

SeaGate Yacht Club

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OPENING DAY, 2011



FROM THE BRIDGE

By Les Kelly,
Commodore



Thanks to all of the volunteer event hosts, and the membership at large, participation in events this year is up. Rear Commodore Jeff Specht has arranged extra on water events for our boating members and our general membership; enough for everyone to pick and choose their “fave” activities, if not all of the events.

The cruise season got off to an ice free “Opening Day” with 129 members and guests packing the club house and power boats and Duffys. Great weather made for a spectacular event. The refurbished flag pole – courtesy of Port Captain Rob Allen and Mike Pace – made for a splendid display of the colors. The roar of the cannon fire by Rod and Susanne Antablin provided the perfect background to the raising of the colors and flags. Jr. Staff Commodore John & Margaret Humphreys’ selection of décor and table settings (a spectacular choice of edible center pieces) were magnificent and organization of the Opening Day ceremony was splendid. Rear Commodore Jeff Specht arranged the parade which went off without a single grounding.

Equally splendid was our 35th Anniversary Celebration which “starred” founding Staff Commodore Dewey & Sandy Rudolph and was hosted by Commodore Les Kelly. It was a great pleasure to see that his wit hasn’t changed in thirty-five years. Bad weather didn’t completely disrupt but slightly dampened the World Record Raft Up attempt but participants did accomplish a West Coast Record Raft Up Circle. Thanks to Rear Commodore Jeff Specht for guiding SeaGate Yacht Club participants through the swells and into the record books. Wait ‘til 2012. See photos from this event elsewhere in this issue.

Ensenada? Wow, what a fun trip. Moonlight and Newport-to-Ensenada race made for an exciting cruise down to Mexico. Members relaxed on the deck of Carnival’s Paradise as the sailboats sailed into the Ensenada Harbor. Some members toured a few of the local “entertainment centers” or watched the on deck spectacles fueled by Spring Break. Fresh out of the camera photos can be seen elsewhere in this issue of The Bargee.

Dead ahead is the Avalon Cruise for our annual visit to Catalina Island. Hosts, Staff Commodores Axel and Kreil and First Mates Linda and Kathy, promise a spectacular weekend of fun and activities in the Avalon Harbor. The dinghy parade is certain to be a winner once again. Rear Commodore Jeff and Bonnie Specht have a special treat lined up for Duffy owners with a Brunch at HHYC in early June. Aurelia and Francis Okino promise an Ascot theme night to remember for SeaGate members at Los Alamitos Race track in mid-June. Boaters will have a chance to sail out into the big blue Pacific Ocean at the last weekend of June when they visit Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. All members can participate in this event, even if they drive up for a day visit, just beyond downtown San Pedro.

John & Margaret Humphreys joined with Cathy and me to attend the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Opening Day in early April. What a treat to sail the San Pedro Harbor with the large cruise ship Norwegian Star in port and a Japanese car carrier shadowing our host’s boat – looming very large and high above us – as we departed the harbor. Huge fun.

Are you enjoying this year’s events? Events happen because of involved members. To become involved with an event, call me at 714-377-9447. Suggestions for new or different events are always welcomed.



FROM THE VICE

By Dale Giali,
Vice Commodore



“The sea finds out everything you did wrong.”

- Francis Stokes

One of the benefits of being an officer of this great club is that you get a free copy of the Yachting Protocol Guidelines of the Southern California Yachting Association. I thought I’d share with you just a few of the rules I found most important:

1. “If there’s a foul ball behind third base, it’s the shortstop’s play.” (Actually, that little gem of wisdom comes to us via Peppermint Patty from the Peanuts Classic, *You’re Weird Sir!* Just wanted to see if you actually got this far into my column.)

2. “Members of yacht clubs are ladies and gentlemen and as such wish to be proper when involved with yachts and yacht clubs.” (Having been a member of the club for several years, this rule was somewhat of a shocker. Then I remembered that these protocols really are mere “guidelines” – hey, says so right in their title.)

3. “While not called a yacht club, . . . the first such club continuously organized” was formed in 1720 in Ireland and called “the Water Club of Cork.” (I know, this isn’t really a rule at all. But, it is interesting nonetheless.)

4. No rule “is intended to supersede long-tested local custom of any particular club If your organization has some distinctive ceremonies, by all means use them – just so long as they are in good taste.” (My goodness. I assume this means it’s safe to bring back the “Dumb Bell Award,” but not so sure about this column.)

5. “A yacht” is “a vessel used for pleasure.” (Ah, now we’re cookin’ – I believe the club has never been out of compliance here.)

6. At the general meeting, “an area separate from the dining room should be available for cocktails and general socializing for all in attendance.” (Roger that. Turns out these guidelines are not so bad and, thanks to the efforts of officers and members going back 35 years, we seem to be in general compliance.)

Looking forward to leaving port often in full compliance with the rules.

FROM THE REAR

Jeff Specht
Rear Commodore



The fun has begun....

I want to congratulate all the skippers and crew who attended Wild Bill's raft up and the Opening Day Boat Parade. Our fleet was looking good and our club was well represented. A dignitary from another yacht club commented how impressive our fleet looked dressed in our burgees and decorative code flags. Corsair, Huntington Harbour along with Seagate Yacht Clubs attempted to set the World record for boats rafted in a circle. The world record was 70 and we had 75 boats signed up but the weather deterred many and we ended up with only 55 boats. We thought it was the West Coast Record but it is in dispute as I write this article. Regardless, we all had a great time trying. Next year we will go for the world record weather permitting. All that attended had a great time and was an event to remember. The weather held and was good for the event, the real challenge was facing the 8 foot seas and 20 knot winds on our return home. I am happy to report we all returned safely. Job well done.

As you read this article we should have finished our annual vessel inspections with the USCGA. It was a great way to get our boats ship shape for the season.

We all should have also returned from our Avalon Cruise which is always a great event and hopefully you were able to attend. Our next boating event is the Duffy cruise on June 5th to HHYC for brunch. You should receive the flyer soon.

Due to high fuel costs and our goal to have as many of our members attend our on the water events, we tried to find local destinations. A new cruise to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro on June 24-26 will be a great event for all members, so mark your calendars. We have a lot of on the water events this year so please check the Burgee for dates and plan to join us.

Smooth Sailing, Jeff



Boating Tip

Coast Guard Rescue 21 Emergency Locating System

Rescue 21 is a new advanced command, control and communications system that was created to better locate mariners in distress and save lives and property. It now covers the west side of Catalina. As the marine version of 9-1-1, when you call on channel 9 or 16 it facilitates better communication with advanced direction finding capabilities and increased range. Rescue 21 helps the Coast Guard better "hear the call" and quickly responds to boaters.

The Rescue 21 system works seamlessly with your current VHF radio.

To learn more about the system go to
<http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/rescue21/project.asp>



35th ANNIVERSARY

SeaGate Yacht Club turns thirty-five years old this year and we celebrated this event with a party on March 12, 2011. The highlight of the SeaGate Yacht Club's 35th Anniversary Celebration was a humor-filled and fun prop presentation by founding Staff Commodore Dewey & Sandy Rudolph. They founded the club for "fun events" and Dewey displayed the wit and humor that launched the SGYC. Sandy provided special "life preserver" gifts of wine for each of the First Mates of the Staff Commodores. The Staff Commodores who were present recalled special events from their year as Commodore and other highlights of the Club. Tom Worden created a special DVD of the past 35 years of club history, many taken from the original photo collection of Dewey and Sandy, all of which brought special "kudos" from attendees! The event hosts were Linda and Jerry Cassidy, Tom and Jean Worden, John & Maryann Boryszewski and Rick and Lari Thomas.



OPENING DAY, 2011

By Junior Staff Commodore John Humphreys

Well, we really lucked out on the weather for our club's special day. After a gloomy weather forecast a week before our event, the day turned out to be picture perfect. Nineteen of our club's boats assembled at mid-main channel, and all of the skippers did a grand job of adorning their vessels with the traditional flags to create a very colorful spectacle. The Harbor Patrol was available to lead our parade throughout the Harbour. Commodore Les Kelly and his wife Cathy accompanied by the other flag officers and their wives followed the Harbor Patrol on Dennis and Kathy Kreil's boat. All of SGYC's boats looked really impressive. The Flag Officers performed the traditional salute to each of the boats in the parade at the Bonaire dock, after which the celebrants returned to the clubhouse for Opening Day ceremonies and dinner.

During our Opening Day ceremony our Flag Officers and board members for 2011 were introduced. Ten of our Staff Commodores that were present as well as seven distinguished guests. This included Commodore Paul DeSalvo and his wife from Huntington Harbor Yacht Club, Vice Commodore Tom Rasulo from Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, LeDean Mills and her partner from the Southern California Yachting Association, and John Fults and his wife from the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG). John Fults inducted a surprisingly large number of our past commodores into the IOBG, seven in all.

Once the formalities were over we had a record 129 members and guests seated for a fabulous barbecue dinner, catered by Beach Pit Barbecue; the line to get served was a little long at times, but it was well worth the wait. For dessert we had a cake for each table which were all spectacularly decorated in our club's colors by Creative Cakery.

A lot of people were responsible for making this day such a success and our special thanks go out to Jeff Specht who organized the parade and got people rides on boats, Les & Cathy Kelly and Bob McCormick who helped with decorating the club house, Linda Scholl for table set-up, Kim & Josef Davydovits for ship store setup, Dale Giali for providing a fabulous PA system, and of course Rob & Cindy Allen for distributing champagne to the boats, running the bar.

Where in the World has our Burgee Been?

By Joel Lander

From March 3 to March 10 several of our members (pictured below) traveled south down the Baja peninsula to San Ignacio Lagoon, reportedly the only place in the world where whales approach humans. The pictures speak for themselves. Everyone saw, touched and interacted with these magnificent, and as it turns out, friendly giants. It was an experience of a lifetime, unlike anything I have ever experienced. (photos: courtesy of Wayne Phillips)



A mother whale saying hello



Cindy Shaw and good friend



Mother and baby (on left)



Debbie Wainer & daughter Malea



Rear L-R: Mark & Joanne Daugherty, Kevin & Candy Cloud, Patrick Smith, Sherrill Lander, & Elliot Wainer. Front: Debra Wainer, Joel Lander and Cindy Shaw



L-R: Members Kevin & Candy Cloud, Patrick Smith, Cindy Shaw and Debbie and Elliot Wainer on their way south to San Ignacio Lagoon.

Ensenada Cruise

By Commodore Les Kelly

SeaGate Yacht Club members who participated in the April 15 - 18, 2011, Carnival Paradise Cruise To Ensenada -- hosted by Les and Cathy Kelly -- reported that they had an enjoyable time both at sea and ashore. They were treated to colorful spinnakers and full sails of numerous boats participating in the Newport to Ensenada 2011 sailboat race which were just arriving in the Ensenada harbor as the Carnival Paradise docked. Members who went ashore discovered exciting entertainment at several of the local clubs. Those who shopped snapped up some bargain priced souvenirs and treats for the grandkids at home. Bob and Linda Axel, Keith Liddle and Les Kelly visited the Bahia Hotel, Ensenada headquarters for the N2E hosts from Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, race participants and celebrants of the race. On deck entertainment, whether as a participant or an observer, was both interesting and fun. The food was excellent and the shows for Saturday night (Red, White & Blue) and Sunday (a Rock N' Review Spectacular) were enjoyed by all members. Everyone who participated in the cruise have suggested a repeat performance for 2012.



ANNIVERSARIES

Scholl	5/4
Martin	5/11
Swanson	5/13
Bartlett	5/17
Verry	5/24
Jenkes	5/28
Arndt	5/29
Fairon	5/29
Fell	5/29
Specht	6/1
Daugherty	6/5
Chao	6/6
Monroe	6/11
Ward	6/14
DeWolfe	6/15
Mascoli	6/15
Cassidy	6/17
Axel	6/20
Lund	6/24

BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Weimurtz	5/1	James Woods	5/31
Ron Jones	5/3	Mark Monroe	6/1
Kathy Lee	5/5	Dennis Huffman	6/3
Terry Hayden	5/10	Carole Stelle	6/3
Lesley Herbold	5/11	Tom Worden	6/5
Sandy Gallagher	5/13	Tina Haas	6/7
Kevin Cloud	5/14	Tom McKnew	6/8
Ray Nagele	5/18	Barbara Ward	6/8
Tim O'Brien	5/19	Josef Davydovits	6/10
John Pratto	5/19	Tinh Nguyen	6/12
Deanna Stingley	5/23	Helena Parada	6/12
Gail Cyprus	5/24	Sam LaCorte	6/13
Cindy Allen	5/25	Marty Lipman	6/13
Bill Thornburg	5/27	Parvaneh Carter	6/24
Jeff Smith	5/30	Vaughn Jenkes	6/27
Lucille Thornburg	5/31	Tom Ward	6/29

New Members



Ben Rudolf

Ben Rudolph is not our usual new member. He attended his first new member brunch in 1983 with his mother and father, Sandy and Dewey Rudolph, co-founders of SeaGate Yacht Club. Sure, he was in diapers,

but what does that matter?

Ben is a native of California and spent the first ten years of his life in SeaGate. He graduated from Marina High and attended USC. He now works in the family business.

Ben resides in Long Beach, but states he will be looking to move back to Huntington Beach, in the future. He loves boating and spending summer days in Catalina aboard the family boat. He also loves to cook.

Ben is proud and very happy that all the work his father and mother put into the formation of SGYC has paid off and it has become so successful. He is also looking forward to becoming an active "New member".

Welcome to SeaGate Yacht Club.

New Members



Ruth Ormsby and King Thomas moved to SeaGate about 1 ½ years ago from Newport Beach and are happy to have their boat in their backyard. Their first introduction to SGYC was last year when they met Jan & Ray Nagele at the pump out station when they lost an engine.

Ruth and King will celebrate 30 years of marriage on January 2, 2012. They have a son, 23 in San Francisco and a daughter 21, that is graduating from Chapman College this year. They share their home with a very friendly 100 pound dog, Obie, a black Boxer/Labrador mix. Ruth works for Carlson Hotels in development. King works for LSA, an environmental company in Irvine, specializing in freeway work. Their boat is named "Western Flyer" and most of you saw it Opening Day. It is a 33 foot Bertram with updated twin 454's and new electronics. They enjoy cruising and diving.

Ruth & King are glad they got to participate in Opening Day 2011 and are very happy with their choice to join SGYC. They feel its' members are so friendly. Welcome, Ruth & King!

SHIPS STORE SHOWCASE

NOW IN THE UPSTAIRS BAR
SHOW YOUR SEAGATE PRIDE
WITH LOGO CLOTHING
KIM DAYDOVITS, 714/840-8333

NIGHT AT THE RACES
SATURDAY, JUNE 11

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY, JULY 16

DUFFY CRUISE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

NEWPORT RAFT-UP/DOCKUP
FRIDAY-SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 23-25

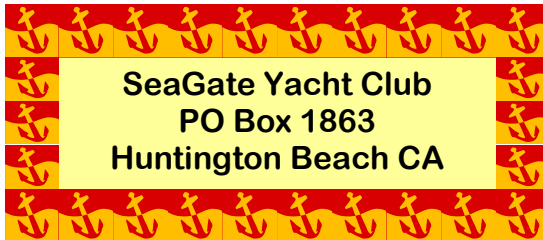


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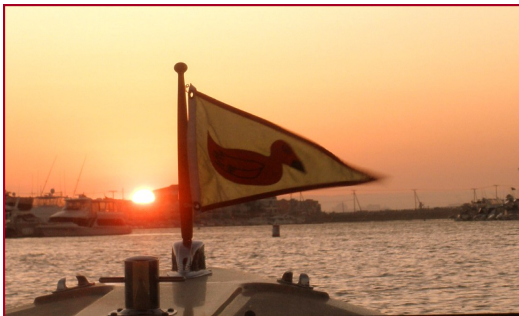
Les Kelly	Commodore
Dale Giali	Vice-Commodore
Jeff Specht	Rear-Commodore
John Humphreys	Jr. Staff Commodore
Cindy Allen	Secretary
Josef Davydovits	Treasurer
Joanne McCormick	Membership
Rob Allen	House
Kim Davydovits	Ships Store
Bob McCormick	Roster
Tom Worden	Webmaster
Joel Lander	Communications

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, Secretary Cindy Allen for our excellent website photos .

MORE PHOTOS : www.seagateyachtclub.com



TUESDAY CRUISIN
STARTS
JUNE 14TH, 6pm



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