



# SeaGate Yacht Club

# THE BURGEE

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## FROM THE BRIDGE

**By Ray Nagele,  
Commodore**



Greetings, we're off to a great start for 2009, we're going to have a fun year! I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me well. My wife, Jan and I moved to Humboldt Island in 2001. Jan immediately joined the Newcomers Club where we met many SeaGate Yacht Club members. We got on the SGYC wait list, and then after two years, were able to join in 2004. In 2007, we moved to SeaGate and I also started up the ranks as Rear Commodore. Jan (who is the club's Ship Store Chair) is an instructor at Curves and a dog walker; I am a co-founder of Aktino, a company that designs and manufactures high speed DSL modems. We have a grownup son, Adam, who lives with this new wife Vanessa in Iowa. We also have two dogs, Lulu and Donovan.

Since the last Burgee publication, congratulations goes to Les Kelly, our 2009 Rear Commodore. His Flag was presented at the New Years Eve event. The first meeting of the 2009 board was in January. One of the notable results of that meeting which you will soon notice is that we now have a new big screen TV in the clubhouse donated by SGYC. Each year, SeaGate Yacht Club donates money for improvement to the clubhouse. At the January board meeting, Jerry Cassidy presented the idea that we could save money each year purchasing a big screen TV thereby not having to rent a TV for the annual Super Bowl party event. We now also have a huge asset for our club to put to use. Already ideas like watching major sporting events, Oscar night, movies, displaying photos, etc. have come up. If you have an idea and/or want to sponsor an unscheduled club event, please let me know!

## FROM THE VICE

**By John Humphreys,  
Vice Commodore**



Well, 2009 is upon us and your board along with this year's event hosts working hard on an exciting slate of activities for the year. We increased our membership last year to 140 with 17 on the wait list, but regrettably our attendance was down on most of the events for the latter part of 2008. I suspect there are several reasons for this including the current economic uncertainty, so we are certainly looking at reducing and minimizing costs wherever possible. We are also introducing a couple of new activities. The first is the Casino Road Trip in coming up in April. It was a suggestion brought up in the survey we conducted just over a year ago. Second is the Games Night which will occur one Friday night a month. It is extremely important that your board receives ongoing feedback and suggestions from our members so that we can get the best possible participation at our events.

To enable our members to provide comments/suggestions or feedback we have installed a suggestion box in the bar area to the right of the display case. All comments deposited there will be reviewed at our monthly board meeting. Also, please feel free to email me with your thoughts at [JGH10@aol.com](mailto:JGH10@aol.com).

We are trying to maintain as many boating events as possible, after all we are a Yacht Club, and hope that someone will step forward with a suggestion for a Cruise at the end of August.

Our games nights should be a lot of fun and if you missed the first one we have two more scheduled on Friday, February 13 and Friday March 13. (I hope nobody is superstitious !)

Make plans early for the New Members Brunch on Sunday February 22, and our Country & Western night on Saturday March 21.



## Holiday Boat Parade '09

By Pat Jenkes

Transforming piles of PVC pipe and Styrofoam insulation board into SGYC's winning 2008 Holiday Boat Parade entry was a study in creativity and ingenuity. Fashioning a 20 foot tall oil derrick accented by a twinkling lights and an ethereal cresting wave, phenomenal 8' fish, a surfer and a trio of fish harmonizing to surfer tunes was truly a memorable group effort. It was my pleasure and honor to be actively involved with all of our teams as the project illustrating the parade theme, "Centennial Concerto" proceeded. That the boat was accorded the "Best Yacht Club" trophy is the satisfying result of our members' dedication and resourcefulness and Dean Knupp's confidence that we could build anything. FIN-TASTIC looked FAN-TASTIC!!!!

During November the most intense activities of tracing and painting the fish, designed by Sandy Atherton and Karon Walstad, to near-museum quality detail and outlining them in lights was accomplished by Rob and Cindy Allen, Sandy and Jim Atherton,

Jerry Cassidy, Ed Davis, Vaughn Jenkes, Joel Lander, Susan Lipman, Janet Littlejohn, Bob McCormick, Ray and Jan Nagele, Debra and Elliot Wainer and Karon. A weekend work party continued bringing the plan to fruition with cutting and assembling the infrastructure, inspired by Merle McCormick, and led by Dean, with assistance from Co-Guru Nancy Knupp and most of the aforementioned volunteers. Having the Clubhouse at our disposal was a huge asset, as materials were always accessible.

Many of these same devoted and hard-working volunteers returned on December 5th to decorate FIN-TASTIC at the Bonaire Dock. Assisted by Clem Aime, Floyd D'Angelo, John Humphries, John Boryszwski, Sharon and Mike Courtway, Les Kelly and Robin and Jean Clark our world-class problem solvers converted a pile of what looked like tinker toy pieces into a prize winning and dramatic display of color, light and architecture. A warm, sunny, day of hoisting, framing, connecting, illuminating and chasing away a nosey swan was capped when Robin fired up the generator. Thanks for Ray, the Beach Boys serenaded us as we stood back and appreciated the stunning results of our efforts. The lights were spectacular and every element of the design came to life! Both Joel and Tom Worden ensured that we have the photos you are enjoying in this article. Our builders, along with Mike McAfee and son Joseph, returned in January for demolition.

Not enough can be said in the way of thanks for the unfailing support of Robin and Jean Clark. They allowed us access to and use of their wonderful boat not only for the parade but for a SGYC party night on Sunday. What better way to enjoy the Holiday Season than cruising the color drenched waters of the Harbour? Hearing the appreciative applause of spectators and toasting the waterfront homes created a perfect atmosphere of camaraderie and celebration.



## EVENT HOSTS BRUNCH

On Sunday January 18, SeaGate Yacht Club held its annual Event Hosts Brunch. After an outstanding pot-luck brunch, Commodore Ray Nagele presented the information necessary for the hosts of the upcoming social and boating events this year. The presentation included a planning sheet, budget sheet and suggestions from previous event hosts to simplify and expedite the new hosts job. We all agreed this years calendar holds great promise for some enjoyable and fun events including one or two cruises and a road trip to the Temecula casino and winery area. Consult your calendar and be sure to sign up for the events you like. We'll see you all you there.





# Biographies of Your 2009 Board



Ray Nagele (Commodore)  
Jan Nagele (Ships Store)

Ray and Jan moved to Humboldt Island 2001. Jan immediately joined the Newcomers Club where they met many SeaGate Yacht Club members. After 2 years on the wait list they joined SGYC in 2004. They moved to SeaGate in 2007 and Ray started up the ranks as Rear Commodore. Jan (this years Ship Store Chair) is an instructor at Curves and a dog walker. Ray is a co-founder of Aktino, a company that designs and manufactures high speed DSL modems. Jan and Ray have a grownup son, Adam, who lives with this new wife Vanessa in Iowa. They also have two dogs, Lulu and Donovan.



John Humphreys  
(Vice Commodore)

John & Margaret are both imports from England, but lived in South Africa for 11 years before arriving in the U.S. After living in Torrance for a year and Dallas for four, they moved to the S.F. Bay. They moved to Seagate 6 1/2 years ago and almost immediately joined SeaGate Yacht Club, which they believe is the friendliest yacht club around. John is in Computer Networking engineering and management, but currently teaches part-time at a local university. Margaret works full-time as a pre-school master teacher at Santa Ana College. John is a keen sail boater, having owned two sailboats, one on San Francisco Bay and the other in Huntington Harbour. He has skippered his boat in the Newport to Ensenada race. He sails quite regularly out of Newport Harbour with the Oasis Sailing Club. John and Margaret love to travel, and enjoy cruising and snorkeling. They have a son and daughter.



Les Kelly  
(Rear Commodore)

Les and Kathy Kelly moved to Seagate in 1996. He and Cathy have been members of the SGYC since 2005. Les retired from a career with Nissan after thirty five years in 2007. He enjoys photography and traveling with Cathy as much as possible. Cathy retired from the Aerospace Industry in 1999. She has been an active member of the Sea Isle Garden Club, Sandpipers Philharmonic Group and Newcomers. They try to spend as much time with their five grandchildren as possible. The Kellys have been members of the SGYC since 2005. Les will serve as Rear-Commodore and Cathy will serve as Membership Chairperson for 2009



Cindy Allen (Secretary)  
Rob Allen (House Chair)

Robert and Cindy Allen, and Robert's mother Beverly, moved to SeaGate in 2008 from Hermosa Beach and Rancho Palos Verdes, respectively. Newly retired, Robert's career, included Operations Manager at the Redondo Beach Marina, an accountant for Captain Kidds Fish Market, and as Bars and Stands Manager at Hollywood Park. Cindy was an accountant at Hi-Shear Technology Corporation for many years, and also was a Board member of the Condo Association where they lived for a few years. They own a 30 foot Bayliner named the Coral Way and a 21 foot Duffy named Sparky. They joined the SeaGate Yacht Club in 2008 and became Board Members in 2009. Cindy is enjoying her time as Secretary. Robert is looking forward to using his experience as House/Port Captain.



Josef Davydovits  
(treasurer)

Josef Davydovits and his wife Kim moved to Seagate 8 years ago from Fountain Valley where they lived with their three daughters. They have been married for 22 years. They have two beautiful granddaughters. They enjoy traveling and have been many places around the World. Josef was born in Romania, and has lived in Southern California for over 40 years. He is a Mechanical Engineer and has held numerous positions at different companies as a Facilities Engineer and Plant Manager. At the present time he is employed at a nutritional food company in Buena Park. They enjoy living in the Harbour and have been members of SGYC for 7 years. Kim was a Seagate board member for 4 years first as Secretary then she ran the Ship Store. Josef looks forward to contributing his time and talents to the club as the new Treasurer.



Joel Lander  
(Communications)

Joel and Sherrill Lander live on Trinidad Island. Joel is a retired dentist who practiced in Long Beach for 38 years. Sherrill is a retired Court Reporter who worked in Federal Court and owned her own Court Reporting firm. Sherrill and Joel have been married for 13 years and have 4 children and two grandchildren. Joel teaches computer skills and attends art classes at Goldenwest College. Sherrill enjoys tap dancing and is an expert knitter. Both love the Harbour lifestyle and the Seagate Yacht Club. They own a Duffy 21" Old Bay .

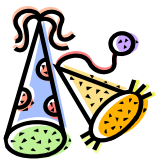


Bob McCormick (Roster)

Bob and Joanne Mc Cormick have lived in Seagate for 20 years. They raised three daughters in Glendora before moving here. They have been married for nearly fifty years. Bob retired from his management position with a public utility and found he had an affinity for computers. He and Joanne joined SGYC in 2002, they did Communications for the club for three years, learning a lot about publishing, printing and mostly learning about SGYC and its members. He looks forward to the next 50 partying and helping SGYC. This is Bob's 5th Membership book.

*More biographies on next page*





# New Years Party



The New Years Eve event was a great success! New Years Eve was celebrated every hour from eight o'clock to midnight. George & Laurel Stanford and Elizabeth Alex were presented their Burgee. The party really got going when DJ Steve, along with his sound and light show, dressed up five of us; Rear Commodore Les Kelly, Treasurer Josef Davydovits, Laure Stanford, Elizabeth Alex and Commodore Ray Nagele, in Village People costumes.



Tom Worden (Webmaster)

Tom and Jean Worden moved to Seagate from South Huntington Beach in 1997. Tom retired from IBM three years ago. They have a Duffy "Captain Gizmo" named in memory of their dog. They are expecting their first grandchild in June. Tom and Jean served jointly as House Chair for 5 years then he became our webmaster and has maintained our wonderful website ever since.

Tom and Jean have hosted many events over the 10 years they have been members and look forward to many more good years with their friends and neighbors in SGYC. "Life is good in SeaGate."



Cleve Sproule  
(Jr. Staff Commodore)

Cleve moved to Seagate in 2003. He has been a member of SeaGate Yacht Club since 2004. He has worked in the healthcare industry as administrator or director since 1973 and for the last 8+ years have been Director of Development for Dynamic Health Systems in Sherman Oaks, CA. He is a member of the Sandpipers Philharmonic Group. He is past Commodore (2008) of SeaGate Yacht Club and will serve as on the board as Jr. Staff Commodore during 2009. He enjoys spending as much time as possible on board his Tiara 3100 Open "Sea Ya" either in Huntington Harbour or on Catalina Island.



# New Members Brunch



Sunday  
February 22

# New Members



**Dale and Susan Giali** live on Bimini Lane with their two cats and one dog. They are not the newest members of SGYC. Their home remodel took eight months, so they have been unable to attend as many events as they would like. They are looking forward to meeting more of you. They enjoy cruising to Catalina on their 32' SeaRay Express "Senza Bambini". Dale and Susan moved from Irvine and love living in SeaGate. *Welcome Susan and Dale.*

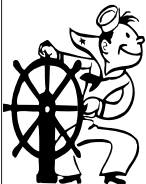


**John and Tricia Pratto** have been lived on Trinidad Island since 1987. They have been married for 22 years and have two sons, Garrett and Cory. Former owners of a 44ft. Pacifica sport fisher, they now have a 21ft. Duffy

Old Bay. John was Commodore of Catalina Yacht Club in 1990. They love Huntington Harbor with its boating and social opportunities. They are happy to be members of SGYC and look forward to all the events.

## 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.



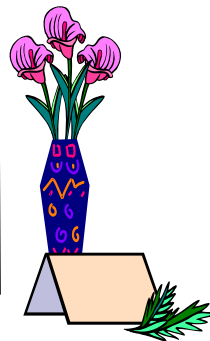
# BIRTHDAYS



Lyn	Senske	2/1			
Gary	Dixon	2/6			
Jean	Worden	2/9			
Dick	Scholl	2/5			
Greg	Lee	2/11	Martha	Fee	3/6
Stephanie	Thomas	2/12	Elliott	Wainer	3/6
Ron	Baker	2/14	Edith	Mondello	3/6
Janet	Littlejohn	2/14	John	Mitchell	3/11
Lina	Monroe	2/16	Karon	Walstad	3/13
Dwayne	Lund	2/17	Sally	Wasserman	3/14
Conrad	Platt	2/17	Tim	Branoff	3/14
Harry	Stevens	2/22	Sandy	Meier	3/15
Jeannie	Celeketic	2/26	Linda	Cassidy	3/16
Dewey	Rudolph	2/26	Arlene	Dixon	3/17
Colleen	Vinson	2/25	Bob	Bromley	3/21
Barry	Wasserman	3/1	Mark	Stephan	3/22
Larry	Stelle	3/1	Giali	Dale	3/23
Donald	Duncan	3/1	Ellen	Martin	3/24
Carolyn	Platt	3/1	Roger	Wilhelm	3/25
Susie	Pendleton	3/2	Sue	Hermelin	3/25
Jim	Montano	3/4	Elizabeth	Alex	3/26
Katy	Reynolds	3/4	Clement	Aime	3/26
Maryann	Boryszewski	3/5	Margaret	Humphreys	3/27
			Linda	Aime	3/27
			Diane	Campbell	3/31

# ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Jean Clark	2/2
Nat & Susie Pendleton	2/5
Barry & Sally Wasserman	2/6
Clement & Linda Aime	2/11
Merrill & Karon Walstad	2/13
Tony Flecklin & Dianne Vega	2/14
Jim & Jeanne Woods	2/14
Patrick & Parvaneh Carter	2/19
Dennis & Kathy Kreil	3/6
John & Tricia Pratto	3/9
Wayne & Lynne Sawka	3/15
George & Laurel Stanford	3/16
Doug & Sharon Fuhrman	3/16
Robert & Joanne McCormick	3/21



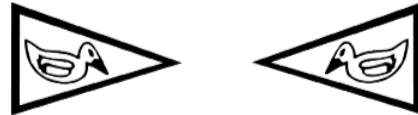
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CALENDAR AND PLAN  
EARLY TO  
ATTEND  
OUR  
GREAT EVENTS**

**2009  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH  
Sunday, February 22**

**COUNTRY & WESTERN NITE  
Saturday, March 21**

**OPENING DAY  
Saturday, April 4**



**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

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](http://www.seagateyachtclub.com).

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**Upcoming!**

**OPENING DAY  
CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY APRIL  
4TH**