

SeaGate Yacht Club
THE BURGEE

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OPENING

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L to R: Commodore Ray Nagele, Rear Commodore Les Kelly, Vice Commodore John Humphreys, Jr. Staff Commodore Cleve Sproule



FROM THE BRIDGE

By Ray Nagele,
Commodore



We've had three great events in the past two months:

Opening Day, Casino Road trip, and the Avalon cruise.

There has been great response to these events. I am especially encouraged with the participation of a lot of the new members. A case in point, Rob and Cindy Allen have not even been with the club for a year, yet they've signed on as House Chair and Secretary for the club AND co-hosted (with Les and Cathy Kelly) the very successful Casino Road trip in April. Thanks to the Allen's and all who make this club run smoothly.

Even though Seagate Yacht Club is not your typical "dedicated clubhouse, restaurant, permanent bar, kids programs" type yacht club, ours is a very special club. Some examples:

Our world class website: I have not found another yacht club's website that is as comprehensive, up to date, and good looking as what Tom Worden, our Webmaster, has put together. There are literally thousands of photos to browse, up to date notices, and many other items on our website.

The "Burgee": Joel Lander, our Communications Chair (and editor) has developed this newsletter into an informative and lively publication.

Our events and members. There are 18 events listed on the website; this doesn't even include the smaller events (Games night, Cruisin' Tuesdays, Academy Awards night, etc.). We have from 40 to over 100 enthusiastic people attending the events. Even though I am one of the youngest Commodores of the club, I don't feel out of place with all of the young-at-heart members.

Our new 60 inch TV and professional refrigerator. I think we are in the big leagues with these.

Don't forget to sign up for the Night at the Races, it always a fun night, and you always seem to win money. Deadline is June 8th, send your check in.

We do have one event this year that is still looking for some hosts. Our boating events during the year attract the most people, so there is a desire to get on the water! There's a slot at the end of August or first part of September for a club cruise. In the past we've gone to King Harbor Yacht Club, Cat Harbor, and Dana West Yacht Club. If we are going to go, we need to start making arrangements fairly soon, so if you're thinking about hosting, please contact me.

Happy cruising, Ray

FROM THE VICE

By John Humphreys,
Vice Commodore



We've had a couple of great events since the last newsletter including Opening Day, with a fabulous turnout of boats and participants and the casino trip to Pala which was a lot of fun. The icing on the cake was when my wife, Margaret, won the grand prize of a free night and dinner for two at Pala. We also had a record turnout for our annual Avalon cruise.

The Coast Guard auxiliary is always very keen on working with our club, whether it be on vessel safety checks or ongoing training. The free vessel safety checks were set up the week before Opening Day, and those who participated thought it was thoroughly worthwhile. They even do safety checks on Duffys. For more information on the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary, you can check out their web site at <http://nws.cgaux.org>, where the various benefits they offer are listed. They can organize a course just for our club if we have a dozen participants. Classes such as boating safety, seamanship, or navigation are offered for a nominal fee covering the cost of the literature. Please let me know if you are interested and perhaps we can set something up in the Fall.

As a flag officer, I have the privilege of representing our club at various opening days hosted by other yacht clubs in Southern California. I recently attended Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's and Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club's opening days and I was struck by the camaraderie and friendship exhibited within the SCYA community. Our club's membership within this organization is definitely something which we should take advantage of and cherish.

As always, do give us feedback or suggestions on any events or activities, either through the suggestion box in the clubhouse or email me at JGH10@aol.com

Smooth Sailing,
John



(S)LOTS OF FUN THE CASINO ROAD TRIP

By Les Kelly, Rear Commodore

Rob & Cindy Allen
Les & Cathy Kelly



A great weekend was had by Seagate Yacht Club Members who participated in the bus trip to Pala Resort and casino. Everyone was so excited to get there we left 15 minutes early. On board the bus, the fun started with mimosas, bloody Marys and mini-muffins served by Jan Nagele, Cindy and Rob Allen. Cathy and Les Kelly got the gaming going with three rousing games of "Bus" Bingo. Maryann Boryszewski, Richard Kappes and Marty Lipman were the big winners.

When we arrived at the Pala Resort and Casino, the staff had set up a welcome table with refreshing drinks and goodies. Leisure time was the first event until the "Gathering" for the Cocktail Party in the Grand Suite. The Grand Suite proved to be large enough to comfortably accommodate the group and provide a sweeping vista of the swimming pool and hills beyond. After the cocktail party, we went to the Casino for the FIRST ANNUAL SEAGATE YACHT CLUB SLOT TOURNAMENT. It was a very exciting hour and the competition was keen; we had two rounds of play and scores were kept for prizes.

After the slot tournament, everyone moved to the banquet room for a wonderful buffet. The food was excellent with three entrées and a great dessert selection. No one went hungry. We had a terrific food and bar staff, who catered to our every need. The winners of the Slot Tournament were announced with prizes going to last place, Sherrill Lander, second place, Mark Daugherty, and the grand prize to Margaret Humphreys.

Sunday was a free day. Some adventurous souls got up early and went up in a hot air balloon over the areas wine country. Most everyone slept in. Our group got the use of a pool-side cabana with a TV. This was a very popular hangout for basketball fans. Sunday was hot and so was Sherrill at the casino machines.

By 5 p.m. we boarded the bus, watched "Mamma Mia" and sang our way home. And to end a perfect weekend, the DVD reached the finale of the movie as we were pulling up to the Bonaire Clubhouse. What a grand ending for a super weekend at the Pala Resort and Casino. There were immediate calls for the event to be repeated next year.

All in all, it was great fun with a wonderful, fun group of Seagate Yacht Club members! Event hosts Cindy and Rob Allen and Cathy and Les Kelly thank all who participated.





FROM THE REAR

**By Les Kelly
Rear Commodore**

The 2009 Seagate Yacht Club Opening Day events were a rousing success with a record number of boats lined up in the Fleet Parade. With improved weather there is increased interest in boating. Perhaps there is an opportunity here to increase our membership with new Seagate members seeking locally based fun events on land or water. If you speak to a new neighbor, or long-time residents about membership, you just might prove successful in getting them to join our club. Growth is a necessary part of any successful organization and Seagate Yacht Club is no exception. We have already added some new members from Seagate this spring. With additional Seagate-based members, pending applicants from outside Seagate can join as full members. Contact Cathy Kelly with leads for new members or to obtain membership applications.

A balance between water-borne and land based activities is key to successful events for members as well as to attract new members. The recent first-ever casino trip to the Pala Resort and Casino was judged a success by the 38 members who participated. The ever-popular Avalon Cruise was a rousing success as well. Ideas for adding new events to the established group of annual events can be presented to the Commodore for evaluation by the Board.

Opening Day Parade Participants

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| Coral Way | Rob Allen |
| Kismet | Kip Gail & Cyprus |
| In Reel Deep | Jerry & Suzanne Russell |
| Captain Gizmo | Tom & Jean Worden |
| Sparky | Cindy Allen |
| Dos Amigos | Dick & Linda Scholl |
| RO III | Floyd & Mira D'Angelo |
| La Fortuna II | Clem & Linda Aime |
| Kathleen | Greg & Kathy Lee |
| Happy Ours | Guy & Karen Mount |
| Our Bad Habit | Dennis Huffman & Peggy Allison |
| Senza Bambini | Dale & Susan Giali |
| R Boat 2 | Jeff & Bonnie Specht |
| Equitas II | Ron Fernandelli |
| Glenda Ann | Mike & Glenda Kilbourn |
| Power Trip | Joel & Sherrill Lander |
| Watt A Miracle | Gary & Arlene Dixon |
| Dream of Jeanne | Jim & Jeanne Woods |

OPENING DAY

**By Cleve Sproule
Vice Commodore**



At approximately 4:00 p.m., club members and their guests began arriving at the clubhouse for the 2009 Opening Day Ceremonies. Members and guests assembled in front of the yardarm at 4:30 p.m. and were welcomed by Jr. SC Cleve Sproule to SGYC's Opening Day, our thirty-third annual yachting season. After the pledge of allegiance, the assembly was treated to a beautiful solo of "God Bless America" by Kelsey Silver (daughter of SC Jeff Silver of HHYC and his wife, Robin). Next, Rear Commodore Les Kelly tolled the traditional eight bells for our members who have passed during the last year. They were: Darlene Korn, Roxanna Vahan-Deorlet, Bill Kirkwood John Shoemaker and David Snegg.

Commodore Ray Nagele, as emcee, introduced his flag officers and board members for 2009. Commodore Nagele then recognized staff commodores in attendance, guests and dignitaries which included; SC Jeff Silver, HHYC; Jr. S. C. Bill Wheeler, HHYC and Tom Rasulo, Secretary of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.

After declaring the 2009 yachting season officially open for SeaGate Yacht Club, Commodore Ray Nagele adjourned the nearly 110 members and guests to the club house to continue the celebration with refreshments and a wonderful Italian dinner topped off with a tiramisu dessert and the announcement of the winner of a wonderful door prize of a set of SGYC engraved wine glasses.

It was a wonderful day on the water of one of the most beautiful harbors in the world ending with an evening of good food with good friends, once again exemplifying our club's purpose of "friendship and boating opportunities".

MORE OPENING DAY



2009 Newport to Ensenada Sailboat Race by Nat Pendleton

Representing Seagate Yacht Club in this year's Ensenada sail boat race on Friday April 24, 2009, were skipper Nat Pendleton and his five-man crew on Nat's Catalina 380 the NATSU. The crew consisted of Vice Commodore John Humphreys, Don Skiver, Nat's son, Boyd Pendleton from Toronto and Allen Orr and Bill Ekem from San Francisco,

Elapsed time for the NATSU for the 125 mile run from Newport to Ensenada was 25 hrs 35 min, with NATSU finishing 14th^h in a field of 25 entered in the non-spinnaker cruising class. The race was blessed with steady moderate to strong winds and fair weather. Participating were a total of 272 sailboats with all but two finishing. Post race celebration festivities held in Ensenada on Saturday and Sunday were thoroughly enjoyed by all, with skipper and crew returning home on Monday.



Annual Avalon Cruise

What a great weekend it was in Catalina! Sea- Gate Yacht Club made its largest showing ever to this yearly event. We had a total of 71 members and guests crossing in 19 boats to Avalon. The SGYC flag was proudly waving at the harbor entrance welcoming all of our members as they arrived.

On Friday night we gathered for a pizza party at Antonio's and had the beach patio to ourselves. With all-you-can-eat pizza, the group had a great meal. After dinner, all of us dispersed into town for a night of fun. Many ended up at El Galleon for a karaoke night, while others went to other happening places in town.



Hosts: Kim & Josef Davydovits



Saturday night the club gathered again for a Mexican style dinner at Mi Casitas. The food was great and the drinks were flowing. A few were brave enough to try the house special "cazuelo margarita." Trivia questionnaires about Avalon were awarded for best and worst answers. Runner ups were the Russell's and a group that included Landers, Daugherty, and the Woods. First prize went to Shirley Russell, while the booby prize for the least number of correct answers went to Cathy Kelly. Many members displayed their talents with karaoke singing. Everyone joined in the fun and good spirit.



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| CORAL WAY | Robert Allen | TAGGED&RELEASED | Dennis Kriel |
| BAD HABIT | Dennis Huffman | WINDSONG 2 | Cliff Meier |
| CHERYL ANN | John Arndt | NATSU | NatPendleton |
| LINDA SI | Bob Axel | IN REEL DEEP | Jerry Russell |
| FIN-OMENAL | Robert Birkich | DOS AMIGOS | Richard Scholl |
| KISMET | Kip Cypress | X-SPECHTATIONS | Jeff Specht |
| FIN-TASTIC | Robin Clark | SEE-YA | Cleve Sproule |
| KNOT ON CALL | Angie Ferns | VALHALA | John Thompson |
| LUCKY CHANGE II | Richard Kappes | GRADY WHITE | Elliott Wainer |
| GLENDA ANN | Mike Kilbourn | | |

New Members



SHIP'S STORE
NEW MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE
BIG SALE ON CURRENT STOCK
BE SURE TO GET YOUR SEAGATE YACHT CLUB LOGO CLOTHING



Gary Ramelli and Margot Akers

Gary recently purchased a home in SeaGate and moved from San Pedro. Gary is a dermatologist and practices in Long Beach. Margot sells real estate in and around Hunting-

ton Beach.

While Margot is from Taiwan, Gary is a third generation California native. Together, they share a Pomeranian named "Rusty" and a parrot named "Sunday".

Gary was a pilot for 25 years and owned his own airplane. But, today he is looking for a boat to put in the slip behind his home.

Gary and Margot love being in SeaGate. They met a lot of you at the new member brunch and are looking forward to participating in SG YC activities.

BIRTHDAYS

Dick	Naulty	6/1
Mark	Monroe	6/1
Dennis	Huffman	6/3
Carole	Stelle	6/3
Tom	Worden	6/5
Tina	Haas	6/7
Tom	McKnew	6/8
Barbara	Ward	6/8
Josef	Davydovits	6/10
Helena	Parada	6/12
Marty	Lipman	6/13
Sam	LaCorte	6/13
Abe	Porter	6/15
Alice	Reedy	6/19
Parvaneh	Carter	6/24
Pat	Jenkes	6/27
Michael	Nevins	6/28
Mary	Nevins	6/28
Tom	Ward	6/29
Kay	Bogert	7/2
Muriel	Morris	7/2
Susan	Giali	7/3
Jim	Senske	7/10
John	Boryszewsk	7/10
Herb	Lundin	7/11
Floyd	D'Angelo	7/11
Martha	Baumel	7/11
Shirley	Mullaney	7/11



Jeff	Haas	7/13
Michael	Reedy	7/14
Dianne	Flecklin	7/15
David	Swanson	7/15
Joel	Lander	7/16
Aurelia	Okino	7/16
Kay	Nelson	7/17
Susan	Lipman	7/17
Suzanne	Russell	7/19
Bonnie	Specht	7/24
Jeanne	Woods	7/24
Linda	Axel	7/27
JoAnn	Busby*	7/27
Prem	Shama	7/28
Meile	McCormick	7/28
Cleve	Sproule	7/28
Paul	Brown	7/28
Vaughn	Jenkes	7/28
Barbara	Olschwang	7/31

Mike & Glenda Kilbourn



Mike has been a SeaGate homeowner for 22 years. Mike and Glenda have been married for 17 years and between them have four children and four grandchildren. Mike is a native to Southern California, having grown up in Santa Monica. Mike and Glenda are the owners of two very unique boats. The first is "Penquin", a 21 foot replica of a Monterey Clipper fishing boat. Their second boat is "Glenda Ann", a 31 foot steel hulled boat with an 11 foot beam that was built in 2002 by Keen Metalwork in Canada. It is true a one-of-a-kind boat. Glenda and Mike think SGYC is extremely friendly, and intend on becoming more active. They are not new members to SGYC, but are just becoming active. Please give Mike & Glenda a big 'hello' when you meet them.

ANNIVERSARIES

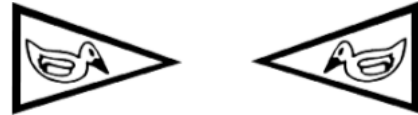
Guy & Deborah Fairon	5/2	Jeff & Bonnie Specht	6/1
Mike & Mary Nevins	5/4	Mark & Joanne Daugherty	6/5
Dick & Linda Scholl	5/4	Mark & Lina Monroe	6/11
Dick & Pat Naulty	5/4	Tom & Barbara Ward	6/14
Ray & Ellen Martin	5/11	Jerry & Linda Cassidy	6/17
Abe & Nancy Porter	5/12	Bob and Linda Axel	6/20
David & Bea Swanson	5/13	Joe & Barbara Siegel	6/21
John & Midge Thompson	5/27	Steve & Nancy Metro	6/24
Pat & Vaughn Jenkes	5/28	Dwayne & Mary Lund	6/24
John & Cheryl Arndt	5/29		

**PLAN EARLY
TO ATTEND OUR
TERRIFIC EVENTS
THERE IS SOMETHING
FOR
EVERYONE**

**NIGHT AT THE RACES
Saturday June 20**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Saturday July 18**

**NEWPORT RAFTUP &
DOCKUP
August 14-16**



2009 CREW

Ray Nagele, Commodore
John Humphreys, Vice-Commodore
Les Kelly, Rear-Commodore
Cleve Sproule, Jr. Staff Commodore
Cindy Allen, Secretary
Josef Davydovits, Treasurer
Cathy Kelly, Membership
Rob Allen, House
Jan Nagele, Ships Store
Bob McCormick, Roster
Tom Worden, Webmaster
Joel Lander, Communications

Many thanks to those of you who contribute to the Burgee. Thanks to Mike Courtway for the biographies. Special recognition to our Webmaster Tom Worden & Secretary Cindy Allen for our excellent website photos and more, which can be seen at www.seagateyachtclub.com.

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