

SeaGate Yacht Club
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SGYC'S PROGRESSIVE "PICNIC" DINNER



FROM THE BRIDGE

By Ray Nagele,
Commodore



We've had two great traditional events in the past two months: the Night at the Races and the Progressive Dinner. Attendance at these fun events was great with a lot of both new and seasoned members. Cruzin' Tuesdays are in full swing. We meet at Pelican Isle at 6 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday throughout the summer. Thanks to Robin and Jean Clark for drumming up support and providing the arrangements for this gathering.

The clubhouse has a new fireplace and it looks great. The TV was reinstalled, new flush mount speakers were installed, and a component cabinet was built. We are constantly working on improving the clubhouse. You may have noticed that the Seagate HOA is going to be painting the Seagate complex, including the clubhouse. It's been quite a process and I commend all the HOA volunteers for their work. I attended one of the meetings and thought it would be really neat to paint the outside of the clubhouse bright yellow with red trim, and perhaps some drawings of ducks on the trim. That would brighten things up.

One of the most important functions the Seagate Yacht Club board does is to determine how to make the club attractive to as many people as possible. We review the events we have, discuss how to make them better and how to improve attendance. We look at the cost of the events along with the equity between members and guests. We always have a significant number of very welcome guests attending our events. The board decided a year or so ago that because members paid yearly dues and guests did not, the guests should pay a surcharge for events. Recently, the board reviewed the numbers and determined that an increased surcharge was necessary. Looking at the overall cost for everyone, this change makes things more equitable and allows us to keep the costs down for members. We always invite any input to improving the club.

Happy Cruising,

Ray

FROM THE VICE

By John Humphreys,
Vice Commodore



Now that June gloom is behind us we are enjoying some super hot weather with warm evenings, so I trust you are all making the most of it. Aren't we all lucky to live in Southern California?

Tuesday cruising is becoming more and more popular, and I'm amazed at the record turnouts we are getting. From my experience the food has never been anything to write home about, so it must be the location and camaraderie. Or could it be the Karaoke? I know Jean Clark was itching to have a go at it the last time I was there, minus Robin of course!

Last month Margaret and I had the opportunity to visit the Espinosas in Denver, who, many of you know, were long-serving members of our club and involved in many activities within the Harbour. Actually, they live just east of Denver in Aurora. There's not much water out there so they fill their time with golf and a gardening club. Galen had mentioned to me that there was a Cherry Creek Yacht Club not far away, so I went armed with a club burgee to exchange and intrigued with the thought of visiting a Yacht Club at 6000 ft above sea level. It turned out that it was a Yacht Club in name only and was just a social club, so no burgee exchange. Galen & MaryLou treated us royally while we were there and wish to be remembered to all of their old friends. The trip to the mountains at Estes Park and Stanley Hotel was really beautiful. The weather was great except for quite violent thunderstorms in the afternoons, which most times culminated in a tornado warning. I suppose that's why they build houses with basements there.

We have some great events lined up during this great weather, and our event hosts are working hard with the board to try to ensure that everyone has a super time. But we always appreciate any ideas you have for improvement. So please remember to give us any feedback you may have. The suggestion box I mounted in the club house at the beginning of the year has remained surprisingly empty. Are we doing everything perfectly?

Smooth sailing,

John



FROM THE REAR

By Les Kelly
Rear Commodore

After a string of very successful events, 2009 is proving to be one of the best attended seasons in a number of years. With that in mind, a special push has been made to increase membership among the Seagate community in order to help the club grow internally, that is, more Seagate resident members. The Charter for the SeaGate Yacht Club requires that at least 60% of the membership be made up of Seagate residents. With our very reasonable fees for membership and activities, the SeaGate Yacht Club offers a strong value for potential new members within our community. Flyers were recently delivered to all Seagate residents who are not yet members. To follow up on this effort, individual members are requested to speak with any of their neighbors to explain SGYC member benefits. Our website at <http://seagateyachtclub.com> provides information about membership and activities as well as enrollment fees and yearly dues. Membership applications along with appropriate dues should be sent to Cathy Kelly, Membership.

While researching information about how many times in a row the SeaGate Yacht Club float entered in the Holiday Boat Parade has captured the "Best Yacht Club Entry", I asked Bob McCormick who replied: "I don't recall ever not winning." With that thought in mind, I am pleased to announce that the SGYC Commodores anticipate another award winning float for this year's Boat Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 12 and December 13. Robin and Jean Clark's 52' "FIN-TASTIC" will again serve as the base. This year's theme is "Rockin' The Night Away" and, while we already have some good suggestions, we are still interested in hearing your suggestions as we work to take the theme from concept to final design. As always, we need volunteers to help develop the design as well as get the pieces of the final design cut, painted, pasted, etc.! The first meeting will take place in early August and we can use your assistance in any of the roles that you are comfortable. Sandy Atherton plans on finalizing the design by the end of September. Construction of the individual float parts need to be completed by late November under the supervision of Bob McCormick. Assembly of the float on the FIN-TASTIC will take place a few days before the parade begins. There is plenty of work to spread around and we invite all SGYC members to help with our float in whatever manner you can.

If you have not already done so, please send an e-mail to leskelly@leskelly.cnc.net with Subject: "Parade Float Volunteer" or call 714-267-5837.

"PICNIC" PLANNERS

L to R: Lari & Rick Thomas, Linda & Jerry Cassidy, Jean & Tom Worden, Maryann & John Boryszewski, and Margaret & John Humphreys,



The Progressive Dinner theme was based on the film "PICNIC" starring William Holden and Kim Novak. The movie selection was a fitting choice for our Commodore Ray who is from Kansas and several scenes of *Picnic* were filmed in Kansas.

Members arrived by foot, car and sea for appetizers at the lovely home of Bill and Kim, aka Ray & Jan Nagele. The view from their gazebo and patio is one of the best in the Harbour and provided a very comfortable setting for the start of our evening. In addition to the terrific appetizers, Linda and Jerry Cassidy served a delicious Ice Tea with a "Bam" kick, a recipe of Emeril Lagasse's.

Our picnic themed dinner of fried chicken and Burgers was accompanied by showing the movie *Picnic* as well as playing the soundtrack from the movie. The TV and sound system are definitely a great addition to the Club House.

The evening ended at the beautiful waterfront home of Jean & Robin Clark for dessert, coffee, and after-dinner li-queurs.

The Hosts would like to thank Ray & Jan and Robin & Jean for graciously offering their homes for the Progressive Dinner. Additionally, I would like to thank our co-Hosts for their commitment of time and creative ideas in planning this event. The many complimentary remarks received throughout the evening were very much appreciated.



Who is the
intrepid
sailor on the
Lagoon??



Hosted by
Susan & Marty Lipman
and
Pat & Vaughn Jenkes

NIGHT AT THE RACES



By Pat Jenkes

The evening could not have been lovelier at Los Alamitos Race Track for our annual "Night at the Races" event. Clear skies and a warm temperature made the table-top heaters happily redundant. Our fifty-eight members and guests did their best to put a significant dent in the delicious and generous buffet to no avail. As a chafing dish of Chicken Piccata ran low another appeared. It was the same for the Lasagna Bolognese and all the other delectables.

Once the races began, there was a steady stream of hopefuls making trips to the betting window, confident of their chances after hearing wagering tips from race course expert Bob. In addition to providing breeding and handicapping information, Bob escorted groups to the Paddock where the horses were being prepped for the next race by their attentive trainers and proud owners.

The fifth race was dedicated to SeaGate Yacht Club but despite profuse betting, and a LOT of yelling, no one was observed ordering champagne to celebrate a big win. Marty Lipman, Ray Nagele, Rob and Cindy Allen and Vaughn and Pat Jenkes represented SGYC in the Winners Circle. Most were so busy looking at Cindy's camera that their big "Kodak Moment" with winner # 4 is all a blur. Thanks to Tom Worden and Cindy Allen, the event highlights were recorded for your viewing pleasure and can be enjoyed on the SGYC website.

The entire evening was fun for all, full of good company, excellent dining and fine racing arranged by hosts Marty and Susan Lipman and Vaughn and Pat Jenkes.

New Members

ANNIVERSARIES



Deanna Stingley

DeAnna Stingley has lived in SeaGate since December 2007. She moved from Turtlerock, in Irvine, after the loss of her husband. Huntington Beach is comfortable for her. She loves the climate and she graduated from Marina High

School. DeAnna is semi-retired from the propane business, and lives with her 3.2 pound Yorkie, GiGi.

DeAnna loves SeaGate and walks its paths with GiGi, everyday. Right now, she is occupied planning a 62-year anniversary event for her parents. She loves to play golf, scrapbook, and travel, especially cruises. She is also fond of her electric bicycle which she often rides along the beach with GiGi.

DeAnna plans to become more active in SGYC. Welcome her next time you see her and ask her how many outfits GiGi has, or if she enjoyed her recent barge cruise through Germany. Welcome to SGYC, DeAnna.

Greg & Kathy Lee	7/7
Prem & Radha Sharma	7/8
Dewey & Sandy Rudolph	7/9
Larry & Carole Stelle	7/11
Herb & Mary Lundin	7/13
Richard & Judie Kappes	7/21
Marty & Susan Lipman	7/23
Michael & Sharon Courtway	7/29
Michael & Sheree Novak	8/7
Kevin & Lisa Veal	8/10
Jerry & Suzanne Russell	8/13
RJ & Terry Parcel	8/14
Tom & Sandy Gallagher	8/15
Joe & Verna Smith	8/17
Rick & Lari Thomas	8/17
Jeff & Tina Haas	8/19
Alan & Barbara Olschwang	8/22
Dale & Susan Giali	8/23
John & Linda Mitchell	8/25
Francis & Aurelia Okino	8/26
Tom & Jan McKnew	9/2
Burt & Doris Willis	9/3
Ray & Jan Nagele	9/5
Jim & Bett Walton	9/9
Tom & Jean Worden	9/9
Roger & Lynne Wilhelm	9/16
Rob & Cindy Allen	9/16
Gary & Renell Gochman	9/24

John & Midge Thompson

Midge & John Thompson moved to SeaGate from downtown Huntington Beach.

John retired from a telephone company career three years ago. The Thompsons also spend time at their vacation home in Cathedral City. They have been married 48 years and have two sons, one daughter, and four grandkids of which they are very proud. John loves to fish with his sons aboard their 38 foot Uniflite Sportsfisher named Valhalla, the Norwegian word for Viking heaven. John claims he is 100% Norwegian. Besides boating, which Midge admits is not her favorite pastime, they both love to play golf.

John & Midge love the SeaGate environment and are becoming more active in SGYC thanks, in part, to their neighbors, the Kappes, the Wainers, and the Scholls.

Welcome John & Midge at the next SGYC event or whenever you see them out and about..



BIRTHDAYS

Robert Hoffman	9/1		
Kevin Veal	9/1		
Linda Stephan	9/1	Becky Mueller	8/6
Oscar Brinket	9/3	Sandy Rudolph	8/7
Lisa Veal	9/4	Kathy Kreil	8/11
Peggy Allison	9/5	Mira D'Angelo	8/12
Margo Akers	9/9	Sharon Courtway	8/13
Thomasina Parker	9/8	Shannon Vinson	8/13
Joe Smith	9/10	Les Kelly	8/14
Lari Thomas	9/10	Michael Courtway	8/15
Ray Martin	9/18	Jim DeClerck	8/15
Ronald Ferandelli	9/21	Gene Busby	8/16
John Mendenhall	9/25	Doug Fuhrman	8/18
Patricia Kirk	9/26	Mark Arizmendi	8/18
Ron Nelson	9/26	Sandra Atherton	8/20
Lynne Wilhelm	9/26	Sharon Fuhrman	8/22
		Merrill Walstad	8/25
		Guy Mount	8/28
		Renell Gochman	8/28
		John Thompson	8/28
		Diane Kaplan	8/30
		Uta DeClerck	8/31

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DUFFY CRUISE

Saturday, September 26

**Water Event, Dinner & Dancing,
Raffles & Prizes**

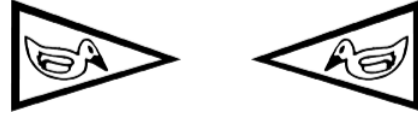
ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 6

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**DON'T MISS THE
DUFFY CRUISE
& DINNER
SEPTEMBER 26**



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

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