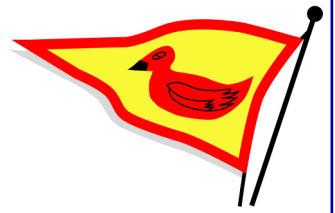


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OPENING DAY 2012



Opening Day Ceremony



Staff Commodores

FROM THE BRIDGE ***Dale Giali, Commodore***



Before I was a (mediocre) power boater, I was a (lousy) sailor. One time I found myself on a crew on my friends' boat in the Ed the Berger series Cat Harbor layover sailing races. On Saturday we were to sail from Marina del Rey to Cat Harbor and, after spending the night, we were to sail back to Marina del Rey. Two races, two chances to win, two full days of bonding. I'd get to throw around cool-sounding sailing terms like spinnaker pole, batten, guy, shroud and forestay, as if I knew what they meant. It was going to be great!

And, indeed, it began great. We got off to a strong start and within 6 hours or so we were rounding the west end of Catalina and turning toward Cat Harbor. Hard to tell where we stood in the race, but we were about 4 miles to the finish line and we felt pretty damn good. Then the wind died and the boat stopped moving. A while later the sun went down and it got dark. The chart said we were in "Ironbound Cove" -- perhaps the most fitting name ever given. After more than an hour of being "ironbound" in the dark, we were no closer to Cat Harbor. We were now tired, cold, frustrated and hungry. But, we were sailors, not quitters, and we were determined to sail to the finish line. When we found ourselves still in Ironbound Cove at 10 p.m., we got real, and fired up the engine and motored in. In sailing parlance, that's a "DNF" -- as in "did not finish" the race. Not great, but remember there was another race in the morning. It started at the tip of the island. Ironbound Cove would be out of play.

By the time we got into Cat Harbor that night, it was not only late, but it had started raining. Two of the crew spent the night at Two Harbors Campground. The rest of us stayed on the boat.

It was still raining in the morning as we got the boat ready to motor out to the starting line. The two campers weren't back, however, and by the time they made it back all the other boats had long since taken off. The campers assumed the race would not start on time with all the rain -- and they exploited their perceived extra time with a nice hot breakfast at Harbor Reef Restaurant. But the starting time was not delayed and we were now behind schedule. We fired up the underpowered motor and began the slow cruise to the starting line 4 miles away.

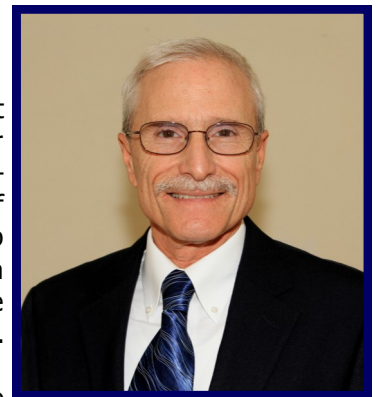
While still a far way off, we heard it -- the horn signaling the start of our race. Once the horn blew, we had 5 minutes to get across the starting line (i.e., before the starting horn for the next class of boats). We weren't even close. In sailing parlance, that's a "DNS" -- a "did not start" the race. DNF and DNS -- acronyms to live by.



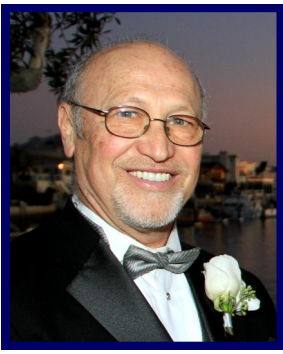
FROM THE VICE ***Jeff Specht, Vice Commodore***

Now that opening day is over it's time to get ready for a year packed with lots of great events. It's also time to get your Duffy's ready for a summer of fun. June 3 is our first summer **Duffy cruise to HHYC**. It's a great event to take the Duffy out for a *delicious* brunch at Hunt-ington Harbor Yacht Club for only \$15 including tax and tip (great deal). Like last year, if enough of us sign up they add extra goodies to the brunch. So let's get our Duffy's polished up and ready for a fun and delicious cruise event. Contact Bonnie and me so we can give them a head count. Let us know if you are coming and can take extra people or need a ride. Also, June 5 starts our ever popular **Tuesday Cruz'n**. It happens every 2nd and 4th Tuesday until Sept. Hope to see you there.

June 9 is our annual **Night at the Races** event. Last year Francis and Aurelia Okino did a great job and everyone had a terrific time. This year they promise it will be even better. Wear a beautiful or funny hat of any kind or Ascot to join a Parade of Hats contest. There will be 3 winners and prizes. It includes good food and of course lots of horse racing. Come down and bet on your favorite pony and you could be a big winner. What a great event with fun, friends, hats, racing and good food. It always fun to be a winner.



Boat Tip - Our Duffy's are a great way to see our beautiful harbor in an environmentally friendly, cost effective way. They require minimum maintenance and provide maximum fun. The key is to keep the batteries in good condition and fully charged. They should be checked monthly and filled to the split ring with distilled water. Batteries last about 3-5 years depending on how they are maintained. Stamped on the battery post is the year they were built. They last longer if you recharge before they reach 50% charge. To check the batteries make sure they are fully charged and then check with a hydrometer which can be purchased from any auto parts store. Check all cells and they should all read in the full charge range. Usually if there is a bad cell it will be significantly lower than the others and that means it needs replacing. If all cells are low, recharge the battery again and re-check. If still low it needs to be replaced.



FROM THE REAR Josef Davydovits, Rear Commodore

Hello to all and welcome to this years' 2012 boating season, which has now officially begun. Opening day was fun, and went off without a hitch. We are looking forward to our many great boating events coming up this summer (now that we know for a fact that the ice has melted in the harbour).

One of our favorites every year is of course the Cruise to Avalon on May 18th to 20th hosted by my lovely wife Kim. We have many enjoyable events planned for this cruise, such as the mini golf tournament, cocktails and appetizers at Catalina Island Yacht Club, and the famous parade of dinghies. This year's theme for the parade is Sailors (Historical or Fictional). So bust out your silliest, most creative or accurate sailing attire and join us for a great parade.

Another one of our upcoming events is our long anticipated Progressive Dinner, scheduled for July 14 and hosted by our Commodore Dale and Sue Giali/ Floyd & Mira D'Angelo/ Clem & Linda Aime, which is for the first time ever, themed after this year's Olympics Games. All attendees are encouraged to wear the colors of your favorite country. Join us at the D'Angelo's residence to commemorate Ancient Greece with like appetizers and cocktails. Dinner and drinks will be served at the clubhouse where we will be celebrating the US Olympic Team. Dessert anyone? Meet us at the Nagele's for English style desserts as we anticipate the upcoming London 2012 Olympic Games. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at these events. All sites will be accessible by boat or car.

See you on the water,

Szervusz to all...Josef



Gary & Sharon Young

**NEW-MEMBER
BURGEE
RECIPIENTS AT
THE
OPENING DAY
CEREMONIES**



Robert & Carolyn Brkich



Patrick & Marta O'Rourke



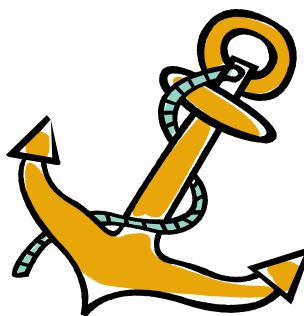
Magdy & Magda Youssef



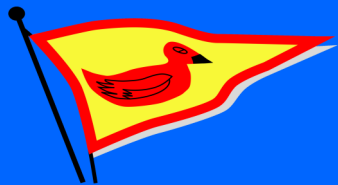
Larry & Marilyn Schwartz



B. J. Mettle



Jeff Ricketts & Diane Reeve



WHERE IN THE WORLD HAS OUR BURGEE BEEN?

Staff Commodores Les Kelly and Bob Axel and Linda Axel traveled on a land tour of Cuba in early March 2012. They visited Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Santa Clara and Havana during their eleven day trip. While in Cienfuegos, they visited the former Cienfuegos Yacht Club and posed with the SeaGate Yacht Club Burgee. Unfortunately, all yacht clubs were disbanded under the current government and so they could not do a swap.



Patrick Smith, Cindy Shaw and Friends

Cindy Shaw and I, had a great time at the SeaGate Jimmy Buffet event, but at the party we learned that J.B. was not just a great musician and entertainer, but a great humanitarian who supports many diverse charities.

So, Cindy and I, deciding to act in that vein, left some of the fun and frivolity of the event and departed early to better carry on our "charity" work the next day. Rising very early (OMG what did we drink last night?) and catching a ride offshore aboard the marvelous dive boat MobyKate, we immersed ourselves in 50 degree saltwater and invited "homeless" crustaceans home with us for dinner.

We were quite successful and invited Jimmy to join us to discuss further charitable events in the future. Unfortunately, future events will have to wait until October...





HOSTS: STAFF COMMODORE
JOHN & MARGARET HUMPHRIES

BUFFETT BASH



A TOTAL OF NINETY-SIX GUESTS ARRIVED TO THE STRAINS OF JIMMY BUFFETT MUSIC PLAYING IN THE BACKGROUND AS THEY WERE GREETED BY THE HOSTS AND OUR BEAUTIFUL 'SHOT QUEEN' (A.K.A. NANCY EHLEN AND ABLY ASSISTED BY HER HUSBAND DEAN) OFFERING AN AMAZING VARIETY OF JELLO SHOTS. MANY PEOPLE GOT INTO THE 'SPIRIT' OF THE EVENING BY DONNING BEACH GEAR, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS EARLY MARCH, AND WEARING A VARIETY OF 'PARROT' HEADGEAR, PIRATE STUFF ETC. ROB AND CINDY ALLEN DID AN AMAZING JOB WITH THE BAR AS USUAL, AND THE MARGARITAS FLOWED. WE FEASTED ON DELICIOUS BBQ BRISKET, RIBS AND CHICKEN WITH ALL THE FIXINGS, AND CUPCAKES FOR DESSERT.

OUR ENTERTAINER, MARK WOOD, GOT THE PARTY MOVING AND EVERYBODY DANCING WITH A HOST OF JIMMY BUFFETT SONGS INCLUDING: MARGARITAVILLE, COME MONDAY, CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE, CHANGES IN LATITUDES, SON OF A SON OF A SAILOR, AND OF COURSE FINS. IN FACT, IT WAS PROBABLY A RECORD TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR MEMBERS DANCING RIGHT UP TO THE LAST NUMBER. WE WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DID NOT GIVE A BIG THANK-YOU TO SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HELPED TRANSFORM OUR YACHT CLUB WITH THE THEMED DECORATIONS NAMELY: RAY & JAN NAGELE, CATHY KELLY, BOB MCCORMICK, ROB & CINDY ALLEN AND LINDA SCHOLL. ALSO OUR THANKS GO TO KIM & JOSEF DAVYDOVITS FOR SETTING UP OUR SHIP'S STORE.



OPENING DAY 2012

On April 28, the Club officially opened its 36th boating season on one of the nicest days of the year. The Club was honored to have in attendance 13 past commodores, including the Club's founding commodore Dewey Rudolph and his lovely wife Sandy.

The day started with the traditional parade of the fleet. Twenty suitably decorated boats and more than 170 people participated. The parade concluded with the pass-in-review and salute with the flag officers in full official dress. All boats enthusiastically saluted, but special mention goes to Tagged & Released and Dennis & Kathy Kreil, whose cut-out-face-handled-signs featuring a picture of the commodore were as funny as they were creative. Bag piper Cindi McIntosh made both the pass-in-review and the opening day ceremony one of the most special in the Club's history. Rod Antiblan provided the cannon fire throughout – having outdone himself in pyrotechnics for three consecutive years now.

Following the parade, 159 guests and members assembled for the ceremony – with all the traditional touches, including the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of "God Bless America," raising the officer flags, introduction of the board, ringing of the eight bells, invocation, introduction of military veterans, introduction of dignitaries, swearing-in three past commodores to the International Order of the Blue Gavel (Mike Courtway, Ray Nagele & Les Kelly), and introduction and presentation of burgees to seven new members (Robert & Carol Brkich, B. J. Mettle, Patrick & Marta O'Rourke, Diane Reeve & Jeff Ricketts, Larry & Marilyn Schwartz, Gary & Sharon Young, and Magdy & Magda Youssef). Rear Commodore Josef Davydovits proclaimed "that the ice has melted and the harbour is free of debris, and in all respects is safe and ready for boating of all manner." And with that, Commodore Dale Giali declared the boating season open and asked Vice Commodore Jeff Specht to raise the Club Burgee – the yardarm was full, the final cannon shot was fired, and the ceremony was officially concluded.

Members and guests then enjoyed a fantastic dinner catered by Teak Catering. Between that and the fantastic provisions from our incomparable, one-of-a-kind House Captain Rob Allen, the day ended with several hours of great food, beverage and friendship! We wouldn't have it any other way.

Anniversaries

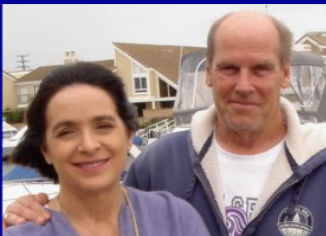
Dick & Linda Scholl	5/4
Ray & Ellen Martin	5/11
David & Bea' Swanson	5/13
Gary & Michelle Bartlett	5/17
Richard & Kaye Verry	5/24
Pat & Vaughn Jenkes	5/28
Cheryl & John Arndt	5/29
Guy & Deborah Fairon	5/29
David & Roni Fell	5/29
Bonnie & Jeff Specht	6/1

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

Birthdays

Joseph	Weimurtz/Gomez	5/1
Ron	Jones	5/3
Kathy	Lee	5/5
Terry	Hayden	5/10
Aida	O'Brien/Anderson	5/11
Lesley	Herbold	5/11
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
Bill	Thornburg	5/27
Jeff	Smith	5/30
James	Woods	5/31

Lucille	Thornburg	5/31
Mark	Monroe	6/1
Dennis	Huffman/Allison	6/3
Carole	Stelle	6/3
Tom	Worden	6/5
Tina	Haas	6/7
Tom	McKnew	6/8
Barbara	Ward	6/8
Josef	Davydovits	6/10
Tinh	Nguyen	6/12
Helena	Parada / Brown	6/12
Marty	Lipman	6/13
Alice	Reedy	6/19
Parvaneh	Carter	6/24
Vaughn	Jenkes	6/27
Tom	Ward	6/29



Patrick & Marta O'Rourke moved to SeaGate last June after spending `36 years in La Canada. They moved to be closer to their granddaughter, Abby. They have two sons: John in Huntington beach and Patrick in Venice, CA.

Patrick is retired from a career as a retirement plan consultant. Marta is also retired. She worked in retail sales of stationary, and the travel industry.

The couple share a beautiful waterfront home in SeaGate with a great view of the Bonaire docks. Patrick loves to cook and to play bridge. He is also an unrelenting Chicago Cubs fan. Marta loves gardening, visiting flea markets for unusual bargains, and collects Italian Art glass. She is a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art specializing in Eastern Indian Art

Together, they love to travel and they are getting into boating with their new 18 ft. Bayliner runabout. Give Patrick and Marta a hearty SeaGate Yacht Club "welcome" when you see them.

New Members

Larry & Marilyn Schwartz live on Trinidad Island with Jake, an English Springer Spaniel and Shelby, their part Maine Coon- wild kitty cat.

The couple is approaching their 20th anniversary. Marilyn retired about a year ago from a career as a retail buyer. Larry's career is in manufacturing men's and women's clothing. He now specializes in children's clothing.

Marilyn & Larry love boating. They have a 32 ft. Regal Express Cruiser with twin gas engines and a blue hull named "Two Dogs and a Dingy II". It is their 4th boat.

When not working or boating, Larry likes a round of golf, playing poker, or smoking a cigar on the back of the boat. Marilyn loves cooking and baking, entertaining, and attending yoga class. And, they love to travel.

The couple is happy to finally become members. They have attended numerous events in the past so many of you will recognize them. Now, you can welcome them as official members of SeaGate Yacht Club.



**REMEMBER
SHIPS STORE
SHOWCASE**

IN THE UPSTAIRS BAR

SGYC LOGO CLOTHING

KIM DAVYDOVITS 714/840-8333



UPCOMING EVENTS

**** Avalon Cruise
May 18-20***

****Duffy Cruise to
Huntington Harbor Yacht Club
Sunday, June 3***

**** Night at the Races
Saturday, June 9***

**** Progressive Dinner
Saturday, July 14***



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2012 CREW



Dale Giali	Commodore
Jeff Specht	Vice Commodore
Josef Davydovits	Rear Commodore
Les Kelly	Jr. Staff Commodore
Cindy Allen	Secretary
Lisa Zia	Treasurer
Joanne McCormick	Membership
Rob Allen	House
Kim Davydovits	Ships Store
Bob McCormick	Roster
Tom Worden	Webmaster
Joel Lander	Communications



Many thanks to those of you who contribute to the Burgee. Thanks to Mike Courtway for the biographies. Special recognition to our Webmaster Tom Worden, Secretary Cindy Allen & Jr. Staff Commodore Les Kelly for our excellent website photos.

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