



# Report on Progressive Dinner July 12<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by John & Margaret Humphreys

The weather was perfect for our progressive dinner this year, which had a Jamaican/reggae theme. Seventy members and guests attended, arriving by boat, car or walking to the first stop near the guest docks on Tortola for hors d'oeuvres. We all enjoyed curry crab cakes, coconut shrimp and assorted dips. To quench our thirst, we had a coconut rum/pineapple/orange/banana punch and a selection of our favorite beers and wine while enjoying the reggae theme music. Unfortunately, our steel drum reggae performer was a little jet lagged after just returning from the Cayman Islands, so it took him a while to get energized.

The next stop was the clubhouse where our Duffys tied up at the Bonaire dock. Our main course featured "Curse of the Blackened Pearl Tri-Tip" and "Captain Jack Sparrow Jerk Chicken" served with Jamaican coconut rice, salad and vegetables. We were again entertained by our steel drum reggae performer who by this time had picked up the tempo and was really quite good. We had a wonderful full bar so everyone could choose their favorite beverage.

Then off to the magnificent waterfront house of Robin & Jean Clark who so graciously opened up their home so we could enjoy dessert and coffee, plus a few liqueurs. Nearly everyone came by Duffy and our thanks go out to the Clarks for moving FIN-TASTIC to accommodate our boats at their dock. Dessert consisted of Icky Sticky Coconut Bread Pudding with Captain Morgan's rum sauce, which was very popular. The liqueurs were quite popular too, including Baileys and a very addictive chocolate liqueur.

Our thanks, of course, go out to Jerry & Linda Cassidy who worked so hard to make sure all three venues were sufficiently stocked with libations so no one went thirsty.





## NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday night June 21<sup>st</sup> was the SeaGate Yacht Club Annual Night at the Races and it was an all out success with a record attendance of 64 members and guests.

The night began at 5:30 PM with cocktails outside in the beautiful sunshine on the Vista Terrace overlooking the finish line. Event hosts Mary Shebell, Marsha Hendler and Merle McCormick greeted everyone with red and yellow carnations for the ladies and a program for each member.

After cocktails and swapping of tips, we went indoors to a lovely air conditioned dining room for a delicious buffet of Caesar salad, chicken marsala, tortellini, grilled veggies and potato wedges...and the grand finale of warm peach cobbler with ice cream.

As the evening grew progressively warmer, it prepared us for our hot, hot, hot winners! Some of our members did quite well with their bets. Now we were fortified for a serious look at the horses...and just in time to cheer on the third race named for SeaGate Yacht Club. Commodore Cleve Sproule invited new members Elliott and Debra Wainer and DeAnna Stingley along with members Judie Kappes and Mark Arizmendi to the Winners Circle where they had their photo taken with the winning jockey.

After dinner, the night was cooling off but we were just heating up! With lots of cheers and screams and everyone rooting on their favorite horse. Marsha Hendler told us grays are great finishers, well, maybe not this night. We saw Vice Commodore Ray Nagele and Jan trying to explain how they won 3 races in a row....while Gene and Lucille Mascoli were quietly going up and collecting their winnings...again!

We heard lots of screaming over at Sherrill and Joel Lander's table...not to mention Webmaster Tom Worden and Jean who seemed to be quite happy... along with the Les and Cathy Kelly, Mike and Sharon Courtway, Aurelia and Francis Okino, Cindy Shaw, Alan and Barbara Olschwang and Carolyn and Conrad Platt, to name a few. Were they winning or was it the balmy California night air and the good company of friends and members of SeaGate Yacht Club.

