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## FROM THE BRIDGE

By John Humphreys,  
Commodore



Happy New Year! We hope you had a glorious festive season with your family and friends. Things are always a little bit quiet in January as we recover from the excitement of the holidays, but rest assured your board and event hosts are working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that 2010 will be a terrific year for our club. I hope that you have used the insert in the last newsletter to mark up your calendars, as you will not want to miss any of the great events we have planned.

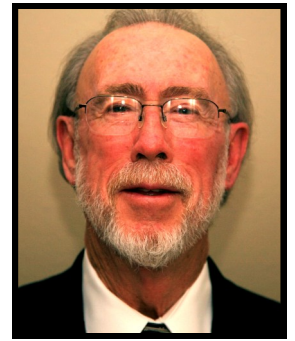
Our Super Bowl party is coming up on Sunday February 7, where there is always plenty of fun for everyone. Our large screen TV makes viewing the game a treat. Of course, don't forget to start putting together your favorite chili cookoff recipe, which is always hotly contested. On Sunday February 28 we have our annual New Members Brunch where champagne is served on the boat ride over to Long Beach Yacht Club for brunch. Everyone is welcome and this is a great time for new members and prospective new members to learn more about our club. Then, on March 20-21 we will have the casino road trip, where we spend a glorious weekend at The Pala Resort and Casino. The fun starts as soon as we get on the bus, so don't miss the bus on this one.

We have a full schedule of events for the year, but there is always room for any new activities if there is an interest. For instance, last year we had several game nights on Friday evenings with take-out pizza, Chinese food, etc. Another idea, which may appeal to our sports fans, is to have Monday night football or any other type of sports night. Also, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is always willing to work with our club to provide Safe Boating Courses, Boating & Seamanship or Navigation classes if we can get a sufficient number of our members interested. They also provide free vessel safety checks. Check their website [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) for details, and let me know your interests. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Good Sailing, John

## FROM THE VICE

By Les Kelly  
Vice Commodore



The year 2009 was a great time to be a member of the SeaGate Yacht Club. New events for 2009, i.e., The casino road trip, and the Duffy based "Cruisin' Tuesdays" proved to be big hits. The traditional New Year's Eve party, with its trimmed down food service and member cost, was very popular as well. SeaGate ended the year with 273 individual members, the largest number ever. We have already had one new member application in January.

Two thousand ten looks to be even better with more fun filled events available to members. A new Duffy based monthly event, "SGYC Sunday Brunch Cruise" at HHYC, on the second Sunday morning from January through April, was very popular on its first day with forty members taking advantage of this social opportunity. Opening day is just around the corner, April 10, and all members are invited to take part in the traditional yearly kick off of the boating season. To keep members fully informed on upcoming fun events, Tom Worden has implemented a number of improvements in the website at [www.seagateyachtclub.com](http://www.seagateyachtclub.com). The changes give the website a fresh look and allow members to quickly learn about upcoming events or new activities and reports, with pictures of completed events. With John at the Helm and Dale Giali at the Rear, an increased membership base and very popular programs in place, 2010 looks to build on the success of the past with a fun filled year ahead.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

More than one hundred members and guests ate, talked and danced until well past the midnight hour on New Year's Eve at the SeaGate Yacht Club. The annual year end event as a big hit according to members who socialized for hours before the big midnight countdown with DJ Steve. Special thanks to the event Hosts Cathy and Les Kelly and the many volunteers who helped at the event..

### **EVENT HOSTS BRUNCH**

On Sunday January 17, your SGYC board hosted the Event Hosts Brunch. The meeting outlines the responsibilities for the hosts of the various events and activities for the coming year. The popular pot-luck breakfast was scrumptious and the enthusiastic group received packets of information to plan and carry out their chosen SGYC social event.



# FROM THE REAR Dale Giali, Rear Commodore



## New Rear Commodore Dale Giali & Sue Westover-Giali

Dale is a SoCal native, having grown up in Arcadia and graduating from UCLA. Sue is an east coast transplant and came to California after graduating from Boston College. They met on the first day of law school at the University of San Diego. Dale is a business litigator with the Irvine office of Howrey LLP, and Sue is a litigator with the California State University Chancellor's Office in Long Beach.

Dale and Sue come from large and close extended families, but their own immediate family consists of their cats Joey and Budgie, and their Pomeranian, Twinkie. They enjoy waking up to the beautiful water view every morning and consider Huntington Harbour to be paradise.

Dale and Susan moved to Seagate in 2005 and bought their first boat soon after. They joined SGYC in 2007 at the recommendation of Clem and Linda Aime.

*"Only two boaters, in my experience, never ran aground. One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar."  
-- Don Bamford*

I'm not sure how I could have figured out what the escort boat was trying to communicate to me as I was cruising up main channel toward Simple Green a quarter of the way through the 2009 boat parade. Yes, I saw the blurry outline of the escort boat, not much bigger than a dinghy, very low on the water. But in the dark of night, with wind-driven rain pelting my face, my sight line blocked by an impressive elevated stage on my bow and five people on that stage – drumming to the amplified Little Drummer Boy theme music blasting from the P.A. – I couldn't see or hear the man standing in the escort boat. Had I actually seen his wild arm movements or heard his yelling, I would have thought he merely was indicating his strong approval of my boat parade entry. Yes, we were looking good – we were the DrumR BoyZ – destined, we hoped, for a top award.

Escort boats were there, of course, to show us the route. But, even with their valuable assistance certain turns are not exactly clear. It is dark out there. Really dark. Visibility is bad; lights from the boats can be blinding. And a matter of feet can be a big matter. At various points, navigating a change of direction means rounding an escort boat or turning short of the escort boat or passing on port or passing on starboard. And that's the problem – it was impossible for me to tell which.

Keeping the escort boat on my port side and navigating around it for a big sweeping turn back toward Peter's Landing – which is what I could swear the boat in front of me was doing – seemed exactly right. So I was shocked when my boat ran aground on a shoal just to the right of the escort boat. But mostly I was incredibly embarrassed. Boat 18 was stuck in the mud like the dunce in the corner as the rest of the parade passed us by. What would my family – waiting back at the house for me to pass by in all my glory – think when I wasn't right behind boat 17? What would my neighbors – whose help building the stage was incredibly generous and invaluable – say when they found out I could not even navigate Huntington Harbour?

After some frantic radio calls – and what seemed like hours (it was 20 minutes) – Sea Tow arrived, and in short order pulled my boat off the sandbar. The last boats in the parade were just passing by. I slipped between two of them. The DrumR BoyZ were back, all was right, maybe no one would notice (fat chance), maybe we could still win that award (we did!).

A week later, I picked up a voicemail on my cell phone. It was Sea Tow reminding me that had I not been a Sea Tow member, that 15-foot, 5-second tow off the sand bar would have cost \$960.

Looking forward to a great year and to  
leaving port often!

### CELEBRATION

On December 5, 2009 Commodore John Humphreys and Margaret celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a wonderful evening of festivities with friends and family, at the Seagate Clubhouse.  
Happy anniversary, John and Maggie.



### SHIP'S STORE



Kim Davydovits, as a new 2010 Board Member, will be taking over the running of the Ship Store (second time). Kim has a long history with the Seagate Board; she has served multiple functions throughout the years. She and her husband Josef have been living in Seagate for 10 years. Kim has great plans for our Ships Store. There will be a permanent selection of the new merchandise that will be displayed in the new showcase cabinet located in the bar area upstairs. Please make sure you check out all new items that will be available soon. You will be able to place your order for any items that are displayed over the phone or "cash and carry" from the Store selections displayed during a clubhouse event. Please contact Kim Davydovits with any questions that you may have. 714/ 840-8333.





## HUNTINGTON HARBOR BOAT PARADE 2009

### By Vice-Commodore, Les Kelly

With a long-time winning streak at stake, the SeaGate Yacht Club entry proved to be another eye pleaser and winner of the Trophy for Best Yacht Club. The Fin-Tastic was "fantastic" thanks to Robin and Jean Clark. After much hard work over several months by numerous members of the SeaGate Yacht Club, Ollie and Robin Clark cruised home from the Bonaire Docks with the completed 2009 entry on board. From a concept offered up by Merle McCormick, developed by Sandy Atherton, and led by Master Craftsman Bob McCormick, numerous volunteers created various pieces of the project that came together a few days before the parade. Bob, as in previous years, made the project work with his personal dedicated effort to cut, hammer and glue pieces together so that the electrical and install went smoothly and to lead volunteers who worked numerous hours over several months to cut, paint, touch up, glue, push wires through holes and create frames to support the pieces and make the final install! Despite a strong wind and rain storm that dumped several of the float pieces into the channel water, volunteers quickly retrieved and restored them. It was with great pride that Les Kelly, Rear Commodore, accompanied by Commodore Ray Nagele, accepted the trophy for Best Yacht Club 2009, from the Philharmonic Society of Huntington Harbour on December 13.

Special thanks go to dedicated volunteers Merle McCormick & Mary Shebell, Mike McEntee, Conrad Platt, Gary Dixon, Ed Davis, Floyd D'Angelo, Mike & Sharon Courtway, Robin & Jean Clark and their sons Ollie and Chris, Cathy & Les Kelly, Rob Allen, Pat & Vaughn Jenkes, Ted Cohen, Roger Wilhelm, John Humphreys, Sandy Atherton, Kevin Cloud, Joanne Daughterty, Cathy Liddle, Debra Wainer, Aurelia Okino and Ron Ferandelli, Joel Lander and, of course, Jan and Ray Nagele.

Special acknowledgement is made to Robin and Jean Clark, who have been so generous with support over the years and have already offered use of their Fin-Tastic for 2010.



# New Members



## LARRY & JANET CARONE

Larry & Janet spent almost two years on the “wait list” and are very happy to now be official members of SGYC. They fly the burgee on the 16-foot Electracraft named “Castle Cruiser.” They live in a home most of you know as the “castle” on Trinidad Island and they split their time between another home in Lake Forest.

They fell in love with Huntington Harbour and bought the “castle” two years ago. Together, they have enjoyed remodeling the kitchen and decorating the home. They are particularly proud of creating a wine tasting room within the home.

Larry is originally from the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. He is retired from the aerospace industry and is a real estate investor. Janet is originally from Indiana and is retired from teaching 31 years in Anaheim. Larry and Janet are active in the harbor and love cruising on their boat. They have enjoyed meeting their new friends in SeaGate Yacht Club.

## KEVIN & CANDY CLOUD

Kevin and Candy met in an unusual setting – the Isthmus on Catalina Island. He was working for the Harbor Patrol and she was working at the restaurant. They have been married for 37 years. Candy & Kevin have a beautiful home on Trinidad Island that they moved into 29 years ago. They have two sons, Brandon and Jason.

Candy is an elementary school principal. Kevin is retired from a sales and marketing profession. He says his job now is “doing the chores around the house.” They own a 34-foot Fu Hwa trawler named “Sea Cloud” that is perfect for the trip to Catalina. Their favorite pastime is spending the weekend at the Isthmus aboard the Sea Cloud. They love to travel and are planning a big trip to Africa in 2011.

Kevin and Candy also spent about two years on the SGYC waiting list and will seem like regular members to most of you because they have been active in SGYC. But now, you can welcome them as new members. Please do so when you see them.



# 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
Anton & Dianne Flecklin	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
Doug & Sharon Fuhrman	3/16
Robert & Joanne McCormick	3/21

# BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY

Lyn	Senske	1
Gary	Dixon	6
Ginger	Hegler	6
Jean	Worden	9
Dick	Scholl	5
Greg	Lee	11
Stephanie	Thomas	12
Michelle	Bartlett	14
Lina	Monroe	16
Dwayne	Lund	17
Conrad	Platt	17
Jeff	Specht	20
Harry	Stevens	22
Jeannie	Celeketic	26
Dewey	Rudolph	26
Colleen	Vinson	25
Tomas	Pitti	27

## MARCH

Barry	Wasserman	1
Larry	Stelle	1
Donald	Duncan	1
Carolyn	Platt	1
Susie	Pendleton	2
Katy	Laney	4
Maryann	Boryszewski	5
Martha	Fee	6
Elliott	Wainer	6
Edith	Mondello	6
John	Mitchell	11
Karon	Walstad	13
Sally	Wasserman	14
Sandy	Meier	15
Linda	Cassidy	16
Arlene	Dixon	17
Bob	Bromley	21
Giali	Dale	23
Ellen	Martin	24
Roger	Wilhelm	25
Sue	Hermelin	25
Clement	Aime	26
Margaret	Humphreys	27
Linda	Aime	27

**OPENING DAY  
SATURDAY  
APRIL 10**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Super Bowl Party  
Sunday February 7**

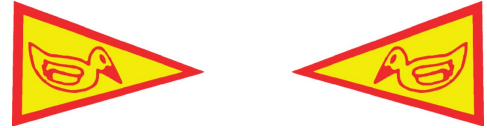
**New Member Brunch  
Sunday, February 28**

**Casino Road Trip  
March 20-21**

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Cathy Kelly, Membership  
Rob Allen, House  
Kim Davydovits, Ships Store  
Bob McCormick, Roster  
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