



# FROM THE BRIDGE

By John Humphreys,  
Commodore



As I write this article Catalina is beckoning me and I understand from Dennis & Cathy Kreil, the event hosts, that we will have over 80 members and guests at our annual Avalon cruise. The weather appears to have finally settled down so we can start to really enjoy our great Southern California climate.

Several members have inquired about organizing a vessel safety check day for our members. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary conducts these safety checks free of charge, so it's a great way to make sure our boats are properly equipped when we venture out onto the water. Some of our members took advantage of this free inspection last year and found it very informative, and yes they will inspect your Duffy as well. No citations are issued for non-compliance, and a decal is awarded to display when your vessel passes the inspection. Saturday June 26th at 9:00 AM has been set as the date for this activity.

We have a great night of magic planned on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, by event hosts Mike & Sharon Courtway. I have been told that the magician we have performing for us is a World Champion and Master of Illusion, so mark your calendars and watch out for the flier. Then on July 17<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Progressive Dinner at some new venues around the Harbor, hosted by Susan & Dale Giali and Pat & Vaughn Jenkes. This is always great fun whether you come by boat or car.

Our events have been very well attended so far, and it's great to see many new faces taking part in the club's activities. I am convinced that we are the friendliest Yacht Club around. We have nothing to prove so let's just enjoy ourselves.

Smooth Sailing,  
John

## IN REMEMBRANCE of good friends

Linda Mitchell, October 23, 2009  
Richard Naulty, March 28, 2010

*They will be missed*

## NATSU SAILS OFF TO RUSSIA

By Staff Commodore, Nat Pendleton



I took these pictures of the NATSU at the Long Beach Yacht Club yesterday when I visited Demitri Volatov, the fellow who bought her from us about a month ago, before he takes off to Vladivostok, Russia.

Can you believe it that the old NATSU is on its way to Russia?

He has outfitted her with new rigging, sails, solar panels, a staysail, a wind generator as well as a utility bridge and dinghy hoist among other miscellaneous improvements. It looks like a real ocean going sailboat now.

Demitri is sailing solo and is planning to leave soon setting sail first for Hawaii, then hopping to the Marshall Islands making intermediate stops at some other pacific islands on his way to Japan and eventually to Vladivostok.

He estimates the trip will take him 50 to 60 days. He has promised to keep me updated on the progress of the trip by email so I will report on his progress.

Best of Luck to Demitri and the old NATSU whom we will miss.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 26th 9:00AM

## USCG Vessel Safety Check

The Vessel Safety Check is a complimentary check of your boat conducted by members of the Auxiliary, confirming that it meets both federal and state requirements for safety.

No citations are issued. Some of the items checked include

*Life Jackets, Registration and numbering, Navigation lights, Ventilation, Fire extinguishers, Distress signals (flares, horn, etc.), Battery cover and connections.*

The Vessel Safety Check gives you a risk-free way to check that you meet the legal minimums and to potentially avoid a citation later.

**A separate flyer with details will follow**

**AT LAST!!**  
**THE RETURN OF TUESDAY CRUISIN'**  
**STARTING TUESDAY, JUNE 8**  
**ON OR ABOUT 6:00PM**

**AND RUNNING EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY**  
**UNTIL SEPTEMBER**



A great weekend was had by all who attended the bus trip to Pala Resort and Casino. Everyone was so excited to go we almost left without Joel and Sherrill Lander. On board the bus, the fun started with mimosas, Bloody Marys and mini- muffins served by Jan Nagele and Cindy and Rob Allen. Cathy Kelly and Susan Duncan got the gambling going with 3 rousing games of Bus Bingo. Sherrill Lander, John Pratto, and Jerry Russell were the big winners.

Before we knew it, we were at Pala. The staff at Pala had snacks waiting for our group. We were all able to check into our rooms early. We were on our own until the Cocktail Party.

The Cocktail Party in the Sycamore Room was fun, with people enjoying the outdoor patio and perfect weather. A Alonzo, Pala's handsome sales and catering director, led us from the cocktail party to the Casino for the SECOND ANNUAL SEAGATE YACHT CLUB SLOT TOURNAMENT.

From there we went to our Banquet Room for a wonderful Buffet. No one went hungry. We had a terrific food and bar staff, who catered to our needs. The winners of the slot tournament were announced with prizes going to last place, John Boryszewski, third place, Susan Lipman, second place, Bob McCormick and the grand prize to Merrill Walstad. After the dinner, some people stayed in the patio area, others gambled and walked just around the grounds. Some of us caught the Beatles Tribute Band playing in the Grand Cabaret then danced to a female DJ.

Sunday was a free day and the weather, again, was perfect. Many of us slept in as we were able to get late check out for our rooms. Our group got the use of two cabanas with TVs by the Pool so we could watch the basketball games and the Nascar Race.

All in all, it was great fun with a wonderful group of people.



**HOSTS:**  
**Rob & Cindy**  
**Allen**



# Avalon Cruise



Hosts, L to R: Kathy Kriel, Dennis Kriel, Sherry Ferns & (far right) Jay Ferns. Mark & Joanne Daugherty, 4th and 5th from left made arrangements with the Catalina Yacht Club for our cocktail party.

**WE ARE ... SEAGATE** (Saturday boat parade chant started by our Rear Commodore)  
 Clear skies, calm seas, 19 boats and over eighty fun people made our annual Avalon Cruise one fantastic weekend. Many of our boats began arriving Thursday as the Avalon Harbor Department hoisted our Burgee at the entrance to the harbor (thank you Cleve). Early birds enjoyed the city and harbor and a few brave souls, Kim and Josef Davydovits and Jeff Haas, "zipped" across Descanso Canyon. On Friday, the remainder of the boats, members and guests arrived and enjoyed an afternoon of sun, harbor cruising and shopping culminating with a lively cocktail party at the Catalina Island Yacht Club. What a beautiful venue and special opportunity for our club to enjoy this historic facility. A special thank you must go to Mark and Joanne Daugherty for their intrepid sponsorship of our club. The party was a success as members enjoyed the company and conversation of good friends, views of the beautiful bay, a variety of wonderful appetizers and a place to tie up their dinghy.



Saturday was equally beautiful as the sun broke through an early marine layer by midmorning. After shopping and enjoying lunch in town, club members took to the water for our inaugural dinghy parade through Avalon Harbor. Jay, Sherrie and Angie Fern led 14 dinghies decked out in SeaGate red and yellow and anything else skippers could find aboard to decorate their boat. Boaters throughout the harbor cheered and toasted the parade as we made our way through the fairways. Bob and Joanne McCormick served as judges, a difficult task given the lack of criteria for selecting winners. Later that evening, we all enjoyed cocktails and dinner at Mi Casitas. Bob McCormick's presentation of the awards for best dinghies was a highlight. He recognized many boats in a variety of different categories, but they received "no hats (prizes)." For example, *Best Excuse for not being in the Parade* went to the Spechts and Kellys; *Most Dogs* to the Nageles and *Most Unique Hat Worn* to Joel Lander. SeaGate logo hats were awarded as prizes to Robin and Jean Clark and Dale and Susan Giali for their decorating and parade enthusiasm. Gift certificates were awarded to Dennis and Kathy Kreil, *Most Innovative Design*, Jay, Sherry and Angie Fern, *Best Use of Flags and Banners*, and to Mark and Joanne Daugherty for *Best Overall* (the balloons were beautiful).

## FROM THE REAR

Dale Giali,  
Rear Commodore



# OPENING DAY

HOSTS



RAY & JAN  
NAGELE

### **Admiralty Law: area of law that deals with ships at sea and the rights of sailors, passengers, and owners of cargo**

No better time to highlight recent developments in admiralty law than the start of the boating season. Several lawsuits have recently been filed against one of the most famous captains of all time. We have known this captain -- and most of us have loved him -- since we were kids. No matter; three different lawsuits have been filed against Cap'n Crunch.

First the good news -- his nautical skills are not in doubt and he should have no problem keeping his rank of "Cap'n." It turns out, though, that a cereal consumer, Ed Werbel, has been the victim of what he alleges is misleading advertising. For years he has been purchasing "Cap'n Crunch's Crunch Berries," believing that "Crunch Berries" are real fruit. Yes, I am serious (he filed his case on behalf of himself and all others who bought Crunch Berries), and "no," Mr. Werbel never explains what a "Crunch Berry" vine, bush or tree looks like. Somehow, Mr. Werbel became aware that "Crunch Berries" are not real fruit at all, but rather brightly-colored red, purple, green and teal sugar balls. So, he sued.

I'm happy to report, though, that the future looks bright for the Cap'n. The first two of the three lawsuits were quickly thrown out by the court. The judge explained why: "the survival of the [Crunch Berry case] would require this Court to ignore all concepts of personal responsibility and common sense. The Court has no intention of allowing that to happen." Well, there it is, admiralty law in a nutshell: "personal responsibility and common sense." Looking forward to leaving port often.

"It is now my great pleasure and duty to declare the 2010 yachting season of SeaGate Yacht Club, our 34<sup>th</sup> year, OFFICIALLY OPEN!!" announced Commodore John Humphreys. With that, the SeaGate Yacht Club Opening Day ceremony ended, capping a great day of boating and camaraderie. Earlier that afternoon, twenty-three boats, dressed in celebration flags, lined up to parade around Huntington Harbour letting all of our neighbors know that it was time for the Opening. The flagship "The White Rose" skippered by Jr. Staff Commodore Ray Nagele and his first mate Jan with passengers Commodore John Humphreys and Margaret, Vice Commodore Les Kelly and Cathy, Rear Commodore Dale Giali and Susan and Staff Commodore Nat Pendleton and Susie started the parade with the Huntington Harbour Patrol boat joining the flotilla. A salute to each boat passing by was performed with the booming sound of a cannon provided by guests Rod and Susanne Antablin.

The Opening Day festivities were attended by over 120 members and guests including Staff Commodore John Byerlin and Myrenna from Oasis Yacht Club in Newport Beach and Commodore Lloyd Claus and Colleen from Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. Recognized by the tolling of eight bells were members that passed away in the past year, Linda Mitchell and Dick Naulty. Flag officers hoisted their flags to the sound of the booming (sort of) cannon.

The clubhouse was a beautifully decorated with celebration flags and banners and yellow and red flowers. Our very popular caterer outdid herself by providing a delicious meal that received compliments by a lot of members. Jr. Staff Commodore Ray Nagele and Jan hosted the event. Fun was had by all. It was a great opening to what promises to be another terrific year.

### **OPENING DAY BOATS N' SKIPPERS**

The White Rose	FLAGSHIP	Ray & Jan Nagele
Current Passion		Pat & Vaughn Jenkes
In Reel Deep		Jerry & Suzanne Russell
Captain Gizmo		Tom & Jean Worden
Kathleen		Greg & Kathy Lee
Tagged & Released		Dennis & Kathy Kriel
Linda Si		Robert & Linda Axel
Kismet		Kip & Gail Cyprus
Coral Way		Rob & Cindy Allen
Pupseaka		Josef & Kim Davydovits
Fintastic		Robin & Jean Clark
Driftwood		Tom & Debbie Wood
LaFortuna II		Clem & Linda Aime
RO III		Floyd & Mira D'Angelo
Xspechtations		Jeff & Bonnie Specht
Sushi Hunter		Paul & Phyllis Martinez
Lucky Change II		Richard & Judy Kappes
Happy Ours		Gary & Michelle Bartlett
Equitas II		Ronald Ferandelli
Electric Love		Gilbert & Chris Morris
Happy Ours		Guy & Caron Mount
Chiller		Steve & Imelda Armstrong



### **Avalon Cruise** (continued)

The spirit and friendship among our members and guests made this cruise a very special event. Our club's first cruise to Avalon in 1977 (per Dewey and Sandy Rudolph) included four couples and has now grown to a record

19 boats and over 80 participants. Thank you to all who attended and to the boat skippers. Special thanks to Sandy and Dewey Rudolph for procuring Avalon moorings for our club's boats, and to Jay and Sherrie Fern for co-hosting the event and planning the boat parade. We also want to thank our "Rear" for our new chant— *We Are...SeaGate!*



# Murder Mystery Dinner



## Hosts: Commodore John & Margaret Humphreys

There was murder, mayhem and fun at the clubhouse on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, when thirteen of our members played the characters in our murder mystery dinner. The theme was Mardi Gras at a restaurant on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, and many of our guests dressed accordingly adding to the atmosphere. Several of our members helped decorate the clubhouse and tables including Mardi Gras masks and beads. With the lights turned down low, the candles lit, and party music playing in the background you could imagine you were in New Orleans.

During appetizers and cocktails, including a special cocktail put together by our ever-resourceful Port Captain Rob Allen, the characters mingled with the guests spreading information and gossip so as to set the stage. More information was spread around by the characters during dinner, and then one of the characters appeared "bumped-off" and came back as a ghost. Then a final set of clues were passed around to the guests.

Margaret organized a great take-out menu from the Cheesecake factory, and together with Cathy Kelly collected the food for 64 people and had it beautifully set up for the dinner hour. While we enjoyed delicious cheesecake for dessert, the guests had the unenviable task of deciding who the murderer was, and then making their accusations. Each of the characters made a final statement pleading their innocence, and finally the murderer confessed. Eugene Mascoli correctly guessed who the murderer was and was awarded a sheriff's badge by the New Orleans Police.

Our member/actors really played the characters very well, and were very resourceful making the evening a great success.

# ANNIVERSARIES

John & Cheryl Mount	4/6
Joel & Sherrill Lander	4/13
Jim & Donna Gray	4/15
Steve & Imelda Armstrong	4/16
Jim & Lesley Herbold	4/28
Elliot & Debbie Wainer	4/28
Keith & Mary Kay Shelton	4/29
Richard & Linda Scholl	5/4
Ray & Ellen Martin	5/11
David & Bea Swanson	5/13
Gary & Michelle Bartlett	5/17
Richard & Kay Verry	5/24
John & Midge Thompson	5/27
Vaughn & Pat Jenkes	5/28
John & Cheryl Arndt	5/29
David & Roni Fell	5/29

# BIRTHDAYS

## APRIL & MAY

Mary	Lundin	4/1
Ted	Cohen	4/2
Debra	Wainer	4/2
Ed	Davis	4/8
Roy	Jarvis	4/11
Jackie	Sands	4/12
Gary	Pazornik	4/15
Janet	Little	4/17
Jim	Walton	4/17
Jay	Ferns	4/18
Bruce	Bayless	4/20
Linda	Cohen	4/22
Joanne	Daugherty	4/23
Jerry	Russell	4/24
Regina	O'Brien	4/26
Richard	Verry	4/26
Carole	Kirkwood	4/27
Stephen	Metro	4/27
David	Buehn	4/29
Mary	Shebell	4/30

Ron	Jones	5/3
Kathy	Lee	5/5
Terry	Hayden	5/10
Lesley	Herbold	5/11
Sandy	Gallaughner	5/13
Kevin	Cloud	5/14
Barbara	Siegel	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
Lucille	Thornburg	5/31
James	Woods	5/31



# JOHNNY ACE PALMER

WORLD CHAMPION MAGICIAN

Seagate Yacht Club

## Night of Magic

Saturday, June 12 6:30-10:30  
 Cocktails plus Italian Buffet by Buon Gusto  
 \$40/member \$50/guest

Reservations by June 8th  
 Hosts: Sharon & Mike Courtway  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAGIC NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**

**NEWPORT WEEKEND CRUISE**

**AUGUST 20-22**



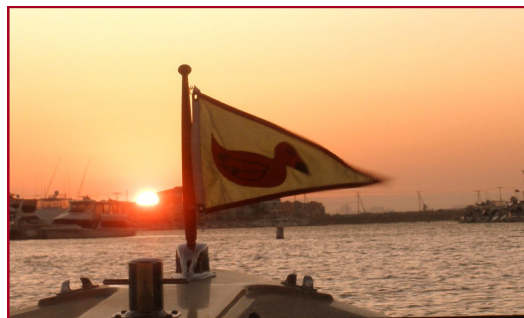
### 2010 CREW

John Humphreys, Commodore  
Les Kelly, Vice-Commodore  
Dale Giali, Rear-Commodore  
Ray Nagele, Jr. Staff Commodore  
Cindy Allen, Secretary  
Josef Davydovits, Treasurer  
Cathy Kelly, 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 for our excellent website photos & Bob McCormick for prompt Burgee distribution.*

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