

Seagate Yacht Club

# The Buzgee

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# Commodore's Ball





## **FROM THE BRIDGE**    *Jeff Specht, Commodore*

***"The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already"*** is a quote by John Buchan a famous Scottish novelist. And, that is exactly how we feel about our club. We have some of the greatest people working together and having a lot of fun on the way.

Bonnie and I are proud to become commodore of SGYC. When we started two years ago we had no idea what a fulfilling experience it would be. We are part of a Club that has been thriving for almost 37 Years. As with all commodores in the past we want to make our term the best possible. The most enlightening part of our experience is all the behind the scenes people that make our great club possible.

Our club would not exist without all the hard work and dedication our volunteers contribute, starting with our event hosts who make it happen. Every year each event takes on its own personality and flair to keep it alive and always fun. I would like to thank all of our hosts from last year for a job well done. A special "thank you" to this year's hosts for it looks like the best is yet to come.

There are some key people that have stepped up year after year and we cannot thank them enough. Tom Worden deserves many thanks for delivering an incredible web site and e-mail blasts. This invaluable current information keeps us tuned in and up-to-date with unforgettable memories of all our events. Joel Lander deserves many thanks for his ever evolving Burgee, which is no easy task. It's now a coffee table quality publication that makes us all proud and keeps us involved with club events. Joanne McCormick has kept our membership together with her accurate up-to-date records along with everything else she does for the club. Joanne has stepped down and will be greatly missed. Many thanks to Cindy Allen for her extremely accurate minutes and great photographs along with all the events she and Rob host. Our thanks also go to Rob for his efforts as port captain. Rob is either stocking up for the next event or pouring your favorite drink at a current one. He keeps our members happy and our bar full. Kim Davydovits kept the members of Seagate looking very fashionable at the Ship's Store. She has stepped down and will also be missed. Lisa Zia takes care of the money. Thank you for keeping our financial records current and accurate especially with the financial challenges we experienced this year. I cannot thank Bob McCormick enough because he is always there when we need him. He works tirelessly behind the scenes to design and produce award winning floats and whatever else is necessary, and all with a smile. Joseph Davydovits provided guidance so that our water events went off without a hitch. His knowledge of our past finances will help us in the future. I want to thank Dale Giali for his leadership and our newfound friendship. Dale has done a great job and will be a hard act to follow. I cannot thank Les Kelly enough for his steady hand and guidance. Also, his excellent photos have brought our events to life. He has served on the board for four successful years and is now a staff Commodore. He will be missed by all.

I want to welcome aboard all our new staff. Our new Rear Commodore is Gil Morris & Chris, our new Membership chairperson, Aurelia Okino and our Ship Store crew are Linda Axel, Deborah Fairon and Mark Arizmendi. What a great team for 2013.

Our vision is to help the club thrive and keep the dues and event costs as low as possible in these trying times. In 2012 we had quite a few unexpected expenses in addition to our normal expenses that the HOA would not pay for. We needed replacement cabinets to store our club event decorations and ships store in the club house for \$5,000. We also had to replace the ice maker for \$1,500 and the stereo receiver/DVD player for \$450. We did get the HOA to fix the wall speakers. We are going into the New Year basically breaking even which is the lowest we have been in the recent past. We thought about raising the dues but after much discussion we have decided against it. We feel if we carefully watch our expenses this year we will be OK. We will only raise the dues if it is absolutely necessary to maintain the quality of our club.

We have some truly great events scheduled this coming year and you won't want to miss even one. Along with our ever popular events we have added a Dock Party and brought back the popular Mystery Dinner so mark your calendar. This year Joel Lander has designed a single sheet Event Schedule in the Burgee that you can cut out and put up anywhere to remind you of all our great events.

**I say, damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead and 2013 will be another great year for SGYC!**

Jeff





***FROM THE VICE      JOSEF DAVYDOVITZ, Vice Commodore***

Can you believe that another year has passed and now we are underway into 2013? The new Year brings us a new board for SGYC (see Jeff Specht's column). I am honored to serve this year as your Vice-Commodore. I am taking notes diligently from our past leaders and it was a great experience to work with Dale Giali and Les Kelly in the past few years. I am truly grateful for the support they have provided. As this new year rolls around we are all welcoming the new board including Gil and Chris Morris who have signed up to be in line for the Commandership. We all are grateful for all members who put the extra effort to enjoy the club by serving in the leadership. The club could not survive without our volunteers.

As we talk about our volunteers and events once again, SeaGate Yacht Club's calendar of events is full with spectacular events for 2013. Gil has covered the first two events scheduled for this year, but there are more on the way. One of them, of course, is the traditional Super Bowl Party. This year it will be held on Sunday February 3rd at 3pm in our Club House. There will be plenty of appetizers, games and other traditional festivities, and of course the big screen TV. Bring your own lawn chair, put on your favorite team shirt and enjoy the game with your fellow SGYC members. It is truly a fun-filled event. This year will be great as it will be hosted by Guy & Deborah Fairon, Susan & Marty Lipman, and Marilyn & Larry Swartz.

The other great event I want to mention is a new event, the Dock Party on Sunday, March 9, hosted by none other than our Jr. Staff Commodore Dale & Sue Giali. This event is a brand new idea. Instead of a raft-up party that is also done traditionally in the summer, the Gialis plan to have an event at the dock side with multiple boats where we can socialize, have drinks and appetizers. More details will come out as it is being finalized. Look for the upcoming flyer. ....Szervusz to all...Josef



***FROM THE REAR      Gil Morris, Rear Commodore***

Hello fellow SGYC members. I am honored and proud to be your new Rear Commodore. I want to thank each one of you for your support. I am looking forward to working with such great individuals as Jeff Specht, Josef Davydovits and Dale Giali. I also want to thank them for all the work put in during the past years. I've only been Rear Commodore for less than a month and I'm already fully engaged. We are in the process of setting up the calendar for the year and I must say we have a lot of great events coming up.

First, is our annual Event Hosts' Brunch held on Sunday January 13, at 10:00AM at the clubhouse. This event is very valuable one. It recognizes and prepares those members of SGYC who have volunteered to host one of the many events for the club in 2013. Commodore Jeff Specht and his board will host the brunch. The host attendees will be given extensive information packets that will be discussed in detail and all questions will be answered.

Second, is our New Members' Brunch held on Sunday, January 27. Staff Commodore Les Kelly & Kathy and Staff Commodore Jim Senske & Lyn will host the brunch. The New Members' Brunch, traditionally held at the Long Beach Yacht Club, had to be moved for the second year to the "Acapulco Mexican Restaurant y Cantina" in the Marina Pacific shopping center. The shopping center provides extensive docking facilities and the restaurant has a fantastic Mexican buffet. Last year it all worked out wonderfully well. This is an event designed to introduce potential new members to our club and the current members always enjoy the time as much as the guests. Boat captains will stop by the clubhouse on Saturday to stock their boats with bubbly and OJ to provide refreshments during the ride to Long Beach. Folks will meet at the Bonaire docks and cast off at 9:00 A.M. They will be met by the captain and crew for the short ride over to Alamitos Bay and the "Acapulco" restaurant. I am looking forward to a great year and a good time with all.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Happy New Year from SeaGate Yacht Club. The New Year's Eve Party was a fantastic finish to another great year. We had a beautifully decorated clubhouse complete with all the fixings even a Rotating Flashing Disco Ball and a balloon drop as the clock struck midnight. The DJ along with his professional singers and Karaoke rocked the night away. We had a lot of very talented members whose Karaoke rivaled even the professionals.

There were almost 100 partiers who danced well past midnight. And, as we all watched the ball drop at midnight 240 balloons were released making for a truly great show. We welcomed our newest members Gordon Hunt and Barbara Hart with their new Burgee. To top off our evening a guest on our waiting list, Wayne Phillips, proposed to Dianne Kajikawa. He got a "YES". This was a great start for the New Year

It was a job well done by our hosts Commodore Jeff Specht & Bonnie, Rear Commodore Gil Morris & Chris and Staff Commodore Les & Cathy Kelly. Special Thanks to Rob & Cindy Allen, Bob McCormick, Staff Commodore Mike Courtway & Sharon, Pat & Vaughn Jenkes, Mike & Earline Pace, Wayne Phillips, Staff Commodore Ray Nagele & Jan and Jeff & Sharon Smith for helping to pitch in and set up all the décor and clean up the our clubhouse. What a great way to start 2013!

## FROM THE EDITOR



It has been five years since I became the communications officer. My primary job are publishing our Burgee newsletter and submitting our news to the Huntington Harbor Light magazine. I am always looking for new ideas to make our publication, bigger, brighter and more entertaining. I receive articles from our flag officers, photos from Tom Worden, Cindy Allen and Les Kelly, new member biographies from Mike Courtway plus birthday and anniversary information from our outgoing membership chairperson Joanne McCormick. I owe a big thanks to you all.

I will continue in my efforts to make the Burgee the best it can be, but I'm always open to suggestions or information that might enhance it. If you have any contribution or suggestions please e-mail me at [jl101@socal.rr.com](mailto:jl101@socal.rr.com). SGYC is a great organization with a terrific and friendly membership. We are all fortunate to belong. Here's to a great New Year.

Joel

# Commodore's Ball

On November 10 in the historic Queen Mary's beautiful Verandah Grill Ballroom, 70 members and guests, including 6 staff commodores, gathered for the club's annual black tie Commodore's Ball. The weather was perfect. Everyone looked great. The 4 bridge officers were rocking matching white dinner jackets with full officer regalia (hey, how often do you get a chance to wear stars and an officer hat -- aboard a famous ship no less!). After an hour of cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres (mini beef wellingtons, crab cakes, spanakopita), Staff Commodore Jim Woods called us to dinner and honored the club with an inspiring invocation -- remembering the terrific year we had and looking forward to great things in 2013.

The meal was delicious -- prime rib and rosemary mushroom chicken. As dessert (marble cheesecake with strawberry sauce) was being served, Commodore Dale and first mate Sue recognized the selfless efforts of those who made 2012 such a success. Event hosts in attendance were called forward, thanked for their service and presented with a small token of appreciation -- a set of stainless steel BBQ tools in a custom box bearing the club burgee and event hosts' names. Dale and Sue also gave special thanks to the 2012 board members, presenting each with an engraved paper weight from a "grateful board and membership."

The focus then shifted to next year. The installing officer, Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly, issued the oath of office to next year's board, and commodore-elect Jeff Specht was presented with the Commodore's Trophy. As his first official act, the incoming commodore presented out-going commodore Dale with a showcase of Patron tequila and presented Sue with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in the colors of the club.

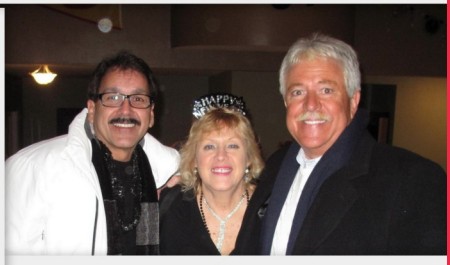
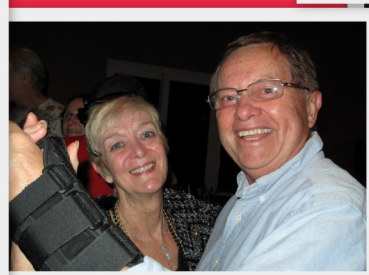
Though some had doubts it would ever end, the program portion of the night did actually conclude and the dance floor was finally open, with DJ Alex inspiring us to get all Gangnam Style. Twenty-five attendees kept the celebration going to the next day, staying at the Queen Mary in its nostalgic and beautiful accommodations.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Hosts L-R: Sue & Dale Giali, Jeff & Bonnie Specht and Chris & Gil Morris





# Huntington Harbor Boat Parade 2012



Another winner for the planners, designers and builders of our entry in the Huntington Harbor Boat Parade. Our volunteers consistently create winning entries for this annual event. As always our special thanks go to Robin and Jean Clark for the generous donation of their boat "Fintastic" for our entry and the consistent energy and leadership of Bob McCormick. This year our entry award was for the

## Best Yacht Club.

We look forward to next years design and entry.



**From: Dr. Mark Monroe, Ship's Surgeon:**  
**Please be advised there are medically related boating articles and advice available for all our members.**



**They can be found on our website...[www.seagateyachtclub.com](http://www.seagateyachtclub.com).**



Magdy	Youssef	1/1	Roni	Fell	1/18	Greg	Lee	2/11
Chris	Morris	1/2	Lisa	Shoemaker	1/24	Michelle	Bartlett	2/14
Mary Ann	Brinket	1/6	James	Herbold	1/26	James	Atherton	2/16
Rick	Thomas	1/8	Diane	Reeve	1/26	Lina	Monroe	2/16
Rho	Chao	1/9	Sherrill	Lander	1/27	Dwayne	Lund	2/17
Nicolette	Ortega	1/9	Eugene	Mascoli	1/29	Conrad	Platt	2/17
Patricia	Hoffinan	1/9	Cindy	Shaw	1/29	Marilyn	Schwartz	2/17
Jamie	DeWolfe	1/10	Alan	Olschwang	1/30	Jeff	Specht	2/20
Cliff	Meier	1/10	Lyn	Senske	2/1	Jessica	Sharp	2/21
Keith	Liddle	1/13	Carol	Brkich	2/3	Harry	Stevens	2/22
Joanne	McCormick	1/14	Dick	Scholl	2/5	Robert	Brkich	2/24
Rob	Allen	1/16	Gary	Dixon	2/6	Jeannie	Celeketic	2/26
Ben	Rudolph	1/16	Ginger	Hegler	2/6	Dewey	Rudolph	2/26
Steve	Armstrong	1/18	Ping	Chao	2/7	Larry	Schwartz	2/26
Tom	Wood	1/18	Jean	Worden	2/9	Patrick	O'Rourke	2/27
						Rich	Maier	2/28

Ruth Ormsby & King Thomas	1/2
Patrick & Cindy Surrige	1/8
Les & Cathy Kelly	1/10
Gary & Barbara Pazornik	1/21
James & Sandra Atherton	1/23
Tom & Debbie Wood	1/24
Nat & Susie Pendleton	2/5
Barry & Sally Wasserman	2/6

Clement & Linda Aime	2/11
Merrill & Karon Walstad	2/13
Robin & Jean Clark	2/14
Anton & Dianne Flecklin	2/14
Jim & Jeanne Woods	2/14
Dan & Christine Bates	2/19
Patrick & Parvanch Carter	2/19

# 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE (S)</b>	<b>EVENT HOST (S)</b>
	EVENT HOSTS' BRUNCH	SUNDAY, JANUARY 13	THE BOARD & COMMODORE JEFF & BONNIE SPECHT
	NEW MEMBERS' BRUNCH	SUNDAY, JANUARY 27	STAFF COMMODORE LES & CATHY KELLY, STAFF COMMODORE JIM & LYN SENSKE
	SUPER BOWL PARTY	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3	DEBORAH & GUY FAIRON, SUSAN & MARTY LIPMAN, MARILYN & LARRY SCHWARTZ
	DOCK PARTY	SATURDAY, MARCH 9	JR. STAFF COMMODORE DALE & SUE GIALI
	OPENING DAY	SATURDAY, APRIL 20	JR. STAFF COMMODORE DALE & SUE GIALI
	AVALON CRUISE	SATURDAY MAY 17 TO SUNDAY MAY 19	VICE COMMODORE JOSEF & KIM DAVYDOVITS
	DUFFY BRUNCH CRUISE TO HHYC	SUNDAY, JUNE 2	COMMODORE JEFF & BONNIE SPECHT
	NIGHT AT THE RACES	SATURDAY, JUNE 8	AURELIA & FRANCIS OKINO, LUCILLE & GENE MASCOLI, JACKIE SANDS
	PROGRESSIVE DINNER	SATURDAY, JULY 13	JR. STAFF COMMODORE DALE & SUE GIALI, CINDY SHAW & PATRICK SMITH, SHERRILL & JOEL LANDER
	DUFFY CRUISE AND DINNER AT SEAGATE	SATURDAY, AUGUST 10	REAR COMMODORE GIL & CHRIS MORRIS
	NEWPORT CRUISE	SEPTEMBER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED	STAFF COMMODORE RAY & JAN NAGELE
	ANNUAL MEETING	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1	VICE COMMODORE JOSEF & KIM DAVYDOVITS
	DUFFY BRUNCH CRUISE TO HHYC	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6	COMMODORE JEFF & BONNIE SPECHT
	OCTOBER MYSTERY DINNER	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19	JOANNE & BOB MC CORMICK, CINDY & ROB ALLEN, PAT & VAUGHN JENKES
	COMMODORE'S BALL	NOVEMBER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED	COMMODORE JEFF & BONNIE SPECHT
	BOAT PARADE ENTRY	NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013	REAR COMMODORE GIL & CHRIS MORRIS AND ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP
	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31	VICE COMMODORE JOSEF & KIM DAVYDOVITS

## NOTES:

**BOARD MEETINGS ... FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**TUESDAY CRUZIN ... SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS IN JUNE-SEPTEMBER**

**PHILHARMONIC 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER & PARTY IS FEBRUARY 23, 2013**

**HHYC OPENING DAY - APRIL 14, 2013**

## SHIPS STORE

### SGYC LOGO CLOTHING

LINDA AXEL 714/  
MARK ARIZMENDI 714/

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **\*\*EVENTS HOSTS' BRUNCH\*\***

*Sunday, January 13*

### **\*\*NEW MEMBERS' BRUNCH\*\***

*Sunday, January 27*

### **\*\*SUPER BOWL SUNDAY\*\***

*Sunday, February 3*

### **\*\*DOCK PARTY\*\***

*Saturday, March 9*

## 2102 CREW

Jeff Specht  
Josef Davydovits  
Gil Morris  
Dale Giali  
Cindy Allen  
Lisa Zia  
Aurelia Okino  
Rob Allen  
Linda Axel  
Mark Arizmendi  
Deborah Fairon  
Bob McCormick  
Tom Worden  
Joel Lander

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Jr. Staff Commodore  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Membership  
Port Captain  
Ships Store  
Ships Store  
Ships Store  
Roster  
Webmaster  
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 & Staff Commodore Les Kelly or our excellent website photos .  
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