

The BRRRGEE

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Hello Seagate Yacht Club!

Grace Toy, Commodore

I am so excited to be your first Asian-American Commodore and I'm looking forward to many great memories this year. We have a lot of great events lined up and our Vice Commodore, Chris Johnson-Pasqua will provide more details below. My goal for our events is to keep our oldies but goodies while spicing things up with new event locations, different events, and little surprises at the events.

We have a couple of changes to the board this year so I would like to introduce you to the new and incumbent 2024 Board Members over the next few Burgee issues.

In this issue, I introduce the SGYC membership to our elected Flag Officers. Chris Johnson-Pasqua, our Vice Commodore, is a long-time resident and former Commodore to our lovely Staff Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua. Chris will assist our event hosts to plan and execute our club's events, work on our calendar of events, and put his electrical engineering skills to use when it comes time to decorate the Fin-Tastic for the annual Huntington Harbour Boat Parade.

Tricia Pratto, our Rear Commodore, is a long-time member and resident of Trinidad Island. She is a former Commodore of the Catalina Island Yacht Club so she is a veteran yachting and I look forward to tapping into her knowledge and expertise as we navigate 2024. We were so excited when she volunteered to up for this position. Tricia will manage our annual entry into the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade and assist event hosts with corralling boat owners for our water-based events.

Robin Erickson, our Treasurer, is a long-time member and she is also pulling double duty as the Roster Chair. Robin will assist the board with the budget, maintain our financial information, as well as update our beautiful membership roster, which she artfully redesigned last year. Thank you, Robin, for stepping up to fill the vacancy and bringing your graphic art skills to the club.

Michele Murray, our Secretary, is a long-time resident, and after graciously stepping in as our interim Secretary last year, she officially became our Secretary for 2024. Thank you for stepping in to help the Board on an interim basis last year, which ended up being the remainder of the year. Michele is responsible for documenting our meeting minutes and many other supportive activities throughout the year.

We all look forward to seeing you at our future events and enjoying each other's company.

Regards,

Grace

A brief word about our new website. It is a work in progress so please be patient with us as we build it out and learn how to use the new bells and whistles that came with it. We will brag, well, at least make announcements, about the new features as they're implemented. GT



Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Vice Commodore

Happy 2024 SeaGate Yacht Club! We have an exciting lineup of events this year from a Sunday brunch, to a wine tasting party, to a car show, to dancing thru the decades. The board has put together a diverse range of events that should cater to all members of the club. Come on out and join us and prepare to have a fun filled year!

We kicked off the year with a membership happy hour. Those in attendance enjoyed great drinks, delicious food, and engaging conversations as they connected with old friends and made new ones. Thank you to hosts Kristi and Craig Whitacre for a successful event.

In February we sail over to Long Beach Yacht Club for Sunday Brunch, March we have two events, a wine tasting and a desert land cruise. Likewise, we have two events in April, the return of a favorite event, Prime Rib dinner at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, and a very important event for the club, Opening Day.

In May we have planned two events, a Crawfish Boil, and an Ensenada Cruise aboard the Carnival Cruise ship Radiance. In June we have our club favorite Night at the Races. And as always, running from June thru September we will have Duffy Cruising.

I want to express my appreciation to all of the event hosts and helpers for these fabulous events. It truly takes a village. If you have not signed up to host or help with event, I encourage you to sign up. It takes all of us to make this club special.



SGYC FUN

"ROCKY'S SHOW"

Winner Race 3
870 Yds-45.48 June 8, 2019
Purse \$11,000

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(2nd)
(3rd)



Tricia Pratto, Rear Commodore

Greetings SGYC members. Can't believe I'm the Rear Commodore for 2024!! I jumped in and I'm having fun.

I am currently navigating my duties in securing members with power boats to transport members for SGYC's first 2024 boating event. The popular (not to be missed) Long Beach Yacht Club Sunday Brunch. Hope to meet you at this fun event!

Cheers, RC Tricia Pratto

*To all our members and guests,
please make a point to reach out to Tricia,
and welcome her aboard.*

*We're all so happy to see her in this role,
and can guarantee she'll experience fun times
right along-side you in the years ahead.*

New Year's Eve

What was NYE like for members of SGYC?
Take a look at the photos, and see for yourself!





SGYC Ship Store

I'm excited to once again be handling the Ship Store for the new year! I have been busy shopping for fresh styles and colors in outer wear that will proudly show our embroidered burgee.

If you haven't shopped with us recently, please stop by on March 9th during our fun Wine Tasting Event!

And, as always, if you have any suggestions of items you would like to see in our Ship Store, please let me know!

Margee Lennard



On Board with...

Was Charles "Pete" Conrad Junior a member of SGYC? No, yet we claim him as our own, as Pete was a Huntington Beach native who graduated from NASA's 2nd astronaut class in 1962, and became the 3rd person to ever walk on the moon! We now know Pete made it all the way there and back without the need for Vessel Assist! Way to go, Pete! (*Wikipedia*)

Pete Conrad



Where in the World is our Burgee?



Spending the winter months working out your travel plans for the rest of the year? Remember to take a SGYC Burgee with you, and snap a picture with it where ever it is you land. Also, don't forget to use your reciprocal privileges with other yacht clubs in coastal towns ~ exchange your Burgee for one of theirs, and we'll hang it with the rest, and run a photo of the exchange in the next newsletter!

Trivial Pursuit

It's true, the Huntington Beach Surf Museum holds a very important record for having the world's largest bar of surf wax!



Winter Photography

Summer photos are filled with boaty and beachy scenes filled with happy people enjoying perfect weather, but what about winter photography? Dense fog makes objects slowly disappear, crashing waves are bigger, beach parking less challenging, cloudy sunsets make the most vivid backdrops, and wildlife is particularly abundant. There's lots of reasons to keep pressing the shutter button right through the winter months, so let's keep taking those photos, people, and submit them for us all to see!





**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?

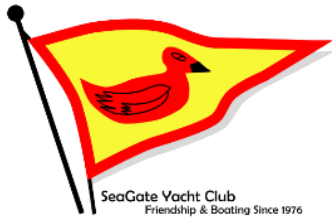
You don't have to be a board member to suggest, host or assist at an event!
Have an idea you think the members would enjoy?
Contact any board member with your suggestions!

Many Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

To see all event pictures, visit the website at [SeagateYachtClub.com](http://www.seagateyachtclub.com)

View past Burgees here:

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



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SeaGate Yacht Club

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: Austin Dix

Judge Advocates: Susan Westover-Giali

Roster: Robin Erickson