

SeaGate Yacht Club
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The BURGEE

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Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than those you did. So throw off the bowline . . . sail away from safe harbor . . . catch the trade winds in your sails . . . explore . . . dream . . . discover."

-Mark Twain

58 days ago:

I was looking forward to my first board meeting as Vice Commodore, and a year to learn the ropes (or should I say lines) and prepare for the following year as Commodore.

59 days ago:

Surprise!! – I'm now Commodore.

I have learned a lot in the last 59 days. I have learned how hard our event hosts and board members work to keep our club successful. That the pointy part of the boat is called the bow. That microphones only amplify my voice if I hold them really close to my mouth (did I mention that speaking in front of groups of people makes me nervous. Luckily, you all are patient and understanding with me). I have learned that I still have so much to learn, but there are past Commodores and members who are always generous with their time and knowledge.



Let's throw off the bowlines – this year will be an adventure. Join me!

Melinda Johnson-Pasqua

* Also, Please join me in welcoming Michael Dix as our new Communications Chair. Thanks Michael!

Get to know your Vice Commodore

My husband Vance and I moved to SeaGate in July of 2014. We are both pilots for American Airlines, and we had been based in Miami for just one year. We then transferred to the Los Angeles base, as we are both from California originally. Vance grew up in Huntington Beach, and moved up to San Jose to go to San Jose State in their Aeronautics Program. I grew up in the San Jose area, and went to school at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. I had moved back to San Jose and Vance and I met at the San Jose Airport.

Our aviation careers took us on different paths, but we both ended up at American Airlines after the merger with TWA back in 2001. We also ended up furloughed for well over a decade



CORRECTION:

It has been called to our attention that Tiffany and Vance are PILOTS, not PIRATES as previously stated.

We apologize for any confusion.

between 2002 to 2013. We had flying jobs the whole time but we came back to AA in the summer of 2013 which is what took us out to Florida.

We arrived in SeaGate and met many new friends and neighbors and immediately loved our new neighborhood. So much so, that after spending a year and a half in a rental unit, in 2015 we bought a unit on Montego Drive and then in January of 2020, we moved into our new place on Windspun Drive. We love it so much and all of our wonderful neighbors, we want to stay here as long as possible.

During our careers, Vance and I have flown together many times, in smaller Cessnas and even in Lear Jets (we both hold Lear Jet Type ratings). But last summer, with Vance on reserve as a junior Captain and I as a line holding senior First Officer, our paths crossed one again on the Flight Deck of one of American Airlines's 737s. We had a great trip and we look forward to flying together again soon.

We look forward to getting to know many more of you, our SeaGate friends and family, in the months and years to come.

Tiffany Vlasch



46th Annual Opening Day & Parade of the Fleet

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua, the Flag Officers, and Board Members cordially invite all members, families, and guests to our 46th annual Opening Day and Parade of the Fleet 2022 to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Power boats, sail boats, and electric boats are welcome! Please decorate your boats with dress flags and burgees in support of **SeaGate Yacht Club** and celebrate the opening of the 2022 yachting season. Please bring hors d'oeuvres and beverages to share on-board. There will be a hosted bar, the Opening Day Ceremony, and a buffet dinner for special invitees and paid members and guests at the Bonaire Clubhouse following the Parade of the Fleet.

Parade of the Fleet Registration:

If you have a boat and would like to participate in the Parade of the Fleet, please complete the on-line Registration Form by clicking [HERE](#), or contact Rear Commodore, Grace Toy, at 562-292-8150 or rc.sgyc@gmail.com.

Cocktails and Dinner Reservations:

Our Event Hosts, Jr. Staff Commodore, Francis Okino and Aurelia Okino are planning a very exciting and fun-filled day for this very important event. Please go to the SGYC events page to download the event flier and sign up for cocktails and dinner reservations by clicking [HERE](#).





CURRENT MASK MANDATES

By
Mark N. Monroe, M.D.

GREAT NEWS! According to Orange County Register, the cases of COVID-19 infections have dropped to pre-Omicron variant emergence back in November, 2021. Therefore, the CDC and California governor Newsom have lowered the mask mandates as of February 15, 2022 for vaccinated people. California, Oregon, and Washington will stop requiring masks in schools after March 11.

California will also lift its' remaining indoor mask mandate for unvaccinated people on March 8,



2022. Four states have indoor mask mandates in place: Hawaii, Illinois, Oregon, and Washington whether they have been vaccinated or not. The federal mask mandates for planes, trains, buses, and transit stations, including airports, is said to expire on March 18th.

So, what does it mean? As of right now, only 70.3% of Californians are fully vaccinated. We need 90% of population to be vaccinated to achieve the herd immunity. Please encourage your friends and loved ones to get vaccinated if they haven't done so yet. Continue wearing a mask if you are immune compromised. And please stay at home and contact your family doctor immediately if you do not feel well to get proper medical care.

New Member's Brunch

Article by Bill Oneida

The 2022 Seagate Yacht Club New Member's Brunch was held on January 30th, 2022. The event was hosted by William Oneida and Dan Torla. There were nearly 70 attendees. The morning was absolutely gorgeous for sailing, with a brilliant blue sky, temperatures in the low 70's, no wind and a flat sea.



At 9:00 AM, the armada of 6 beautiful yachts, left the smooth waters of Huntington Harbour to venture forth to Los Alamitos Bay. Captains, First mates and guests all braved the high seas with champagne in hand during the 45 minute journey. Once we were all safely tied up at the docks, adjacent to the Acapulco Restaurant, we met several more members who had driven over by car.

After assembling in an upstairs Banquet Room reserved just for the Yacht Club, more champagne began to flow, then everyone headed

downstairs for an incredible array of tantalizing dishes - the Acapulco's Mexican Themed Champagne Brunch is both highly rated and very delicious, and just when we thought we couldn't eat another bite, we discovered the dessert tables!

Following our feast, Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua, or Vice Commodore Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek and Rear Commodore Gracy Tody convened the club meeting, thanking everyone for attending and discussing several upcoming club events. New members were welcomed, prospective new members were encouraged to join and all were prompted to check out the new merchandise at the ship's store, which had made the journey as well. With tons of items, great quality and good prices, the store was very popular.

In the middle of the meeting, we had a "mixer" event to greet and meet each other. In the Bingo-like game created by Dan Torla, each bingo card had 25 squares containing unique questions, such as Have you ever bungee jumped? Do you hate chocolate? Etc. Participants had to find someone that had done the activity or possessed the trait to sign the square before moving on. Completing a line across made a BINGO, and prizes were awarded accordingly to an enthusiastic crowd.

Following another round of champagne, the members dispersed back to the docks where they boarded their yachts for the trip home. A Special Thank You is in order for the Captains and First Mates for providing their gorgeous yachts and a great day on the water! They are: Richard and Judy Kappes on Lucky Change II, Clement Aime on La Fortuna, Floyd and Mira D'Angelo on RO III, Robin and Jean Clark on Fin-Tastic, Kevin and Candace Cloud on Sea Cloud; John Ochs and Joyce Zimmerman on Carpe Diem.

Kisses and Cocktails Valentine's Day Party



Kisses and Cocktails, our Valentine's Day Party, was held at the Bonaire clubhouse on February 12. This fabulous event was hosted by our own Laura Roskelly and Ginger Hegler. We had a lovely catered Italian Buffett with a gorgeous Charcuterie Board and yummy homemade cupcakes, made by Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek. Cupid's Candy Bar was a huge hit and just so fun.

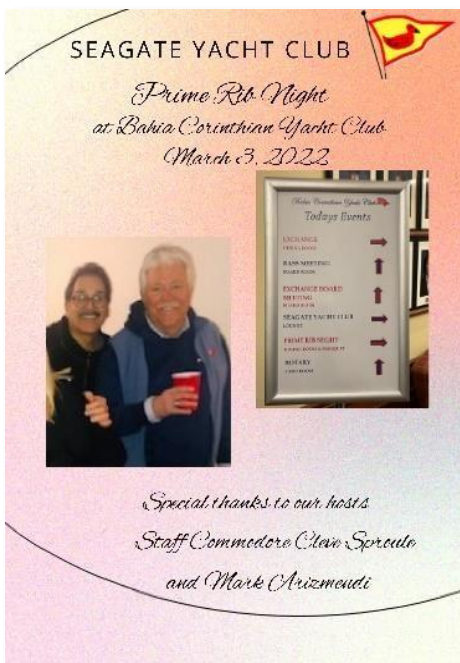
We danced to a DJ and Laura and Ginger led us in some energizing games that had us out of our seats running around like a bunch of 10-year-olds on the playground. Laura and Ginger both with their decorations and the clubhouse was beautifully covered

red and pink. SeaGate recognizes that we are still

slowly coming out of a global pandemic. Events like these remind us that family, friends and neighbors are what's important in our lives. We have many more events coming throughout the rest of this year. We want to do our best to get back to social events while remaining cognizant of our health and safety.



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BAHIA CORINTHIAN LAND CRUISE

On March 3rd SeaGate members participated in a "land cruise" to Corona del Mar for Prime Rib Night at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. SeaGate members Mark Arizmendi and Staff Commodore Cleve Sproule, who are also members of BCYC (Cleve is BCYC's Rear Commodore) were the event hosts and planned this popular land event. The prime rib and many salads and side dishes were enjoyed by all. Upon checking in, members were



given one raffle ticket each, and Mark called out the numbers and 5 lucky attendees, who each won a bottle of Justin Cabernet.

In addition, there were certificates provided by BCYC for 2 tickets for 2

people each for the BCYC's Sunday Brunch and a certificate for 2 for a Prime Rib dinner.

Watch for the next Prime Rib dinner, sign up early and join us for great food, drink and fellowship with your fellow Seagate Yacht Club members!



Upcoming Events

We have an awesome schedule of events lined up for 2022.

This club cannot thrive without event hosts who step up to create a calendar full of fun social and boating events. The Club also needs its members to volunteer for open Board positions. Please consider in what way you might become more involved in the club.

2022 SeaGate Yacht Club Events Calendar

Event	Date	Hosts
Event Hosts Brunch at Bonaire Clubhouse	Sunday, January 9, 2022	The SGYC Board
New Members Brunch at Acapulco (with Ship's Store sale)	Sunday, January 30, 2022	Dan Torla and Bill Oneida
Valentine's Dinner/Dance at Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, February 12, 2022	Laura Roskelly and Ginger Hegler
Bahia Corinthian event	Thursday, March 3, 2022	Cleve Sproule, Staff Commodore, and Mark Arizmendi
Opening Day Parade and Ceremony/Dinner at Bonaire Clubhouse (with Ship's Store sale)	Saturday, April 23, 2022	Francis Okino, Jr Staff Commodore, and Aurelia Okino
Western Bonanza at Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, May 21, 2022	Diane Kaplan and Rich Maier
TBD	Saturday, June 11, 2022	TBD
Duffy Cruise @ HHYC	Sunday, July 17, 2022	Josef Davydovits, Staff Commodore, and Felicia Emad

Summer Festival	Saturday, August 20, 2022	TBD
Cruise to Cabrillo Yacht Club	September 9-11, 2022	Debra Wainer and Lisa Ratkelis
Dock Party	Saturday, October 1, 2022	Dale Giali, Staff Commodore, and Susan Westover-Giali, and Mike Courtway, Staff Commodore, and Sharon Courtway
Annual Meeting @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Vice Commodore, and the Board
Ship's Store Holiday Boutique	TBD	Laura Roskelly
Commodore's Ball	Saturday, November 5, 2022	Melinda Johnson-Pasqua, Commodore
Holiday Boat Parade	November/December 2022	Grace Toy, Rear Commodore, and Club membership
New Year's Eve Party @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, December 31, 2022	Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Vice Commodore



Birthdays

Debra Wainer	April 2	Doris Dix	April 3	Vance Vlasek	April 4
Carla Gallup	April 5	Dorothy Ralphs	April 6	Ed Davis	April 8
Debbie Wood	April 13	Gary Pazornik	April 15	Jim Walton	April 17
Chris Johnson-Pasqua	April 18	Jack Wiegand	April 19	Bruce Bayless	April 20
Richard Verry	April 26	Regina O'Brien	April 26	Carol Kirkwood	April 27
Mary Shebell	April 30	Denise Pirritano	April 30		
Jens Sohn	May 2	Ron Jones	May 3	Lolly McHardy	May 13
Kevin Cloud	May 14	Debbie Miller	May 16	Ray Nagele	May 18
Tim O'Brien	May 19	Ron Ratkelis	May 19	Dale Stucker	May 20
William Oneida	May 22	Kirk Erickson	May 23	Austin Dix	May 24
Cindy Broz-Allen	May 25	Jeff Smith	May 30	James Woods	May 31

Anniversaries

Guy and Caron Mount, April 6	Michael & Doris Dix, April 9
Joyce Zimmerman & John Ochs, April 24	Boris & Dorothy Ralphs, April 26
Elliott & Debra Wainer, April 28	Dick & Linda Scholl, May 4
Ray & Ellen Martin, May 11	David & Bea' Swanson, May 13
Gary & Chinsook Moore, May 21	Richard & Kaye Verry, May 24
Vance & Tiffany Vlasek, May 24	Pat & Vaughn Jenkes, May 28
Cheryl & John Arndt, May 29	



Your 2022 Elected Officers:

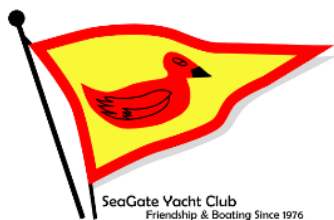
Commodore Melinda Johnson Pasqua
Co-Vice Commodores Tiffany Tokar Vlasek
Rear Commodore Grace Toy
Jr. Staff Commodore Francis Okino
Treasurer Laura Roskelly
Secretary Cindy Broz Allen (Staff Commodore)

Your 2022 Appointed Officers:

Membership: Kevin Cloud
Port/House Captain: Craig Whitacre
Communications: Michael Dix
Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Mark Monroe (Staff Commodore)
Roster: Cindy Broz Allen (Staff Commodore)
Webmaster: Austin Dix
Judge Advocates: Dale Giali (Staff Commodore) & Susan Westover-Giali
Thank you to all those who contributed to this issue. To see all event pictures, go to <http://sgyc2021files.seagateyachtclub.com/>.

View past Burgees here:

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



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