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FROM THE BRIDGE

By Les Kelly,
Commodore



SeaGate Yacht Club ended 2010 with a spectacular win in the 48th Huntington Harbour Boat Parade. Congratulations to all who helped design, build and win the “Best Tribute to Theme”, the second highest level trophy awarded by the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee. Special thanks go to Robin and Jean Clark, owners of Fin-Tastic for continued use of their boat.

Board members and club members have come together to create an exciting schedule of events for 2011 as we commemorate our 35th year of “friendship and boating opportunities”. Even though the actual date is in October, we will hold our celebratory party in March. Founding Staff Commodore Dewey and Sandy Rudolph will be our guests of honor. We hope to have many of the Staff Commodores participate in the event as well.

In addition to our annual events, a number of exciting new friendship and boating opportunities have been scheduled. We will kick off the year’s events with a super event on February 6, hopefully with our favorite teams playing in the Super Bowl. March will be busy with our 35th Anniversary Party and the “World Record Raft-up” to be held in Newport Harbor. Rear Commodore Jeff Specht has coordinated with the group to provide seven boats from SeaGate Yacht Club. Members will be able to boat down to the site and visit with SeaGate participants and other clubs around Southern California during the event which will be held March 18 – 21. Our boating season will officially begin on Saturday, April 9, with “Opening Day” and our annual parade around Huntington Harbour. We anticipate that the channels will be ice free and we will have free run of them that day. A week later, members can join with Commodore Les and Cathy Kelly and other members on a Carnival Cruise to Ensenada. Interested members should contact Tita at (714) 841-8835 to book your reservations. Our first formal sailing event will be to Avalon the weekend of May 13.

Even though we have a formal, published calendar of activities, members who wish to suggest or host additional activities, on land and/or water, are encouraged to come forward. We cannot have too many friendship and boating opportunities. You can find a condensed 2011 schedule in this issue of The Burgee. You can also find the full list of events for 2011 at <http://seagateyachtclub.com>. While at the website you can read back issues of The Burgee, as well as the current issue.

Beginning with the April 15 issue, our newsletter the Burgee, can be sent it to you via e-mail in a PDF format which can be easily read and, if desired, downloaded and printed. Your board felt that fewer copies printed, and mailed, will have save money which can be redirected to support our events and increase friendship and boating opportunities. In your membership renewal for this year you will be asked to state whether would like a an e-mail version only.

After 2 years of excellent service as Membership Chair, Cathy Kelly will step down and be ably replaced by Joanne McCormick. Joanne will be sending out membership renewal notices soon so be on the lookout for them and return them ASAP.

New members are always welcomed into SeaGate Yacht Club. Active members are the leading source of new memberships. Talk to your SeaGate resident neighbors about the benefits of membership.



FROM THE VICE

By Dale Giali,
Vice Commodore



If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.

-- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Our club is founded on volunteerism. Without it, we don't exist. We contribute not because we feel obligated, but because we want to (well, maybe a few do because they feel obligated).

At my firm, we are asked to volunteer our legal services. It has a fancy name – “pro bono.” I felt obligated. I signed up to represent a brand new mother against the estranged father. Her case was simple. Mother was out of town for a few days and left the newborn with the father. Father, a convicted felon, took the opportunity to seek a court order giving him sole legal and physical custody of the infant and barring mother from unsupervised visits. He did so the old fashioned way – he lied through his teeth in sworn statements saying mom was a bad mother and, with mom out of town and unable to defend herself, the judge had little choice but to issue the temporary restraining order.

We rushed into court and quickly reversed the restraining order. We did it the honest way – good lawyering. Mom’s rights to be with her baby were restored. I then turned my attention to obtaining an order that required father to make monthly payments to mother. We hammered out an excellent deal. Mother got custody and a monthly payment from father. She now had enough to get away from father and make a new start.

Shortly after the case was over, I received a call from the State Bar of California. Father had made a complaint against me. Said I cornered him in a conference room outside the presence of his attorney and tried to extract settlement concessions (a fairly serious ethical violation for a lawyer). He made the complaint the old fashioned way – he lied through his teeth. Following a long interview and a several week wait, the State Bar closed their investigation without action. But think about it, a convicted felon who was never my client and who I clobbered in court could – with one phone call and via unsubstantiated allegations – put my career in jeopardy, and all because I volunteered to take on a pro bono case! I was really starting to question this pro bono thing. But, I got over it and chalked it up to father being a real scumbag.

Three months later, with the State Bar nonsense behind me, I called to check in with mother. How was she doing on her own, how was her baby and was the monthly payment sufficient. Sheepishly, she said that she had moved back in with father and they were really happy together. I hung up committed to the idea that I was done volunteering.

Seeing the phenomenal outpouring of efforts by SeaGate Yacht Club members has restored my faith in volunteerism! Looking forward to leaving port often!

CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

SGYC Wins "Best Tribute to Theme" in HH Boat Parade and Greg & Kathy Lee Win "Most Effective Use Of Lights"

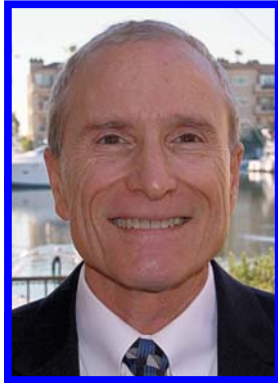
After months crossing the Great Plains, the SGYC Prairie Schooner arrived in Huntington Beach just in time for the parade! The 1850's covered wagon replica was packed full of overland immigrants (aka SeaGate Yacht Club members) who banded together in search of land, a new way of life and – most importantly – a good ol' fashioned rockin' wild west harbour hoedown! YEEHAW!

SeaGate Yacht Club's 2010 Boat Parade entry won "Best Tribute To Theme." This trophy, awarded by the Past Grand Marshals, is the second place trophy behind only Sweepstakes. Lots of people share in this award. Sandy Atherton, Merle McCormick and Dale Giali developed the concept, and Bob McCormick designed and directed its construction (and did a lion's share of the work). Robin & Jean Clark volunteered their beautiful boat Fin-Tastic. Many members painted, cut, pasted, twisted, zip tied, draped, bent, plugged, pushed, pulled and/or struggled with the wheels, ribs, sideboards, lights and other parts to create our award winning entry! Thanks go out to members Clem Aime, Rob Allen, Jim Atherton, Robin Clark (and his grandson), Ted Cohen, Mike Courtway, Floyd D'Angelo, Ron Ferandelli, John Humphreys, Pat Jenkes, Les Kelly, Joel Lander, Mike McEntee, Jan Nagele, Ray Nagele, Conrad Platt, Pat Reed, Jeff Specht and Roger Wilhelm.

Congratulations also go to members Greg & Kathy Lee for their trophy for "Most Effective Use Of Lights" for their boat "Traveler." The fully restored tug was covered in multi-colored lights, including in the shape of a Christmas tree, all synchronized to booming music.



**FROM THE
REAR**
Jeff Specht
Rear Commodore



Bonnie and I are looking forward to my year as Rear Commodore. Boating and boating events are our favorite activities. As a follow on to last year's incredible events, we would like to offer even more on water events that allow more of our members to attend, like the Avalon Cruise, Newport Raft up and the upcoming World Record Raft Up.

March 18 there will be an attempt at the World Record for the Most Boats to Raft up in A Circle. It will be a 3 day event starting on Friday with dinner at Woody's Wharf and Saturday a Progressive boat dinner. Last year the record was 68 boats and we are going for 70 boats, a new World Record. This event is hosted by Corsair Yacht Club and I was able to get SGYC invited to be a part of this event. A group of interested boaters from SGYC attended a brunch at HHYC and we signed up several boats from SGYC. This event is in Newport Harbor and has already been cleared by the harbor department. We have approximately 50 boats from various yacht clubs and it will be stopped at 70 boats due to the complexity of getting all boats in place and safe. We still need boats for this event so if you can attend please contact me for an application.

This is a great opportunity for SGYC to get involved with other local yacht clubs and if all goes well be part of a World Record! Please contact me for any ideas for future on water events.

Boating tip #1- Condensation can cause big problems in the winter months. Putting a 100 watt incandescent light bulb in the cabin raises the temperature just enough to reduce moisture. West marine sells Air Dryer #7867518 with a very small heater and fan which accomplishes the same thing for about \$70.00. You can also put the Air Dryer in the engine room or cabin. It is not recommended to put the incandescent light bulb in the engine room because of a possibility of fire if the bulb breaks or there is a fuel leak.

Smooth sailing.

Jeff

Commodore's Ball



Hosts: Commodore John and Margaret Humphreys

For the 2010 Commodore's Ball we tried something totally different by having our black tie optional event on board the luxurious 110 foot Hornblower Yacht, "Just Dreamin". The evening was perfect for a cruise around Newport Harbor, and as 85 members and guests boarded the yacht they were greeted by the Captain of the vessel, as well as Commodore John Humphreys and his wife, Margaret.

As people mingled in the cozy bar for cocktails "Just Dreamin" was cast off from her moorings, and we started out on our cruise as the sun started to set on a balmy warm evening. Then everyone was asked to find their allocated table in the dining room on the deck above. Staff Commodore Tom McKnew gave a short Invocation before a delightful 3 course meal with wine was served by the wonderful Hornblower staff, and a DJ played some perfect background music.

After our meal it was time for the formal part of our evening starting with The Pledge of Allegiance, then the singing of "God Bless America. Commodore John Humphreys then recognized the Staff Commodores present, presented a new member burgee, and thanked the board and event hosts for their support throughout the year and gave them a gift on behalf of the club. Vice Commodore Les Kelly and his wife Cathy, thanked John for his role as Commodore and his wife Margaret, and presented them each with a gift. Junior Staff Commodore Ray Nagele was responsible for installing the board and flag officers for 2011, as well as administering the Oath of Office and for our 2011 Commodore, Les Kelly, and presenting him with the Commodore's trophy.

With the formalities over the dining room was transformed into a dance area, the DJ picked up the tempo with many of our favorite tunes from the 70's and 80's, so we kicked up our heels and danced our legs off until "Just Dreamin" glided back into her dock and it was time to disembark. It was such a wonderful evening and the time went by so quickly nobody wanted it to end.

Good Sailing, John

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Hosts: John & Margaret Humphreys

It was cold on New Year's Eve, but that didn't dampen the spirit of the 98 members and guests who were ready to party. The club house was beautifully decorated for the event and nice and cozy thanks to the invaluable help of: Les & Cathy Kelly, Rob & Cindy Allen, Bob McCormick and Jan Nagele. We asked attendees to just bring finger foods and dessert to share, and in true SeaGate Yacht Club form, we had a terrific spread with probably enough food for two parties.

The party started at 8:30, and our first DJ sang and got us warmed up while we snacked, enjoyed the great bar set up by Rob, picked up our party hats and noise makers, and generally socialized. We left plenty of room for dancing and as the tempo picked up, with many of our favorite numbers, we really started to kick up our heels. So much so that just after 11 pm some of us started to fade, so we started some line dancing and the "Bunny-Hop" which got everyone charged up again. We brought in the New Year with plenty of bubbly, noise makers and streamers, and many of us continued partying until the DJ wrapped things up at 12:30 am.



ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Ruth King	1/2
Patrick & Cindy Surridge	1/8
Les & Cathy Kelly	1/10
Gary & Barbara Pazornik	1/21
James & Sandra Atherton	1/23
Tom & Debbie Wood	1/24
Nat & Susie Pendleton	2/5
Barry & Sally Wasserman	2/6
Clement & Linda Aime	2/11
Merrill & Karon Walstad	2/13
Robin & Jean Clark	2/14
Anton Flecklin & Dianne Vega	2/14
Jim & Jeanne Woods	2/14
Dan & Chris Bates	2/19
Patrick & Parvaneh Carter	2/19

BIRTHDAYS

Chris	Morris	1/2	Cindy	Shaw	1/29
Mary Ann	Brinket	1/6	Alan	Olschwang	1/30
Keith	Shelton	1/7	Lyn	Senske	2/1
Rick	Thomas	1/8	Dick	Scholl	2/5
Rho	Chao	1/9	Gary	Dixon	2/6
Patricia	Hoffman	1/9	Steve	Pisano	2/6
Jamie	DeWolfe	1/10	Ping	Chao	2/7
Cliff	Meier	1/10	Jean	Worden	2/9
Georgie	Bromley	1/12	Greg	Lee	2/11
Keith	Liddle	1/13	Michelle	Bartlett	2/14
Joanne	Mc Cormick	1/14	James	Atherton	2/16
Rob	Allen	1/16	Lina	Monroe	2/16
Steve	Armstrong	1/18	Dwayne	Lund	2/17
Roni	Fell	1/18	Conrad	Platt	2/17
Joe	Siegel	1/18	Jeff	Specht	2/20
Lisa	Shoemaker	1/24	Harry	Stevens	2/22
James	Herbold	1/26	Colleen	Vinson	2/25
Sherrill	Lander	1/27	Jeannie	Celeketic	2/26
Eugene	Mascoli	1/29	Dewey	Rudolph	2/26



Rear Commodore Jeff & Bonnie Specht

Jeff was born in New York. His family moved to California when he was 12 and he never returned. Bonnie is a California native. They met at age 19 and have been happily married for over 40 years. They have 2 grown children which were raised in Huntington Harbour and 3 grandchildren. Jeff worked as a national regional sales manager for Yamaha International for 10 years. Jeff and Bonnie started Specht Design and Productions an advertising and marketing company based in Huntington Beach. After over 20 years they sold the company and semi-retired. After retirement Bonnie received her AFAA credentials for Aerobic dance, Yoga, Pilates, Spinning and group exercise. She taught for 24 Hour Fitness for over 15 years and then taught for Four Seasons.

For 2 years they traveled the country in a motor home looking for greener pastures and knew it would never be California. After searching for the perfect place to live, they ended up right where they started back in Huntington Harbour. Bonnie and Jeff have been boating for over 30 years and have had many different boats from sail boats to power boats. Starting with a canoe and the largest was a 60 foot Defever that was bought in Norfolk VA and motored through the Intracoastal Waterways to Key West Florida. Then on her own bottom through the canal and home to Huntington Harbour. They are thrilled to be back in Huntington Harbour and a part of SGYC.



Les and Cathy Kelly show their "Burgee" while posing with the Doorman at the venerable Victoria Falls Hotel, Zimbabwe. They visited South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE THEY BEEN?



On a recent trip to southern Africa, Cathy Kelly had the chance to "walk with the lions" and shows no fear as they pose together near Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6**

**NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27**

**SEAGATE YACHT CLUB
35TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

**OPENING DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

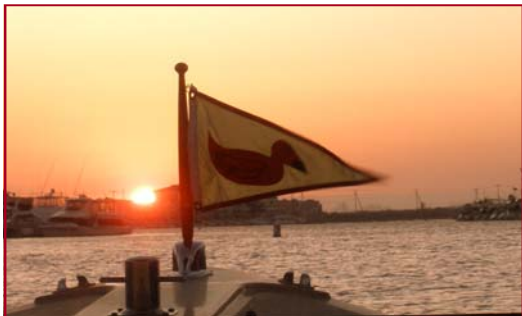


2011 CREW

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

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