



**SeaGate Yacht Club**

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**JOIN THE COMMODORE CLUB**

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A COMMODORE**

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*FRANCIS OKINO, COMMODORE*



Though Orange County was officially removed from the Coronavirus Watch List on Sunday, August 23, 2020, no new recommendation regarding indoor crowd gathering was issued.

That means all our scheduled indoor Yacht Club Events for the remainder of the year may not happen, if the current restrictions are not lifted.

Regarding the Commodore's Ball, we received notification from the Navy Golf Club, that they will not open for business for the rest of the year. They have agreed to apply the deposit toward next year's event that we have scheduled for November 13, 2021.

The Annual Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and will be by Zoom. Details will be sent out soon.

The Board is looking at a few ideas of some activities that can be done without violating the Covid-19 requirements. We will let you know soon, what the Board decides.



## What's it like to be Commodore of Seagate Yacht Club?

By Staff Commodore John Humphreys

First of all, being Commodore of any Yacht Club is an honor and privilege ! And, in keeping with our founding Commodore, Dewey Rudolph's original objectives to promote boating and friendship, our club, after 44 years is still one of the friendliest Yacht Clubs around. Having been an active member of several Yacht Clubs previously, I can personally attest to the uniqueness of our club in terms of its warmth and friendship coupled with all the fun we have. Other clubs I have belonged to may have been larger and grander, but quite often they formed cliques, like sailboat racing, power boaters, and those that were mainly interested in the social activities. These different factions tended to not interact very well with each other and, to the detriment of the club, it typically took any new members a long time before they felt they were really acknowledged and genuinely accepted by the majority of the members.

When I was checking out Seagate Yacht Club in 2003 Jim Woods was Commodore, Margaret and I were immediately struck with how friendly and welcoming all the board and club members were. And when Jim and his wife Jeanne welcomed us as new members to sit at their table at the Commodore's Ball we realized how unique SGYC was!

People often say when asked to become a Flag Officer that leads to them becoming Commodore " Oh that's far too much work, I don't have enough time." Well one thing I learned from Jim Woods when I observed him as Commodore was the power of delegation. And anyone who has worked with Jim knows what a great organizer and delegator he is. Dennis Kreil, who was Commodore after Jim, can definitely attest to that! SGYC has a very strong board who are always ready to support the Flag Officers as well as our wonderful event hosts. I believe the greatest attributes you need to be a successful Commodore and to have fun with the minimal of effort is to be a good communicator, interact with everyone in the club, and have good delegating skills. This certainly helped me when I was Commodore in 2010, as the only events that Margaret and I were really responsible for was the Commodore's Ball and a Murder Mystery Dinner. The latter being a very easy event to organize. All of the other events were primarily wonderfully executed by the Event Hosts with the help of the board.

This year has been very challenging for all yacht clubs because of the Pandemic and we also had our Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore resigning because of personal commitments. But we still have a very strong board under our current Commodore Francis Okino who has graciously offered to serve as Commodore next year. So our immediate priority is to search among our existing membership for someone who would consider taking over the Vice Commodore's position for 2021. This can be a tremendous growth opportunity for anyone to further develop their communication and leadership skills. And as Commodore you have the honor of representing our club at other Yacht Club events in Southern California, including opening days, and you will be invited to join the International Order of the Blue Gavel, which gives you access privileges to most of the Yacht Clubs in the U.S.A. and Internationally.

As a Staff Commodore you will always look back with a sense of pride and satisfaction that you have contributed to the great legacy of Seagate Yacht Club. Let's make 2021 a great year and have fun !!

# JOIN THE COMMODORE CLUB



**1977 DEWEY RUDOLPH  
& PAT KELLEY**



**1978 DON YOUNG &  
TED TAYLOR**



**1979 FRED WADE &  
HARRY STEVENS**



**1980 PHIL DeCARO**



**1981 GEORGE SMITH  
& SUSAN BISHOP**



**1982 ROY JARVIS**



**1983 TOM DEGNAN**



**1984 KEN BAUSTIAN**



**1985 KEITH SHELTON**



**1986 JIM SENSKE**

**JOIN THE COMMODORE CLUB**



**1987 GEORGE FEE**



**1988 JIM JOHNSON**



**1989 JOE SMITH**



**1990 NAT PENDLETON**



**1991 BOB GARRETSON  
& JOE SMITH**



**1992 ED DAVIS**



**1993 BILL  
THORNBURG**



**1994 STEVE METRO**



**1995 TONY FLECKLIN**

**JOIN THE COMMODORE CLUB**



**1996 TOM WARD**



**1997 PAUL KAPLAN**



**1998 JACK SCHULZE**



**1999 OSCAR BRINKET**



**2000 CLIFF MEIER**



**2001 GENE BUSBY**



**2002 TOM McKNEW**



**2003 JIM WOODS**



**2004 DENNIS KREIL**

**JOIN THE COMMODORE CLUB**



**2005 MARY SHEBELL**



**2006 MIKE COURTWAY**



**2007 BOB AXEL**



**2008 CLEVE SPROULE**



**2009 RAY NAGELE**



**2010 JOHN HUMPHREYS**



**2011 LES KELLY**



**2012 DALE GIALI**



**2013 JEFF SPECHT**

**JOIN THE COMMODORE CLUB**



**2014 JOSEF  
DAVYDOVITS**



**2015 GIL MORRIS**



**2016 DR. MARK  
MONROE**



**2017 KELLY TIDWELL**



**2018 CINDY BROZ  
ALLEN**



**2019 ERLENE PACE**



**2019 HONORARY  
BOB MCCORMICK**



**2020-2021  
FRANCIS OKINO**



**2022 HOW ABOUT  
YOU !!!!**





***DR. MARK MONROE, M.D.  
FLEET SURGEON***



## **AUGUST UPDATE on COVID-19**

**By  
Mark Monroe, M.D.**

Every day I am asked by my patients when this pandemic will be over and when the vaccine will be available. Dr. Fauci, head of the Federal National Institute of Health, reports that the vaccine for COVID-19 is in human trials stage of development. A vaccine should be approved by the end of 2020, with production and distribution procedures already in place. It will take the drug manufacturers up to three months to mass produce enough doses to vaccinate at least 60% of U.S. population.

It is very important to remember that any vaccine is NOT cure-all. It is a preventative tool. Getting vaccinated is not a guarantee that one will not get the infection. All it means is that if one does get infected, it will be much milder and easier to fight it. The new COVID-19 vaccine will work pretty much like the influenza vaccine. Every year the new strains and mutations will be factored in to the decision of what it will protect. That is why it's very important that people get influenza and COVID-19 vaccines every year for best protection, especially not to have both infections at the same time. We were informed that 2020 influenza vaccines should be coming out in the first week of September. Please make sure you are vaccinated with the vaccine that is appropriate for your age group.

Please contact your family doctor for the information as to when and where to get the influenza vaccine this year.

## RICK BIGUM & MONA MARCOS

Interview by Staff Commodore Mike Courtway



Rick Bigum & Mona Marcos are new homeowners in SeaGate. Their new home on Windspun is on the deep water, has a boat slip and was intended to be a "second home". Well, so much for their home in La Verne. They love it here!

And, they're excited with their membership in SGYC and the prospects of it regaining the activity level so many of us were accustomed to.

They will soon be celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary. Rick has been retired for 10 years. Mona still works. She is an insurance broker specializing in Medicare insurance and related supplements.

Mona was born and raised in Egypt. Her family came to the United States after she graduated from high school.

Rick & Mona love to travel. They are booked on a cruise to Croatia later this year.

They are in the process of refurbishing their Duffy and also looking around for a bigger boat.

When you have a chance to meet this lovely couple, give them a hardy SGYC welcome.

## MEET LYLE & LINDA THEILE

Interview by Staff Commodore Mike



Lyle was born in Chicago, Illinois and Linda was born in Gary, Indiana. They never knew each other until they met in 1990 at a St. Patrick's Day party in downtown Chicago – lucky day for both !

Lyle was teaching high school special education in south Chicago and Linda was traveling around the country selling steel products for U S Steel Corp. This meant a very long distance relationship that lasted 7 years, They were married in 1997 at the Hilton Waikaloa Hotel on the Big Island of Hawaii. Lyle kept teaching and stayed in the Chicago area for another 3 years until he accepted a position at Wilson High School in Long Beach.

Lyle has two daughters from a previous marriage and they are both married. His oldest daughter, Alyssa & her husband have two daughters ages 9 and 11, and they live in Frankfort, IL. The youngest daughter, Sarah and her husband live in Crown Point, IN.

Linda has lived in Seagate since 1993 and Lyle finally moved in 2000 after accepting the teaching position at Wilson High School. Linda retired early from U S Steel but continued to work in the steel industry for another 5 years, and has since retired. Linda is serving on the Architectural committee for Seagate. Lyle continued teaching at Wilson and retired in 2018, but continues to substitute teach.

Both are members of the Flying Dutchman Guild of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Interests include travel, concerts, theater, movies and dining out with friends and family which have been a big part of their lives until this year.

# 8/2020 HARBOUR LIGHT ARTICLE

## SeaGate Yacht Club

by Jackie Sands and Cindy Broz Allen



Our new SGYC Webmaster Austin Dix.

### Events and Activities

While the last few months have been challenging, the Seagate Yacht Club Board continues to meet monthly via Zoom to discuss club commitments and keep our membership informed. Staying in touch with state and county requirements and building activities around them has resulted in the postponement and or cancellation of some of our favorite events.

In the staying in touch department, our Communications Chairman, Pam Jackson and our Commadore, Aurelia Okino, put together a collage of pictures showing how Seagate Yacht Club members were "sheltering in place". This was a great morale booster as some pictures were quite funny.

In the events department, we are taking it one event at a time to see if activities can be modified to meet Covid 19 regulations. A new event is being planned for September 5, 2020, the Seagate Yacht Club "Labor Day Weekend Festival." This event promises to meet all social distancing, food prep and food service requirements. Plus, it promises to be fun.

### New Webmaster

Seagate Yacht Club welcomes the addition of Webmaster Austin Dix to the board. Austin has been in training with our long-time webmaster Ray Nagele for the last few weeks and promises to be a great addition to the board. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Ray for his long-standing service and commitment to the club in the position of Webmaster. Ray has also served as Commodore and plays a crucial part in our annual entry to the Christmas parade.



2020 Seagate Yacht Club Board.

### Who are the Club Officers?

We are proud to include a new collage of the current Seagate Yacht Club Board. This is the team of volunteers that keep SGYC moving forward, help in event planning, publish information, help with set up and tear down and have a blast in the process.

### What We Look Forward To

All of us in SGYC look forward to a summer of pleasant enjoyment of this wonderful community. We wish health and happiness to all our neighbors.

## *Happy Birthday October & November*

<b>Robert Axel</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>Derek Gallup</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>Robert Oklejwicz</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Cheryl Arndt</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>Sandi Noble</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>Linda Theile</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Deborah Fairon</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>Gordon Hunt</b>	<b>10/26</b>	<b>Judie Kappes</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Jean Clark</b>	<b>10/4</b>	<b>Robert McCormick</b>	<b>10/26</b>	<b>Cristi Ulrich</b>	<b>11/18</b>
<b>Marsha Hendler</b>	<b>10/5</b>	<b>Evanne Connors</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>Richard Kappes</b>	<b>11/19</b>
<b>Dianne Rector</b>	<b>10/6</b>	<b>John Humphreys</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>Robin Clark</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>Jerry Cassidy</b>	<b>10/7</b>	<b>Rich Rector</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>Francis Okino</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>Marguerite McEntee</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>Scott Mueller</b>	<b>11/4</b>	<b>Patricia Oklejwicz</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>Jan McKnew</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>Donna Wells</b>	<b>11/7</b>	<b>Sam Juergens</b>	<b>11/28</b>
<b>Bett Walton</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>Kathy Bayless</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>Tricia Pratto</b>	<b>11/28</b>
<b>Renell Gochman</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>Dan Torla</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>John Arndt</b>	<b>11/29</b>
<b>Lisa Ratkelis</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>Caron Mount</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>Cathy Kelly</b>	<b>11/30</b>
<b>Fran Cyrus</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>Ken Noble</b>	<b>11/14</b>		

## *Happy Anniversary October & November*

<b>Scott &amp; Becky Mueller</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>Rich &amp; Dianne Rector</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Candace Cloud</b>	<b>11/18</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Melissa Jones</b>	<b>10/6</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Jessica Montano</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>John &amp; Maryann Boryszewski</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Uta DeClerck</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>Cliff &amp; Sandy Meier</b>	<b>10/30</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Regina O'Brien</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>Ron &amp; Kay Nelson</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Patricia Oklejwicz</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>Floyd &amp; Mira D'Angelo</b>	<b>11/25</b>
<b>Ron &amp; Mona Jones</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>Helena Parada &amp; Paul Brown</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Arlene Dixon</b>	<b>11/25</b>
<b>Michael &amp; Marguerite McEntee</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>Mary Shebell and Merle McCormick</b>	<b>11/16</b>		

**SHIP'S STORE  
SGYC LOGO CLOTHING**

Ship Store is looking forward  
Until we can safely sell our  
unique merchandise.

**LAURA ROSKELLY  
&  
GINGER HEGLER**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SHELTER IN PLACE  
APRIL 6 -TBD**

**OPENING DAY  
CANCELLED**

**ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 6  
VIA ZOOM**

**HUNTINGTON HARBOUR  
BOAT PARADE  
DECEMBER 13 & 14**



**2020 CREW**



Francis Okino	Commodore
OPEN	Vice Commodore
OPEN	Rear Commodore
SC Cindy Broz Allen	Secretary
Jackie Sands	Treasurer
Erlene Pace	Jr. Staff
	Commodore
SC John and Margaret Humphreys	
	Membership
Craig Whitacre	Port Captain
Pam Dake Jackson	Communications
Austin Dix	Webmaster
Laura Roskelly	Ship's Store
Ginger Hegler	Ships Store
HC Bob McCormick	Roster
Dr. Mark Monroe	Fleet Surgeon
SC Dale & Susan Westover	Giali
	Judge Advocates

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. A special thanks to SC Cindy Broz Allen and HC Bob and Joanne McCormick for their help and guidance.

Go to [www.sgyc.club](http://www.sgyc.club) To see all of the event pictures , more of Dr. Mark Monroe's interesting and helpful articles, upcoming events and lots more.

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