

Seagate Yacht Club

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FROM JEFF SPECHT, COMMODORE

Life changes... Bonnie and I have lived in Huntington Harbour for 30 of our past 63 years. We have owned 5 different homes throughout the harbor. Starting from Broadmoor to Coral Cay and also owned a business in Huntington Beach. Our children attended Harbour View, Marina High and Huntington High. At the age of 45 we decided to retire and sold it all. We were convinced that the grass had to be greener on the other side and we were never coming back to California. After purchasing a 45ft bus and traveling wide far and we tried to find the perfect place to live. After many years and thousands of miles we ended up where we started and returned to a place called Huntington Harbour, to us, paradise.

The next challenge was finding our boat to complete our dream. It was a cool foggy day and I remember the sound of starting up the engines on our new boat "Justification" and heading out to the Golden Gate Bridge. We believed it was the start of our new life, with the new yacht, our fantastic friends and of course Seagate Yacht Club. The trip down was fun and very challenging which added to the adventure. Spending a month in San Francisco Bay on the boat was an unforgettable experience. I truly thought this was our dream come true.

But life changes...Bonnie's back took a turn for the worst and she ended up in the hospital for 8 days. This became a game changer. No boats or stairs could be in our future if we wanted to maintain an active life style. Who would have thought that we would have to move twice and sell our boats due to health issues?We wanted to stay in the Harbour but a one story house is hard to find. We moved across the street to Rancho Del Rey Mobile Home Park. When life gives you lemons you make lemonade. So, is the glass half full or half empty? To us it is full! Instead of boating we now are motor homing in our land yacht. My reward, the love of my life for 43 years is improving. We are still able to enjoy all our friends, travel in our RV and live in the community we love. Huntington Harbour is our home.

Jeff



FROM JOSEF DAVYDOVITS, VICE COMMODORE

Can you believe that we are already half way through the year mark of 2013? As members of SGYC we all enjoy the summer just a little better as the calendar is filled with great themed events that our wonderful VOLUNTEER members put together for the enjoyment of the rest of us. We cannot thank them enough for their effort.

One such event is coming up on Saturday, July 13, 2013. I am referring to the traditional Progressive Dinner that will be hosted by Jr.Staff Commodore Dale & Sue Giali, Joel & Sherrill Lander and Cindy Shaw & Patrick Smith. This is always a very popular event, so please sign up early. This year the event will have a tropical island theme. You will be able to disembark to all

three planned "islands" via your Duffy boat or car. The first stop of this cruise will be at the British Virgin Island home of Jan & Ray Nagele where you will be greeted with island cocktails and appetizers. The next stop on this island cruise is the Cozumel Clubhouse where a great dinner will be waiting for you. The last scheduled stop is at the Fiji island home of Donna Degele where you can fill up with a great dessert and coffee (if you still have room).

Please consult the event flyer as there are additional details, maps and boating instructions that are essential for your enjoyment of this fun filled cruise.

As always, please remember to wear your name badge so you can easily be identified by your fellow cruisers. Talking about name tags, there is a great article on our website (seagateyachtclub.com) regarding caution on wearing our magnetic badges for some folks with particular medical conditions. Please make sure you check out this article and many other medical related topics posted by our **Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Mark Monroe.**

Finally, I be sure to mention that the "Tuesday Cruizin" has begun and will continue every second and fourth Tuesday throughout the summer until September. All members can schlepp their way via Duffy boat or car to Pelican Isle at Peters Landing around 6 pm. We usually have a pretty good size participation at their patio where you can enjoy a cocktail and dinner with your SGYC friends.

Szervusz to all...Josef



FROM GIL MORRIS, REAR COMMODORE

Ahoy fellow boaters and yacht club members. Tuesday Cruzin' started on the 2nd Tuesday in June and will continue on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Tuesday during the months of July, August and September. Mark your calendar and attend those that you can.

We meet at Pelican Isle at Peter's Landing around 6 p.m. They usually have our seating reserved on the patio overlooking the water. Enjoy an appetizer and/or dinner and a cocktail. It doesn't really matter. Friendship abounds, and the conversation is usually lively. Guest docks are available. Some members have been known to drive over, also, because of time constraints. Bring your dinghy or

Duffy! No RSVP is necessary.

Our Duffy Cruise and Dinner (not to be confused with the Progressive Dinner on July 13) will be held on Saturday, August 10. Rear Commodore Gil & Chris Morris and Staff Commodore Les and Kathy Kelly will host the event

Participating watercraft will be given a map and quiz sheet indicating points of interest, challenges or questions to be answered. While cruising the Harbor you may be lucky enough to sight a Sea Otter. We have seen the sea otter twice recently while cruising the harbor in our Duffy. Enjoy a delightful cruise and good luck with the quiz.

Skippers, following the cruise, please return to the Bonaire Dock to be directed to nearby marked docking areas for the duration of the evening and walk to the Clubhouse patio. Turn in your quiz sheet to one of the co-hosts.

Enjoy a delightful cruise and good luck with the quiz! Activities, Ship's Store and pre-dinner drinks begin at 5:30. Cocktails will be served starting at 5:30 as the on-shore activities begin. The Crew with the most correct quiz responses wins. In case of a tie, there will be additional challenges. The winning Duffy will be announced at dinner and a prize awarded.

The Newport Cruise will be held Friday thru Sunday September 27 thru 29 Staff Commodore Ray & Jan Nagele will host the event.

In short, get your boat ready we will have a lot of fun this year.

AVAILO N CRUISE



HOSTS: Vice Commodore Josef Davydovits and Kim

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The Avalon Cruise event is behind us and looking back, what a great and successful event it was. The weather was great and provided a perfect place for all of us to wind down and enjoy the benefits of belonging to a great club such as SGYC. As boaters approached the Avalon Harbor they were greeted by our giant club burgee flying on the harbor mast and welcoming us to this beautiful sanctuary. Thanks our webmaster Tom Warden for making sure that the burgee is proudly displayed there. There were 24 boats and 74 members at this great event. There were a lot of scheduled official get-togethers (dinners) and lots of other activities that were left open as optional. One such event where many members participated was the Zip Line. It was a great fun experience for most of us who had participated (except Tina Haas who caved in to peer pressure and not sure if she ever will return). Friday night we had a great time at the infamous Catalina Island Yacht Club where we had plenty of cocktails and appetizers as we were socializing and overlooking the great view of the Avalon Harbor from their deck. Special thanks to the staff of CIYC and the "dock boys" who were assisting guests arriving at the dock. A big thank you goes to the McCarthy's who provided assistance in the set up and Cindy Allen and Tom Worden for taking our great pictures.

Saturday was a busy day with many members participating in our annual dinghy parade. This year, for the first time ever, we had Huntington Harbor Yacht Club members join our parade. We even awarded a trophy for the best Yacht Club entry. SGYC got the award for the entry of African Queen by Jan Littlejohn/Ralph and Boris/Dorothy Ralphs. Prizes were awarded to best entries of our members piloted by Dale and Sue Giali (Noah's Ark), Jan Littlejohn & Ralph (African Queen), Dennis/Kathy Kreil and Floyd/Mira D 'Angelo (Love Boat). Thanks again for ALL participants! Each dinghy entry was awarded a golden duck trophy by Bob McCormick.

Saturday night we had a great dinner at MI Casita's. The dinghy parade winners were announced by our impartial judge Bob McCormick. Great thanks to Bob and Joanne for taking this job as serious as humanly possible. Great job! All boaters also received a cruise tag to commemorate this great trip.

A very special thanks for the 24 boat skippers that participated and crossed the 26 miles of high seas. I don't have room here to list all the names, but you know who you are. Kim and I thank you very very much.





JANET LITTLEJOHN became a member of SGYC 18 years ago when she first moved to SeaGate. She doesn't remember the membership being as friendly as is now.

Eighteen years later, and now a widow, Janet is enjoying Huntington Harbour and living in SeaGate more than ever. She is retired from a 27 – year career in interior design sales, and spends much of her time with volunteer work. I met with Janet at her lovely, completely remodeled home in SeaGate on the

upper lagoon. With pride, she points out she has a full kitchen on the patio – something she always wanted.

Janet was born in Detroit and raised in Canada before her parents moved to SoCal. She lived in Long Beach before moving to SeaGate. She has two children, a son in Alabama and a daughter and two grandchildren in Riverside.

The H. H. Garden Club was responsible for the Edinger Ave. beautification project and Janet was president of the Club when the project became reality. It was a huge effort by a group of hard working ladies in the Harbour, all of which are our friends and neighbors.

Janet is presently on the board of SeaGate Homeowners. She is also on the HHPOA board. Janet is enjoying SGYC and compliments it for the well planned events. She has also found membership friendly and very welcoming. She's looking forward to the Progressive Dinner. Give Janet a warm SGYC welcome when you see her.



Thank You



It is not often, as your communications officer/Burgee editor, I write an article for our Burgee but recent events move me to share some thoughts with you.

My wife, Sherrill, recently fractured her hip chasing our dog who was trying to attack a duck. She received immediate emergency care, prompt surgery and is on the mend (thanks to modern medicine and Medicare).

But what was really special to us was the outpouring of good wishes, cards, flowers, offers of help and gifts of food in the early days of being home from the hospital. Although we don't live in a readily identifiable small town, it felt as if we actually do. Many of our friends in SGYC were among the first to offer and give support and good wishes. Friends and neighbors from Trinidad Island also stepped up to help us in any way they could.

This outpouring of support was most welcome, gratifying and appreciated. Sherrill and I are very thankful to have such good friends and neighbors in our little "community". We have certainly gained an appreciation of the need for and offers of such support. We thank everyone for your concern, help and good wishes and plan to have Sherrill back on the SGYC dance floor soon.

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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL....that sums up the very enjoyable Duffy brunch cruise to Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. They really have it down: an open, airy and inviting environment, a good selection of foods and excellent service, all at a very fair price.

Fifty SGYC members converged on HHYC on Sunday for the brunch and some camaraderie as evidenced by the photos. A thank you to Commodore Jeff Specht for arranging and promoting this nice event is in order. Many of us look forward to the next one.

By the way, HHYC now offers dinner during the week with several entrees along with special dishes. This might be a nice place for a quiet dinner in a nice location.









Night at the Races

AND THEY'RE OFF! That cry was heard nine times last Saturday night as the Seagate Yacht Club hosted a Night at the Races at the Vessels Club of the Los Alamitos Race Course. A perfect night! Good weather, tasty food, competitions among the members and exciting horse races made for a wonderful evening.

Many of the 100 or so members and their guests wore creative hats in the Ascot Hat competition won by Jean Clark. The "place"winner was Karen Verne, while "show "went to Marguerit McEntee. Two other events were held with Merle McCormick winning the 50-50 prize and "Table number 12" winning the race horse trivia contest. A good time was had by all! The Jet Deck Buffett was a hit with items including fruitsalad, house salad, grilled vegetables, oven roasted potatoes, tri-tip beef, grilled chicken breast, apple /peach cobbler with ice cream.

The highlight of the evening was the 4th Race honoring our Seagate Yacht Club. It was won by the Number 8 horse (BG CZECH MARK). Many of the Seagate Yacht Club members had their photograph taken with the winner. Truly exciting!

A very special thanks to the hosts of the event: Aurelia & Francis Okino (left), Jackie & Don Sands (middle) and Lucille & Gene Mascoli.







Might at the Races



Kay	Bogert	7/2	Gil	Morris	7/18
Patrick	Surridge	7/2	Suzanne	Russell	7/19
Susan	Westover	7/3	Bonnie	Specht	7/24
Magda	Youssef	7/9	Jeanne	Woods	7/24
John	Boryszewski	7/10	Dan	Bates	7/25
Jim	Senske	7/10	Rick	Pope	7/26
Martha	Baumel	7/11	Glenda	Kilbourn	7/26
Floyd	D'Angelo	7/11	Linda	Axel	7/27
Herb	Lundin	7/11	JoAnn	Busby	7/27
Jeff	Haas	7/13	Pat	Jenkes	7/28
Michael	Reedy	7/14	Cleve	Sproule	7/28
David	Swanson	7/15	Paul	Brown	7/28
Dianne	Flecklin	7/15	Prem	Sharma	7/28
Joel	Lander	7/16	Merle	McCormick	7/28
Aurelia	Okino	7/16	Anne	White	7/29
Susan	Lipman	7/17	Barbara	Olschwang	7/31
Kay	Nelson	7/17		3	

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	<i>8/13</i>
Greg & Kathy Lee	7/7	RJ & Terry Parcell	8/14
Radha & Prem Sharma	7/8	Tom & Sandy Gallaugher	8/15
Dewey & Sandy Rudolph	7/9	Keith & Cathy Liddle	<i>8/15</i>
Kip & Gail Cyprus	7/10	Joe & Verna Smith	8/17
Larry & Carole Stelle	7/11	Rick & Lari Thomas	8/17
Herb & Mary Lundin	7/13	Jeff & Tina Haas	8/19
Larry & Janet Carone	7/18	Tom & Gigi Villardi	8/19
Magdy & Magda Youssef	7/18	Alan & Barbara Olschwang	8/22
Dean & Nancy Knupp	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
Mike & Sharon Courtway	7/29	~ /	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, July 13

DUFFY CRUISE & DINNER Saturday, August 10

NEWPORT CRUISE Friday-Sunday, September 27-29

> **ANNUAL MEETING** Tuesday, October 1



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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 Ships Store Mark Arizmendi** Deborah Fairon **Ships Store Bob McCormick** Roster

Tom Worden Webmaster

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