

The BURGEE

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**WE WON THE 2021 "BEST YACHT CLUB" AWARD
IN THE HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE!**



SeaGate Yacht Club's 2021 schedule of events sure went out on a high note. From the tremendously successful Commodore's Ball in November, to the Ship's Store Holiday Boutique in early December, to the "Best Yacht Club" award-winning entry in the Huntington Harbour Holiday Boat Parade, concluding with the magical New Year's Eve party on December 31, the love, laughter, and drinks flowed right into the new year. **Welcome 2022!**

We have an awesome schedule of events planned for 2022. This Club cannot thrive without event hosts who step up to create a calendar full of fun social and boating events. The Club also needs its members to volunteer for open Board positions. Right now, the Communications Chair position is open after Pam Jackson stepped down after many years of wonderful service. (*Thank you, Pam!*) The Communications Chair compiles this BURGEE plus other articles and communications. Please consider submitting your name to take over this very important role.

Upcoming Events in 2022

Event	Date	Hosts
Event Hosts Brunch @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Sunday, January 9, 2022	The SGYC Board
New Members Brunch @ Acapulco (with Ship's Store sale)	Sunday, January 30, 2022	Dan Torla and Bill Oneida
Valentine's Dinner/Dance @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, February 12, 2022	Laura Roskelly and Ginger Hegler
Bahia Corinthian event	Thursday, March 3, 2022	Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi (Staff Commodore)
Opening Day Parade and Ceremony/Dinner @ Bonaire Clubhouse (with Ship's Store sale)	Saturday, April 23, 2022	Francis Okino (Jr. Staff Commodore)
Western Bonanza	Saturday, May 21, 2022	Diane Kaplan and Rich Maier
Night at the Races	Saturday, June 11, 2022	Francis & Aurelia Okino, Eugene & Lucille Mascoli, and Jackie Sands
Duffy Cruise @ HHYC	Sunday, July 17, 2022	Josef Davydovits (Staff Commodore) & Felicia Emad
Summer Festival @ Windspun Clubhouse	Saturday, August 20, 2022	Event hosts still needed!
Boating event TBD	Saturday, September 17, 2022	Debra Wainer and Lisa Ratkelis
Dock Party	Saturday, October 1, 2022	Dale Giali (Staff Commodore) & Susan Westover-Giali and Sharon & Mike Courtway (Staff Commodore)
Annual Meeting @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Melinda Johnson Pasqua and Tiffany Tokar Vlasek (Vice Commodores), and the Board
Halloween Party @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, October 29, 2022	Melinda Johnson Pasqua and Tiffany Tokar Vlasek (Vice Commodores)
Ship's Store Holiday Boutique	TBD	TBD
Commodore's Ball	Saturday, November 12, 2022	Commodore
Holiday Boat Parade	November/December 2022	Grace Toy (Rear Commodore) & entire Club membership
New Year's Eve Party @ Bonaire Clubhouse	Saturday, December 31, 2022	Melinda Johnson Pasqua and Tiffany Tokar Vlasek (Vice Commodores)

From the Commodore

Our club did a fantastic job decorating the FinTastic boat for the boat parade and contest entry. The theme was “American Dream: Rock the Harbor” and our rear commodores Melinda Johnson-Pasqua and Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek did an amazing job creating the idea, coming up with all the lights, surf boards, etc. to put together the decorations for the boat. In case you didn’t hear yet, our club won “the best yacht club” award.

Quite a few of the club members got together a few times for several weeks and worked tirelessly until all the decorations were put together and ready to go on the boat. On December 12, we had a dock party to thank and honor all these wonderful members for their hard work and to also watch the beautiful boat parade. We had around 30 people at the dock party. Everyone brought their favorite appetizer to share, plus we had beer and wine for all to enjoy.

Thank you again Melinda and Tiffany for your leadership and for all the members who helped them; together we were the winner of the “Best Yacht Club.” Great job everyone!!!

We have 2 events in January. On January 9, we’re honoring the Event hosts for 2022, so if you’re hosting an event for the club in 2022, please plan to attend this wonderful brunch in your honor and send your RSVP in. Then on January 30, we’re having the New Member Brunch to honor our new members that joined the club in 2021 and also invite potential members to check us out and find out about all the wonderful things we do at SGYC.

In the month of February, we have a new event, a Valentine's Day bash. It will be held on February 12 and hosted by Laura and Ginger, so you know it will be lots of fun since these two ladies are planning it.

The Club has lots more planned for the year, so please stay tuned for more to come.

Mona Marcos

From the Vice Commodores



This year’s Holiday Boat Parade theme was American Dream: Rock the Harbor! Rear Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua came up with a great idea to express our version of our American dream of life right here in Huntington Harbor. With help from Rear Commodore Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek and “Commodudes” Chris Johnson-Pasqua and Vance Vlasek, we thought of the water and palm trees, the sun, the breeze and butterflies!



And we all love music too. So we built a jukebox and a full rising sun burst, and waves of water with paddle and surf boards and palm trees. We had a huge amount of help from many members and we are so grateful for all of their help and the time they put into the build and installation. We of course are most grateful to Robin and Jean Clark for allowing us to use their boat Fin-Tastic, again this year. We can never repay them for their generosity over all these years. We are pleased that the SeaGate Yacht Club won the Best Yacht Club trophy this year. It is always fun to be recognized for all of our hard work. We look forward to next year's parade!



Melinda Johnson-Pasqua and Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek

From the Rear Commodore

Welcome to our new Rear Commodore, Grace Toy, who was elected in 2021. We are excited to have her as part of the volunteer leadership team!



From the Jr. Staff Commodore



The Commodore's Ball, held at the beautiful Navy Golf Course Ballroom on November 13, 2021, was a remarkable success according to the feedback that we got from the attendees. The setting at the entry for the picture taking area was spectacular and the photographer did an excellent job, sometimes taking many pictures of the same person, until he got the right one! I hope by now every attendee has seen the pictures on our website.

The dining table setting featured a magnificent centerpiece flower rack, flower ball bouquet, rose floral wrist corsage wristband, rose boutonnieres, and a picture of a Staff Commodore seated at the table.

The ceremony was well scripted and well received, and included honoring the board members and event hosts of the past two years (2020-2021). Each received a personalized mug as a thank-you gift, and the 2022 Board Members and officers were sworn in.

The music was great. One staff Commodore told me that he has attended many Commodore's Ball over the years, but this was the first time he saw almost everybody on the dance floor as soon as the floor was open for dancing! The food was great, the venue was good, and everybody had a wonderful time.

Many thanks go to the people who helped to make this happen: Nancy Knupp, Cindy Broz Allen, Melinda Johnson Pasqua, Laura Roskelly and Aurelia Okino as the anchor.

Aurelia and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in running our club for the last two years. Yes, Covid-19 created a situation that we never confronted before, but with your help we were able to pull through. We deeply thank you for the courtesy, love and friendship you gave us during these two years of stewardship of the Club.

Francis Okino

Fleet Surgeon's Report

OMICRON

By

Mark N. Monroe, M.D.



I am being asked multiple times per day by my patients if they should be worried about the new variant of COVID-19 Omicron even if they've been fully vaccinated by all 3 shots including the booster.

The short answer is no as long as you have been well vaccinated. The long answer is that omicron is the 13th letter in the Greek alphabet and it is the 13th variant of the novel COVID-19 alpha virus originally discovered in Wuhan, China in November, 2019. Omicron was first discovered and reported on November 24, 2021 in South Africa and quickly spread in 7 surrounding countries in Africa. Since the African population is vastly under-vaccinated, it presents an opportunity for the virus to mutate quickly. Reports from South African physicians indicate that the symptoms are mild to moderate and do not require hospitalization unlike the more virulent alpha and delta variants. Symptoms include fever, headaches, body aches, shortness of breath, chest congestion, and sore throat which are very similar to flu symptoms.

We live in the jet age where it's possible to travel around the world in less than a day. It's very easy and possible to spread viruses throughout the world quickly and unknowingly. In two years, the COVID-19 virus has killed 786,000 Americans. That is more than AIDS/HIV virus has killed in 40 years. The only way to get this virus and its variants under control is to get at least 90% of the world population vaccinated. Even though President Biden closed the borders

to foreigners, he cannot close the borders to US citizens traveling from abroad. Please get your friends and relatives to go to a local pharmacy and get vaccinated.

Recent Events

The Commodore's Ball

Oh, what a gala it was! Please see Jr. Staff Commodore Francis Okino's article above for the recap of this glorious evening of fine dining, dancing, and celebrations, and check out the Events link on our SGYC website for all the beautiful professional photographs (<http://sgyc2021files.seagateyachtclub.com/2021/2021CommodoresBall.html>). Here are a few of the best shots of the evening.









Recent Events, Continued

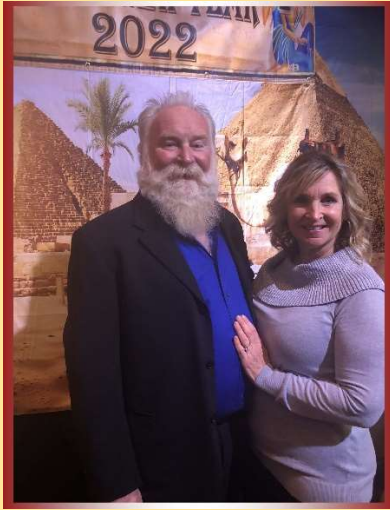
On December 4, the Ship's Store hosted a **Holiday Boutique** complete with a fantastic array of SGYC-branded merchandise in sizes and styles to fit and please everyone. Plus, they had a beautiful spread of wines and cheeses to make your shopping more fun. We need to keep this as an annual tradition!



Recent Events, Continued

On December 31, 2021, incoming Commodore Mona Marcos hosted **New Year's Eve – An Egyptian Celebration on the Nile**. With amazing entertainment (including a DJ and authentic belly dancers), to a gourmet feast of traditional Middle Eastern appetizers, main courses, and desserts, followed by lots of dancing and a champagne toast when the clock struck midnight, it was a sight to behold. All of the attendees raved about the glamorous event, starting off 2022 on a fantastic note!

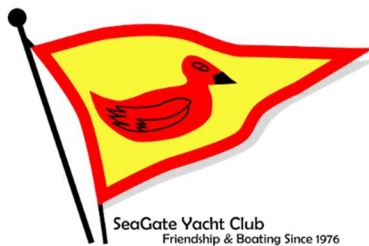






Where in the World has our Burgee Been?

We know that COVID-19 has limited your international travels, but please feel free to submit photos of you and your SGYC Burgee from any fun locations you may have visited, and we'll post them here.



SGYC Featured in December issue of Harbor Lights

SeaGate Yacht Club

by Jackie Sands, Staff Commodore Cindy Broz Allen, Commodore Francis Okino and Susan Westover Giali



SGYC Event Hosts Commodore Francis Okino, Eugene and Lucille Mascoli, Aurelia Okino and Jackie Sands.

On September 11th, after a long delay due to Covid-19 Racetrack closure, the Night at the Races event finally happened. It was the first Group Party Event that Los Alamitos Racetrack allowed in 2021. Event Hosts Commodore Francis and Aurelia Okino, Jackie Sands, and Lucille and Eugene Mascoli made sure that the sixty-three guests had an enjoyable time with Aurelia and Jackie covering the hat contest, Francis dealing with the trivia quiz and Lucille and Eugene managing the 50/50 ticket sale. The food was great

and everybody had plenty to eat. As usual, the hat contest was the highlight of the evening with First Place going to Lolly McHardy. New member Jay Bottomley won Second Place and Third Place went to our SGYC Judge Advocate, Susan Westover Giali. The Trivia Contest was won by Table 2 and they were rewarded with two nice bottles of wine. As to betting on the ponies, I am sure there were winners and losers, but overall, it was a fun evening.

September 28th was the last Tuesday Cruizin' of the season. It was a small, but fun group. Our thanks to Staff Commodore Mike and Sharon Courtway for being the hosts of this popular and ongoing event.

On October 15th Seagate Yacht Club had their Annual Meeting to select and vote on the new Board for 2022. Secretary Staff Commodore Cindy Broz Allen counted the ballots and the results were: Commodore Mona Marcos, Vice Commodores Tiffany Vlasek and Melinda Johnson Pasqual, Rear commodore- no candidate, Treasurer Laura Roskelley and Secretary SC Cindy Broz Allen. There was a great turn out with around sixty-five members and a nice social hour with beer, wine, soda, and pizza. SGYC needs volunteers for the Rear Commodore position, and the Membership and Communication Chairs.

On October 23rd, after an early morning drizzle that made everyone a little nervous about the weather for the event, the clouds disappeared just in time for the start of SGYC's "Docktoberfest," SGYC's annual Dock Party on the Bimini docks of SeaGate. Hosted by Sue and Dale Giali, with an assist from Sharon Courtway, the Octoberfest-themed event had a great turnout, with over sixty-five guests. Featuring seven of the Club members' boats docked in adjacent slips, the docks were turned into a party scene with culinary delights created by members, including grilled brats, pretzels, sauerkraut, and many other treats. A specialty cocktail called the Apple Strudeltini (concocted with German apple whiskey, apple schnapps, and other secret recipe items) complemented the German-themed menu and ensured lots of smiles and laughter. An informal event by nature, everyone was casually and comfortably dressed, and attendees took advantage of the photo booth props, decorative flags, and custom designed SGYC trellis (created by members Greg Lee and Floyd D'Angelo) to capture impromptu pictures at the entrance to the docks. SGYC is all about friendship and boating, and Docktoberfest 2021 was a perfect example of that. This is one annual tradition that will definitely stay on the SGYC event calendar! Hope to see everyone at the next SGYC event!

Check us out in the December 2021 Harbour Lights!

Happy Birthdays – January, February, and March

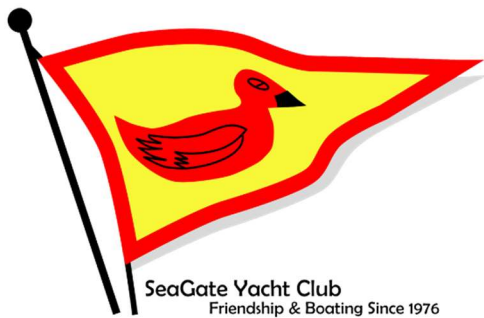
Chris Morris	1/2	Larry Schwartz	2/26
Margie Lennard	1/5	Jessica Montano	2/21
Mary Anne Brinket	1/6	Jeannie Celeketic	2/26
Rick Thomas	1/8	Marilyn Schwartz	2/17
Rho Chao	1/9	Patrick O'Rourke	2/27
Cliff Meier	1/10	Rich Maier	2/28
James DeWolf	1/10	Claudia Herrera	3/1
Joanne McCormick	1/14	Kristi Whitacre	3/1
Charlie Rowlette	1/14	Susie Pendleton	3/2
Tom Wood	1/18	Jim Montano	3/4
Eugene Mascoli	1/21	Maryann Boryszewski	3/5
Diane Reeve	1/26	Del Brault	3/5
Cindy Shaw	1/29	Elliot Wainer	3/6
Alan Olschwang	1/30	Linda Cassidy	3/6
Jim Hagin	1/31	Mary Ritter	3/13
		Sandy Meier	3/15
Diane Prince	2/1	Arlene Dixon	3/17
Karen Dafesh	2/3	Steven Cervantes	3/18
Dick Scholl	2/5	Judie Hagin	3/22
Gary Dixon	2/6	Dale Giali	3/23
Ginger Hegler	2/6	Jeff Ricketts	3/23
Ping Chao	2/7	Ellen Martin	3/24
Felicia Emad	2/9	Roger Wilhelm	3/25
Jean Warden	2/9	Sue Hermelin	3/25
Greg Lee	2/11	Clem Aime	3/26
Richard Boatright	2/16	Margaret Humphreys	3/27
Lina Monroe	2/16	Nanette Zumwalt	3/31
Michele Cowan	2/17	Gary Lynch	3/31



Happy Anniversaries – January, February, and March

January 2:	Chris & Melinda Johnson-Pasqua
January 8:	Pat & Cindy Surrige
January 21:	Gary & Barbara Pazornik
January 24:	Tom & Debbie Wood
January 28:	Charlie & Helene Rowlette
February 5:	Nat & Susie Pendleton
February 14:	Robin & Jean Clark
February 14:	James & Jeannie Woods
March 5:	Joe & Sherrie Stewart
March 21:	Bob & Joanne McCormick
March 22:	Ramon & Mirtha Herrera
March 26:	Dennis & Kathy Kreil





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Your 2022 Elected Officers:

Commodore Mona Marcos
Co-Vice Commodores Tiffany Tokar Vlasek and Melinda Johnson Pasqua
Rear Commodore Grace Toy
Jr. Staff Commodore Francis Okino
Treasurer Laura Roskelly
Secretary Cindy Broz Allen (Staff Commodore)

Your 2022 Appointed Officers:

Membership: Kevin Cloud
Port/House Captain: Craig Whitacre
Communications: Position open – we are seeking volunteers!
Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Mark Monroe (Staff Commodore)
Roster: Cindy Broz Allen (Staff Commodore)
Webmaster: Austin Dix
Judge Advocates: Dale Giali (Staff Commodore) & Susan Westover-Giali

Thank you to all those who contributed to this issue. To see all event pictures, go to
<http://sgyc2021files.seagateyachtclub.com/>.

View past Burgees here:
<http://www.seagateyachtclub.com/HTML%20Files/Burgees%20Past.html>.