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# THE BURGEE

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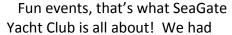
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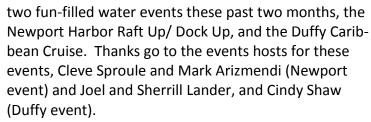
# DUFFY CARIBBEAN CRUISE



# **FROM** THE BRIDGE

## By Ray Nagele, Commodore





Jan and I had a nice summer, the economic situation allowed me to enjoy an extended time off, now with summer ending, back to work, I've got to do my part to stimulate! While we were enjoying our time off, we ended up catching the boat flu. I hear the only effective vaccine available for boat flu is to buy one; I'm just so glad to have yacht club friends who are boat experts to help us out.

The club's general meeting will be on Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Bonaire Clubhouse. We will be serving free pizza, beer and wine. Next year's board will be elected and the status of the club will be presented. We are entering into the time of the year when your Commodore kind of feels like the bird on our club's burgee. John Humphreys, the Commodore-elect for next year, is busy planning for next year's events and I'm planning my Commodore-ship retirement.

#### SAVE THE DATES

The Martini and Potluck event is October 24<sup>th</sup>. It will feature a personal martini glass with the club's logo to take home, an ice sculpture to cool your martini, and everyone's potluck, all at a very reasonable price. The Commodore's Ball is Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at the Naval Golf Course in Cypress, straight up Bolsa Chica Road. This will be a fun formal traditional event featuring a great dinner followed by a short presentation then dancing with the Hot Pocket Band.

Another heads up, the club New Years Eve event will have a new format, no dinner, rather just appetizers, open bar, and a great DJ, also at a low price, more details soon!



# THE VICE

# By John Humphreys, Vice Commodore

Some old Sea Salts will tell you that owning a boat is like



having a mistress. You have to lavish lots of money and attention on them, and you neglect them at your peril. The first sailboat I owned was in Northern California about a 40 minute drive from my home. I checked her out regularly, once a week. The very first time I left heralone for three weeks, I was rewarded with water above the floor boards due to a failed bilge pump.

I have owned a Boston Whaler for about three years and always carried out the scheduled maintenance. But alas, I left it sitting at the dock for several months this year and the first time I went to use it I was stranded in the harbour. The engine stalled and refused to restart. No doubt, I will pay dearly for neglecting her.

We have had some terrific events this year with more to follow, but we need to start thinking about events for next year. Do we want to continue with the same events, or should we try something new? All of our event hosts work extremely hard to put on the best event possible, but maybe some of our events are getting a little stale after we have done the same thing for several years. In fairness, we did try a couple of new things this year, but it is always a challenge to come up with new exciting ideas for events. Your board is always trying to explore something new, but we really would appreciate suggestions from the membership at large. I know that some people may be somewhat reluctant to put forward new ideas for fear that they would be volunteered to implement them, but rest assured you will not be pressganged in any way.

In an effort to get feedback and suggestions from everyone, we have put together a survey sheet with the provisional list of events for next year which we are sending out with the announcement and ballot sheet for our upcoming Annual meeting on Tuesday October 6, 2009. Please take the time to fill out the survey and bring it with your ballot to this meeting. All completed surveys will be entered into a free drawing. Also, please feel free to mail the survey to me or contact me anytime with any comments or suggestions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Smooth sailing, John

# FROM THE REAR

## By Les Kelly Rear Commodore

With the Duffy Cruise having been the next to final water event, all this season's events have been outstanding with strong participation by many members. And, with a push by many to recruit new members, we are approaching a record number of SGYC members. All in all, events have received excellent participation and reviews. Tuesday Cruzin' night has again proven to be very popular.

Our final water event of the year is the SeaGate Yacht Club's entry in the annual Huntington Harbour Boat Parade scheduled for December 12-13, 2009, with the Theme of Rockin' the Night Away. After a very lively and very productive hour of discussion on August 5, the 2009 Float Committee members came to agreement on another prize winning float concept. At a meeting on August 5, committee members Merle McCormick, Mike Entee, Pat and Vaughn Jenkes, Cathy Kelly, John Humphreys, Bob McCormick, Ray and Jan Nagele, Carolyn and Conrad Platt and Robin Clark, provided Sandy Atherton, the SGYC Designer, with some excellent ideas and sketches to help move the concept forward. Sandy will be completing architectural drawings in a few weeks and turn them over to Master Builder Bob McCormick. We will be soliciting more volunteers to help with the cut out, painting and assembly in November. Installation on the Fantastic is set for the week before the Parade.

We have heard from Grand Marshall Brian Griley that the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club folks will make a strong effort this year to capture "our" trophy as Best Yacht Club. That is a challenge that SGYC members will want to accept and once again prove that we are the best in the Harbour!

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Mike Courtway caught this 150 pound marlin off Catalina Island from his 20' boat. The fish was nearly half the length of the boat.

Caught and released on September 9th, both fish and fisherman are doing fine.

# Duffy Caribbean Cruise



co-hosts: Cíndy Shaw Joel & Sherríll Lander

An armada of thirteen Duffy electric boats with their spirited crews navigated the islands of Huntington Harbour in search of yachts with unique names in a quest for prizes and recognition. They all eventually returned to the island of "Bonaire" for richly deserved libations, food and dancing. A total of 103 SGYC members and guests attended the Duffy Caribbean cruise this year. The winners of the cruise contest were, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the Specht crew on "Watt2xspecht", 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the Davydovits dynamos on "Energizer Ark" and 1st place the McCormick mavericks on "Current Pleasure". The prizes, supplied by our local Duffy dealer, consisted of a certificate for a Duffy cruise in Newport Bay as well as Duffy logo glasses, and other Duffy accessories. A special thanks goes to our House Chair, Rob Allen, for the specially brewed tropical punch as well as our well stocked bar. Co-hosts Cindy Shaw and Joel and Sherrill Lander want to thank you for your attendance and enthusiastic participation.



McCormick Mavericks





Specht Sparklers

### SEAGATE YACHT CLUB'S NEWPORT HARBOR CRUISE

By Jr. Staff Commodore Cleve Sproule

The California weather made for a perfect weekend in Newport Harbor for SeaGate Yacht Club's annual Newport Cruise. Twelve boats and more than 40 club members and guests were hosted for the event by Jr. Staff Commodore Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi. On Friday the 14th, a flotilla of SGYC boats was welcomed into Newport Harbor for a weekend of great food, drink and camaraderie.

On Friday evening members and guests gathered around the guest docks at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club for a hosted cocktail party. Following cocktails, members and guests dined on a wonderful spring salad, chicken Wellington with seasonal vegetables, red and white wine and topped off with great ice cream and cookie dessert. We had a wonderful evening. Many thanks to House Captain, Rob Allen, and Secretary, Cindy Allen, for transporting and organizing the SGYC refreshments.

Saturday morning brought more beautiful weather and offered plenty of time to spend a leisurely day visiting other club members on their boats or to explore and enjoy some of the great restaurants and attractions of Newport Harbor. On Saturday evening the barbeques on each boat were fired-up and the culinary delights from those grills were abundant and became fair game for every curious palate.

Seagate members had a wonderful time at such a close yet beautiful destination and all look forward to a return next summer to Newport Harbor. Special thanks to Clem and Linda Aime, and Floyd and Mira D'Angelo for successfully securing anchorage in the Newport turning basin and welcoming each boat into the "line-up."



# Hew Members



#### Rick & Lesley Herbold

Rick & Lesley are presently renting a townhome in SeaGate while their home on Tortola Circle is being remod-

eled. Long time Huntington Beach residents, they moved into SeaGate about two years ago from Seacliff. They have a daughter, Sarah, and two dogs, Gus & Gracie. Rick is a native Californian and Lesley is from Hartford, Connecticut.

Both Rick & Lesley love to ski. He has been president of the Huntington Harbour Ski Club. They also own a 1986 40' Tollycraft aft-cabin named "Rival III" which is docked behind their home. Rick likes to fish and is happy to report he just caught the first marlin from the boat.

Rick & Lesley are looking forward to attending upcoming SGYC events. Let's make them feel welcome.

#### Gil & Chris Morris

Gil & Chris just celebrated their first wedding anniversary by taking a cruise to Alaska..



They also spent their honeymoon on a cruise. Gil and Chris are natives of California.

Gil has lived in SeaGate since he moved here in 1998 from Whittier. They have a beautiful on the lagoon. They also have a Duffy appropriately named "Electric Love".

Gil is retired from the aerospace industry. He sits on the La Casa Board of Directors for Orangewood Children's Home in Orange. Gil has a son that graduated from USC and is, of course, a major fan of USC. Chris is a District Manager for Dress Barn. Together, they love to travel.

Congratulations to the 'newlyweds' for becoming members of SeaGate Yacht Club. They are looking forward to meeting new friends and participating in our fun activities. Please welcome Gil & Chris to SGYC when you see them.

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# **ANNIVERSARIES**

Scott & Becky Mueller	10/1
Michael & Alice Reedy	10/5
Jim & Uta DeClerck	10/12
Ron & Kay Nelson	10/15
Bob & Georgie Bromley	10/16
Ron & Mona Jones	10/17
Rich & Dianne Rector	10/21
Bob & Shirley Mullaney	10/21
Ted & Linda Cohen	10/25
Shannon & Colleen Vinson	10/27
Jack & Terry Hayden	10/29
Katy & Dave Laney	10/29
Cliff & Sandy Meier	10/30
Donald & Susan Duncan	10/30
Merle McCormick & Mary Shebe	II 11/16
John & Lu Mendenhall	11/19
John & Maryann Boryszewski	11/21
Gary & Arlene Dixon	11/25
Oscar & Mary Ann Brinket	11/27
Josef & Kim Davydovits	11/30

# **BIRTHDAYS**

	OCTOBER			NOVEMBER	
Robert		40/2	Rich	Rector	` 11/1
	Axel	10/2	RICH	Rector	1 1/ 1
Donna	Gray	10/2	Scott	<b>M</b> ueller	11/4
Cheryl	Arndt	10/2	Verna	<b>Sm</b> ith	11/8
Deborah	Fairon	10/2	Kathy	<b>Bay</b> less	11/12
Jean /	Clark	10/4	Caron	Mount	11/12
Mars <mark>ha</mark>	Hendler	10/5	Bob	Mullaney	11/13
Kim	Davydovits	10/5	Judie	Kappes	11/17
Di <mark>anne</mark>	Rector	10/6	Thomas	Gallaugher	11/17
Jerry	Cassidy	10/7	Patrick	Carter	11/18
Pat	Naulty	10/9	Richard		11/19
Sheree	Novak	10/9	Martha	Kappes Fee	
Wayne	Sawka	10/13			11/19
	McKnew	10/13	Doris	Willis	11/20
Jan			Robin	Clark	11/21
Bett	Walton	10/17	Anton	Flecklin	11/23
Mark	Daugherty	10/21	Michael	Novak	11/24
Nancy	Metro	10/22	Francis	Okino	11/24
Terry	Parcell	10/22	Radha	Sharma	11/11
Lu	Mendenhall	10/23	Mary	Lund	11/27
Angie /	Ferns	10/25	Sam	Juergens	<b>11/28</b>
Robert	Mc Cormick	10/26	Midge	Thompson	<mark>1</mark> 1/28
George	Stanford /	10/28	Tricia	Pratto	11/28
Gary	Gochman	10/28	John	Arndt	11/29
John	<b>Humphreys</b>	// /	RJ (	Parcell	11/30
			Cathy	Kelly	11/30
			Janiy	Itoliy	1 1/30

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, October 6

Martini & Potluck Party Saturday, October 24

Commodores Ball Saturday, November 14



DON'T MISS THE
MARTINI &
POTLUCK PARTY
Saturday October 24





#### 2009 CREW

Ray Nagele, Commodore
John Humphreys, Vice-Commodore
Les Kelly, Rear-Commodore
Cleve Sproule, Jr. Staff Commodore
Cindy Allen, Secretary
Josef Davydovits, Treasurer
Cathy Kelly, Membership
Rob Allen, House
Jan Nagele, Ships Store
Bob McCormick, Roster
Tom Worden, Webmaster
Joel Lander, Communications

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