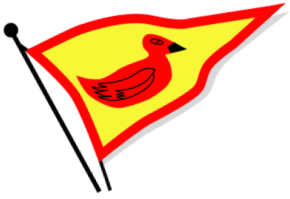


Seagate Yacht Club

THE BURGEE

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Opening Day





FROM JEFF SPECHT, COMMODORE

Spring time is a special time of the year for Bonnie & myself. Our beautiful harbour comes to life. Our neighbors come out of hiding fixing up their homes, polishing their boats and have smiles on their faces. We have a fantastic season planned for the yacht club this year. Opening day is one of our favorite events and this year we were not disappointed. The weather and ceremonies were fantastic. And as reported by our Rear Commodore "The ice has melted and the harbor is free of debris, and in all respects is safe and ready for boating of all manner". I say let the fun and summer begin.

We proudly announced at opening Day that the Huntington Harbour Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 6-2 and SGYC have partnered to promote boating safety in our Harbour. Their Mission Statement: Recreational Boating Safety - To improve the knowledge, skills, and operating environment of the recreational boater. -- To assist the US Coast Guard and States in a multitude of operational and administrative activities including many new as well as traditional roles.

To get our fleet ready for the summer we have scheduled a boat check on Saturday May 11th, the week before our Avalon Cruise May on 17th. They are open to all members and home owners. Contact our Rear Commodore Gil Morris to get on the USCG inspection list. We are also working on having boating courses offered to SGYC members and home owners.

Avalon is truly a magical place that seems so far away but can be seen easily on a clear day. It's truly one of our "do-not-miss events." Looks like a great start to the summer. Check the Event schedule and join us as often as you can. Smooth Sailing

Jeff



FROM JOSEF DAVYDOVITS, VICE COMMODORE

Hello All,

Opening Day is behind us and looking back, what a great and successful event it was. The weather was great and has provided a perfect platform to declare the beginning of the official boating season. What better way to start up the season then participating in our upcoming annual SeaGate Yacht Club cruise weekend (May 17 – 19) to the beautiful Avalon Harbor at Catalina Island. This event is always a favorite to boaters and town revelers alike. I hope that all of you who wish to join have signed up and have made your reservations (see details on the flyer posted on our website, www.seagateyachtclub.com).

It is planned to be a spectacular event. Our cocktail party is on Friday at the historic Catalina Island Yacht Club, and Saturday dinner will be held at the beautiful Mi Casita Restaurant. Come one, come all and toast a tall margarita with all your fellow members and friends. (Please contact Kim Davydovits for more details and reservations at 714-840-8333)

Moving on, June is around the corner and will get us off the water and trotting to Los Alamitos Race Track for another fun-filled event. This event, hosted once again by Aurelia and Francis Okino is planned to be a great day to try your luck as you watch the horses racing to the finish line. Our host has also scheduled an Ascot Hat contest. So, put on your funniest, biggest and most outrageous hat and come to the races. We will also award the top 3 "hat" winners. There will be a spectacular buffet line up. So, sign up early and don't miss out from the time of your life on June 8 in Los Alamitos.

Szervusz, Josef

FROM GIL MORRIS, REAR COMMODORE



Ahoy fellow boaters and yacht club members. We kicked off our boating season with a first ever Dock Party. What a fabulous afternoon. It was a great way for all our members to get a taste of the beautiful boats we have in our Yacht Club fleet. I know that an event of this magnitude takes a lot of planning and hard work and is truly appreciated. The boats, weather, food and friendship shown to all our members were fantastic. On behalf of our club I want to thank the event host Jr. Staff Commodore Dale Giali & Sue, club members Greg Lee, Clement Aime and Floyd D'Angelo for a job well done. I also want to thank all the captains for bringing their boats. It was easy to see that our club members enjoyed going aboard.

The Avalon Cruise will be held on Friday thru Sunday, May 17 thru 19. The event host is Vice Commodore Josef Davydovits & Kim. Avalon is so much fun you must go, Friday, we will again be privileged to have our welcome cocktail party at the Catalina Island Yacht Club Cocktail/Appetizers 4:00-8:00pm No Host Bar. Cash Only. Saturday, Mini golf tournament, dinghy parade is at 1:30pm the theme will be "Favorite Ship" - real or fantasy. Maybe we will see the sinking of the Titanic or how about Winkin. Saturday dinner will be in the upstairs room of Mi Casitas at 6:00pm. Sunday, return to Huntington Harbor. If you plan to stay in Avalon you will want to procure a house rental or hotel reservation now.

Our water events are numerous this year. Our Duffy "Brunch" Cruise to Huntington Harbor Yacht Club for will be held on Sunday June, 2. Commodore Jeff Specht & Bonnie will host the event. Our Progressive Dinner Cruise will be held on Saturday, July 13, hosted by Jr. Staff Commodore Dale and Sue. Our Duffy "Dinner" Cruise and will be held on Saturday, August 10 Rear Commodore Gil Morris & Chris will host the event and our Newport Cruise will be held Friday thru Sunday September 27 thru 29 Staff Commodore Ray Nagele & Jan will host the event.

In short, get your boat ready we will have a lot of fun this year. You can see all the flyer on the SGYC web site <http://seagateyachtclub.com/>.



On Saturday, April 20, more than 130 members and guests attended the Club's 37th Opening Day. The weather was perfect. The boating was festive. The beverages were flowing. The food was delicious. The friendship was fantastic. And the pomp & circumstance was befitting of such a special day.



Hosts: Jr. Staff Commodore Dale Giali & Sue

It all started with the traditional Parade of the Fleet. Kismet was in the lead in very impressive fashion, flying the Club burgee and the officer flags. Seventeen well-decorated boats followed. Though a wee bit tardy, we were honored to have the Harbor Patrol, complete with shooting water cannon, escort the line of impressive boats through the channels. The parade concluded with the traditional pass-in-review salute to the flag officers. And for the first time ever the four Commodores were joined on the bow by the other two officers of the Club – the Treasurer (Lisa Zia) and the Secretary (Cindy Allen) – all looking spiffy in their blazers and hats.

Following a delightful 90 minutes on the water, we gathered at the clubhouse for the pre-program happy hour. The program started at 16:30 sharp, with nine Staff Commodores and Margaret Humphreys in attendance (too many to fit in the front row, sorry Bob & Linda!). Mary Shebell provided an inspiring invocation. The eight bells were rung in honor of our dearly departed 1993 commodore, Bill Thornburg. Officer flags were raised – this year below the U.S. flag, which itself was at half mast in honor of those struck down in Boston. Huge cannon fire roared as each flag reached its pinnacle. Jr. Staff Commodore Dale Giali was sworn in as a new member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel (the association of past Commodores). We had several dignitaries in attendance, including officers of the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the IOBG.

Based on Rear Commodore Gil Morris's favorable report on the condition of the harbor, Commodore Jeff Specht declared the 2013 yachting season of the SeaGate Yacht Club officially open. With that, Vice Commodore Josef Davydovits raised the Club burgee. And, yes, another huge roar of the cannon! (We do love that cannon.) A delicious dinner, with good friends and fellowship followed.

A lot of people contributed to the success of Opening Day. To all those who helped set up and clean up (you know who you are) – thank you! To all the skippers who hosted our members and guests and participated in the parade – thank you! And a special thanks to Kip & Gail Cyprus for leading the parade and hosting the flag officers in grand style. To Gil Morris taking charge of the parade – thank you! To Tom Worden – thank you for walking us down memory lane with your slide show of past Opening Days streaming on the TV, and for taking photos this year. To our great Ship's Store team – thank you, thank you, thank you! To Rob and Cindy Allen (and Mike & Erlene) – thank you for provisioning our boats and hosting our clubhouse refreshments. To Dale & Sue Giali for planning the event and overseeing it all – thank you! And finally, for perhaps the best cannon fire ever – thank you Rod Antiplan.

PHOTOS

As many of you know, our member **Cindy Shaw** and her companion **Patrick Smith** are avid, expert divers. Together they have traveled to many local and foreign sites to dive. Below are some of the dazzling photos taken by Cindy on their many dives. Thank you, Cindy and Patrick.



FROM



OUR



MEMBERS



David & Barb Bobier have lived in SeaGate for about four months. (For Barb, it was long enough for her to break her leg) They moved from Whittier thanks to a strong influence by their good friends, Sharon & Gary Young. David & Barb are both SoCal natives and met at a 4th of July party in 1979. They have been married 31 years and had three children.

David has just retired from the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Barb is retired from a career as a conference coordinator for continuing education and special needs organizations. Being retired, Dave hopes to spend more time taking trips in his 4X4 Jeep and playing golf. Together, they are getting ready to leave in June for their first European vacation. They're targeting Baltic capitals and, together, they are making plans to complete the remodel of their beautiful SeaGate home that they share with their cat, Mr. Winky".

Barb and David are thrilled to have been introduced to SGYC by Sharon & Gary and are looking forward to attending our events. Welcome to SGYC Barb & David.



Patrick & Cindy Surridge are both SoCal natives. Patrick grew up in Glendale (attending Hoover High) and Cindy in Tujunga. They met when Cindy was working for Robinson's in Glendale. Patrick's friend was being set up with Cindy and Patrick accompanied him when he went to meet her. Well, the rest is history! They have been married for 36 years and have a son and a daughter, and no grandkids, as yet. They live in a beautiful SeaGate home with their two dogs – Shadow and Diesel. They have lived in Huntington Beach 34 years, having moved to SeaGate 4 years ago, from downtown.

Patrick works in marketing and sales for Bosch in pharmaceutical packaging. He has a large territory and travels a lot! Cindy is co-owner of "Pals and Paws", an in-home pet care and dog walking service.

They have owned a 1976 Willard 30 ft. trawler, with a flybridge, for about 10 years. It has a 4 cylinder, 60 h.p. diesel engine. The boat, named "Snug", was built in Costa Mesa. It sleeps four and cruises at 6 knots. They love going Catalina in it.

If they aren't working or boating, Patrick is surfing and Cindy is jogging. They are very happy they found SeaGate and are happy they joined SGYC. Give them a warm SGYC welcome next time you see them.

SAINT PATRICKS DAY THE SEAGATE WAY

THE DOCK PARTY



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THE DOCK PARTY

Sixteen boats and 117 partygoers came together on the Bimini docks on St. Patrick's Day to enjoy some of the finest things in life -- food, beverages, friendship, great weather and messing around in boats. The Dock Party -- the first ever for SGYC -- was a tremendous success, a perfect atmosphere to catch up with friends, and a great opportunity to tour and enjoy members' boats. Upon arrival, each attendee received a flashing party-themed lapel pin and one of Sue's delicious Sham-rock O'Ritas. Lots of green, of course -- including green beer on tap -- but many attendees got extra creative with St. Patty's Day themed clothing and accessories, making the party that much more festive. Special mention goes to Peggy Allison and her green hair and tiara, and her and Dennis Huffman's matching foot-long alcohol delivery devices; Josef Davydovits with his giant flashing bowtie and tiny hat; Dave Bobier's leprechaun hat and giant bowtie; Janet Littlejohn's giant bowtie; and Pat Jenkes and her Elton John-like green glasses. The Club also had the honor of presenting 6 burgees to new members (Dave/Barb Bobier, Brad/Sheri Goodrich, Janet Littlejohn, Bob/Sheila Osborn, Dan Torla/Pam Hayes, and John/Cristi Ulrich).

An event like this does not happen without a lot of planning and a big team of volunteers. "Volunteers" is used particularly loosely here. Dale and Sue signed up to "host" this event with great expectations but without the ability to get it done themselves (or even come close), but also never really officially "asking" anyone to co-host with them. Rather, they just knew that their neighbors and the Club would rally behind the event and that everything would get done. A huge debt of gratitude to Greg Lee for serving as dock master, harbor master, tug boat operator, general manager, furniture mover, carpenter, giant burgee hanger, graphics designer, and many more jobs. It took a lot of time, energy, effort and creativity to secure an entire dock (yes, we got the entire dock for our use), get 16 boats docked safely, and prepare the dock for a party with 117 people -- and that's exactly what Greg managed. Lots of others helped, including Floyd D'Angelo, who not only prepared the dock for the party and put all back together once the party was over, but also made the terrific SGYC entry trellis at the ramp to the dock. The other dock general was Clem Aime, who spent the better part of three straight days on party duty, first clearing the dock of boats (yes, we used Traveler to tug several of them away), then filling it back up with members' boats, then cleaning up after the party was over, and returning the resident boats back to their slips. Kathy Lee and Mira D'Angelo oversaw party décor, with assistance from Cindy Allen (who also was on camera duty) -- and they all did a fabulous job. Sue Westover designed the flier, tracked the RSVPs and the money, and made her specialty drink! Dale ordered the flashing lapel pins and otherwise did what he was told. Others whose assistance was invaluable include Tom Worden (photography & webmastering); and, of course, Rob Allen (bar), with lots of assistance from Ray Nagele (nice hat, Ray!).

Two more very important groups to thank: First, the boat owners who brought their boats to the party and allowed folks to "come aboard." The party would not have been possible without your spirited participation. Those of you who committed extra early (Kismet), gave us the inspiration to keep this event alive and on track. Second, the homeowners on the Bimini dock, including the Lees, Woods, Laney, Furhman, Parcells, and Noices, who allowed us to have our party in your backyard and use your slips deserve a big "thank you." We are very grateful!

At The Dock Party

BURGEES



Dave & Barb Bobier



John & Christi Ulrich

RECIPIENTS



Janet Littlejohn



Brad & Sheri Goodrich



Bob & Sheila Osborn



Dan Torla/Pam Hayes

Joseph	Weimortz	5/1
Ron	Jones	5/3
Kathy	Lee	5/5
Terry	Hayden	5/10
Lesley	Herbold	5/11
Lolly	McHardy	5/13
Sandy	Gallaughier	5/13
Kevin	Cloud	5/14
Ray	Nagele	5/18
Tim	O'Brien	5/19
John	Pratto	5/19
Deanna	Stingley	5/23
Gail	Cyprus	5/24
Cindy	Allen	5/25
Jeff	Smith	5/30
Lucille	Thornburg	5/31

James	Woods	5/31
Mark	Monroe	6/1
Carole	Stelle	6/3
Dennis	Huffman	6/3
Tom	Worden	6/5
Tina	Haas	6/7
Barbara	Ward	6/8
Tom	McKnew	6/8
Josef	Davydovits	6/10
Helena	Parada	6/12
Marty	Lipman	6/13
Alice	Fetterman	6/19
Parvaneh	Carter	6/24
Vaughn	Jenkes	6/27
Tom	Ward	6/29

Dick & Linda Scholl	5/4
Ray & Ellen Martin	5/11
David & Bea' Swanson	5/13
Gary & Michelle Bartlett	5/17
Richard & Kaye Verry	5/24
Pat & Vaughn Jenkes	5/28
Cheryl & John Arndt	5/29
Guy & Deborah Fairon	5/29
David & Roni Fell	5/29

Bonnie & Jeff Specht	6/1
Mark & Joanne Daugherty	6/5
Rho & Ping Chao	6/6
Mark & Lina Monroe	6/11
Tom & Barbara Ward	6/14
James & Adrienne DeWolfe	6/15
Eugene & Lucille Mascoli	6/15
Jerry & Linda Cassidy	6/17
Bob and Linda Axel	6/20
Dwayne & Mary Lund	6/20



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary & SGYC



Starting this month, Seagate Yacht Club and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have entered into a partnership promoting boating safety in Huntington Harbor. The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers classes on navigation, boater safety, boat safety inspections and related activities.

Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary are available to perform Vessel Safety Checks (**VSCs**) for all boats -- power boats, sail boats and electric boats. For your convenience they will come to your slip. All they need to know is the type of boat, the slip number and the street address in front of the slip to help locate the boat. Naturally, the owner has to be present for the inspection. The VSC informs you of any safety issues with your boat. Only two people see the VSC report --you and the examiner. The VSC is open to all Seagate Condominium home/boat owners as well as Seagate Yacht Club members

Besides the obvious value of knowing if your boat has any safety deficiencies (which can then be corrected) the additional benefit to having the VSC in hand is that if the Coast Guard wants to board your boat within one year to do a VSC, you can show them the report already completed, and in most cases they will send you on your way.

If you would like to schedule your boat for a VSC please do so by contacting to Rear Commodore Gil Morris at cgmorris1@verizon.net.

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SGYC LOGO CLOTHING

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MARK ARIZMENDI 714/376-9692

DEBORAH FAIRON 949/287-4353

UPCOMING EVENTS

****AVALON CRUISE****

May 17 to May 19

DUFFY BRUNCH CRUISE TO HHYC*

Sunday, June 2

****NIGHT AT THE RACES****

Saturday, June 8

PROGRESSIVE DINNER*

Saturday, July 13



2013 CREW



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

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