so the PP fee was \$3.91.

We are encouraging our members IF POSSIBLE, to pay with a check for events and membership renewals so as to save the club losing that much money. We know that PP is convenient for you and we will continue to make it available to you. We are just asking you to consider paying with a check if you can to help the club.

At our Membership Drive Happy Hour coming up on Saturday February 4, we are incentivizing a check payment for renewal by offering a \$5 entry per person if you pay your renewal with a check. If you pay your renewal with PP, you will pay the normal HH entry of \$10 per person. (During our HH's, we always ask our members to please bring an app to share.)

Please note, we want you to attend events and renew your membership no matter what payment method you use. We are just respectfully asking for your consideration with regard to how you pay, if you have a choice. Thank you so much.



DID YOU KNOW?

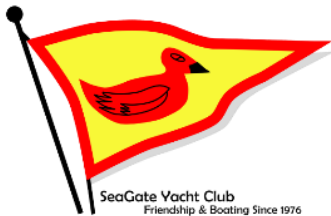
You don't have to be a board member to suggest, host or assist at an event!
Have an idea you think the members would enjoy?
Contact any board member with your suggestions!

Many Thanks to all who contributed to this issue, and You can be involved too;

To see all event pictures, visit the website at SeagateYachtClub.com

View past Burgees here:

<http://www.seagateyachtclub.com/HTML%20Files/Burgees%20Past.html>.



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Your 2023 Elected Officers:

Commodore: Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek

Vice Commodore: Grace Toy

Rear Commodore: Chris Johnson-Pasqua

Jr. Staff Commodore: Melinda Johnson-Pasqua

Treasurer Laura Roskelly

Secretary: Marilyn Schwartz

2023 Appointed Officers:

Membership: Craig & Kristi Whitacre

Port/House Captains: Kirk Zimmerman & Kevin Rew

Communications: Michael Dix

Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Mark Monroe (Staff Commodore)

Webmaster: Austin Dix

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

Roster: Robin Erickson