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FROM THE BRIDGE

**By Cleve Sproule,
Commodore**

The 2008 SeaGate Yacht Club year is rapidly coming to a close and it has been a wonderful year. From Opening Day to our numerous cruises through the Duffy Round-up and the Octoberfest. The grand finale was the Commodores Ball. The evening was the cap on a year that saw increasing membership, better and more well attended events and more enthusiastic participation by our members.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to be the Commodore this year and I sincerely thank my board and all the volunteers for their hard work and support that made this fantastic year possible.

I wish Commodore Ray Nagele and his new board the very best as we head in to the New Year. As much as I enjoyed this year I will be content to be the Junior Staff Commodore.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.



COMMODORES BALL

By Pat Jenkes, Rear Commodore

The reflected holiday lights of Newport Bay that shone through the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club's windows provided the perfect backdrop for an evening of festivity, fine dining and dancing at Seagate Yacht Club's recent Commodore's Ball. Members' usual informal event attire was replaced by evening gowns and cummerbunds. This formal wear punctuated the air of celebration created by tables set with tall white orchid centerpieces, printed place cards and glowing lighting. A gift to the Club hand-crafted by Bob Axel, maple stands for the staff flags, enhanced the overall feeling of importance of this pre-holiday event. Commodore Cleve Sproule, assisted by Mark Arizmendi, left no detail unattended for this gala celebration.

After Cleve's warm welcome, the program was framed by Staff Commodore Tom McKnew's invocation which reminded us of why we are so fortunate to be Americans and residents of Huntington Harbour. The flag salute and singing of "God Bless America" were led, respectively, by Marty Lipman and Ray Nagele. (continued on page 6)



FROM THE VICE

by Ray Nagele, Vice Commodore

As our year rapidly comes to a close and the Holidays approach, I look forward to the new year with excitement and anticipation. We have a busy and fun year of events planned with some familiar old favorites, some new ideas and perhaps some new twists on previous hits. The new SGYC Board and crew are determined to make it a banner year with new members and more participation by all. Volunteers are always welcome.

The biggest upcoming event, besides the SGYC entry in the Huntington Harbor Boat Parade, is the New Years Eve Celebration "Around the World Gala". This celebration will be held at the SeaGate Clubhouse, a nice, safe, easy walking distance to home. Since it's midnight somewhere in the world during the evening, this year we will be celebrating New Years Eve every hour. We are starting at 7:00PM with dinner at 8:30PM, but for those hard core partiers, it goes to our own midnight (PST). The bar is open during the entire party, and we'll have great hors d'oeuvres and a dinner worthy of New Years Eve. The popular and entertaining "DJ Steve" will be entertaining us all throughout the festivities. Of course, non-members are welcome in case friends would like to join you. Contact Ray & Jan Nagele (the event hosts) at 714-377-9500 for more details and watch your e-mail and/or mailbox for the official invitation

The Event Hosts Brunch for 2009 will be held on Sunday, January 18th. This is an informational and thank you in advance brunch for all of the event hosts for 2009. We will go over general event information and logistics while we enjoy a great meal. Plan to be at our Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 1st. This is a terrific event at the clubhouse, with an HD big screen TV, food, drink, games, friends, yelling and fun. Don't miss it this year.

We've had a great year, our membership has grown, we have had great participation. In addition to the twelve member board, we've had at least 30 members as the official event hosts for 2008, even more if you count all the help that the event hosts get. Our calendar is almost full for 2009 Event Hosts, we are going to have a Happy New Year!!

If you would like to participate in any activities please be sure to contact Jan or me at 714/377-9500.



FROM THE REAR

by Pat Jenkes, Rear Commodore

A Glimpse Backwards

All it took was a crab omelet and a harbor cruise for Cleve to warm me to the idea of being appointed to the position of "Rear-For-A-Year." Knowing it takes more than living briefly in the Harbour to successfully move through the ranks, the opportunity to support SGYC was, nonetheless, appealing. My sincerest thanks to the Board and our members for your support, friendship and occasions to learn more about boating organizations during my year as Rear Commodore. I sincerely hope my successor will enjoy role and enjoy the experience of representing our superb yacht club as I have been privileged to do.

Looking Ahead

Challenging new endeavors, it is rumored, build new brain connections. If true, I have enough to share. Being project manager for SGYC's Boat Parade entry project has been an exceptional task thanks to the generosity and commitment of our members. The shared efforts began when we adopted Merle McCormick's idea to depict icons of Huntington Beach. Thankfully, Pat Reed allowed us interim garage storage for "archived materials."

The creativity and muscle power of Sandy Atherton, Karon Walstad, Bob McCormick, Debra Wainer, Vaughn Jenkes and Jim Atherton transformed sheets of Styrofoam into fish, a surfer, and musical notes plus a conductor. Engineering an oil derrick and a stunning wave for FIN-TASTIC grew from the genius of Merrill Walstad, Dean Knupp and Merle McCormick.

Fabric, PVC pipe, and foam and paint were converted into a shimmering tableau that depicts the parade's theme, "Centennial Concerto." The unfailing support of Robin and Jean Clark allowed repeated access to their boat. Transporting and erecting the decorations will be undertaken by a team of volunteers on December 5. This will make this plan a reality. Because the Burgee's "press time" is prior to the Boat Parade, additional recognitions will be forthcoming after the parade along with an anticipated announcement of our recognition of our entry by the judges.

To be part of this activity has been a pleasure and a great way to enjoy and appreciate the talents of our club members.



New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31



New Members



George and Laurel Stanford recently moved from Tustin and are happy to be living at the beach. They met in Hong Kong and have been married 30 years. They have a dog named Laycee and George can be seen walking Laycee, regularly. They have three grown daughters and two grandchildren in Los Alamitos. They are thrilled to be part of the SeaGate community. Welcome, George and Laurel.



Mike & Mary Nevins live in SeaGate with their daughter Ashley. They are excited to be part of SGYC and plan to become active members. They own a 47 ft. Bayliner pilothouse named "Buena Vita". Ashley, is now 10, becoming proficient in the operation of their boat. She recently docked the boat by herself. They love to cruise, especially to Cherry cove. Say hi next time you see Mike & Mary.

SHIP'S STORE

BE SURE TO GET YOUR **SEAGATE YACHT CLUB LOGO CLOTHING** AT THE NEXT CLUBHOUSE EVENT. DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO GET SHIRTS, HATS, JACKETS AND MORE, TO WEAR WHILE BOATING & AT OUR EVENTS.



BIRTH-

Dean	Knupp	12/1
Bea	Swanson	12/5
David	Snegg	12/7
Mona	Jones	12/7
Susan	Duncan	12/7
Pam	Jackson	12/11
Sharon	Smith	12/11
Dennis	Kreil	12/12
Mary Kay	Shelton	12/12
Lucille	Mascoli	12/13
Jack	Hayden	12/15
Georgette	Davis	12/16
Susan	LaPittus	12/16
Nancy	Ehlen	12/21
Nat	Pendleton	12/23
Pat	Reed	12/23
Jan	Nagele	12/24
Lynne	Sawka	12/30
Dale	Skerik	12/31



James	Rusch	1/1
Mary Ann	Brinket	1/6
Keith	Shelton	1/7
Rick	Thomas	1/8
Patricia	Hoffman	1/9
Tom	Degnan	1/9
Cliff	Meier	1/10
Georgie	Bromley	1/12
Joanne	Mc Cormick	1/14
Linda	Mitchell	1/15
James	Atherton	1/16
Joe	Siegel	1/18
Lisa	Shoemaker	1/24
Sherrill	Lander	1/27
Eugene	Mascoli	1/29
Cindy	Shaw	1/29
Alan	Olschwang	1/30

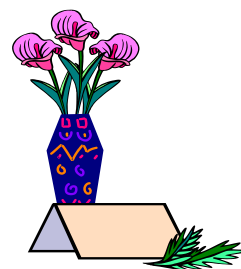


ANNIVERSARIES

John & Margaret Humpheys	12/6
Robert & Patricia Hoffman	12/12
Bill & Lucille Thornburg	12/20
Gene & JoAnn Busby	12/22
Jim & Lyn Senske	12/23
Bruce & Kathy Bayless	12/29
Conrad & Carolyn Platt	12/31



Les & Cathy Kelly	1/10
John & Lisa Shoemaker	1/19
Gary & Barbara Pazornik	1/21
James & Sandra Atherton	1/23
Tom Degnan	1/10
Les & Cathy Kelly	1/10
John & Lisa Shoemaker	1/19
Gary & Barbara Pazornik	1/21



OCTOBERFEST

By Cindy Shaw



SGYC's fall event was the Oktoberfest featuring many traditional activities. The entire clubhouse was decorated with St. Pauli girl flags and posters lending a very festive look to the party.



Before the wonderful German themed dinner the celebrants were treated to beer tasting of four different German beers along with large soft pretzels and mustard. There were many enthusiastic participants in a game called "beer pong" which involved bouncing ping-pong balls into cups. It seemed like an appropriate and safe game if one was drinking lots of beer. For the winner of the most games, Linda Scholl, the prize was a cute pink pig that danced the chicken dance. The other prize, won by Jean Worden, was a beautiful beer stein filled with M & Ms after she guessed the number in the stein.

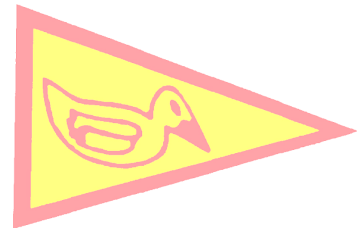


In addition to this fun there was dancing, our usual great libations and souvenir Pilsner glasses as well as periodic toasts throughout the evening led by the chicken costumed Dean Knupp and Tom Worden.



Although I was the official host I was ably supported in this effort by Sherrill Lander, Joanne Daugherty, Nancy Knupp, Debbie Wood, and Candy Cloud. Our fabulous beer and bar plus the Soft Pretzels was coordinated by Jerry and Linda Cassidy. Catering was provided by Surf City Caterers and music was provided by Joe Phillips of Foul Owl DJ.

Saturday, November 15
Commodore's Ball



FROM THE AFT DECK

by Bob Axel,
Jr. Staff Commodore

GOOD EVENING MR. AND MRS. AMERICA AND ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA!



This is your faithful reporter WALTER WINDSHIELD reporting all the news that's fit to print in the waning moments of my watch as an Officer with SeaGate Yacht Club.

May I take a few moments to thank all the members of this yacht club for the wonderful experience Linda and I have shared with you these last four years.

It has been an enjoyable, fun-filled adventure thorough the seas and canals surrounding Huntington Harbour and beyond. From Santa Barbara to Dana Point, the events have grown and the skills developed to bring your yacht club to the position it enjoys today. Many of our members have pulled together to provide a monthly event that brings everyone together to share and create the pleasures we have available in our neighborhood.

Creating these memories has been a tradition we have carried on for over thirty-two years, and Linda and I are proud to have contributed in some small part. Now, as I prepare to place this old manual typewriter in mothballs with an anti-rust coating, and sail into the sunset, I would like each of our members to ask themselves “**how am I going to keep this tradition and fun alive?**” The club needs people to contribute a little work and assistance to keep the fun rolling. I can assure you that the flag positions are not very time consuming, but they are necessary if this club is to survive. We need people to jump on board and grab an oar.

It's been a great ride, and I hope more of you will feel the gratification and pride for a job well done. In closing, I say to each of you thanks for the support and **may you enjoy fair winds and following seas for the remainder of your voyage with the SeaGate Yacht Club.**

This is Walter Windshield, signing off.

GAMES NIGHT

By John Humphreys,
Vice-Commodore

WHAT DO YOU THINK??



During the winter months we do not get together for our Tuesday cruising. We thought it would be fun to have a games night on a Friday evening, once a month, starting in January. We would encourage everyone to bring their favorite card game, board game etc. so everybody has a choice of activity. We would send for take-out food with a nominal charge of \$5.00 per person and ask people to bring their own beverage, as we would not open the bar. Look out for future announcements on this subject.

Your board always likes to hear from members on likes and dislikes and any suggestions you might have. So that any feedback be given the right amount of attention we have decided to have a suggestion box that will be mounted in the bar area, then when we have our monthly board meeting we will review any items thus submitted. Look for future communication when this has been installed.

COMMODORES BALL (Continued from page 1)

Next, Staff Commodores were acknowledged and outgoing Officers Pat Jenkes, Rear Commodore, Bob Axel, Staff Commodore and Marty and Susan Lipman, Treasurer and Secretary were recognized. The assembled 2008 Board Members were then introduced and thanked for their contributions both highly visible and behind the scenes. The group's regard for those who supported SGYC on the Board this year was greatly appreciated.

The incoming officers, including John Humphries Vice-Commodore and Josef Davydovits, Treasurer and Cindy Allen, Secretary, and the 2009 Board Members were introduced, installed and welcomed. Tom Worden and Cindy Allen captured the entire assemblage of incoming and outgoing Club leadership in photos available on the SGYC website.

Sixty-five celebrants then dined on a translation of surf and turf which substituted succulent salmon for the usual shellfish and a chocolate dessert that surely fueled at least some of the enthusiastic dancing that followed. The eight-piece “Boomerang” band played on as shawls were dropped, shoes removed and jackets shed for a late evening of dancing and conversation.

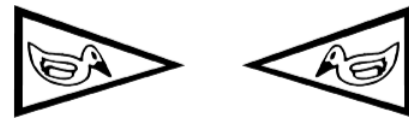
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2009 SGYC
EVENT CALENDAR....
PLAN YOUR EVENTS
FOR THE COMING YEAR**

**2008-2009
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Huntington Harbour Boat Parade
Saturday & Sunday
December 6 & 7

Events Hosts Brunch
Sunday, January 18

Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 1



Your 2008 Crew

Cleve Sproule, *Commodore*
Ray Nagele, *Vice Commodore*
Pat Jenkes, *Rear Commodore*
Bob Axel, Jr. *Staff Commodore*
Marty Lipman, *Treasurer*
Susan Lipman, *Secretary*
The Humphreys, *Membership*
Jerry Cassidy, *House Chair*
Linda Axel, *Ship's Store*
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 for his consistently excellent photos & website. More photos can be seen at www.seagateyachtclub.com.

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Upcoming!
SGYC's
New Year's Eve
Celebration
Wednesday
December 31