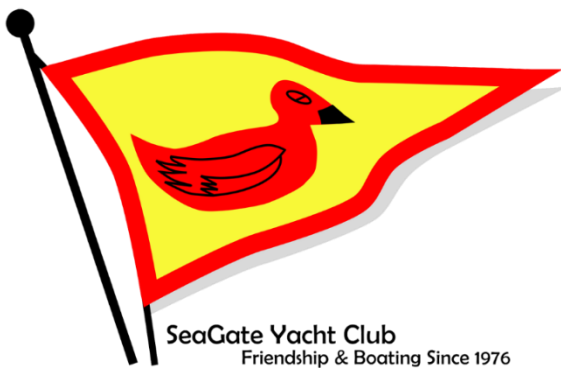


# The BURGEE

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SeaGate Yacht Club  
Friendship & Boating Since 1976



Grace Toy, Commodore



Chris Johnson-Pasqua,  
Vice Commodore



Tricia Pratto,  
Rear Commodore

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than those you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the wind in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

– Mark Twain

Hello!

I wanted to give you all an overview of the events we have planned for the 2nd half of the year.

We start off in June with one of our annual favorites, Night at the Races, hosted by Staff Commodore, Melinda Johnson-Pasqua.

This sold-out event is sure to be enjoyed by those in attendance and will feature a best hat contest and 50/50 drawing to kick off our fund-raising efforts for boat parade decorations.

June also kicks off our Tuesday Cruisin' on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from June through the end of September. Be sure to contact SGYC Secretary, Michele Murray at (714) 497-6455 if you want to be placed on a Duffy. The restaurant we go to changes weekly so keep an eye out for updates on our website ([seagateyachtclub.com/events](http://seagateyachtclub.com/events)) and by email from our Honorary Commodore, Bob McCormick, for the latest and greatest. Michele Murray is also hosting a Duffy Scavenger Hunt on July 13. Details will be coming out shortly and will be posted on our website as well as by email from Bob.

On August 17, Joyce Zimmerman will host our summer event at the Bonaire clubhouse in conjunction with our annual car show hosted by Vance Vlasek and Dick Schoal.

We have two events in September. A second Prime Rib Dinner on September 5, hosted by Staff Commodore and current Commodore of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi. This event will also be limited to 40 members, and those who did not get a chance to go in April will have first priority.

Our second September event will be on the 28th called Dancing to the Decades. This event is hosted by our Ship's Store manager, Margee Lennard.

In October, we will have our Annual Meeting, but this year please note we are meeting on the second WEDNESDAY of October, 10/9, at the Bonaire Clubhouse. We will also have our Dock Party on October 12 at the Bimini Docks, hosted by our Judge Advocate, Sue Westover Giali.

On November 1, Staff Commodore, Melinda Johnson-Pasqua and Commodore, Grace Toy, will host a Dia de los Muertos happy hour at the Bonaire Clubhouse. Commodore, Grace Toy, will also host the Commodore's Ball at Meadowlark Golf Course on November, 9.

November will also be the start of our annual decorating season for our entry into the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade, led by our Rear Commodore, Tricia Pratto. Huge thank you to Robin Clark for letting us use the FinTastic for our entry into the parade.

We round out the end of the year with our 4 final events: December 7, Ship's Store Holiday Boutique, coordinated by Margee Lennard. December 12, we have an opportunity to watch the Newport Beach Boat Parade at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club at an event hosted by our Rear Commodore, Tricia Pratto. December 14-15 is the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade. December 31 is our annual New Year's Eve Party at the Bonaire Clubhouse, hosted by our Vice Commodore, Chris Johnson-Pasqua.

See you there! Regards, Grace Toy, Commodore



## Event Hosts Needed!

We need your help! We are looking for event hosts for next year. You might say – I'm so busy. Did you know that nine of our hosts for this year have full time jobs?

You might say – It's too hard. The SGYC board and previous hosts are available to help and mentor. We also have several people in the club who are willing to help with an event.

You might say – I don't like the events. This is the perfect opportunity to do what you want, it could be something that was done in the past, or even a brand-new event.

You might say – I'm sure someone else will do it. Are you sure? For the 18 events scheduled for this year, 12 are hosted by board members, 4 are hosted by Staff Commodores, and only 2 are hosted by members – Yikes!

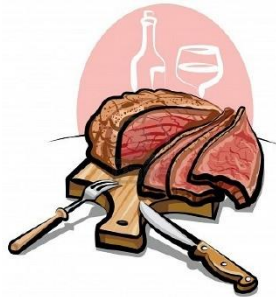
Do you want to continue to have fun get-togethers and a variety of activities? Can YOU help?

Please contact myself or one of the board members if you are interested in hosting or just helping with an event.

Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Vice Commodore

# Summer

# PAST EVENTS



## Prime Rib Dinner

### at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

SeaGate Yacht Club members were guests of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar on April 4<sup>th</sup> for a prime rib dinner buffet.

Forty-plus members

enjoyed Prime Rib Night in the private dining room at BCYC, feasting on not only prime rib, but chicken, salmon and pork entrées, with multiple selection of vegetables and salads. In addition, diners could select desserts from a variety of hard-to-resist sweets! The evening was complete with a complementary drawing for 5 lucky winners! If you missed this event, you're in luck! Prime Rib Night for SGYC is scheduled for September. but once again, reservations will be limited to 40 "first come- first served" spaces, so make your reservation early!

*Our sincere thanks to organizers & event hosts*

*Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi. Also, congratulations to prize winners Eugene Mascoli, Mark and Lina Monroe, Barbie McMahan, Susan Lipman and Bob Gallucci, who won wine, dinner or both at the raffle!*



## OPENING DAY

Opening Day for SGYC was a flags-flyin',



corks-poppin' success, in spite of the weather, which put up quite a bit of resistance to our kick-off

for summer. Thirty knot winds greatly curbed the planned boat parade, yet salutes and salutations abounded. When members, guests and surplus appetizers headed down gangways and up ramps to the clubhouse, they were the first to attend an indoor



celebration of Opening Day by SGYC, which some say was the best one yet, just see for yourself:





## MARDI GRAS in MAY

The weather wasn't great, BUT the food and decorations, the specialty drinks, and the comradery was amazing. Special thanks to Lisa Ratkelis and Debbie Wainer for hosting our very first **Mardi Gras in May event!** The low country shrimp boil included big, fat shrimp, fresh corn, spicy sausage, and potatoes. This delicious dinner, served hot, was complemented with cold Hurricanes and sweet tea. Thanks to Debbie and Lisa for your hard work, Kevin and Kirk for setting up the bar, and to all that helped move tables and chairs. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this fun event will happen again next year.





## Mexican Fiesta Cruise

SGYC had a group of 14 cruisers on board the Carnival Radiance for the May 17 sailing to Ensenada,

Mexico. Hosted by Judge Advocate Sue Westover-Giali and Staff Commodore Dale Giali, the members had 3 days and nights of nothing but fun, starting with a shot glass exchange in the Red Frog Pub. From playing cards and board games, to making the most of the drink packages, entertainment and dining plans, we had lots



of activities and not much rest. The day ashore in Ensenada was highlighted by an incredible gourmet taco lunch. The piano bar and comedy shows were other favorites of the group. We even had a few winners at the casino. It was a perfect weekend away, with lots of fun and relaxation.



*On Board with...*

## SEAGATE YACHT CLUB

26.45948 / -80.062971

All you observant mariners will notice right away that the Latitude & Longitude is wrong - we are at 33.729510 / -118.059460! So, what is it that's seven degrees South of us and quite a bit East? Another Seagate Yacht Club, located in Delray Beach, Florida!

As best we can tell, it's not a conventional Yacht Club as we know them, with a flag of officers and schedule of events, but an amenity to the Seagate Hotel, which also boasts a Beach Club, Racquet Club, spa, galleries and a whole host of other silly things we don't really need. Why? Because we have weather, beautiful, abundant, wonderful weather, not intermingled with bugs, alligators and humidity!

Seriously, we'd love to tell you more about the SGYC in the East, but online info is limited, and to date, no one has returned our many calls. Perhaps it's best if one of you, our members, made a trip East to check it out, bringing back a full report, but we're confident in this ~ ours is gonna be way more fun!



## NEW MEMBER NEWS

Please welcome new members Scott & Ricki Anger.



Hello  
my name is

Scott & Ricki



# CELEBRATE!

## Member Birthdays

\* Mark Monroe 6/1   Alison Mooers 6/1   Kimberly Fridley 6/2  
Susanne Grout 6/3   Gene Rolle 6/3   Ronald Jagner 6/5   Tom McKnew 6/8  
\* Josef Davydovits 6/10   John Bolan 6/16   Bob Dultz 6/17   Michael McCoy 6/19  
William Greene 6/24   Dave Colebank 6/26   Vaughn Jenkes 6/27   \* Michael Dix 7/2  
\* Susan Westover 7/3   John Boryszewski 7/10   Floyd D'Angelo 7/11  
Aurelia Okino 7/16   Cheryl Rogers 7/16   Kelly Mullan 7/16  
Kay Nelson 7/17   Mark Jones 7/17   Susan Lipman 7/17   Paul Herold 7/19  
Giuliana Vural 7/23   Barbie McMahan 7/23   Scott Anger 7/23  
Diane Wiegand 7/24   Jeanne Woods 7/24   Frank Coburn 7/26  
Barbara Wright 7/26   Rick Pope 7/26   Linda Axel 7/27   Sundeepa Bevli 7/28  
Suzanne Richmond 7/28   Merle McCormick 7/28   Cleve Sproule 7/28  
Pat Jenkes 7/28

- Denotes current SGYC Board Member

## Member Anniversaries

6/6 - Rho & Ping Chao   6/11 - Dr. Mark & Lina Monroe  
6/13 - Jon & Jetty Bouleware   6/15 - Eugene & Lucille Mascoli  
6/17 - Jerry & Linda Cassidy   6/20 - Bob and Linda Axel  
6/22 - Jim & Judie Hagin   6/22 - Truc Bui & Angela Wong  
6/25 - Ron & Lisa Ratkelis   7/3 - Larry & Marilyn Schwartz  
7/4 - Gary & Sharon Young   7/4 - Ed & Georgette Davis  
7/13 - Suzanne Matherly & Chris Casillas   7/22 - Brian & Aubree Fuentes  
7/25 - Lyle & Linda Theile   7/29 - Michael & Sharon Courtway  
7/20 - Ken & Sandy Noble







## Don the Beachcomber Closing The Tiki Bar era is coming to an end!

Such were the headlines in 2018, when Mr. Gantt's legacy grew dark.

Ernest Raymond Beaumont Gantt seems an odd name for the owner of a Tiki Bar. That's why he changed his name to Donn Beach, and began inventing tropically inspired cocktails like the Mai Tai, Zombie and Navy Grog, which he served in the first Tiki themed bar he opened in Hollywood in 1933.

Other locations came and went, including one right here by the Harbour on PCH. At one point a 250-unit housing development was proposed for the site, but it was denied.

Most recently we saw Himalyan Grill occupy the space during the refurbishing of Peter's Landing, but now an "Available" sign hangs where the once proud fish stood.

Have some history with Don's, or the story of an evening spent there? Please share at [SeagateYachtClub@gmail.com](mailto:SeagateYachtClub@gmail.com)



## Mechanic's Pro Tip

A new feature for the Burgee is the Mechanic's Pro Tip, a way to share general nautical maintenance tips with our local Seagate Yachties. This issue's tip involves Lobster Oil.

One of our alert readers sent us this photo of Lobster Oil, but without any instructions as to its use. In an effort to provide valuable information to our readers, we did an internet search. Though "How to oil your Lobster" produced no results, we found "how to oil hair", and have simply substituted the word Lobster wherever appropriate:

Step 1 - Obtain the right oil for your particular (lobster).

Step 2 - Heat the oil.

Step 3 - Apply the oil liberally to your (lobster).



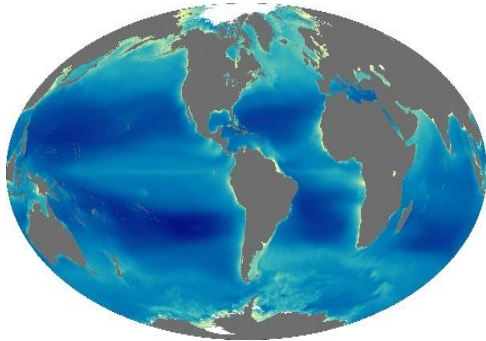
Step 4 - Gently rub the oil into your (lobster) using circular motions.

Step 5 - Wrap a warm cloth around your (lobster)

Step 6 - Leave the oil on overnight, then rinse it out thoroughly using shampoo.

Seriously, if you're looking for Lobster oil (and know the right way to use it) you can find it at the nearby Old World market. Also, if you have a legitimate Tech Tip for yachts, boats or Duffys, please let us share it with the rest of the club.

## Trivial Pursuit



Which of the following is not an Island?

- a) Tortola
- b) Montego
- c) Dominica
- d) St. Croix

*(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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 in the News

Watch for the latest HB Coastal Living issue, soon to be in your mailbox, where you'll find SGYC Judge Advocate Sue Westover and Staff Commodore Dale Giali gracing the cover, then read their story in the *Love & the Law* article!

*(Get a sneak peek at the cover at the end of this newsletter!)*

# 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>

## On Board With

## RBOC

The Recreational Boaters of California organization works to protect the interest of California boaters. They make frequent trips to Sacramento to learn about Spot bills, amendments, fees, new rules and Legislation that can affect our enjoyment of the California waterways.

Some recent issues have been the increase of boat registration fees by as much as \$100, getting our share of the \$107 million collected in fuel tax, development of better bottom paints that meet Federal mandates, safe for wildlife and effective, preservation of lighted buoys and markers, and preservation of navigable waterways. They've also weighed in on open container laws for boats and coastal speed limits.

It's easy to see the importance of an organization You can learn more at [www.RBOC.org](http://www.RBOC.org)



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## PHOTO QUIZ

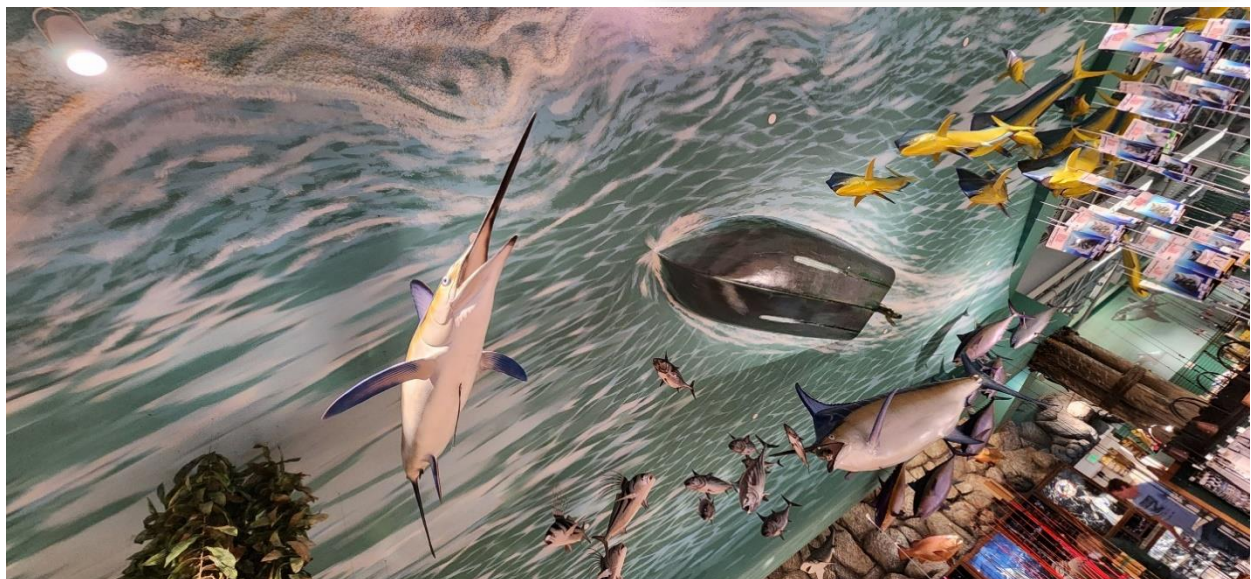
Take a good look at the photo below.

What are you looking at?

Where was it taken?

Hint: it's a recent shot, taken right here in Huntington Beach

**GREAT  
SHOTS**



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!

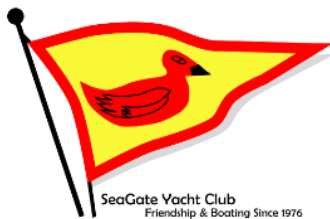
Many Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

*Trivial Pursuit: Montego is not an island,  
It is a bay in Jamaica.*

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

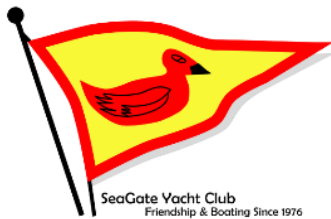
**2024 Appointed Officers:**

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

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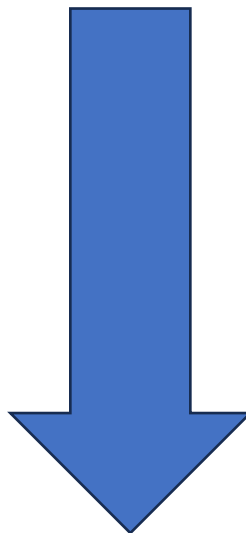
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An exclusive magazine serving the residents of Brightwater, Huntington Harbour, Sunset Beach, SummerLane, Parkside Estates, and Prestige Homes from Greentree Lane to Graham Street.