

SeaGate Yacht Club
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The BURGEE

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Happy Spring!

Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Commodore



Happy Spring! The days are getting a bit longer and a bit warmer too! We are well on our way through this year's journey together. So far, we've had a sold-out New Members Brunch at the beautiful Long Beach Yacht Club, a popular National Drink Wine Day event and a few themed happy hours. Our Membership Drive Happy Hour helped us get a jump start on our membership process. Expect your Roster and Membership cards very soon. We are looking forward to our fabulous Opening Day Parade and Ceremony on April 29. And we're bringing back a fan favorite...our Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada on May 19-22.

On a personal note, both Vance (the Commo-dude) and I have just finished our Annual Recurrent Training for our flying positions with our airline. We do this every single year and it's a high stress, high workload and long 4 days of classroom and simulator training. We practice every maneuver imaginable like engine failures and fires, unusual attitudes, stall recovery, wind shear and terrain avoidance, loss of pressurization and emergency descents, system failures and much more. When we finish and finally make it home, we party like it's 1999! I've been off the grid for a few weeks while studying and preparing for this training and now that it's complete, I'm looking forward to a fun spring season and getting ready for summer with all of you. Buckle up, folks.... we're just getting started!

Grace Toy, Vice Commodore



One of my favorite perks of being Rear and now Vice Commodore is being invited to Opening Day ceremonies for different yacht clubs between San Diego and Morrow Bay. Melinda and Chris Johnson-Pasqua and I have been taking advantage of these invitations. We have so much fun going to different yacht clubs. We get to see some of the most beautiful clubs, meet new people, and enjoy the beauty of Southern California. To be honest, we also have ulterior motives to do reconnaissance and borrow the best ideas to incorporate into our own Opening Day ceremony. We want ours to be cool, the best, and the most fun! I also enjoy Opening Day ceremonies because there is a lot of pomp and circumstance where we get to honor our active military and veterans. Thank you all so very much for your service.

I don't want to give away any of the new things we'll be incorporating into our own Opening Day ceremony, but I will say that we are excited to share some of our discoveries on April 29th when it's our turn. We will have our parade of the fleet in our harbor at 10:30 am, followed by our ceremony at the Bonaire clubhouse. We can't wait to see you and your guests at SGYCs 47th Opening Day ceremony. Sign up if you haven't done so already because it will fill up quickly.



Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Rear Commodore
Everyone Loves a Happy Hour!



Good friends, good food and a full bar, it doesn't get better than that. On February 4th Seagate Yacht Club hosted our first membership happy hour. The turnout was excellent and the food was spectacular, our thanks to everyone who brought an appetizer to share. This event helped us launch this year's membership drive, three cheers to Membership Chairs Kristi and Craig Whitacre for hosting an excellent event.

We had sooooo much fun, let's do it again. On March



17th Commodore Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek and the Seagate Yacht Club board hosted a St. Patrick's Day Happy hour. Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day, the club house and all of our guests were decked out in green. Once again, the shared

appetizers were fabulous and the guests had a great time enjoying the company of good friends and neighbors.



Staff Commodore Happy Hour



On Saturday March 4, we hosted our very first Staff Commodore Happy Hour. This event was just for the current board / spouses / significant others and the Staff Commodores and their spouses / significant others. The Board felt that we wanted to honor all those Staff Commodores that have come before us. We all learn from their experience, and we wanted them to know that their service is appreciated and respected. We had a round table discussion and received very good input and suggestions. We heard about their time as Commodores, what worked for them and what they might have done differently. It was a special night, made all the more so by hearing from Mary Ann Brinket. She brought along her husband Oscar's Memory Book of his year as Commodore, 1999. I sat with her and looked through her book and she had a huge smile on her face and was animated and happy to tell her stories. It was tragic to learn that Mary Ann passed away the very next day. But I was so glad that we all had a chance to hear from her and share her Memory Book. I am gratified by that. This turned out to be a special event and I hope that it continues in the coming years... *Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Commodore*

“See, Swirl, Sniff, Sip & Savor”

By Kristi Love Whitacre



(Chardonnay, Cuvee De Oro, Tempranillo, Vigna

SGYC’s National Drink Wine Day Event could not have been more perfect! In addition to the fantastic wine presented from local winery Monte De Oro/Temecula, the Italian charcuterie table was 12ft long and delighted every palate! The three charcuterie boards & bread baskets were provided by Cortina’s Italian Deli & Market. The boards did not have just fresh Italian meats and cheeses, there was also organic honey, nuts and varying dried & fresh fruits with beautiful orchids just to make them even prettier. They were almost too pretty to eat!

Hosts, Kirk & Robin Erickson and Craig & Kristi

Whitacre were on hand pouring Temecula’s Monte De Oro four different varietals



Vicci), they truly enjoyed sharing these wines and hope that everyone takes advantage of the Two for One Tasting Cards given away at the event (if anyone missed picking one up, please contact the hosts). Many members had never done a wine tasting and were surprised how much

they enjoyed tasting a new wine & new varietal. Especially the Tempranillo (Robin’s favorite) which is 100% Tempranillo grapes, a rare find!

The evening continued with a full bar for those that didn’t want to enjoy the wine, and great music. Diane Kaplan won the “Guess the Corks” game with the closest answer of 672, the glass actually had 655. A huge thank you to Dean and Nancy Knupp for the use of their giant authentic wine glass! The tasting ended with Wilson Creek’s (another Temecula winery) almond bubbly and some sweets that were included on the table.



This was definitely one wine tasting / National Drink Wine Day event that will not soon be forgotten! The hosts would like to thank everyone (Chris Johnson-Pasqua for doing the check-ins!!!) that helped support them and hope everyone had a wonderful time!

Members in the News

Seen here are SGYC members SC Josef Davidovics, SC Cindy Broz-Allen, Chris & Melinda Johnson-Pasqua (RC & JSC) and VC Grace Toy, assisting the good folks at Navy Yacht Club in making sure Alamitos Bay is free of ice and ready for the 2023 boating season at our neighboring club's Opening Day on April 1st. Thanks for lending a hand, folks!



On Board with...

Rudy Lopez Jr,

District Staff Officer of Public Affairs,
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



The Huntington Harbour is home to one of several Flotillas in the Orange County Division of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. There are seven Flotillas covering the county coast lines as far south as Dana Point. Rudy Lopez Jr is assigned to the Huntington Harbour Flotilla and was the Commander in 2020 and 2021. He is presently the District's lead Staff Officer responsible for Public Affairs covering the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

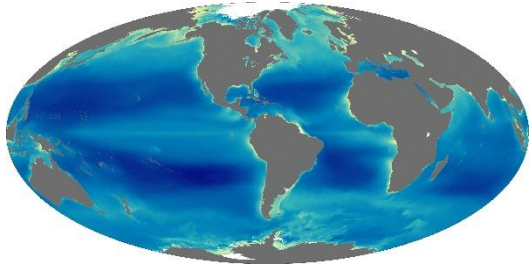
The Coast Guard Auxiliary's mission is to promote Recreational Boating Safety and Education to the public and to provide trained crews and facilities to augment and support the U.S. Coast Guard and her operations. Part of their duties include conducting courtesy vessel

examinations of your recreational boat to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations.

Rudy is also a Staff Commodore with the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club after serving as Commodore in 2021.

Thank you, Rudy, for making us more aware of the USCGA's presence in our community, and your role in keeping us safe. ed

Trivial Pursuit



Which of the following is false:

- a) 71% of the Earth is covered by water
- b) Ocean waves can travel hundreds of miles per hour
- c) There are millions of tons of gold in our oceans
- d) We have better maps of Mars than our own oceans
- e) Oceans have an average depth of over 12,000 feet
(answer at the end of the burgee)

New Member News –

Erin Ledford

I joined SGYC in November '22, and have enjoyed several events since August of 2022. The new member brunch was one of my favorites because I got my burgee!!

I have lived in HB for almost 20 years, and currently teach middle school in LAUSD. My 24-year-old daughter is the light of my life, and I also enjoy attending SGYC events with my parents (Linda and Jerry Cassidy) who have been members for nearly 20 years!

Besides boating and the occasional happy hour, I love to walk on the wetlands, play pickleball, SUP, work out, and listen to live music. I've just taken up playing the ukulele and enjoys the strum-alongs at Island Bazaar.



More New Member News –

Bryan and Ines Ayala

Bryan and Ines were both born and raised in California and have been HB residents for a while. We met and became wonderful friends in 2007. Fast forward to June 19, 2020 we went on our first romantic date.

The SeaGate neighborhood has been such a delightful place filled with great friends that have treated us like family. We decided to join the SeaGate Yacht Club in 2021 and have always enjoyed and look forward to every gathering or event.

We enjoy the fabulous beach life, going on trips or for a drive, and going to church is an important part of our life. Bryan and I have so much in common that we also are in the real estate and property management industry.

We are excited to meet and spend more time with our SeaGate friends and family, in the upcoming events this year.



Future Events

Date	Event	Location	Hosted By
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

April

Robert Sanabria 4/1	Debbie Wainer 4/2	Doris Dix 4/3
Vance Vlasek 4/4	Dorothy Ralphs 4/6	Ed Davis 4/8
Debbie Wood 4/13	Gary Pazornik 4/15	Jim Walton 4/17
Eileen Wannett 4/17	Chris Johnson-Pasqua 4/18	
Jack Wiegand 4/19	Bruce Bayless 4/20	Miki Singer 4/20
Richard Verry 4/26	Carol Kirkwood 4/27	Elliot Wainer 4/28
	Mary Shebell 4/30	



May

Ron Jones 5/3 Lolly McHardy 5/13 Debbie Rose 5/14
Kevin Cloud 5/14 Debbie Miller 5/16 Ray Nagele 5/18
Ron Ratkelis 5/19 William Oneida 5/22 Kirk Erickson 5/23
Austin Dix 5/24 Cindy Broz-Allen 5/25
Jeff Smith 5/30 James Woods 5/31

ANNIVERSARIES



Michael & Doris Dix 4/9
Joyce Zimmerman & John Ochs 4/24
Sean & Kelly Mullan 4/25 Elliott & Debra Wainer 4/28
Dick & Linda Scholl 5/4 Ray & Ellen Martin 5/11
David & Bea Swanson 5/13 Gary & Chinsook Moore 5/21
Richard & Kaye Verry 5/24
Vance & Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek 5/24
Roxanne & Steve Gray 5/24 Pat & Vaughn Jenkes 5/28

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!

We have a couple Great Shot submissions for this issue: First is a Mystery Picture taken by our own Webmaster Austin Dix in late December. See if you can figure out the image in the background!

The other photo is of a great sunset over a Seagate canal, taken by the talented Carole Stelle.





While we're on the subject of photography, did you notice the image used for the See, Swirl, Sniff wine event on page 3 of this issue? It was created using artificial intelligence (ai) in the Dream app using the prompts *Rabbit, Wine* and *Watercolors!*

**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!

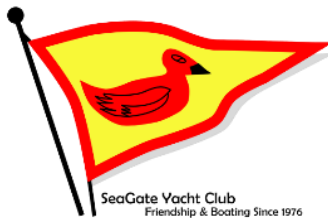
Many Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

Trivial Pursuit: according to <https://bestlifeonline.com/crazy-ocean-facts/>, all 5 statements are true. Also note that, because oceans average 12,000' deep, and light only penetrates 300', that most of the Earth is covered in darkness!

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

Assistant Secretary: Michele Murray

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