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SPEAKEASY / CASINO NIGHT



FROM THE BRIDGE

By John Humphreys,
Commodore



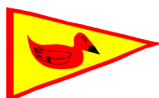
Well, I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of 2010 already and this will be the last article that I write as your Commodore. By the time you read this the Commodore's Ball will be just a memory, but hopefully a treasured one. Our last scheduled event will be the New Year's Eve party, and based on last year's success we will keep to the same basic format, offering a low cost event so that people can choose between staying the whole evening or just stopping by for a couple of hours to celebrate with other members. Look for the flier that will be circulated shortly.

I feel truly privileged to have served as Commodore of our club, and I believe that we have had a terrific year with many wonderful memories shared with good friends. But, as any good skipper knows, it's the crew that really makes the difference. The crew of Seagate Yacht Club is the board, and they are largely unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure our club functions correctly throughout the year. We are all indebted to them for their dedication. As Commodore, I cannot thank them enough for making my tenure so pleasurable.

Of course, we owe a special thanks to all of the event hosts who worked hard to give us so many wonderful events. I was truly amazed by their resourcefulness and creativity. Unfortunately, I think we can sometimes be victims of our own success. When we have a particularly grand outing or party it can sometimes put other members off of volunteering as an event host for fear that they could not compete, or it is just too difficult. But we are always in need of additional event hosts and there are always prior host to share their experience and expertise with you. Some events are grander than others, but the only criteria is that they should be fun, so please step forward and volunteer to help out with an event. Your board will also be there to provide any support that you need.

Looking forward to continued good times together,

Smooth sailing,
John



FROM THE VICE

By Les Kelly,
Vice Commodore



Although the weather has been somewhat gloomy this year, it has been a banner year for fun both ashore and at sea (or around the Harbour) for SeaGate Yacht Club members! Opening Day was splendid with a full day of fun and rare, bright sunshine as members celebrated the event! In addition to the traditional club house and water events, in 2010, we have had two special, first-in-a-long-time or ever events, "Magic Night" and "Murder Mystery Dinner". Both were "magical" and a lot of fun! They complemented our traditional events with interactive fun! Just ahead are the Commodore's Ball and the year's finale, New Year's Eve. 2010 will indeed be remembered as a year of fun and excitement.

Our water activities in 2010 were exceptional as hard working hosts and enthusiastic participants made the New Members Brunch, Opening Day, Avalon Cruise, Progressive Dinner, Newport Raft Up & Dock Up and the Duffy Cruise outstanding events! Cruzin' Tuesdays proved to be very popular and was extended this year.

Looking ahead to next year, whether sunshine or clouds, smooth sailing or not, members will have a full range of events to celebrate! With the notable exception of New Members Brunch, the traditional events have lead hosts, are already scheduled and will be announced shortly. It is not too late to volunteer to help with any of these events.

There are openings for March and April activities. Based on the surveys received at the Board Meeting, a number of members suggested a Country Western Dance. If you are interested in hosting this event, or any other event, please contact me at 714-377-9947. Activities, suggestions and hosts are welcomed and will be fully considered by the Board. As in the past, we try to pair experienced hosts with newer members in order to have continuity for future events over the years. If you have not volunteered, and have the time and interest, please contact me so that we can place you with an event.

A special thanks go out to all who have hosted, supported and/or attended SeaGate Yacht Club events.

FROM THE REAR

**Dale Giali,
Rear Commodore**



"Never go into strange places on a falling tide without a pilot."
Thomas Gibson Bowles

When business casual attire became the rule at the workplace, I had concerns. Won't that affect productivity? It turns out productivity was not the problem I experienced.

In the business casual world, I only wear a suit and tie about once a month. When I do, it's automatic to throw on the same dark gray pinstripe. Yes, every time. Makes life easy. The rest of my suits – some old, some really old – are buried deep in the closet, pretty much forgotten. Recently, however, I found myself in trial and had to wear a suit five days in a row. I could only wear the trusty gray pinstripe twice (alright, I wore it three out of five days; is that such a crime?). I had to come up with at least one more suit. I dug deep into the closet and found a navy suit that I had not worn or thought about in years. I was pleasantly surprised. Nordstrom! It was a nice looking suit. I felt a little bad it had been unceremoniously retired. Heck, once the trial was done, it might just replace the gray pinstripe as the default suit for a while. I put it on. A little gel in the hair. Looked good. Felt good. Drove to court.

Before trial began for the day, I was organizing my files. I bent down to move a box of files. Several things struck me all at once. It's that navy blue suit. That navy suit had not been banished to the back of the closet because of the move to business casual. It was buried in the closet because it had a very large rip in the seat. I never got around to getting it mended. (Didn't need to. We were business casual and I already had the trusty dark gray pinstripe.) My memory told me that the rip already was large. Bending over to pick up the box pretty much did the rest -- took out the seam from front to back. The judge took the bench. The proceedings began. The suit was dark. I was wearing dark boxers. I simply would not bend over. I would remain seated as much as possible. I would not turn my back to anyone.

I made it to the mid day break and was certain that the front to back rip was still my secret. I carefully walked to the court cafeteria for lunch, never turning my back on anyone, carefully paying for my hamburger and carefully sitting down. It was all good. As I got up to leave, a stranger walked over and in a very gentle and empathetic, though somewhat pained, tone said "Sir, there is something I really need to tell you. Your pants are ripped in the seat, so if you are going to court you need to do something about it. Tape it up or maybe use a stapler. You have to do something." I knew it had taken a lot for him to muster up the courage to approach me and tell me what I needed to hear. That's not easy to do. And he absolutely did it with the best of intentions. I thanked him and told him not to worry. I was aware of the rip, but had employed some strategies to hide it. He said – again in a very nice and empathetic, but somewhat pained, tone – "Oh, no sir, you don't understand. You can't hide that rip. It's way too big." I went back for the afternoon session without fixing the rip.

Looking forward to leaving port often!

Fishing Tournament



Hosts: L to R: Robin Clark, Ted Cohen, Jean Clark, Linda Cohen



Cioppino Dinner

On Saturday, August 28, the Seagate Yacht Club held their annual fishing tournament and cioppino dinner. Although fishing has not been ideal in our area lately there were still plenty of fish caught by this enthusiastic group. The largest fish, a sand bass, was caught by Michael O'Brien. Mike Courtway caught the most exotic fish which was a ling cod. The most fish were caught by Bill Chang and the perpetual award went to Myra DeAngelo who caught an octopus.

The days' fishing was followed by a fabulous cioppino dinner personally prepared by Ted and Linda Cohn. Cioppino aficionados said it was superb. From all accounts it was a satisfying day and another great Seagate Yacht Club event.

Finally, there was a fabulous array of valuable prizes awarded to the participants. The generous local business donors for our event were The Captain's Locker, Chark Bait, Mako Matt Bait, Fishermans Hardware, Sunset Aquatic Boat Yard, Mariners Point Fuel Dock, Seaforth Landing, Harpoon Harry's Restaurant and Pelican Isle Restaurant. Many thanks all of you from SGYC.

BURGEE EXCHANGE

**Ron & Kay Nelson
exchanging burgees at
Nawiliwili Yacht Club,
Hawaii**



**Tom Worden presenting
the Nelson's
Nawiliwili YC Burgee to
Commodore Humphreys**

BURGEE EXCHANGE

**Dennis Huffman
and Peggy Allison
displaying their
burgee from
Oceanside
Yacht Club**



SPEAKEASY / CASINO NIGHT



**HOSTS: L-R LINDA & DICK SCHOLL,
CINDY SHAW & JOEL & SHERRILL LANDER**

Saturday night, October 23rd saw a return to the good old days of prohibition, flappers, gun molls, gangsters, and bathtub gin.

Seagate Yacht Club threw a Speakeasy / Casino party complete with gambling, prizes, roaring 20s music, champagne, martinis and fabulous period costumes.

The gambling included craps, blackjack, roulette and the enthusiastic crowd gambled the night away breaking only for a great Italian dinner catered by Gardunos restaurant in Costa Mesa.

At the end of the gala evening the gamblers cashed in their chips and there were drawings for many prizes plus awards for the best roaring 20s costumes. The best costumes were worn by Janette Carlile and Elliot Wainer.

Special thanks go to Dick and Judie Kappas for the loan of their vintage model A Ford for decoration and the many photo ops. Also, thanks to Dick Scholl who designed and built the custom speakeasy door for the entrance to our very own private "Speakeasy Club".

Everyone was into the costumes and the imagination of our members was matched only by the beauty of our Roaring 20s girls.

New Members



Gary and Michelle Bartlett

Gary and Michelle had just got married and bought a boat in Huntington Harbour. The problem was, they didn't live here. So, about one year ago, they bought a home in

SeaGate and moved the boat to their dock on Windspun.

Married over two years, now, Gary & Michelle love living in Huntington Harbour and are happy they chose the SeaGate community. Gary is retired after a 30- year career with Albertson's Grocery. Michelle is a flight attendant with American Airlines. They share a daughter and two grandchildren.

Their boat is a 38 foot Chris Craft sportfisher named "Happy Ours". They bought it from its original owner - Cindy Shaw's parents. Gary loves working on the boat. Gary and Michelle like staying in shape. They both participate in the Mud Run at Camp Pendleton. Michelle has recently taken up kayaking. They are both glad they chose to join SGYC.

Welcome, Gary & Michelle, to SGYC!



Annual Meeting

SeaGate Yacht Club officers conducted the yearly meeting at the SeaGate Yacht Club building on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Commencing at 7 p.m., Commodore John Humphreys called the meeting to order. Vice Commodore Les Kelly presented the Candidates for 2011 Elected Board Members as follows: Les Kelly as Commodore, Dale Giali as Vice Commodore, Jeff Specht as Rear Commodore, Cindy Allen as Secretary, Josef Davydovits as Treasurer and John Humphreys as Junior Staff Commodore. Secretary Allen confirmed that there were no write in candidates on ballots. Kelly then called for nominations from the floor from attending members with no response. Secretary Allen then confirmed that her tally of ballots proved that the entire list of Candidates had won unanimous approval for the respective positions for 2011.

The 2011 Appointed Officers were then introduced: Robert Allen as House/Port Captain, Joanne McCormick as Membership, Joel Lander as Communications, Tom Warden as Webmaster and Bob McCormick as Club Roster. There were no appointees for Ships Store and Cruise Director. Treasurer Jose Davydovits reported that the Club's finances were in good order and Membership Chair Cathy Kelly reported that there were seven new memberships in 2010 with a total of 148 total memberships at the date of the meeting.

Vice Commodore Kelly then presented a listing of proposed events for 2011 and solicited sponsors for a number of the events with members offering to serve as sponsors for a number of the events. Kelly also solicited candidates for the open positions of Ships Store and Cruise Director with no responses. Commodore Humphreys then solicited comments in general and led discussion about successful 2010 events and proposed 2011 events with the assembled group of members. He adjourned the yearly meeting at 7:32p.m.



Communications Officer
Joel Lander and his Burgee on his and Sherrill's recent trip to Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons

Newport Cruise & Raftup



Seagate Yacht Club held its annual Newport Beach Cruise and Raft-up at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. The event featured activities for all club members including a gala dinner, dockside gathering and weekend raft in Newport's designated anchorage. Boating members began arriving as early as Thursday taking their assigned slips at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club's guest slips. "Rafters" gathered at the southeast end of Lido Island, welcoming arriving vessels ranging from 16 feet to over 50 feet in length.

Some members enjoy the event so much that they extend their stay into the following week. In addition, boating and non-boating members enjoyed a cocktail party "at the raft" and wrapped up the weekend's events with a barbeque on the grounds of the beautiful Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. The Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club goes to great length to insure that visitor's needs are met and that they feel welcome. Seagate Commodore John Humphreys welcomed members and numerous guests at Friday evening's dinner. The Club has conducted this event for over a decade, growing larger and more popular each year. Special attention is paid to insure that all of the Seagate members will be attracted to one or more of the weekend's activities making this one of the club's best attended activities.

The Seagate Yacht Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in Huntington Harbour founded by its namesake's original residents in the 70's. The club welcomes all Seagate residents and a large number of members from other parts of Southern California, drawn by a balance of boating and non-boating events all conducted in a relaxed and carefree environment.



DUFFY CRUISE



On Saturday, September 18th, seventy SGYC members and guests enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day in the Harbour pursuing the **Secrets of the Islands**. They cruised the waters searching for answers to clues written in couplets. Wine flowed, glasses clinked and laughter reverberated as a parade of Duffys roamed the Harbour. Although there were a few frustrating moments when the answer for a clue couldn't be found, all enjoyed the perfect weather and good friends.

After the cruise, attendees met at the clubhouse, which was decorated with treasure chests and an island motif. DJ Todd provided music as members and guests chatted, enjoyed more refreshments at the bar, and found their seats at the colorfully decorated tables. The winners of the **Secrets of the Islands** clues were presented with prizes. **First Place** went to Dandy and Dewey Rudolph, Crown Joule; **Second Place** went to Kathy and Greg Lee, KatyLyn; **Third Place** went to Caron and Guy Mount, Happy Ours. *Hosts of this delightful event were (L to R above); Mary Shebell and Merle McCormick, Marsha Hendler, Joanne and Bob McCormick, and Susan and Marty Lipman.*

New Members



Greg & Kathy Lee

It may truly be the most unusual boat in Huntington Harbour. It's a 26-foot tug boat with a bright red and black paint job.

SGYC members **Greg and Kathy Lee** own this unusual boat. It was recently launched from Sunset Aquatic Shipyard after receiving extensive and complete renovations. They found Traveler two years ago. It was built in 1973 by Tug Boats International and was one of twelve. It had spent 30 years working on the Ohio River and was in poor condition. Greg has done all the work on this 'project boat' himself. He has built a new fiberglass superstructure and wheelhouse. It has been re-powered with a Cummins diesel. Everything is new, even the smokestack which has the "SC" emblazoned on it. And, the paint sparkles!

Traveler sits at the dock behind their lovely SeaGate home on Bimini Lane where they have lived since 1997. (They moved here after spending 5 years in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.) Traveler is next to their beautiful 43 foot Mikelson named "Kathleen". Greg and Kathy are anxious to make a trip to Catalina on it. When you see Traveler on the waterways, wave to Greg & Kathy.

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
Michael & Marguerite McEntee	10/19
Bob & Shirley Mullaney	10/21
Rich & Dianne Rector	10/21
Ted & Linda Cohen	10/25
Shannon & Colleen Vinson	10/27
Jack & Terry Hayden	10/29
Cliff & Sandy Meier	10/30
Helena Parada & Paul Brown	11/11
Merle McCormick & Mary Shebell	11/16
Kevin & Candace Cloud	11/18
John & Lu Mendenhall	11/19
John & Maryann Boryszewski	11/21
Tim & Regina O'Brien	11/22
Floyd & Mira D'Angelo	11/25
Gary & Arlene Dixon	11/25
Oscar & Mary Ann Brinket	11/27
Josef & Kim Davydovits	11/30
John & Margaret Humphreys	12/6
Robert & Patricia Hoffman	12/12
Bill & Lucille Thornburg	12/20
Martha Fee	12/21
Gene & JoAnn Busby	12/22
Jim & Lyn Senske	12/23
Donald & Jackie Sands	12/26
Bruce & Kathy Bayless	12/29
Conrad & Carolyn Platt	12/31

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Arndt	10/2	Thomas Gallagher	11/17
Robert Axel	10/2	Patrick Carter	11/18
Donna Gray	10/2	Martha Fee	11/19
Jean Clark	10/4	Richard Kappes	11/19
Kim Davydovits	10/5	Doris Willis	11/20
Marsha Hendler	10/5	Robin Clark	11/21
Dianne Rector	10/6	Tony Flecklin	11/23
Jerry Cassidy	10/7	Michael Novak	11/24
Pat Naulty	10/9	Francis Okino	11/24
Sheree Novak	10/9	Mary Louise Lund	11/27
Jim Childers	10/11	Radha Sharma	11/27
Marguerite McEntee	10/11	Tricia Pratto	11/28
Wayne Sawka	10/13	Midge Thompson	11/28
Jan McKnew	10/14	John Arndt	11/29
Bett Walton	10/17	Cathy Kelly	11/30
Renell Gochman	10/18	RJ Parcell	11/30
Mark Daugherty	10/21	Dean Knupp	12/1
Nancy Metro	10/22	Gary Bartlett	12/5
Terry Parcell	10/22	Bea Swanson	12/5
Lu Mendenhall	10/23	Susan Duncan	12/7
Angie Ferns	10/25	Mona Jones	12/7
Bob Mc Cormick	10/26	Pam Jackson	12/11
John Humphreys	10/31	Dennis Kreil	12/12
Rich Rector	11/1	Mary Kay Shelton	12/12
Scott Mueller	11/4	Sherrie Ferns	12/13
David Fell	11/7	Lucille Mascoli	12/13
Verna Smith	11/8	Jack Hayden	12/15
Kathy Bayless	11/12	Georgette Davis	12/16
Caron Mount	11/12	Nancy Ehlen	12/21
Mike Kilbourn	11/13	Nat Pendleton	12/23
Cathy Liddle	11/13	Pat Reed	12/23
Bob Mullaney	11/13	Jan Nagele	12/24
Judie Kappes	11/15	Pat Reed	12/23
Ginger Hegler	11/16	Lynne Preslo	12/30



Vice Commodore Kelly poses here with the local "Hunter" and his Burgee at Uummannaq, Greenland, in August, while he was on an adventure cruise on the Norwegian adventure ship MS Fram.

SHIPS STORE SHOWCASE

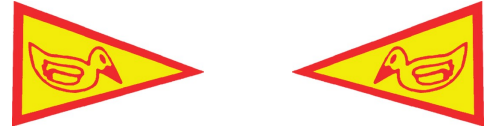
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**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**EVENT HOSTS BRUNCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6**

**NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27**

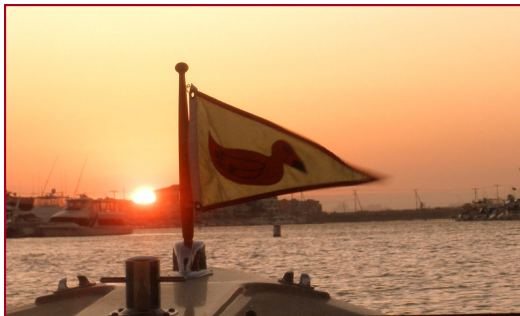


2010 CREW

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

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