

The BURGEE

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Summer's Coming!

Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Commodore

“So there I was.....” is the way many pilots start off their conversations together. In this case...there I was just last week in MIA (Miami) having just finished my favorite Cuban influenced cuisine of yellow rice, black beans, garlic aioli with cilantro and white onions (YUM!), prior to working leg number three of day three of a four-day trip to RDU (Raleigh-Durham) for our overnight. But we'd been delayed all day due to wx (weather) and mx (maintenance) and we were timing out. We did not have enough FAA required duty time left to finish flying all the way to RDU so instead the company reassigned us to fly to MCO (Orlando). And instead of working the following day (day 4 and “go home” day) RDU to DFW (Dallas-Fort Worth) to LAX (Los Angeles), we would be DH (deadheading) on the non-stop back to LAX first thing in the am. We got 3 hours of sleep in the airport hotel, got up at 0530L (0230 PST) and curled up in the back of an Airbus to LAX and landed at 0915L. Not surprisingly, I was a bit bleary eyed by the time I drove home from LAX. Next time you're traveling and you see a pilot in the back of an airplane wearing a wrinkled shirt (hopefully no coffee stains) and looking like they've been flying for days....it's because maybe they have! Pilots sometimes commute from their homes to their bases to start and finish trips and we deadhead occasionally between cities to complete our sequence (trip) for the week. Glamorous?! Well, maybe not so much but we call it “living the dream” and I wouldn't give it up for anything.



On August 19, we are having our Summer Luv'n event hosted by Michele and Dave Murray and Kevin Rew and Kirk Zimmerman. Our fan favorite car show is back along with food, fun and festivities galore. Be sure to get your money in right away and plan for a great afternoon. If you want to show off your Hot Wheels in the car show, get in touch with Commo-dude Vance Vlasek asap.

We are also thrilled that we are going back to Catalina Island on the weekend of September 8 through 10. We have many member boats joining us and we have organized two fun dinner events. New this year, Ron and Lisa Ratkelis have graciously offered to host a morning of fishing on their boat on Saturday September 9. We will have a Dingy parade Saturday afternoon and mini golf is an option for anyone that wants to play as well. Please refer to the flyer for more information on what will be a really great weekend in sunny Avalon Bay.

Summer sure seems to go by fast so let's make the most of it. We're trying different places for Tuesday Cruisin's this year so join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of August and September. We've had great turn outs so far this summer, we hope to see you there too!



DUFFY BRUNCH

by S/C Josef Davidovits

On Sunday, July 30, 2023, 32 members participated in a great Sunday brunch at Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. Six Duffy boats took to the high seas to sail across Huntington Harbour to HHYC. After the boats were docked, the SGYC members were welcomed by HHYC Eve Jordan and her staff.

There was a nice display of a buffet brunch with many chafing dishes having a huge selection of roasted potatoes, sausage, bacon, waffles, French



toast, sausage sandwich and many more. The buffet table also held sweets such as cookies and fruits. We were treated with a custom-made omelet bar, and all guests were served complimentary champagne mimosas. Overall, everyone had a good time



on the water, with plenty of food to enjoy and lots of good socializing.

Thanks to the hosts, S/C Josef Davidovits and Felicia Emad, and our Commodore Tiffany Vlasek.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

by S/C Francis Okino

Night at the Races, June 10, 2023! The 2023 Night at the Races, as usual, was a successful event, enjoyed by the 96 guests who attended. The weather was nice, the food was great and the atmosphere was festive.

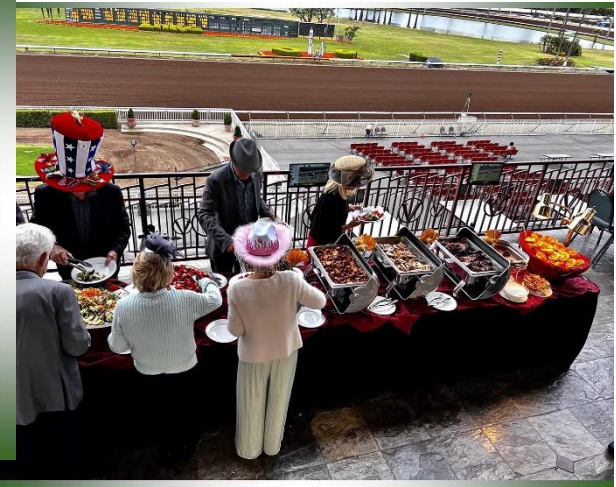
The highlight of the event was the hat contest which for the first time was won by a man! Indeed, Jay Bottomley was the winner, second Kirk and Kevin, third Bea Swanson and fourth Susan Lipman.

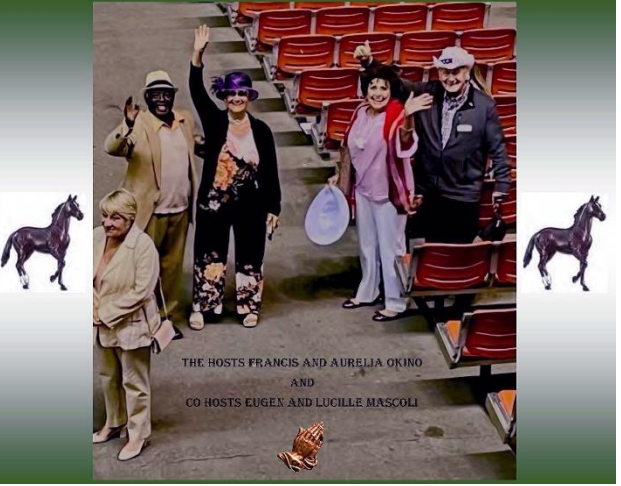
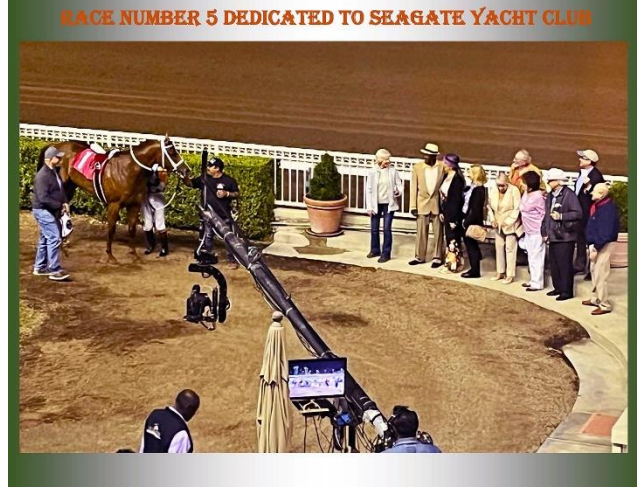
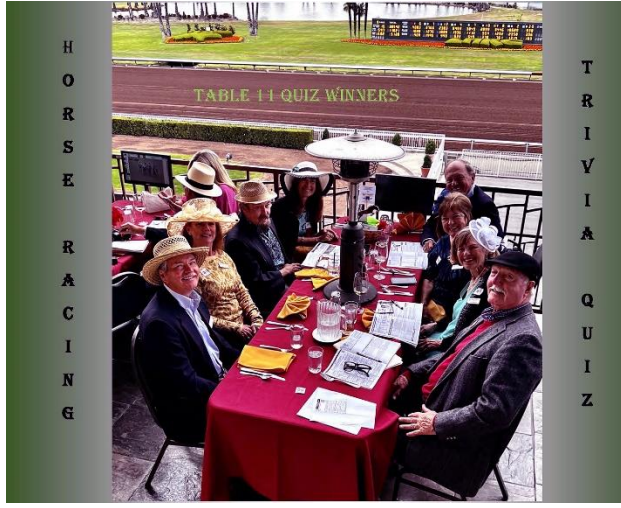
Event hosts Eugene and Lucille Mascoli exhibited such enthusiasm in selling 50/50 tickets for a record amount of \$ 500.00 from which 5 winners were drawn and given \$50.00 each.

Yes, the famous Trivia Quiz had some very interesting questions and Table 11 was the winner and was given two bottles of wine.

As far as betting on the ponies, there were a few winners and a few that were not so lucky. All in all, it was a fun filled event and everybody had a great time.

Our appreciation and thanks go to the Master of Ceremonies (MC) Staff Commodore and Judge Advocate, Dale Giali and event hosts Staff Commodore Francis and Aurelia Okino and Eugene and Lucille Mascoli for a job well done.





TUESDAY CRUZ'N

The long-standing tradition of midweek Duffy-Pooling to nearby restaurants for super socializing and delightful dining is off to a great start this year. Eateries being targeted this summer include BBQ, a brewery, Himilayan and gastropub cuisine. But is it Fun? To find out, check out the photos below and see if you can find any unhappy faces!





On Board with...

SGYC Ship Store By Margee Lennard

SGYC has had the Ship Store for many years. We feature fun apparel for men and women that has our Yacht Club Burgee carefully embroidered on each piece. We offer jackets, vests, women's tops, men's tops, hats, sox, blankets... on and on. Recently we added SGYC engraved wine glasses and coffee mugs, and just got in logo'd coozies for your chilled cans, and even an engraved cheese board!

If you have ever wondered how we can possibly keep our prices so reasonable, it takes a lot of time and patience. First of all, we search for good quality clothing at a severely discounted price. We pass that low cost on to you, by only adding the cost of the embroidered logo. Our mission is NOT to make money on the ship store. We only want to break even each year. What a win for YOU!

My immediate predecessor, Laura Roskelly, started Lucky Bucks. Lucky Bucks are given out to the first 3 people who sign up for an upcoming event. These Bucks can then be used toward your next purchase from our Ship Store! It pays to sign up for our fun events early!

The Ship Store is open during most of our "at home" events, and ends each year with the Christmas Boutique! This will be held Dec. 2nd of this year and is no charge. Join us for champagne and wine to toast in the holidays, and enjoy some hand-made goodies to munch on while shopping at our store. Lots of great prices and a few surprises are promised.



If you have not stopped by our "store" lately, please do. Even if to browse. Who knows, you might find something that you didn't even know you needed!

*Thank You, Margee, for all the hard work you're doing
to keep the ship-store fun and relevant, further project our image
and keep us all well-dressed!*

The Seagate Shanty

The June 23rd SGYC Happy Hour was still a week away when Port Co-captain Kevin Rew sat down to mentally take stock of the libations needed for the event. As minds do when relaxing near the water, Kevin's began to wander. Yo-ho-ho, he thought, do we have enough Rum? Surely he wasn't the first to raise the question! Was he just the latest in a long line of sea-farers who have pondered, or even sung, about the very same issue?

Like any mature adult, Kirk took his question to the internet. Soon he was way past Google and contemplating the unthinkable: what happens when you ask an artificial intelligence interface to write a Sea Shanty about the Seagate Yacht Club?

The instructions to ChatGPT were: *Write a sea shanty about the Seagate Yacht Club, a sociable group with few yachts but lots of alcohol. Mention the intrepid Commodore, Tiffany, and her "commodorable" husband, Vance. Also speak of the most important members of the group, Port Captains Kevin and Kirk.*

Needless to say, the following was a hit at Happy Hour when read by Commodore Tiffany:

THE SEAGATE YACHT CLUB SHANTY

- (Verse 1) Come all ye sailors, and lend me your ear,
I'll tell you a tale of a club we hold dear,
We're the Seagate Yacht Club, a boisterous crew,
With few yachts to boast, but plenty of brew.
- (Chorus) Oh ho ho, and a bottle of rum,
We'll drink and we'll sing, until the night is done,
Our Commodore Tiffany, and her commodorable mate Vance,
Lead us on our adventures, with the wind in our pants.
- (Verse 2) Our port captains Kevin and Kirk, are always on watch,
Making sure we're safe, whether we sail or we botch,
They're the heart of our group, always ready to lend a hand,
No matter the task, they'll help us take a stand.
- (Chorus) Oh ho ho, and a bottle of gin,
We'll dance and we'll shout,
with a raucous din,
The Seagate Yacht Club, is
where we belong,
With the sea as our guide,
and the night as our song.



(Verse 3) Our sails may be tattered, our hulls may be small,
But our spirits are high, and we'll weather it all,
Through stormy seas, and calm tranquil bays,
We'll always find a way, to have fun and raise.

(Chorus) Oh ho ho, and a bottle of whiskey,
We'll laugh and we'll joke, and we'll all get frisky,
For we're the Seagate Yacht Club, a sociable bunch,
With few yachts but lots of heart, and a thirst for a good punch.

(Outro) So here's to our club, and the memories we've made,
Through thick and thin, we'll always stay,
And when the winds of change blow our way,
We'll hoist our sails, and continue to play.

New Member News

Jeff Carter & Alison Mooers

We joined SeaGate Yacht Club July 2023 because we are currently residing and enjoying the SeaGate community in Mary Ann & Oscar Brinket's former residence on Montego Drive. Oscar was commodore SGYC in 1999. Mary Ann passed suddenly in March of this year, and we are thankful that we were given the opportunity to live in SeaGate by Jeff's son-in-law Brian and Jeff's daughter Blayne Brinket, so that we can keep the property in the family. We both love Tennis, and that's how we met. We both love the outdoors, beach, boating, traveling, good food, wine tasting (Alison way more than Jeff "lol"), spending time with family & friends and our 13 year old Lab Penny Lane, our 4 children & their spouses and 6 grandkids! We are enjoying retired life. Jeff was in Real Estate Development, was a Custom Home Builder and in Real Estate Sales for over 40 years. Jeff retired in 2015. We have been together since 2017 and have been living life to the fullest doing all the things we love. We are looking forward to having many fun times & making new friends at SGYC!



More New Member News

Sam Mekhemar

Hi, my name is Sam Mekhemar. I joined the club two months ago after my neighbors, Michele and Dave Murray, introduced me to the club during Opening Day Celebration.

I moved to Seagate community 4 years ago from another beautiful house in Huntington Beach, but it was not near the water. I love the ocean because I'm originally from Alexandria, Egypt and our old house was looking over the lovely Mediterranean.

I am a physician by training but currently work at CHLA administration.



I love to cook and enjoy feeding my friends. My favorite club activity so far has been Opening Day and having the ability to be on the water in a boat, cruising with other members. We enjoyed a nice glass of wine and a bite together.

Still More New Member News

Doria C. Merial

Doria is the President/Headmistress of the Huntington Harbour Junior Etiquette Program a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. She is a retired college professor, having taught in the Physical Education / Nutrition / Health Department at Long Beach City and Cerritos College, and was a Keynote speaker at many Health and Wellness conferences over the years.

Doria has two grown sons and two granddaughters. As a lifelong learner, she went back school attending an accredited Law School, where she mastered mediation and became a private mediator; along the way she picked up a Real Estate license! After volunteering for multiple nonprofit organizations for 40 + years, including being a basketball Mom at Los Alamitos High school, she decided it was time to focus her energy on her own nonprofit organization and to relax and enjoy the last chapter of her life. She enjoys, boating, pickleball, tennis, golf, going to the desert and attending and organizing parties and events.

Today she teaches etiquette classes to children and adults, and enjoys retirement and the ability to run her own schedule. Her motto is **“Every day is Saturday except Sunday!”**

When did you join the club, Doria?

In 2020.

Who introduced me to the club?

I actually reached out directly to SGYC, and then Lolly McHardy invited me to a party in 2020. After that then I began playing pickleball with the crew. It was Lolly McHardy and Susan Lipman who sponsored me into the club.

Where did I live before Seagate?

I lived in Surfside. I moved there in 1990, and enjoyed raising my sons in the quint gated community where every day was like being on vacation. My house was the one where all the kids came to hang out after school.

Your favorite club event so far?

The Pickleball crew, and The Cruise to Cabrillo Yacht Club.



What happens when a hungry couple on holiday meets a home-sick chef with a best-in-class burger? Why, they quit their jobs and take over for him! That's what happened when Lori and Daniel Preszler were having a beach day, and got drawn in by the aromas coming out of Pocket Burger Shack in Sunset Beach.

Community Spotlight

A graphic consisting of two black spotlights at the top, angled downwards to illuminate a bright yellow oval in the center. The words "Community Spotlight" are written in a stylized font inside the oval.

The frustrated owner was not shy about wanting to hang up the spatula, and the Preszler's had once fantasized about retirement with a little café at the beach, so

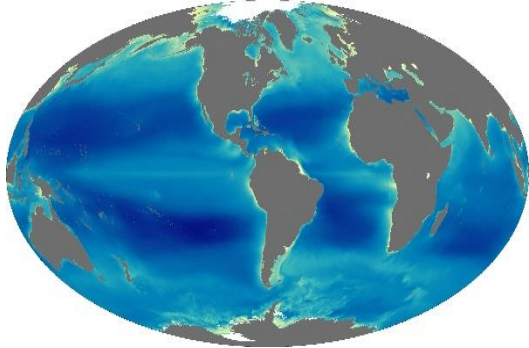


before you could say “hold the pickles” a deal was struck and the owner handed over the apron.

What’s changed since then? Fresher ingredients, breakfast burritos, and smiling faces greeting you every time, but still the same great made-to-order burgers and fantastic fries!

Note: Interesting new menu item: ICE - Available in 5- and 20- pound bags!

Trivial Pursuit



Which of the following is the oldest yacht club?

- a) Singapore Yacht Club, Singapore
- b) Royal Swedish Yacht Club, Stockholm, Sweden
- c) Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Halifax, Canada
- d) Royal Perth Yacht Club, Perth, Australia
- e) Seagate Yacht Club, Huntington Beach, CA

(answer at the end of the burgee)

Future Events

Date	Event	Location	Hosted By
August 19	Summer Luv'n	Clubhouse	Michelle & Dave Murray Kevin Rew & Kirk Zimmerman
Sept 8-10	Catalina Weekend	26 Miles West	SGYC Board
Oct 3	Annual Meeting	Clubhouse	SGYC Board
Oct 14	Dock Party	Seagate Docks	Judge Advocate Sue Giali
Nov 11	Commodore's Ball	BCYC	Comm Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek
Dec 2	Ship Store Boutique	Clubhouse	Margee Lennard
Dec 9-10	Holiday Boat Parade	Seagate Docks	RC Chris Johnson-Pasqua & SGYC Board
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	Clubhouse	VC Grace Toy

ALSO:

Tuesday Cruisin' is a standing series of summer events, Where members boat or drive to Peter's Landing for a no-host meal and time together. This year our new host Michele will be taking us to the following restaurants:

Pelican Isle / Golden Road Brewery / Beale's Texas BBQ

Tuesday Cruisin' takes place on 2nd and 4th

Tuesdays, June through September.

To RSVP or Duffy-pool, Contact:

Michele Murray

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Members Making Waves



Birthdays

August

Robin Erickson 8/5 Chinsook Moore 8/6
Patrick O'Roarke 8/7 Michael McHardy 8/9 Michael Scott 8/10
Ronald Schilling 8/11 Kathy Kriel 8/11 Michael McEntee 8/13
Barbara Howland 8/14 Jim DeClerck 8/15
Mark Arizmendi 8/18 Helene Rowlette 8/20
Laura Roskelly 8/21 Brad Goodrich 8/22 Kathy Lampert 8/22
Erin Ledford 8/26 Gary Gochman 8/28 Diane Kaplan 8/30
Uta DeClerck 8/31



September

Lari Thomas 9/10 Kaye Verry 9/14 Lynn Wilhelm 9/26 Cindy Surrage 9/29
Sherrie Stewart 9/12 Linda Scholl 9/9 Barbara Pazornik 9/14 Ron Nelson 9/26

ANNIVERSARIES

August

David & Kathe Lampert 8/3 Brad & Sherrie Goodrich 8/8 Rick & Lari Thomas 8/17
Kirk & Robin Erickson 8/22 Alan & Barbara Olschwang 8/22
Dale Giali & Susan Westover 8/23
Michael & Lolly McHardy 8/23
Francis & Aurelia Okino 8/26

September

Tom & Jan McKnew 9/2
Billie & Christine Maddox 9/4
Ray & Jan Nagele 9/5 Tom & Jean Worden 9/9
Jim & Bett Walton 9/9 Jeff & Sharon Smith 9/9 Roger & Lynne Wilhelm 9/16
Terry & Susanne Grout 9/16 Craig & Kristi Whitacre 9/21
Gary & Renell Gochman 9/24 Dave Colebank & Miki Singer 9/25



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 Wildlife!!

This edition of Great Shots is all about wildlife seen in and around Huntington Harbour.

Seagate sits at the center of a big-bird paradise, and its waters hold a tremendous variety of marine life.

The Snowy Egret in flight you see here was a blessing of timing for Michael Dix, who was trying to capture a zoom photo of the great bird's nest when it rocketed out of the tree.



Ready for Shark Week? SGYC Webmaster Austin Dix was able to snap

this photo of the world's most fascinating predator while it was visiting our waters.

Finally, it's likely that many of you have been asked if dolphins, the friendliest things with fins, ever roam our canals. Well, here's proof!



**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: The following is from <https://didyouknow.org/lists/yachtclubs>

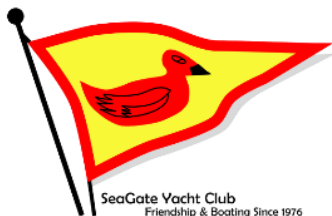
Singapore Yacht Club, Singapore – 1826
Royal Swedish Yacht Club, Stockholm, Sweden – 1830
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Halifax, Canada – 1837
Royal Perth Yacht Club, Perth, Australia - 1841
Seagate Yacht Club, Huntington Beach – 1976

Note: the Flotilla of the Neva club, St Peterburg, Russia was established in 1718 but is hardly in operation today. The Royal Cork Yacht Club, Cork, Ireland was founded in 1720, but not in Ireland – it began in Hoboken, New Jersey! Surprisingly, only the Seagate Yacht Club has Tuesday Cruz'n in Duffy boats!

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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SeaGate Yacht Club

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