

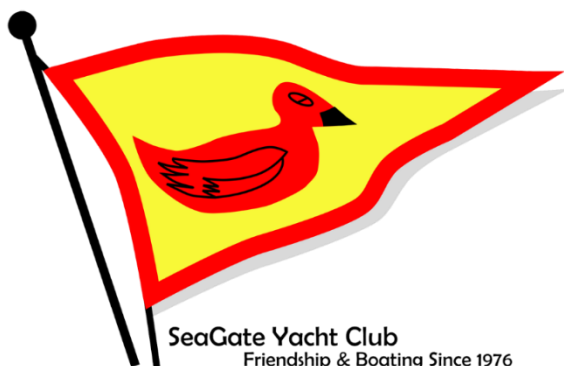
The BURGEE

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Happy Spring!

No Foolin', it's APRIL, as you MaY have heard, and your Favorite Yacht Club and Party Center is KICKING OFF the Season with Two, New, Back-to-Back Events, a Frog Jumping Contest and Jello Wrestling in Lagoon II!



SeaGate Yacht Club
Friendship & Boating Since 1976



Grace Toy, Commodore

Hi All, Grace, your Commodore here, to say no, there will be no frogs or Jello in any of our upcoming events, regardless of what you may have heard from the Burgee editor.

There will, however, be lots of **good fun** and **friendly banter** as both our Members and Board continue to unleash creative ways to enjoy our community, neighbors, waterfront paradise and aquatic hobby. Read on for updates!

Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Vice Commodore

Just to remind new and old members alike, as members of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), you 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!

As a matter of fact, that's what we just did as a club - here's a photo from our recent visit to Long Beach Yacht Club of new member Aubree Fuentes receiving her burgee from Rear Commodore Tricia Pratto and Staff Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua!





RC Tricia Pratto

SeaGate Opening Day is in great hands this year with Jr. Staff Commodore Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek at the helm (couldn't help myself). If you haven't made reservations, don't wait! You don't want to get the dreaded email from Bob saying 'SOLD OUT'. (Too late, I'm afraid it's sold out!)

Also, I want to give a big shout out and THANK YOU to our wonderful captains and first mates who are prepping their boats to cruise the harbor to kick off a great day of Opening Day celebrations. I look forward to seeing many of you April 13th! If you are wanting/need dress flags for your boat, go to amazon.com and type NAUTICAL BOAT FLAGS, price \$12.95

Happy Cruising, RC Tricia Pratto

Ship Store News

By Margee Lennard

Spring has sprung... and welcome to our Ship Store! We will be open on April 13th, Opening Day, and look forward to seeing you then!

Linda and Lyle Theile will be running the Ship Store that day, as I will be out of the country on a cruise through the Mediterranean, but they are excited to welcome you to browse our clothing racks, as well as our assortment of engraved glasses and more.

Looking forward, you'll all have another shopping opportunity at our Club House Ship Store event this summer. See you then!

Margee



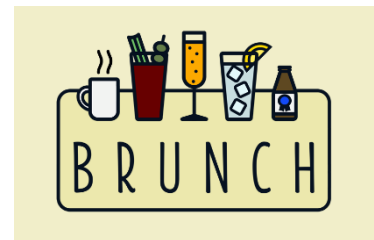
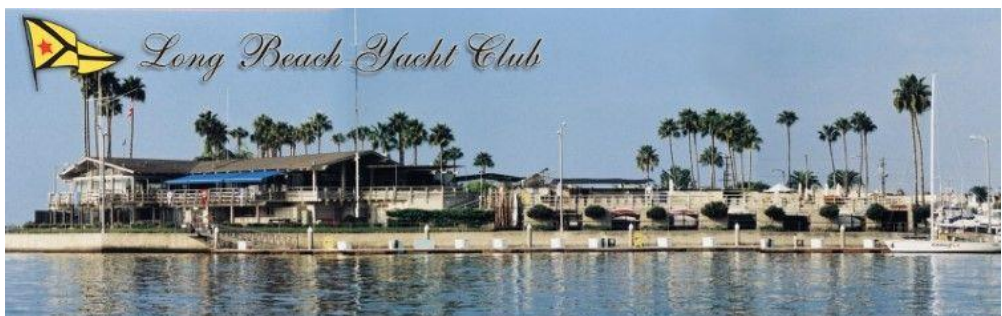
Long Beach Brunch,

by Staff Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua

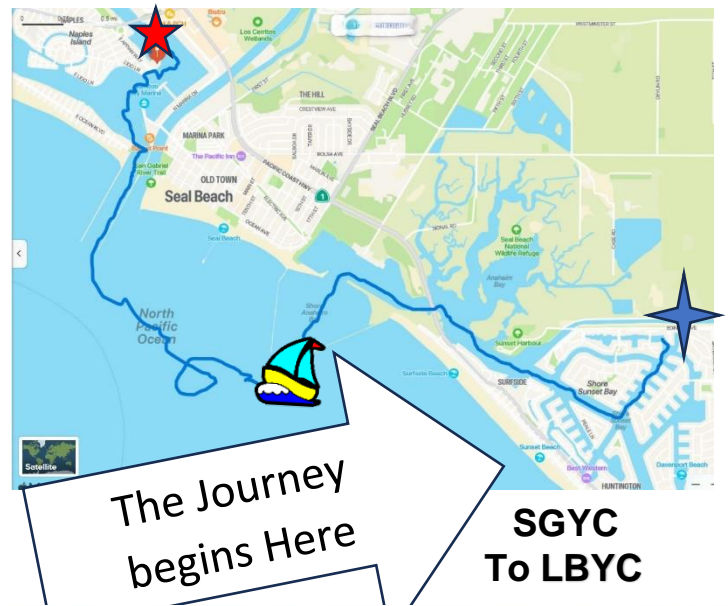
Boats, brunch, and bingo. Add a beautiful day in sunny Southern California, and it doesn't get any better than that!

SeaGate Yacht Club's February event (did we mention that we all get together at least once a month?) was so much fun! 66 SGYC members

boated over to the Long Beach Yacht Club for Good food, Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's of course, good friends, and



great conversation, followed by bingo and fun prizes to round out the afternoon. Shall we do this again soon?



SGYC 2024 Wine Event, by Kristi Love Whitacre

As everyone can imagine, this year's Wine Tasting event held at the home of Sue & Dale Giali was fantastic! It must be labeled the classiest event so far this year! Not just because the venue is sooooo beautiful, but the weather cooperated, and we shared a stunning panoramic sunset view that illuminated PCH & Warner,

as far as the eye could see...UNREAL!

The hosts, Whitacres and Ericksons (WE's) introduced wines that were thoroughly enjoyed by all. This time, instead of wine coming from a specific winery, we shared wines that can be obtained at Costco or your local grocery store.



Here's a quick list of the samplings for your reference:

- Mionetto-Prosecco
- Justin-Sauvignon Blanc
- Michael David, Petite-Petite Syrah
- Kirkland-Gigondas
- True Myth-Cabernet Sauvignon

Tiffany Tokar Vlasek also contributed to the tasting table and enlightened guests with her favorite "fresh wine", Sutter Home White Zinfandel. Yes, the hosts all laughed!!! Her thoughtfulness didn't stop there...she also made one of her incredible cakes as part of the desert table that accompanied brownies, macarons & various chocolates.

The many comfortable seating areas enabled the guests to enjoy a relaxing evening with friends, laughter, wine & charcuterie from Cortina's of Anaheim. Chris Johnson-Pasqua presented new members Levent & Giuliana Vural along with Tim & Karen Branoff their burgees and a big welcome to the SGYC.



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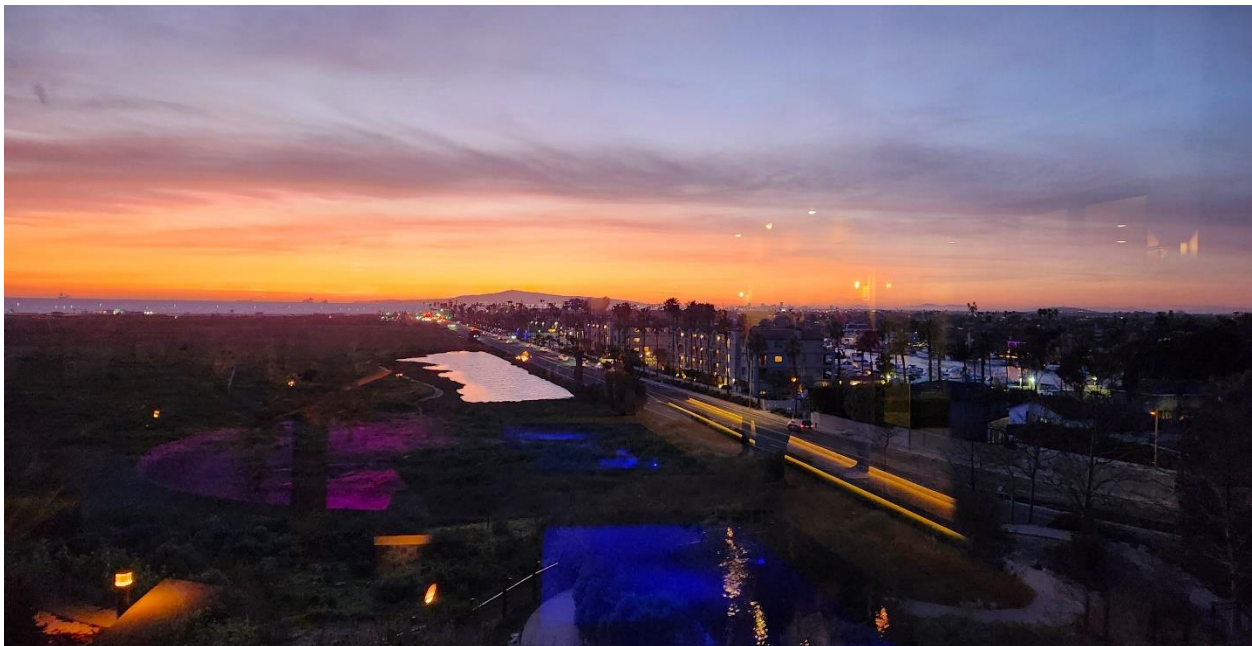
The WE's want to personally thank the Giali's for their very generous offer for the event to be held at their





home, to our Port Captains Kevin & Kirk and to all that helped set up & clean up! It was an event to remember, for sure!

Cheers, Kristi





On Bard with...

SCYA, the Southern California Yachting Association

If you're a member of Seagate Yacht Club (If you're not, you really shouldn't be reading this!), then you are affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association, the umbrella organization for regional yacht clubs like ours.

The Southern California Yachting Association was organized in 1921 to provide a much-needed communication, educational, and organizational service to the yachting community in Southern California and Arizona. Their objectives are to provide a forum for sharing ideas, identifying and engaging in governmental issues that affect recreational boating, promoting events, acknowledging excellence, and providing a social and educational platform to build a stronger boating community.

Visit their website at SCYA.ORG to see the dozens of ways they enhance the pleasure of mariners and club-members throughout the Southland.



Cooking! On a Boat!

Members Michael and Doris Dix were recently able to attend a cooking demonstration put on for the benefit of the Southern California Yachting Association by SCYA Director Herbert Brown and Kelly Mallaby. Herbert and Kelly are both seasoned (HaHa) boaters and expert chefs, but shared that just following a few simple rules makes it easier to enjoy fine dining while afloat.

Herbert narrated while doubling as sous chef, while Kelly wrung some delightful aromas from a sauce pan. The take-away?

- 1) Consider preservation. Store refrigerated items in the reverse order you will use them to minimize the time your refrigerator door is open, keeping it cooler. When on-board refrigerator / freezers are too small, try using them solely for ice substitutes such as Blue Ice, while keeping perishables in a separate cooler. As the temperature rises in the cooler, swap the warm ice packs with colder ones in your refrigerator. Experiment with canned and dried foods that need no refrigeration.
- 2) Consolidate your Cooking. Fewer burners need not be a problem when you get used to cooking two or more items in the same pan, as Kelly demonstrated using fresh salmon and broccoli.
- 3) Conserve your Fresh Water. Wipe all food from pans, plates and utensils with paper towels before washing them, which saves lots of rinse water. Sea water can be used for those stubborn items that demand a rinse before washing. Sea water can also be used when cooking bagged, frozen items, as the boiled water never enters the sealed bag.





Assistance League of Huntington Beach

Recently some of your SGYC board members were able to track down someone from the local chapter of the Assistance League that could give us some insight into this fascinating organization. Here's our conversation with the delightful Marcela Alban, Marketing Communications Chair for the Assistance League of Huntington Beach:

SGYC:

Marcela, what exactly is the Assistance League?

Marcela:

The Assistance League is a National philanthropic organization that traces its roots back to 1958 following crises such as the devastating San Francisco earthquake. Your local chapter, ALHB, with the help of your neighbors and the HB Community, has become one of the oldest and most impactful chapters within the entire Assistance League network.

SGYC:

What sets you apart from other care organizations?

Marcela:

What sets us apart is our unwavering commitment to giving back to the community, and our numerous (over 13!) philanthropic programs, such as Operation School Bell, which helps financially struggling and homeless students. We also support teachers, veterans, college students, nurses, police cadets, and Junior Lifeguards through scholarship opportunities.

SGYC:

In what way could ALHB benefit the members of our yacht club?

Marcela:

Community minded members are welcome to join our over 300 dedicated volunteers; your treasure-seeking and thrift minded members would love roaming through the numerous items in our Thrift Shop, and your over-blessed members can donate their gently used and surplus items to us for re-homing.

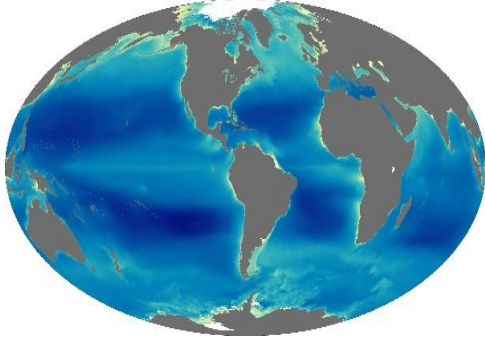
SGYC:

We understand your motto is Transforming Lives and Strengthening Community. If SG'YC members want to help you do that, how do they reach out?

Marcela:

To learn more about joining, donating, or shopping with ALHB, visit www.ALHB.org, stop by the shop at 8071 Slater or call us at (714) 847-6511.





Trivial Pursuit

Which of the following reality TV series have never been shot in Huntington Beach?

- a) Cougar Town
- b) Real Housewives of Orange County
- c) Hell's Kitchen
- d) Mr Rogers' Neighborhood

(answer at the end of the burgee)

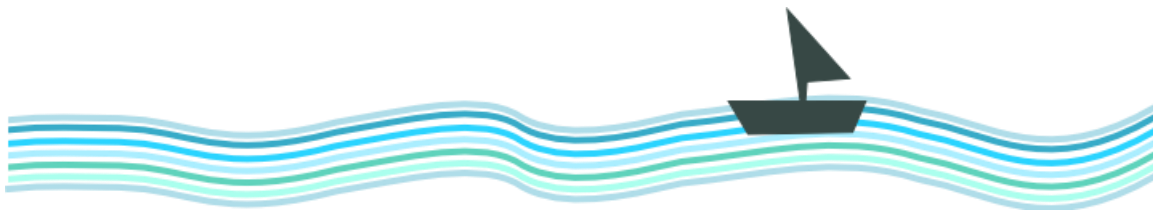
Future Events



SeaGate Yacht Club
2024 Event Calendar



DATE	EVENT	Location	EVENT HOST(S)
4/13/2024	Opening Day	Bonaire Clubhouse	Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek / Board
5/4/2024	Crawfish or Shrimp Boil	Windspun Dock	Lisa Ratkelis / Deborah Wainer
May 17 - May 20	Mexican Fiesta Cruise	Ensenada on Carnival Radiance	Sue Westover-Giali & Dale Giali
6/8/2024	Night at the Races	Los Alamitos Race Course	Chris & Mel Johnson-Pasqua
June – September	Tuesday Cruising	Huntington Harbour	Michele Murray
7/13/2024	Duffy Scavenger Hunt	Huntington Harbour	Michele Murray
August 2024	Summer Event & Car Show	Bonaire Clubhouse	Joyce Zimmerman
9/5/2024	2 nd Prime Rib Dinner (40 Max.)	BCYC	Cleve Sproule / Mark Arizmendi
9/28/2024	Dancing to the Decades	Bonaire Clubhouse	Margee Lennard
10/9/2024 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting & Annual Meeting	Bonaire Clubhouse	Board
October 2024	Dock Party	Bimini Dock	Sue Westover-Giali
11/1/2024	Dia de los Muertos Party	Bonaire Clubhouse	Melinda Johnson-Pasqua / Grace Toy
11/9/2024	Commodore's Ball	Meadowlark Golf Course	Grace Toy
12/7/2024	Ship's Store Holiday Boutique	Bonaire Clubhouse	Margee Lennard
12/12/2024	Newport Beach Boat Parade	BCYC	Tricia Pratto
December 14 – 15	Huntington Harbour Boat Parade	Huntington Harbour	Rear Commodore / Membership
12/31/2024	New Year's Eve Party	Bonaire Clubhouse	Chris Johnson-Pasqua



Members Making Waves

The following members will have **Birthdays** before we meet here again with with our June / July issue; be sure to wish them well when you see them:

Bruce Bayless Kevin Cloud Ed Davis Doris Dix Kirk Ericson
 Chris Johnson-Pasqua Ron Jones Lisa Kelter Carol Kirkwood
 Ron Larson-Finch Lolly McHardy Debbie Miller Michael Myers
 Ray Nagele William Oneida Gary Pazornik Dorothy Ralphs



Ron Ratkelis Mary Shebell Miki Singer Jeff Smith Thomas Kingston
Richard Verry Vance Vlasek Debra Wainer Jim Walton Jack Wiegand
Debbie Wood James Woods Richard Zumwalt

Our April / May **Anniversaries** include the following happy couples. Be sure to wish them well, and ask them how they did it:

Michael & Doris Dix Roxanne & Steve Gray Pat & Vaughn Jenkes
Ray & Ellen Martin Alison Moores & Jeff Carter Gary & Chinsook Moore
Sean & Kelly Mullan Dick & Linda Scholl David & Bea Swanson
Richard & Kaye Verry Vance & Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek
Elliott & Debra Wainer
Joyce Zimmerman & John Ochs



Other Members Making Waves

Long time member and Staff Commodore Josef Davydovits has recently agreed to take on the job of SGYC Webmaster! Please welcome and thank Josef when you see him!

Also

Junior Staff Commodore Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek and husband Vance have been showcased in the latest issue of HB Coastal Living! Check out the cover shot at the end of the Burgee, then find a copy and read their story.

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!

Harbour Light Magazine

Remember, Seagate Yacht Club has an article in every issue of Harbour Light Magazine, so be sure to watch for the magazine and look for your club's story and photos. Most of you receive the bi-monthly magazine in your mailbox regularly; for those that don't or prefer screen-reading, just go here:

<https://harbourlightmagazine.com/news/2024-issues>

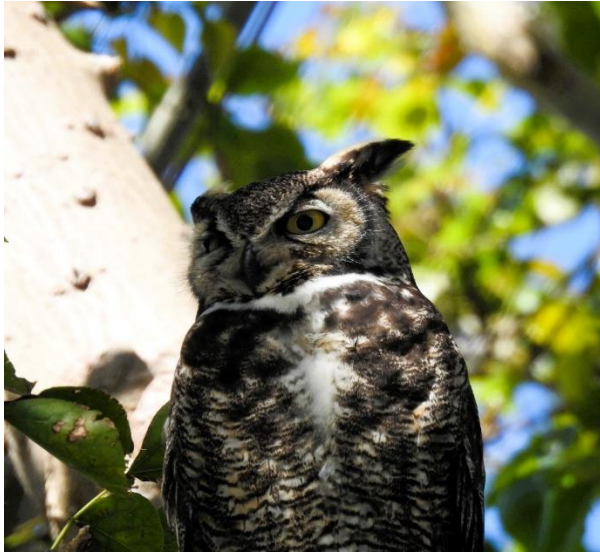
The subject of this issue's Great Shots is WIMBY - *What's in My Backyard?*

Anyone who's cruised the marina parking lot lately has probably seen one or more telephoto-equipped paparazzi focused on a single tree in the parkway.

The object of their attention is two Great Horned baby owls and their attentive Mommy and Daddy. Here are photos of one of the babies and a watchful Dad. If you visit them in person, look out past the storage area



where, high on a post, you'll also see a nest where another of our giant shorebirds, an Osprey, is also raising a young family.



**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!**

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!

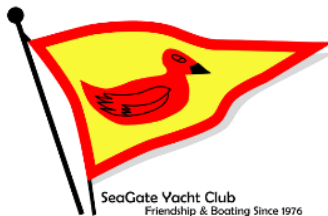
Many Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

Trivial Pursuit: To the best of our knowledge, neither Mr. Rogers nor Tom Hanks who portrays him have been seen filming in our area.

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

View past Burgees here:

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



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Your 2024 Elected Officers:

Commodore: Grace Toy
Vice Commodore: Chris Johnson-Pasqua
Rear Commodore: Tricia Pratto
Jr. Staff Commodore: Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek
Treasurer Robin Erickson
Secretary: Michele Murray

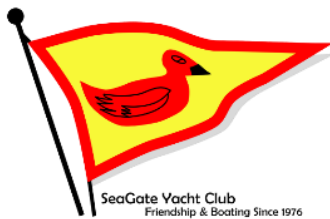
2024 Appointed Officers:

Membership: Craig & Kristi Whitacre
Port/House Captains: Kirk Zimmerman & Kevin Rew
Communications: Michael Dix
Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Mark Monroe (Staff Commodore)
Webmaster: Josef Davydovits
Judge Advocates: Susan Westover-Giali
Roster: Robin Erickson

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