

# SeaGate Yacht Club

## THE BURGEE

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SEAGATE YACHT CLUB  
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### FROM THE BRIDGE

by Bob Axel, Commodore

GOOD EVENING MR. AND MRS. AMERICA AND ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA, this is your faithful reporter Walter Windshield reporting for December, 2007 ( and maybe for the last time of my command )

Dateline Eagles Nest, Navel Weapons Station Seal Beach 17 November : SeaGate Yacht Club had the pleasure of presenting its 2007 Commodore's Ball at this impressive venue. In the extensive poll that was taken after the Ball, the rating given by all that attended was off the charts.

Linda Axel along with Staff Commodore Ed Davis arranged an evening that set a bench-mark for all the events to follow.

The Navel Golf Course has a new club house in a lovely setting. The ball room had both an in-door and out-door area that was more than large enough to handle the hour long cocktail party. There was an open bar, and more than ample stuffed mushrooms, calamari and spinach treats that were passed among the attendees. A table held salmon, vegetables and dip, along with cheese that kept the hunger to a minimum.

The guests then entered the main dining room, to be greeted by the one and only LIZA MANELLI, right from Broadway, who put on a one-half hour show. She was supported by Staff Commodore Tom McKnew, Barry Wasserman and yours truly in a medley of song, dances and jokes that kept things rocking. The room was beautiful. Each table was adorned with a beautiful center piece three feet high, with flowers by Amy's Florist from our mall. The tables were tastefully set with china, crystal and candy favors at each place.

Next came the dinner of filet mignon, blue nosed bass and the trimmings. You wouldn't have known you were at a banquet, it was more like a fine restaurant.

The event hosts were thanked and gifts were given, as well as the out going officers. The new officers and board members were installed and a beautiful outgoing gift of a Waterford bowl was presented to the out-going Commodore by Vice Commodore Sproule.

Jim Rice provided music through out the evening, both for dancing and back-up through the cocktail hours and dinner. The event lasted late into the evening.

Your Commodore thanked his wife **Linda** for all the work and support she has provided throughout the entire year, and presented her with bouquet as a small token of his appreciation.

The Yacht Club year couldn't have come off so smoothly without her.

Dateline HHPC boat parade December 8 & 9 ; Bob McCormick and his crew have pulled off another beautiful float in this year's boat parade. Robin and Jean Clark contributed their impressive 52' boat as the platform for another winning entry. This reporter is amazed with the good planning and execution of the design and construction of the float so early in the year. Members are invited to contact Bob if you want to ride in the parade. The entire flag of the club want to thank Bob for his effort both on the float and the roster.

Dateline SeaGate Club house, NEW YEARS EVE. Your Vice Commodore Cleve Sproule, Mark Arizmendi and your Board are presenting another fun filled kickoff to the New Year. Last year's party was a renewal of what promises to be another fun filled event. We all hope that you will want to come and share a memorable commencement of what promises to be another stellar year with your club. We will all look forward to seeing you at this party.

Your Commodore reported that he wants to thank each of the members that have assisted in and supported the club this year. From our monthly events, to the water activities and the friends that were made, he thanks you. As any Skipper knows, you can't run a large ship without a supportive crew. Thanks for the memories !

This is Walter Windshield, signing off. Good night .....



Bob Axel with wife Linda and Liza Manelli

# A GREAT YEAR AHEAD

by Cleve Sproule, Vice Commodore

As 2007 comes to a close, I reflect on another successful year for the Club. With Commodore Bob (and Linda) Axel at the helm, we had many successful and well-attended events both on the water and on land. From Opening Day thru the Commodore's Ball, and with each "Cruzin' Tuesday," our members exemplified the spirit of "friendship and boating." None of these events could have been possible without the creativity and hard work of many energetic club members who volunteered their time to ensure our success. I thank each and every one of you who contributed to making these events winners! And of course, a special thanks to our House Capitan Jerry Cassidy, and his wife Linda for their hard work in making sure that we all enjoyed each event *with the right spirit!!*

I look forward to the New Year with the optimism and determination that we will continue the tradition that has made our club strong. We have events planned for each month of 2008 and there are still a couple of openings for Event Hosts and Committee Members for these events. If you haven't volunteered to chair or serve on an event committee for a while, maybe now is the time! Volunteering, and being part of the event presentation is great fun and gives us all a chance to get to know our fellow club members better! If you would like to get involved in any of the 2008 events, please call me at 714.376.9692.

Don't forget New Year's Eve at the Club!! We'll be having a great dinner with chef's serving your choices at their stations, provided by TGIS. We will also enjoy refreshments hosted by the Club and music to dance through the evening, provided by Jim Rice, all for \$85.00 per person! It's close to home and promises to be a fun evening! I hope to see you there!!



Let's start off the New Year and toast in a great 2008 together!

Liza Manelli with SGYC next years commodore Cleve Sproule



# SEAGATE REPEATS FIRST PLACE IN YACHT CLUB CATEGORY

By Ray Nagele, Rear Commodore

Once again, SeaGate Yacht Club won first place (Yacht Club category) in the 2007 Huntington Harbour Holiday Boat Parade! Robin and Jean Clark graciously provided their 52' yacht, "Fin-Tastic". Ollie Clark captained the boat with great expertise both nights.

This year's theme was "Surf City Sounds". At the urging of Bob McCormick, our Project foreman, we held our design meeting in August! Sandy Atherton, our Creative Director, and the design committee (Bob McCormick, Pat Jenkes, Mary Shebell, Merle McCormick, Ray & Jan Nagele) came up with a Surf City design of nine surf boards, a Woody car, and a thatched hut. Special thanks to Joanne McCormick, Pat Jenkes, Cleve Sproule, Mike & Sharon Courtway and John & Margaret Humphreys for participating in the Adopt A Surfboard Program. The boards were so well done that Bob actually had a lady stop and ask "What company do you design for?" because she wanted to buy one. She was very surprised when she got close and realized they were not real! Thank you all for a job well done and giving us all one more reason to be proud of our club! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the following club members for their hard work and support in making our award winning entry:

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| Bob McCormick, Project Foreman and Master Boat Decoration Builder |  |
| Sandy Atherton, Design work and painting supervision              |  |
| Clement Aime  | Les Kelly  |
| Mark Arizmendi  | Marty & Susan Lipman                               |
| Jim Atherton  | Jan Nagele   |
| Robin, Jean, and Ollie Clark                                      | Cindy Shaw (loaned the palm tree)                  |
| Ted Cohen   | Mary Shebell & Merle McCormick                     |
| Mike & Sharon Courtway  | Cleve Sproule (loaned the stereo system and music) |
| Floyd D'Angelo  |  |
| John & Margaret Humphreys   |  |
| Pat Jenkes  |  |



SGYC Holiday Boat Entry won "Best Yacht Club" entry

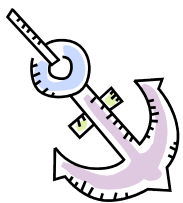
## FROM THE REAR

by Ray Nagele, Rear Commodore



It's been a busy year for boating events. By my count, there were nine events this past year that involved yachts (well, boats). The last boating event of the year was the Boat Parade Entry, thanks to Bob McCormick and Sandy Atherton for leading this effort, to Robin and Jean Clark for use of their boat FIN-TASTIC, and to everyone that helped decorate our award winning entry.

All of this has kept the Rear busy this year. Thanks to everyone who arranged and participated in the boating events. It's great to get out on the water, something we all love to do living in the Harbour! A peek into next year's event schedule promises to have just as many boating events! Welcome to Pat Jenkes, SeaGate Yacht Club's Rear Commodore for 2008, I'm sure you'll all support her in this position. As I move on to Vice Commodore, I look to 2008 as an exciting and fun time for all!



### SHIP'S STORE



Visit the Ship's Store at the Bonaire Clubhouse events. There are many wonderful new Seagate Yacht Club articles for sale.

## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

|           |           |       |
|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Swanson   | Bea       | 12/5  |
| Snegg     | David     | 12/7  |
| Jones     | Mona      | 12/7  |
| Duncan    | Susan     | 12/7  |
| Jackson   | Pam       | 12/11 |
| Smith     | Sharon    | 12/11 |
| Kreil     | Dennis    | 12/12 |
| Shelton   | Mary Kay  | 12/12 |
| Mascoli   | Lucille   | 12/13 |
| Hayden    | Jack      | 12/15 |
| Davis     | Georgette | 12/16 |
| LaPittus  | Susan     | 12/16 |
| Pendleton | Nat       | 12/23 |
| Nagele    | Jan       | 12/24 |
| Skerik    | Dale      | 12/31 |

### JANUARY

|            |          |      |
|------------|----------|------|
| Rusch      | James    | 1/1  |
| Miller     | Larry    | 1/2  |
| Brinket    | Mary Ann | 1/6  |
| Shelton    | Keith    | 1/7  |
| Thomas     | Rick     | 1/8  |
| Degnan     | Tom      | 1/9  |
| Meier      | Cliff    | 1/10 |
| Bromley    | Georgie  | 1/12 |
| Mc Cormick | Joanne   | 1/14 |
| Mitchell   | Linda    | 1/15 |
| Atherton   | James    | 1/16 |
| Siegel     | Joe      | 1/18 |
| Shoemaker  | Lisa     | 1/24 |
| Lander     | Sherrill | 1/27 |
| Rumfola    | Tony     | 1/27 |
| Shaw       | Cindy    | 1/29 |
| Mascoli    | Eugene   | 1/29 |
| Olschwang  | Alan     | 1/30 |



## ANNIVERSARIES

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Bill & Lucille Thornburg | 12/20 |
| Martha Fee               | 12/21 |
| Gene & JoAnn Busby       | 12/22 |
| Jim & Lyn Senske         | 12/23 |
| Bruce & Kathy Bayless    | 12/29 |
| Conrad & Carolyn Platt   | 12/31 |

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Tom Degnan               | 1/10 |
| Les & Cathy Kelly        | 1/10 |
| Larry & Carol Miller     | 1/10 |
| John & Lisa Shoemaker    | 1/19 |
| Gary & Barbara Pazornik  | 1/21 |
| James & Sandra Atherton  | 1/23 |
| Michael & Kaylyn De Heus | 1/25 |

**2007-2008  
Upcoming Events**

**Monday, December 31**  
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

**Sunday, January 13**  
EVENT HOST BRUNCH

**Sunday, February 3**  
SUPER BOWL PARTY

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THESE  
GREAT EVENTS!**



**Your 2007 Crew**

Bob Axel, *Commodore*  
Cleve Sproule, *Vice Commodore*  
Ray Nagele, *Rear Commodore*  
Mike Courtway, Jr. *Staff Commodore*  
Marty Lipman, *Treasurer*  
Susan Lipman, *Secretary*  
John & Margaret Humphreys, *Membership*  
Jerry Cassidy, *House Chair*  
Bea Swanson & Ted Cohen, *Ship's Store*  
Tom Worden, *Webmaster*

Many thanks to those of you who have helped with these Newsletters. And special recognition to our Webmaster Tom Worden for use of some photos from the SGYC Website at [www.seagateyachtclub.com](http://www.seagateyachtclub.com).

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**SeaGate Yacht Club**

*Presents the*

**2007 NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA**

*Join us for a  
Delicious dinner catered by TGIS with Chef-  
tended serving stations and hosted refreshments*

*Enjoy dancing to the great sounds by DJ Jim Rice*

December 31, 2007 at 8:00 PM  
at the SeaGate Clubhouse  
16011 Bonaire Circle  
(Dressy/casual attire)

\$85.00 per person  
(Please make your reservation early as seating is limited)

*Let's continue this great tradition of welcoming the  
New Year at the Club!*

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