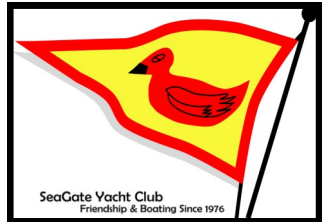


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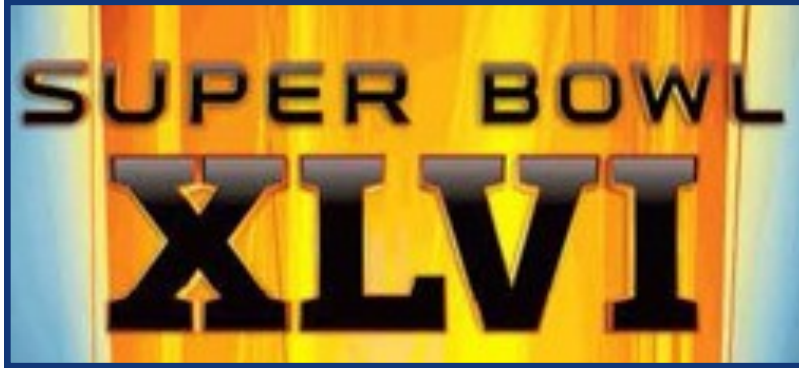
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HOSTS (l to r): Sandy & Staff Commodore Cliff Meier, Maryann Boryszewski, Tom & Jean Worden and John Boryszewski





## **FROM THE BRIDGE**    *Dale Giali, Commodore*

*"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can"*

**John Wesley**

My friend and I had been to the Annual Gourmet Dinner before. We knew what to expect. It's a swanky, black tie, men-only fundraiser at a fancy hotel. It raises tons of cash for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County by auctioning off some incredible donated items. Boats. Cars. Trips. We had studied the advance list of items to be auctioned and were interested in one. The "Deluxe Las Vegas Package for 4." What a junket! "You and 3 friends will travel in style to fabulous Las Vegas aboard a luxurious Gulfstream G-V jet with a fully loaded bar." Whisked off the tarmac in a chauffeured Maybach. Three days and two nights in a 2-story MGM Skyloft. Two master bedrooms, dining room, family room, foyer, media room, game room and centralized entertainment system. Remote controlled shades for the 20 foot windows! A personal butler! Dinner at a restaurant of your choosing, private poolside cabana, and \$5,000 in casino chips! Holy cow!

I'm no mathematician – but, if they are going to give you back \$5,000 in chips, the winning bid has to be more than that, right? I said nothing to Sue, of course – this was a men's night out, and if my friend and I were lucky enough to win this epic trip, there'd be plenty of time to come up with an explanation break the great news to Sue.

But would we be bold enough to make a 5-figure bid? Not to worry – the format of the event provides plenty of confidence. The live auction was after dinner, which was served with wine. Lots of wine. And the dinner followed the cocktail hour and silent auction. The cocktail hour was an extended cocktail hour. Lots of cocktails. So, when the luxury Vegas weekend came up for bid, I was in a very charitable mood. My friend and I gave that knowing nod that we were in it together – it's Vegas; it's a friggin Gulfstream G-V; it's for the kids for goodness' sake. The next 5 minutes were a blur, but our \$22,500 bid was successful. They took American Express and right then and there handed us a pouch full of \$5,000 in MGM chips.

Breaking the great news to Sue? Well, let's just say that when she found out she was not as thrilled as I was, and she immediately went out and got herself a dog, Twinkie, our Pomeranian – something she had wanted for a long time, but I had been vetoing. She figured if I could go out and bid that much for a Vegas weekend without consulting her, she didn't need my concurrence any more regarding a dog. Well played, Sue. Oh, and we had a really fabulous time in Vegas.

Looking forward to leaving port often...Dale



## **FROM THE VICE**    *Jeff Specht, Vice Commodore*

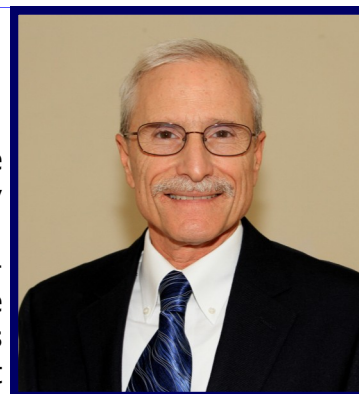
It's already March and Opening day is next month. It is one of our favorite events. The Parade of the Fleet, opening ceremony, food, open bar and of course our friends really starts the boating season for us.

We are again going for the world's raft-up record with Wild Bills Round Up. Because of bad weather last year we had 58 boats and needed 65. With good weather we are hoping to have the necessary boats to set a new record. This year we have 10 boats signed up and 5 volunteer raft captains. Come join us with your boat for a truly great event and be part of a world record. Even if you do not have a boat you can experience the raft up. Call me and we can arrange a pick up at a public dock and then transported by dinghy to the raft up on Saturday afternoon March 30.

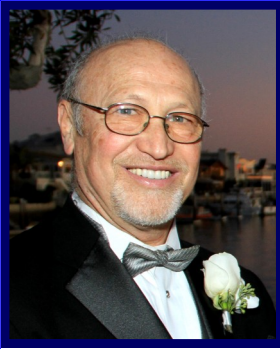
May 18 is our ever popular Avalon cruise. Catalina, especially Avalon, is our favorite place and we go whenever possible. This year it promises to be the best ever so do not forget to mark your calendar. Every year when I ask Bonnie where she wants to go on her birthday, she always says "Catalina".

We have lots of on-the-water events scheduled with four cruises and three Duffy's. It promises to be a great summer and Bonnie and I can't wait to be back out on the water!

...Jeff



**Boating Tip—A dry boat is a happy boat.** Moisture and mildew control is a big problem during the winter months when the boats are closed up and the weather is wet. It's a good idea during and after a storm to check for leaks at hatches, ports and seams. Keeping the bilges dry is also important and should be checked frequently. There are inexpensive products such as "Damp Rid" that absorb excess moisture and should be kept in each cabin. They can be bought at hardware and boat stores. It's also a good idea to keep an air dryer in the bilge. West Marine has a plug in that circulates air model #78677518. When the weather clears up, open the boat periodically in order to air it out.



## ***FROM THE REAR Josef Davydovits, Rear Commodore***

It is early March and summer is around the corner (can you believe it!). We are under way and getting ready for a full and busy schedule for this year's boating season.

We just kick started the season with last month's New Member Brunch. It was a great event and fun to see all our members and potential new members all getting together on our member's boats schlepping to LBYC.

More activities are being planned that look like it will be a very active summer for SGYC. The next big boating event is already being actively scheduled and planned. Our Jr. Staff Commodore, Les Kelly, is busy putting together the details for Opening Day scheduled for April 28. After that, the Avalon cruise will be hosted by none other than my wife Kim and me for May 18 -20, 2012.

Is Catalina ready for a wild group like ours? Well I have checked and there are a couple of great additional activities worth mentioning here. The Catalina Zip Line Eco Tour is waiting to provide some excitement for our members. It has 5 separate zip lines that take you from 500 ft to 50 ft elevation, for a total distance of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile at 300 ft above the canyon floor. You end the tour at Descanso Beach where you may reward yourself with a tall Mai Tai at the beach bar. Price is \$109 (reservations at 800-626-1496). My wife and I have done this and it is a blast.

Another new tour is the "Casino behind the Scene". This historic building is a working theater, ballroom and concert hall. You can experience this historic building during the 70 minute tour by calling 800-626-1496 (\$32 pp).

With the boating season starting up, all you boaters need to start thinking of preparing your boat to be in a ready and safe condition for the season and updating all safety items. I will set up a Vessel Safety Check Inspection offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Even experienced boaters need a vessel safety check once a year. This 15 minute time could save your life or life of your family member. The Vessel Safety Check is performed on your boat and includes, but is not limited to, checking the life jackets, navigation lights, ventilation, fire extinguishers, distress signals and other items.

SGYC will arrange for this Vessel Safety Check in the next coming months. All interested boaters, please contact me to set up a time and date.

See you on the water

Szervusz to all...Josef



## **THE BACKBONE OF YOUR YACHT CLUB**

On Sunday, January 15, your event hosts for the upcoming year met with the Board of Directors for a planning session, briefing and exchange of information and experience to prepare them to host our 2012 SGYC events.

This dedicated group of members plan and host our events and make sure we all enjoy our club and its amenities throughout the season.

They always welcome new people to host or co-host our events. The experienced hosts are eager to get new volunteer hosts and are happy to share their experience to make it easy to become a host and contribute to the club activities and enjoyment.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

On a cold and foggy New Year's eve, one hundred members and guests rang in the New Year in SeaGate Yacht Club style at the festively decorated clubhouse. From 8:30 to 12:30, celebrants snacked on appetizers and desserts (attendees really came through), imbibed on Rob's full open bar, enjoyed a tasty coffee bar with all of the trappings and cozied up to the lit fire place. And, of course, it would not be a SeaGate New Year's without lots and lots of spirited dancing – which we did to the great music provided by DJ Alex Espinosa of Extreme DJ.

To ensure that no one missed out on ringing in the New Year no matter when they came or left, we counted it down for each of the U.S. time zones. Many staff commodores and board members were in attendance. Thanks to all who made it another fantastic evening with great friends and special thanks to those who helped set up before and clean up after.





*WHERE IN THE WORLD  
HAS OUR  
BURGEE BEEN?*



Cathy & Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly sailed the Caribbean in January 2012 on the world's largest "sailing yacht", The Wind Surf, while celebrating their Wedding Anniversary. Cathy and Les first flew to St. Martin for several days' relaxation before boarding.

Once aboard the Wind Surf, Cathy and Les were invited to join the ship photographer on the bowsprit for some photos with the SeaGate Yacht Club Burgee and on the Bridge with Captain John Clark. The Wind Surf sailed 68% of the trip under wind power only. They toured Martinique and Antigua and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and beaches.

The Burgee photos were taken while Cathy and Les were on the Wind Surf at 16° 15' north and 61° 19" West or just off the south coast of Montserrat.



# Thank You, Linda



L-R: Vice commodore Josef Davydovits, Kim Davydovits, Linda DeVries, House Chair Rob Allen, Secretary Cindy Allen, Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly, Membership Chair Joanne McCormick and Roster Chair Bob McCormick

Linda DeVries, SeaGate Homeowners' Association Administrative Assistant and "Girl Friday", was recently honored for her twenty-five years of dedicated service. Any Huntington Harbour resident who has attended an event in the SeaGate Clubhouse has had the pleasure of being assisted by Linda, with grace and efficiency.

The party was hosted by the SeaGate Homeowner's Board of Directors with Board President and SGYC member Caron Mount officiating and Board members Janet Littlejohn, Jackie Sands and Kathy Kreil assisting. The latter two are

also SGYC members. Many organizations presented Linda with gifts of appreciation, including our SeaGate Yacht Club. Pictures of the surprised and pleased Linda were taken by Junior Staff Commodore, Les Kelly. Check the Homeowners' or SeaGate Yacht Club's websites to see them.

## SUPER BOWL

Great weather, our burgee flying high, and as always the super Sea Gate members and guests (over 60), met at the Sea Gate Club house for Super Bowl Forty-six. Thanks to those who brought the delicious appetizers and desserts, that were enjoyed by everyone. The freshly made crepes were a standout. Thanks to Sandy Meier for her "Super Bowl Chili" and to Maryann Boryszewski for her "Texas Hot Chili".

Bob McCormick supplied our Super Bowl Pool chart. John & Maryann Boryszewski took charge and ran the pool. The winners were: Jean Worden first & second quarters, Sue Westover Giali third quarter, Bob Courtway fourth quarter & game final. Thank you John & Maryann.

A big thanks to Jean Worden for the "Door Prize Table". We had 20 happy winners who could pick their own prize. Jean also made the flyers and sent them out. Tom Worden compiled & graded the Foot Ball Quiz. Our commodore Dale Giali won with an amazing 80% correct. (Smart phone or smart commodore? Dale is not saying.) Thanks Tom.

# New Member's Brunch

Ninety-nine SeaGate Yacht Club members and guests sailed from Huntington Harbour through Anaheim Bay and Alamitos Bay to reach the Acapulco Marina Pacifica under a clearing sky on eight boats for the 2012 New Member's Brunch! Event hosts' Staff Commodore Jim Senske and Lyn made arrangements for a Champagne Brunch at Acapulco Marina Pacifica with a large spread of delicious food. Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly and Cathy handled assignments for the eight boats and 101 members. A special highlight of the event was founding Staff Commodore Dewey Rudolph's address to the assembled club members and guests and celebration in honor of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. First Mate Sandy Rudolph had prepared a cake and First mate Cathy Kelly lit the candles and led the singing of "Happy Birthday" by all members! Larry Schwartz was also acknowledged for his landmark birthday.



A special thanks was given to the following boat Captains and First Mates for the use of their boats to make the New Member's Brunch a success: Linda Sí, Bob and Linda Axel; Fin-Tastic, Robin and Jean Clark; RO III, Floyd and Mira D'Angelo; Clem and Linda Aime, La Fortuna II; Richard and Judie Kappes, Lucky Change II; Dennis and Kathy Kreil, Tagged & Released; Dennis Huffman and Peggy Alison, Bad Habit, ; and Kip and Gail Cyprus, Salt Shaker. Les introduced Staff Commodores Jim Senske and Lyn (1986), Jim Wood and Jeanne (2003), Dennis Kreil and Kathy (2004), Mary Shebell and Merle McCormick (2005), Mike Courtway and Sharon, (2006), Bob Axel and Linda (2007), Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi (2008) and John Humphreys and Margaret (2010). [cont. pg. 7](#) →

# Anniversaries

Kreil	3/6
Pratto	3/9
Sawka/Preslo	3/15
Fuhrman	3/16
McCormick	3/21
Mount	4/6

Lander	4/13
Gray	4/15
Armstrong	4/16
Herbold	4/28
Wainer	4/28

# Birthdays

Sally	Wasserman	3/1	Bob	Bromley	3/21
Susie	Pendleton	3/2	Dale	Giali	3/23
Maryann	Boryszewski	3/5	Ellen	Martin	3/24
Edith	Mondello	3/6	Sue	Hermelin	3/25
Elliott	Wainer	3/6	Patrick	Smith	3/25
John	Mitchell	3/11	Roger	Wilhelm	3/25
Karon	Walstad	3/13	Clement	Aime	3/26
Barry	Wasserman	3/14	Linda	Aime	3/27
Sandy	Meier	3/15	Margaret	Humphreys	3/27
Linda	Cassidy	3/16	Merle	McCormick	3/30

Ted	Cohen	4/2	Jim	Walton	4/17
Debra	Wainer	4/2	Jay	Ferns	4/18
Jim	Gray	4/3	Bruce	Bayless	4/20
Ed	Davis	4/8	Linda	Cohen	4/22
Lam	Nguyen	4/10	Joanne	Daugherty	4/23
Roy	Jarvis	4/11	Jerry	Russell	4/24
Jackie	Sands	4/12	Regina	O'Brien	4/26
Debbie	Wood	4/13	Richard	Verry	4/26
Gary	Pazornik	4/15	Carol	Kirkwood	4/27
Janet	Carone	4/17	King	Thomas	4/27

# New Members



**Jim Montano and Jessica Sharp** share a beautiful SeaGate home on the lower lagoon. Jim is retired from a 26-year career in the military as a full colonel, followed by a 15-year career in the aerospace industry. He grew up in the San Gabriel Valley graduating from Don Bosco Technical High School. He finished his upper education finished at MIT.

Jessica grew up in Tustin and Newport Beach. She is retired from a career as an executive chef. Jim says she is a fabulous cook. She presently operates an executive search business specializing in the healthcare and financial fields. She has two sons, Christopher and Cameron, and one grandson, Finley. Jim has two sons, also. Trevor, who lives in Manhattan, and Jason, a retired Infantry Airborne Ranger living in Boston.

Jim & Jessica want to become active in SGYC. He hopes to have his boat in tip-top condition for the summer events. The boat is 34-foot Silverton sedan, named RANGER. Together, they love to travel and enjoy the boat. Jessica also loves gardening and stand-up paddle boarding in the harbor. Jim likes to spend time on the golf course.

Welcome Jim & Jessica to SeaGate Yacht Club when you see them.

## New Members brunch continued...

Applications and dues were received from residents Pat and Marta O'Rourke, Mike and Magda Youssef, and B.J. Mettle. Also attending were prospective new members Diane Reeve and Jeff Ricketts. Two couples were added to the wait list: Jim and Lorie Buchanon and Dave and Lisa Johnston. Ken and Sandi Noble were presented with their Burgee as our newest members. Staff Commodore John Humphreys presented a short promo about the Jimmy Buffet Program for March 10. All boats and Members returned to Huntington Harbour under bright blue skies, a certain sign of a full year of fun events ahead.

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<b>Josef Davydovits</b>	<b>Rear Commodore</b>
<b>Les Kelly</b>	<b>Jr. Staff Commodore</b>
<b>Cindy Allen</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
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<b>Joanne McCormick</b>	<b>Membership</b>
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*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 & Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly for our excellent website photos.*

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