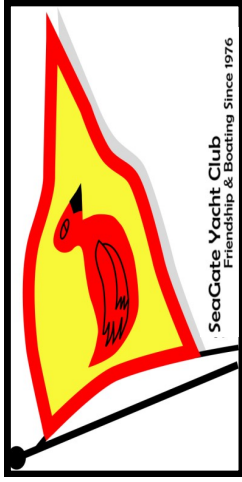


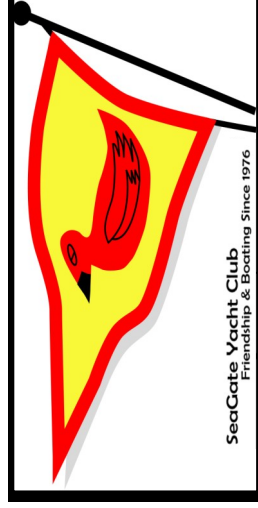
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# Commodores Ball 2011



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

***The strength of the team is each individual member . . . the strength of each member is the team.***

**Coach Phil Jackson**

At times, the position of commodore of the SeaGate Yacht Club seems a wee bit overwhelming. But whenever I – or my beautiful first mate Sue Westover Giali – get anxious about how much there is to learn and do, we take great comfort in the incredible efforts of the great team that runs the club. To move the club seamlessly – and apparently effortlessly – into 2012 takes a lot of effort and I'd like to dedicate this column to those who are going to make 2012 another incredible year for the club. Most of these people contribute in many and varied ways. In this column, I have room only to hit the highlights.

The heart of our club and real key to our success is, of course, our **event hosts**. I can't thank all of you enough for what I know will be a great slate of events full of friendship and boating, even as I am constantly on the look-out for more volunteers (please contact me if you have any interest in helping out – we have several openings). Members, please check out our final event list for 2012 contained in this edition of The Burgee, as well as on the website, and block out the dates on your calendar now for those you can attend.

To **Tom Worden** and **Joel Lander** who work so hard to memorialize and publicize our events – via photos, the website, e-mails and our newsletter – you guys are the best and keep the members informed and looking great. We have a new look to the website (check it out) and The Burgee. The fantastic and varied products offered through our ship's store is a testament to the relentless creativity and attention to detail of **Kim Davydovits**. Thank you for making it possible to literally wear our pride for our club on our sleeves. The club wouldn't be able to operate for long without records of our membership, and keeping track of new members and all that goes with it. We have **Joanne McCormick** to thank for maintaining accurate and up-to-date records and always making insightful contributions at our meetings. Be on the look-out for her membership renewal notices and return them quickly. Among the many things **Bob McCormick** does for the club, two rise above the rest. He produces our annual club roster – an invaluable guide of our members and club – and he oversees the design and construction of our boat parade entry. He does a superb job on both. Thank you, Bob.

**Cindy Allen** is our secretary and is responsible to take and keep the minutes of our meetings. She does a terrific job, is a true pleasure to work with and keeps our meetings on track and in compliance. Our port/house chair is the incomparable **Rob Allen**. Though keeping the club well stocked is plenty time consuming, he always makes himself available for extra credit (including taking on the responsibility for hosting an event with Cindy and others every year), and always with a smile. Rob, there is none better. We have a new board member this year – welcome **Lisa Zia**! Lisa joins us as treasurer, where she will be responsible to maintain the club's financial information. I am thrilled we found such a great candidate to take over for Josef, who did yeoman's work with the club's books for years.

Vice Commodore **Jeff Specht** and Rear Commodore **Josef Davydovits** are responsible for the general welfare of the club, our schedule of events, making sure things run smoothly, making sure our event hosts have the support they need and making sure our events are a success. They both are selfless servants to the club and I am honored to serve with them. Josef graduates into a role where he gets to write columns in The Burgee for the next three years – welcome to that little slice of heaven. Jeff will continue with his creative ideas to constantly improve what we do (think "Wild Bill's Round-Up!").

As for my good friend **Les Kelly**, this year he will be our Jr. Staff Commodore, which means I get to benefit from his guidance and wisdom for another year, as he serves in an advisory role to the board. I can think of no better way to close my first column as commodore of this great club than by confirming my – and the members' – sincerest gratitude for Les Kelly's great leadership over the past three years, and particularly as our commodore in 2011. No one is more dedicated to the success of our club than Les and no one is willing to put in more time than Les to make sure the club's events are successful and our members' high expectations are met. Special thanks for all the expert photography services he provides for all of our events. As this newsletter details, 2011 was a fantastic year for the club and a lion's share of the credit goes to Les. And, of course, Les would be the first to say (correctly) that a lion's share of the credit for his success goes to his terrific wife **Cathy Kelly**, who also has tirelessly served the club in many ways for many years. Thank you Les and thank you Cathy!

Looking forward to leaving port often with this great team.





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

It was my privilege this year as Rear Commodore to assist Sandy Atherton and Bob McCormick to bring their creative ideas to life. The Clarks generously donated their fantastic "FIN-TASTIC" and crew enabling us to win. I was concerned because of the complexity of the float and the required man hours that we would not have the time or skill to build it properly. The turnout of helpers from our club was truly amazing. We had all the help and skill needed to complete the project on time and turn it into a Sweepstakes trophy. It was only the second time we had won the Grand Prize and showed our

harbour and neighbors that our club had what it takes to be a winner!

This is Bonnie's and my third year as members of Seagate Yacht Club and it turns out to be one of our best decisions. What has made it so special are the members we have met. Our club is based purely on volunteers but acts and looks like other Yacht Clubs with paid staff. From Tom Worden our Webmaster's up to date user-friendly website and our Communications Chairperson Joel Lander's well produced and easy to read Burgee our club shines. Our volunteer Officers and Chairpersons from Secretary Cindy Allen, Membership Joanne McCormick, Roster Bob McCormick, Ship Store Kim Davydovits, Treasurer Josef Davydovits and of course our House Chairperson Rob Allen with his endless stocked bar all combined to make our club a fun place. Our club has truly great events which only happen because of volunteer hosts. These events make SGYC one of the few clubs that actually have a waiting list to join, unheard of these days for most clubs.

A club is defined by its membership. A great club is a combination of leadership and the membership working together as a team. Our commodore Les Kelly deserves a "job well done" for it was a great year for our club. Bonnie and I are looking forward to work with our new Commodore Dale Giali, new Rear Commodore Josef Davydovits and new Treasurer Lisa Zia welcome aboard!

Smooth Sailing, Jeff Specht, your new Vice Commodore.

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

My sincere thanks to the Board and all members who cast their votes to elect me as Rear Commodore for this great Club. Kim and I are looking forward to my year as Rear Commodore and hope to serve all our members the best I can.

Here I am embarking into a new adventure as your Rear Commodore. I'm not sure if it was the smartest move, but you are all are stuck with me as the newest flag officer...the man from Transylvania (do not worry, I can no longer transform into a bat).

For those who do not know me well, we have lived in Seagate for 11 years and Kim and I have been married for 25 years (wow, I cannot believe how fast time passes when you are having fun!)

First, my sincere thanks to the Board and our members for your support and friendship during my many years as your Treasurer. I sincerely hope my successor Lisa Zia will also enjoy her new role and embrace the experience of our superb yacht club as I have been privileged to do.

The year has started with a great time at our first 2012 event (or last 2011, it depends which way you are looking at it) the New Years Eve party. Plans are already in place to keep the fun and momentum going all year with numerous events, including boating events.

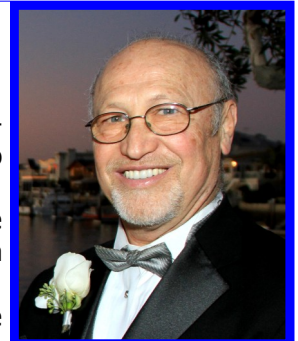
I would like to give a special mention of the boating events (a Rear Commodore responsibility) which will include the upcoming New Member's Brunch, Opening Day, and Avalon Cruise.

The New Member's brunch hosted by our Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly & Cathy Kelly and Staff Commodore Jim and Lyn Senske on February 27 give all members and prospective new members the opportunity to travel to the Long Beach Yacht Club aboard one of our member's yachts to enjoy a wonderful breakfast buffet. You will also have the opportunity to shop at our "Traveling Ship Store" and get the newest logo merchandise.

Some of the other club events that are planned are a Duffy Cruise event, a cruise to Huntington Harbour YC for brunch, and the always popular "Tuesday Cruzin'" to Peters Landing. Of course, we have a lot of other events for party goers and boaters. Please see our website for details.

Lastly, I am not sure of everything I can do for the club, but I will try my hardest to do my best. The most important thing is to enjoy the ride and to enjoy fellowship and friendship and have lots of both along the way.

Szervusz (hello) to all,  
Josef Davydovits, your new Rear Commodore.



**Commodore Les and Cathy Kelly** presented the Annual Commodore's Ball on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at the Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach, CA. Members braved a rainy evening to participate in the special Black Tie Optional Event. Old Ranch Country Club lived up to its reputation for serving wonderful meals and great drinks. Themed 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Burgees were on each table and used as the décor scheme throughout the ball room.

After dinner, Les introduced all of the Staff Commodores in attendance and thanked them for their roles in the past successes of the Club. Les then thanked all of the members, officers and event hosts for making 2011, the club's 35<sup>th</sup> year, a big success. Les and Cathy joined to present the 2011 Event Hosts with Gift Packages and offer special thanks and gratitude for hosting successful parties this year. They then presented a special lapel pin or pendant to each of the Board Members for their hard work and faithful service during 2011.



# Commodores Ball 2011



Additionally, Les introduced Staff Commodore Dewey Rudolph and Sandy and thanked each of them for their founding role in the SeaGate Yacht Club and presented gifts to commemorate the club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Jr. Staff Commodore John Humphreys came forward to swear in and present the 2012 Flag Officers and Board Members: Commodore Dale Giali, Vice Commodore Jeff Specht, Rear Commodore Josef Davydovits, Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly, Treasurer Lisa Zia, Secretary Cindy Allen, House & Port Captain Robert Allen, Membership Joanne McCormick, Ship's Store Kim Davydovits, Webmaster Tom Worden, Communications Joel Lander and Membership Roster Bob McCormick.

Dinner and dancing, music provided by Dead Men Rockin', was anything but "dead" and everyone took to the floor after dinner to express themselves with various dance moves to commemorate the club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

# BOAT FLOAT



The Fin-Tastic sailed away from Bonaire Docks at 12:47 p.m. with the "Isle of Manhattan" proudly glistening in the sun! Commodore Les Kelly extends his special thanks to the following members who assisted with the 2011 float project:

- \* Sandy Atherton and Bob McCormick for their excellent concept and design;
- \* Bob McCormick for his expert creativity and flexibility in creating a cityscape from foam and plastic tubing, the use of his garage and his guidance and direction in making the project work, all the while proving, once again, that "Real Men & Women Don't Need Instructions!";
- \* Rear Commodore Jeff Specht for his daily project oversight, hard work and superb assembly skills;
- \* Robin and Jean Clark for their continued, gracious support in letting the SeaGate Yacht Club use their Fin-Tastic as the base vessel for yet another award winning float for the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade and Robin and Grandson Paul for their hard work in getting the pieces in the right place on the Fin-Tastic;
- \* And the following members who worked to cut, paint, glue, staple, push, pull, lift, move and transport and tie and trim, glue, hammer and shove the pieces and frames together to complete the project:  
Sandy Rudolph, Ben Rudolph, Vice Commodore Dale Giali and Susan Westover, Jr. Staff Commodore John Humphreys, Rob and Cindy Allen, Roger Wilhelm, Sam Juergens, Mike McEntee, Mike & Sharon Courtway, Sandy and Jim Atherton, Tom Worden, Pat Jenkes, Ray & Jan Nagele, Mark Arizmendi, Aida O'Brien, Ted Cohen, Ed Davis, Cathy Kelly, Clem Aime, Floyd D'Angelo, John Boryszewski, Ron Ferandelli, Ron Jagner, Gil Morris, Merle McCormick and Celia Pugh.



Rear Commodore Josef Davydovits and his wife Kim on their recent trip to the Aloha state.



Ruth Ormsby & King Thomas	1/2	Clement & Linda Aime	2/11
Patrick & Cindy Surridge	1/8	Merrill & Karon Walstad	2/13
Les & Cathy Kelly	1/10	Robin & Jean Clark	2/14
Gary & Barbara Pazornik	1/21	Anton & Dianne Flecklin	2/14
James & Sandra Atherton	1/23	Jim & Jeanne Woods	2/14
Tom & Debbie Wood	1/24	Dan & Christine Bates	2/19
Nat & Susie Pendleton	2/5	Patrick & Parvaneh Carter	2/19
Barry & Sally Wasserman	2/6		

William	Heckeroth	1/1	Steve	Armstrong	1/18	Ping	Chao	2/7
Chris	Morris	1/2	Tom	Wood	1/18	Jean	Worden	2/9
Mary Ann	Brinket	1/6	Roni	Fell	1/18	Greg	Lee	2/11
Keith	Shelton	1/7	Lisa	Shoemaker	1/24	Michelle	Bartlett	2/14
Rick	Thomas	1/8	James	Herbold	1/26	James	Atherton	2/16
Rho	Chao	1/9	Sherrill	Lander	1/27	Lina	Monroe	2/16
Patricia	Hoffman	1/9	Peter	Greatbatch	1/29	Dwayne	Lund	2/17
Jamie	DeWolfe	1/10	Eugene	Mascoli	1/29	Conrad	Platt	2/17
Cliff	Meier	1/10	Cindy	Shaw	1/29	Jeff	Specht	2/20
Georgie	Bromley	1/12	Alan	Olschwang	1/30	Harry	Stevens	2/22
Keith	Liddle	1/13	Lyn	Senske	2/1	Colleen	Vinson	2/25
Joanne	McCormick	1/14	Dick	Scholl	2/5	Jeannie	Celeketic	2/26
Rob	Allen	1/16	Gary	Dixon	2/6	Dewey	Rudolph	2/26
Ben	Rudolph	1/16	Ginger	Hegler	2/6	Rich	Maier	2/28

## New Members

### STEVE & IMELDA ARMSTRONG

live in SeaGate with their Bijon "UG". They have a great view of the harbor and their boat "Chiller". Although the couple have not attended a lot of SGYC events, they hope to attend more, this year.

Steve & Imelda travel a lot for his business, NU Teak of California. NU

Teak looks like real teak, but is made out of PVC material. It appears to be teak, yet requires no unusual maintenance. The business is located in Carson.

Steve & Imelda have a retirement home in Sun City in Henderson, Nevada and a home in Subic Bay in the Philippines. Most of Imelda's family live there. They have been married 12 years and have a combined family of seven children and three grandkids.

When not working or traveling, Steve loves to spend time aboard Chiller, a 33 foot Knight & Carver express with a blue hull. It's all outfitted for fishing.

Steve & Imelda were seen at the SGYC New Years Eve party. They said they had a wonderful time. Please welcome Steve & Imelda to SeaGate Yacht Club when you see them.



## **ATTENTION**

**Annual dues are due !!**  
**By now, you should have received your Dues Renewal form in the mail.**  
**Let's try to get them in quickly so we can live 2012 with a clean slate.**  
**Your Membership Chair is ready to go. Its time to get ready for SeaGate Yacht Club fun.**

# 2012 SGYC Calendar of Events

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<p><b>EVENT HOST BRUNCH(LBYC)</b> <u>Sunday, January 15</u> Hosts: Commodore Dale &amp; Sue Giali</p>	<p><b>SUPER BOWL PARTY</b> <u>Sunday, February 5</u> Hosts: Staff Commodore Cliff &amp; Sandy Meier and Tom &amp; Jean Worden</p>	<p><b>NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH</b> <u>Sunday, February 26</u> Hosts: Jr. Staff Commodore Les &amp; Cathy Kelly and Staff Commodore Jim &amp; Lyn Senske</p>
<p><b>JIMMY BUFFETT PARTY</b> <u>Saturday, March 10</u> Hosts: Staff Commodore John &amp; Margaret Humphreys</p>	<p><b>WILD BILL'S WORLD RECORD RAFT-UP (@ Newport Harbor)</b> <u>March 29-April 1</u> Hosts: Vice Commodore Jeff &amp; Bonnie Specht</p>	<p><b>OPENING DAY</b> <u>Saturday, April 28</u> Hosts: Jr. Staff Commodore Les &amp; Cathy Kelly</p>
<p><b>CARNIVAL CRUISE TO ENSENADA</b> <u>Saturday, May 4-7</u> Hosts: Commodore Dale &amp; Sue Giali</p>	<p><b>AVALON CRUISE</b> <u>May 18-20</u> Hosts: Rear Commodore Josef &amp; Kim Davydovits</p>	<p><b>NIGHT AT THE RACES</b> <u>Saturday, June 9</u> Hosts: Francis &amp; Aurelia Okino</p>
<p><b>PROGRESSIVE DINNER</b> <u>Saturday, July 14</u> Hosts: To be announced</p>	<p><b>DUFFY CRUISE</b> <u>Saturday, August 18</u> Hosts: To be announced</p>	<p><b>NEWPORT CRUISE</b> <u>September 21-23</u> Hosts: To be announced</p>
<p><b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> <u>Tuesday, October 2</u> Hosts: Vice Commodore Jeff &amp; Bonnie Specht</p>	<p><b>DUFFY CRUISE TO HUNTINGTON HARBOR YACHT CLUB</b> <u>Sunday, October 14</u> Hosts: Vice Commodore Jeff &amp; Bonnie Specht</p>	<p><b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> <u>Saturday, October 20</u> Hosts: Staff Commodore Ray &amp; Jan Nagele and Rob &amp; Cindy Allen</p>
<p><b>COMMODORE'S BALL</b> <u>Saturday, November 10</u> Hosts: Commodore Dale &amp; Sue Giali</p>	<p><b>BOAT PARADE ENTRY</b> <u>November-December</u> Hosts: Rear Commodore Josef &amp; Kim Davydovits and entire membership</p>	<p><b>NEW YEARS EVE PARTY</b> <u>Sunday December 31</u> Hosts: Vice Commodore Jeff &amp; Bonnie Specht and Board of Directors</p>

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