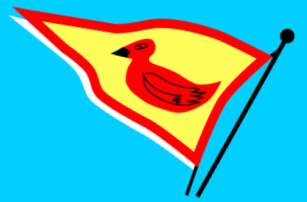


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# Avalon





## ***JOSEF DAVYDOVITS, COMMODORE***

Am I the only one so surprised that the "new" year of 2014 is already half way over! It seems as if we celebrated the New Year just a few days ago. As we are going on with our lives for the second half of the year, I ask you to think about our Club. *Ask not what SeaGate Yacht Club can do for you, but what you can do for SGYC.* I am referring specifically to all the work that goes into running a Club like ours and the volunteer work that many of our members put into it. We could not operate without all our volunteers, it takes all of your efforts for us to thrive.

We need to start planning and thinking ahead to 2015. Many areas are in need of our attention. We need volunteers for all the events that we will plan for the 2015 schedule. Also, we will have a new board that will help manage the club's everyday business. We have a great board this year and I can't thank all the present board members enough for their dedication and selfless work and their devotion to the SGYC. There will be a lot of new board member positions becoming available, giving the opportunity for our membership to sign up. I need your help by signing up for the available positions. *Here is your opportunity to make a difference and provide your own twist and input into the managing of this club. Every board members position is important and provides new leadership and the opportunity to change how the club is run.*

Here is a short synopsis of what we looking for:

**Rear Commodore** – As always we need someone to sign up for this position to be in line for the Commandership. This will be a fulfilling position and a great opportunity for someone to make a difference in the direction to which the club moves forward

**Communication Chair** – We are looking for a talented person to lead the communication role for SGYC. This person would become the editor for our own bulletin, the "Burgee" and be able to provide a well-designed unique magazine. You would manage all other forms of communications through articles posted on other magazines such as the "Harbour Light" magazine

**Treasurer** – This position keeps track of all the events expenses and controls all the clubs income and expenses. Your volunteering work will make a huge difference

**Webmaster** – We also need assistance to manage our website. This as an extremely rewarding position as your help and talent will provide great exposure and reward in posting the many moments captured throughout the year. We need a cohesive team to manage a website that is recognized as one of the best

**Ship Store** – Even though we have one volunteer to manage our ship store, we need an additional volunteer to help to run the store, and manage the many beautiful pieces of logo merchandise. Your fashion opinion will be reflected in our store

**Event Hosts** -Lastly, but not least the many that are needed for all the many scheduled events.

I need all of you to strongly consider this call to serve your fellow friends and members as a necessary function to keep our club alive and functional. We have had a great club for 37 years that did not survive without the dedicated volunteer work put in by many of your fellow members.

Now it's your turn...

I am looking forward to hearing from you. Please contact me with any issues and comments.



## ***DR. MARK MONROE, REAR COMMODORE***

The summer is in full swing, but it is not too early to think and plan for our annual Christmas boat parade entry. This year's theme is Music in Paradise. Let's keep the winning pride and tradition this year also. We need everyone's help in planning and decorating the boat. We need an active committee to achieve this goal. This is not a one person project. Please consider volunteering for this very important event. I would like to schedule our first planning meeting on July 16 at 7:30pm at my house. Please e-mail me at [romida777@yahoo.com](mailto:romida777@yahoo.com) and let me know that you are in. Hope to hear from you.

I am sure that you are aware that I also write monthly medical articles such as shoulder injuries, jetlag, seasickness update, burns, bee stings, etc. They are available on SGYC website, [seagateyachtclub.com](http://seagateyachtclub.com), for your viewing. If you are interested in any other medical topics, please feel free to contact me at the above e-mail address and I will be happy to write something about them.



## ***GIL MORRIS, VICE COMMODORE***

Ahoy fellow boaters and Seagate Yacht Club members. On behalf of our club I want to thank the event hosts Staff Commodore Dennis Kreil & Kathy and Brad & Sheri Goodrich for a fun event and the great weather for our Avalon Cruise. I also wish to thank Aurelia & Francis Okino, Don & Jackie Sands and Eugene & Lucille Mascoli for a terrific event at our Night at the Races.

The Progressive Dinner is coming up on Saturday, July 12. The event hosts are Staff Commodore John Humphreys & Margaret and Cathy Kelly. This year the Progressive Dinner won't progress quite as far as usual, but be assured it will be a great adventure. Your wonder filled evening will start out at the beautiful home of Patrick and Marta O'Rourke where you will enjoy appetizers and tropical drinks. For dinner we will retire to the SeaGate Clubhouse for baby back ribs, grilled ono, pineapple rice and Hawaiian veggies. You will enjoy lovely Hawaiian melodies from the Island Band Trio.

The progressing ends at the clubhouse to finish the night with all the tropical movements of the Hawaiian Dancers. Enjoy your Banana Foster a la mode with coffee and liqueurs for dessert. You will sleep well this night as you dream of the tropical trade winds and the dreamy sounds of Hawaii.

You can see the entire flyer on the SGYC web site [www.seagateyachtclub.com](http://www.seagateyachtclub.com).

# ***Avalon***

The annual SGYC Avalon Cruise started with record breaking heat and ended with record breaking fun. Fifteen boats and an enthusiastic group of club members and guests enjoyed clear skies, calm seas, and warm breezes in beautiful Avalon Harbor. Eager skippers began arriving in Avalon as early as Wednesday morning with the majority of boats sailing into the harbor on Thursday or Friday, greeted by the Club's Burgee hoisted at the entrance to the harbor. After a fun afternoon, we once again enjoyed a lively cocktail party Friday evening at the Catalina Island Yacht Club. What a beautiful venue for our gathering, and a special opportunity for our club to enjoy this historic facility. The party was a success as members enjoyed the company and conversation of good friends, views of the beautiful bay, and a variety of delicious appetizers. A special thanks to Mark and Joanne Daugherty for their sponsorship of SGYC.

Saturday morning brought another day of pleasant weather, warm water and a variety of activities on shore and in the harbor. It is one of the special events of the year sharing the experience of Avalon with so many people that you know. The afternoon was highlighted by the annual dinghy parade. Dinghies decorated to the theme of California Dreaming paraded up along the harbor fairways. Later that evening at the Mi Casitas dinner, judges awarded special Seagate trophies to Rob & Cindy Allen for Most Creative (towing a real surfer), Jay and Angie Fern for Best Use of Seagate Burgee colors, Chris and Gil Morris for Most Whimsical, Josef and Kim Davydovits and Jan and Ray Nagele for Best of Theme (most hippies and most dogs). The Sweepstakes Trophy was awarded to Floyd and Mira D'Angelo for their cleverly engineered Woodie, complete with surfboards on the roof and surfing music. Floyd's Woodie also secured the SGYC-HHYC perpetual Sweepstakes Trophy for the Seagate Yacht Club for the second consecutive year. SGYC thanks all the parade participants: Great Job!

The Avalon Cruise is a very special event due to the spirit and friendship of our members. Your event co-hosts, Dennis and Kathy Kreil and Brad and Sheri Goodrich wish to thank all the skippers and club members for their attendance and Dewey and Sandy Rudolph for their special assistance with mooring assignments.

# Night at the Races



Hosts, L-R: Jackie Sands, Gene & Lucille Mascoli, Aurelia & Francis Okino, Don Sands (not shown)

The Night at the Races event was another great success—enjoyed by ninety-three paid guests. However, this year was special in that California Chrome, a horse that trains and resides at Los Alamitos, was running at Belmont Stakes for the Triple Crown.

Our “Night at the Races” started with the welcoming and seating the guests at their pre-assigned seats by the event hosts. When everybody settled in, the fun began with the betting on the ponies and enjoying a few drinks. The food, as usual, was great and everybody had plenty to eat. Though California Chrome did not win the Triple Crown, we all had a great time.

The hat contest was again very competitive and exciting, especially for the ladies. The winners were: first place, Susan Lipman; second place, Karen Verne ( Ben Rudolph’s fiancé); and third place, Bonnie Specht. The 50/50 was also a heat and there were 3 winners—each receiving \$ 55.00

The trivia questions were challenging, and the winning table got 5 questions out of 12---but they were nicely rewarded with two bottles of quality wine. . Race # 5, dedicated to the Sea Gate Yacht Club was exciting and horse # 5 won—what a coincidence!

Many thanks go to co-hosts Lucille and Gene Mascoli as well as Jackie and Don Sands. You all made a terrific event even better.



## The Valiant, by Patrick Smith

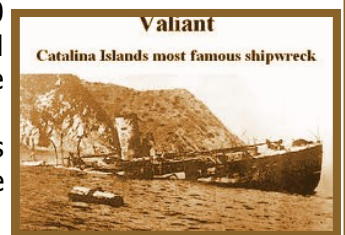
For many in SGYC, the run to Catalina and Avalon is an often enjoyed pleasure. The grandeur of the world famous Casino and the Mediterranean-esque beauty of the pastel houses that climb the surrounding hillsides are just a couple of the esthetic aspects that draw us back again and again. But for some of us the aesthetics, nearness and services (not to mention Big Olaf’s) provided at the island are secondary to certain aspects of maritime history that most visitors are totally unaware of.

On the seafloor of Descanso Bay, just east of the Casino lay the remains of what was once the world’s largest privately owned yacht. A mere shore boat by today’s mega-yacht standards, the *VALIANT* (launched as *ARAS*) was the biggest and best with her launch in 1926. Designed by Cox & Stevens and built to the highest and most elegant standards by Newport News Shipbuilding, the 162-foot long vessel, had a cruising range of 5,500 nautical miles and a cruising speed of 16 knots. Said to be the first American yacht to be built with double-bottom hull for water and fuel tanks the vessel was luxuriously appointed throughout and included a playroom for the owners’ children and thirteen tiled bathrooms.

For unknown reasons, the vessel’s first owner sold the ship to Charles Howard the same year she was launched. Howard, a wealthy entrepreneur and inventor, owner of the Howard Motor Company is probably better known as the owner of the horseracing legend, Seabiscuit. Howard re-named the vessel *VALIANT* and, being a member of the prestigious St. Francis Yacht Club, he cruised the vessel extensively along the West Coast and throughout Pacific.

These happy sojourns came to a dramatic end in December 1930 when while peacefully anchored in Descanso Bay, the *VALIANT* was ripped by several explosions, caught fire and, fueled by the 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel aboard, burned for the next three days. Howard, his family, guests and crew all escaped. Four crewmen with minor injuries and one crewman with serious burns were taken to Avalon’s hospital for treatment.

There was salvage carried out on the yacht, but for the most part her hull remains mostly unknown and rarely considered by modern-day visitors; an intriguing piece of maritime history beneath the waters of Descanso Bay.





# Night at the Races

# Seeking a New Communications Officer



It has been six years since I assumed the position of Communications Officer including editor of the Seagate Yacht Club Burgee newsletter. It has been an enjoyable, enlightening and rewarding experience and I thank everyone for the privilege. I have decided to discontinue my position and so, as editor and on the club's behalf, I am placing this request for a new Communications Officer/editor, beginning January 2015

The position requires a working knowledge of computers and desktop publishing. It does not necessarily require writing articles, but editing those of others. I will be happy to share my resources and contacts with the new Communications Officer in order to ease the transition.

Volunteers for this, and any other leadership position, are asked to contact the Vice Commodore, Gil Morris, (714/377-3766) or Commodore Josef Davydovits (714/840-8333) to get details.

They look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely, Joel Lander



I met with **Michelle & Anthony Salcido** in their beautiful waterfront home on Trinidad, recently. They share their home with Socrates, a Shiba Inu dog and Roy, a cat. They have been married only six years, but they have known each other over 15 years. They met on a blind date arranged by a friend.

Michelle is a native of California having spent the first 30 years of her life in Palm Springs. She finally moved up to the Los Angeles area to attend college and work at Universal Studios. She obtained a Bachelors Degree from Pepperdine.

Anthony is also a California native. He was born and raised in Montebello, and graduated from Whittier College. He owns and operates Montebello Container Corp. with his brother, John. Anthony has five children, one stepdaughter, and 10 grandchildren. All are in the area and according to Michelle, they have some very large family gatherings.

Their boat is named "Ah Dunno" and sits behind their home. It's a 2006 Viking 48 ft. Sportsfisher. Anthony favors marlin and tuna fishing. Early on he had the boat in Mexico for one year. They are members Catalina Island Yacht Club and Anthony runs the CIYC Billfish Tournament each summer.

Anthony and Michelle were encouraged to join SGYC by Robin and Jean Clark. After spending a long time on the wait list, they finally got their burgee on Opening Day 2014. They have already attended several SGYC events and find the members very friendly. Give Anthony and Michelle a hardy SGYC welcome when you see them.

## New Members



I met with **Marshall Wise** and when I finished my interview, it felt like we were old friends. He's lived in SeaGate 4 ½ years and just recently decided to join SGYC thanks to Francis Okino.

Marshall was born in Yonkers, N.Y. and grew up in the Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University. He then spent 29 years in southern Florida around Boca Raton and Ft. Lauderdale. He then moved to SoCal. He has been married and has one son who got married recently. He lives in New York City.

Marshall has operated Wise Equity Planning for 33 years. He is a "money coach" helping people acquire and maintain wealth as they move towards retirement. He also coaches people on funding college educations for their children.

In his spare time, Marshall has other interests. He officiates J.V. and high school football games. He is also an avid tennis enthusiast and enjoys matches on SeaGate courts. He has a kayak and he enjoys motorcycle rides on his 1993 Suzuki 1100 GSXG.

Marshall loves the H.B. area and has enjoyed SGYC. He is looking forward to attending more events along with Tuesday Cruzin'. Say hello Marshall next time you see him.

Kay	Bogert	7/2	Jeanne	Woods	7/24	Candace	Cloud	8/13
Patrick	Surridge	7/2	Dan	Bates	7/25	Mira	D'Angelo	8/13
Susan	Westover	7/3	Rick	Pope	7/26	Sharon	Courtway	8/13
Magda	Youssef	7/9	JoAnn	Busby	7/27	Les	Kelly	8/14
John	Boryszewski	7/10	Linda	Axel	7/27	Michael	Courtway	8/15
Jim	Senske	7/10	Pat	Jenkes	7/28	Jim	DeClerck	8/15
Teresa	Staszak	7/10	Cleve	Sproule	7/28	Gene	Busby	8/16
Martha	Baumel	7/11	Merle	McCormick	7/28	Doug	Fuhrman	8/18
Floyd	D'Angelo	7/11	Paul	Brown	7/28	Mark	Arizmendi	8/18
Jeff	Haas	7/13	Prem	Sharma	7/28	Sandra	Atherton	8/20
Horst	Meeks	7/14	Anne	White	7/29	Helene	Rowlette	8/20
David	Swanson	7/15	Barbara	Olschwang	7/31	Laura	Roskelly	8/21
Dianne	Flecklin	7/15	Kelly	Fidwell	8/3	Brad	Goodrich	8/22
Joel	Lander	7/16	Becky	Mueller	8/6	Sharon	Fuhrman	8/22
Aurelia	Okino	7/16	Sandy	Rudolph	8/7	Merrill	Walstad	8/25
Susan	Lipman	7/17	Marta	O'Rourke	8/7	Gary	Gochman	8/28
Kay	Nelson	7/17	Michael	McHardy	8/9	Guy	Mount	8/28
Gil	Morris	7/18	Kathy	Kreil	8/11	Diane	Kaplan	8/30
Suzanne	Russell	7/19	Donald	Sands	8/12	Adrienne	DeWolfe	8/31
Bonnie	Specht	7/24	Michael	McEntee	8/13	Uta	DeClerck	8/31

Larry & Marilyn Schwartz	7/3	Jay & Sherrie Ferns	7/29
Ed & Georgette Davis	7/4	Michael & Sheree Novak	8/6
Gary & Sharon Young	7/4	Jerry & Suzanne Russell	8/13
Greg & Kathy Lee	7/7	RJ & Terry Parcell	8/14
Radha & Prem Sharma	7/8	Tom & Sandy Gallagher	8/15
Dewey & Sandy Rudolph	7/9	Keith & Cathy Liddle	8/15
Kip & Gail Cyprus	7/10	Joe & Verna Smith	8/17
Larry & Carole Stelle	7/11	Rick & Lori Thomas	8/17
Larry & Janet Carone	7/18	Jeff & Tina Haas	8/19
Magdy & Magda Youssef	7/18	Alan & Barbara Olschwang	8/22
Dean Knupp & Nancy Ehlen	7/19	Dale Giali & Susan Westover	8/23
Ken & Sandi Noble	7/20	Michael & Lolly McHardy	8/23
Richard & Judie Kappes	7/21	Gil & Chris Morris	8/23
Marty & Susan Lipman	7/23	Francis & Aurelia Okino	8/26
A. Michael & Sharon Courtway	7/29		

## SHIPS STORE

### SGYC LOGO CLOTHING

LINDA AXEL 714/840-1940

DEBORAH FAIRON 949/287-4353

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Progressive Dinner  
Saturday, July 12*

*Duffy Dinner Cruise  
Saturday, August 30*

*Newport Cruise  
Fri-Sunday, Sept. 19-21*

*Duffy Brunch to HHYC  
Sunday, October 5*



## 2014 CREW



Josef Davydovits	Commodore
Gil Morris	Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore	Dr. Mark Monroe
Jeff Specht	Jr. Staff Commodore
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Lisa Zia	Treasurer
Aurelia Okino	Membership
Rob Allen	Port Captain
Linda Axel	Ships Store
Deborah Fairon	Ships Store
Bob McCormick	Roster
Tom Worden	Webmaster
Joel Lander	Communications

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