



# SeaGate Yacht Club

## THE BURGEE

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### COMMODORE'S CORNER

by *MICHAEL COURTWAY*

Ahoy fellow members!

I don't know how this heat wave has affected you, but I think we have all been suffered in some fashion. Whenever it got to bothering me, I reflected on how lucky I am, as are most of you that reading this, to live on the California coast. Sure, it was hot. But, not as hot, for us, as it was for those that live inland.

I'm not sure if it was the heat, but 95 members and guests wanted to get out on the water in an electric boat for the SGYC "Duffy meets Country" event July 22. Bea and David Swanson were the hosts for this event. There were 13 electric boats participating in this event. Rear Commodore Cleve Sproule had boat assignments planned to a tee. Each had friends and neighbors enjoying themselves and trying to follow the prescribed course at 5 mph. After the water portion of the event, everyone rushed back to the clubhouse for more cocktails and the entertainment by Doug Houston. They were not disappointed. But, during dinner, we did find out that Thomasina Parker won first prize for skippering her boat closest to the official time for the course. During dinner the Dumb Bell Award was passed on to an electric boat skipper – for the first time ever, perhaps. Doug Houston performed up to expectations singing and getting everyone up to dance. But, everyone became a little warm and a few ended up over at the pool. Was Sharon Smith the only one that took the plunge? Bea & David, it was a wonderful event you and your committee planned.

The Night at the Races event preceded the Duffy event by a month. On June 24<sup>th</sup> everyone was hoping the weather was going to warm up. Most dressed for a warm night, as Sharon & I did. We had a surprise when a cool breeze blew in and chased everyone inside to watch some of the last races. The new location for the dinner and cocktails worked out really nicely. We were right over the start/finish line. The dinner was one of the best we have enjoyed at Los Alamitos Race Track, too. Before the races, we were tutored on the fine art of betting. We were also visited and entertained by the official race track bugler. Thank you, Tom and Jean Worden, for hosting this event. Fine job. Who were the big winners, you ask? Well, it wasn't me. However, I did pick a winner in one race. There were so many scratches before the race, I simply bet each remaining horse, to win. The winning horse covered the bets.

Upcoming events are in the works. You should have received a

flyer for the Progressive Dinner hosted by Margaret & John Humphreys on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This party will have a Caribbean theme with Prince Bernard playing your favorite tunes on the steel drums. Following dinner at the clubhouse, the party will conclude at the beautiful waterside home of Bob & Georgie Bromley on Humbolt Island. It is accessible by boat or automobile. R.S.V.P. as soon as you can as this event usually attracts a sell-out crowd.

The next event will be the raft-up in Newport Harbor September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature a cocktail party on the boats Saturday afternoon. For those unable to attend by boat, yet plan to drive down for the cocktail party, you will be shuttled back & forth to the raft-up from a pick up point. Host for the event is Mike & Sheree Novak.

For those of you that have not participated in Tuesday Cruzin', the invitation is "open". Two more are scheduled, August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Maybe it's just something to do, by boat, or it's an excuse to socialize with friends. But, this event been successful. Checkout the photo presentation on our website. It was prepared by our webmaster, Tom Worden, and is first class! For those who have not yet attended, **it's an open invitation**. Come to Pelican Island at Peter's Landing by dingy or electric boat – or any means you have, about 6 p.m. for cocktails, appetizers and / or dinner. We have not had a shortage of dock space thanks mainly to the great capacity of Duffys. Cocktail hour lasts until 7 p.m. and Sean & Doug have made sure we had plenty of appetizers. The party breaks up around 8 p.m.

Some of our newest members are neighbors you know. Or, I hope you will get to know, soon. They are: DENNIS & VICKI BRADDOCK on Windspun. TIM & REGINA O'BRIEN on Bimini, MIKE & GLENDA KILBOURN on Aruba Circle, and A.S. & Bonnie Rumfola on Bonaire Circle. Welcome! **SeaGate Yacht Club** has a lot to offer. We look forward to your participation in the various events.

I should take a couple of lines to mention that the SeaGate Yacht Club New Years Eve party plans are well underway thanks to Vice Commodore Bob & Linda Axel. They have an entertainer lined up and a caterer. Please put this SGYC traditional event in your calendar, now.

Lastly, let me remind you **SGYC** is your club. We appreciate your participation in events that are planned. As your commodore, I invite you to let me know of any comments or suggestions for these and future events. Visit our website, often. It's informative and there are a lot of photos from events for your enjoyment.

[seagateyachtclub.com](http://seagateyachtclub.com)

Here's to Happy Boating and Friendship.  
Mike Courtway, 2006 Commodore

## DUFFY MEETS COUNTRY

Bea Swanson



Duffy met Country and it was "love" at first sight. No sooner then kicking off the dockers and putting on the cowboy boots, people were dancing to our wonderful entertainer for the evening, Doug Houston---and that was before dinner!!! First, thank you to everyone who participated in the Duffy event and then came to our "country" party. Even though it was so hot and humid, we sure had fun. Our wonderful caterer, Richard Jones Pit B-B-Q, got that chicken and beef brisket so tender, one could cut it with a fork. And with the small roasted potatoes, huge bowl of fresh fruit and salad--it all came really handy on a steamy night. Huge thank you to Jerry Cassidy who lugged up the almost melted ice to the bar; who got a nice variety of beers just for the event and who stuck it out upstairs when most people went outside to cool off--(or swim---Sharon Smith?!)

Another big thank you goes to Margaret Humphreys. You see, last year she is the one who found our gem of an "entertainer" (not DJ) as he sang all the songs and got us all dancing. Some of us were a little green at it....but we all helped each other and were able to follow Doug most of the time. My decorating crew: Cathy Kelly, Barbara Steinberg and Linda Cohen did a great job and as they say, many hands make light work. Oh, and even David helped out---pulling the wagon of hay that had its own agenda from our garage to the yacht club. Thank you clean-up crew: Arlene and Gary Dixon, Jan and Ray Nagel, Cathy and Les Kelly and the few extra nice people who quietly got the place totally cleaned up. This was our first event and it was more like a double event. Linda Cohen gave me direction; Mike kept following up with me as well as with David, and Cleve magically kept pulling out more "duffies" from his "magic hat" as David kept him up with his ever-changing spreadsheet. As we found out, it really took a "crew" to pull it all together and make it a success.



## ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Sheree Novak	8/7
Jack & Joyce Wiegand	8/9
Kevin & Lisa Veal	8/10
Jerry & Suzanne Russell	8/13
RJ & Terry Parcell	8/14
Joe & Vema Smith	8/17
Rick & Lari Thomas	8/17
Jeff & Tina Haas	8/19
Alan & Barbara Olschwang	8/22
John & Linda Mitchell	8/25
Francis & Aurelia Okino	8/26
Carl & Carolyn O'Dell	9/1
Tom & Jan McKnew	9/2
Burt & Doris Willis	9/3
Ray & Jan Nagele	9/5
Jim & Bett Walton	9/9
Jeff & Sharon Smith	9/9
Tom & Jean Worden	9/9
Lyle & Eva Kilgore	9/9
Ron & Debbie Baker	9/16
David & Barbra Snegg	9/16
Roger & Lynne Wilhelm	9/16
Gary Gochman & Renell Gotvald	9/24
Nancy Jones & Don Kujat	9/25



## THANKS SKIPPERS AND MEMBERS!

By: Cleve Sproule, "Rear Commodore"

As expected, *SeaGate Yacht Club* members made our first ever, "annual" electric boat event a huge success!!

Our event hosts, Bea and David Swanson did an incredible job of coordinating this entire event.

My sincere thanks to all the Skippers who graciously invited and hosted our members aboard for an electrified, yet almost silent cruise of our great harbour.

To everyone with whom I spoke while I was matching passengers and boats, **thank you all** for your cooperation and flexibility. It worked and you made my small assignment fun!!

The next electric water event promises to surpass this year's perfection. We look forward to seeing you there!!



## TUESDAY CRUISIN' DATES

AUGUST 8                      AUGUST 22

Pelican Island      Peter's Landing

Muster: 1800 hours

## BIRTHDAYS

Mullier	Becky	8/6
Rudolph	Sandy	8/7
Kreil	Kathy	8/11
D'Angelo	Mira	8/12
Courtway	Sharon	8/13
Miller	Carol	8/13
Kelly	Les	8/14
Courtway	A. Michael	8/15
DeClerck	Jim	8/15
Busby	Gene	8/16
Fuhrman	Doug	8/18
O'Dell	Carl	8/18
Arizmendi	Mark	8/18
Atherton	Sandra	8/20
Fuhrman	Sharon	8/22
Korn	Darleen	8/27
Kujat	Nancy	8/28
Mount	Guy	8/28
Gochman	Renell	8/28
Kirkwood	Bill	8/29
Kaplan	Diane	8/30
DeClerck	Uta	8/31
Veal	Kevin	9/1
Stephan	Linda	9/1
Brinket	Oscar	9/3
Veal	Lisa	9/4
Allison	Peggy	9/5
Parker	Thomasina	9/8
Schulze	Jack	9/10
Smith	Joe	9/10
Thomas	Lari	9/10
Martin	Ray	9/18
Ferandelli	Ronald	9/21
Mendenhall	John	9/25
Nelson	Ron	9/26
O'Dell	Carolyn	9/26
Wilhelm	Lynne	9/26



## SHIP'S STORE



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

## 2006 Upcoming Events

**Saturday, August 19**  
 PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
 Margaret & John Humphries

**Saturday/ Sunday, Sept. 16-17**  
 NEWPORT HARBOR/BALBOA  
 YACHT CLUB RAFT UP  
 Mike & Sheree Novak

**Wednesday, October 10**  
 ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, October 28**  
 HALLOWEEN PARTY  
 Hosts: Hendler, Dixon, Platt

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



## Your 2006 Crew

Michael Courtway, *Commodore*  
 Bob Axel, *Vice Commodore*  
 Cleve Sproule, *Rear Commodore*  
 Mary Shebell, Jr. *Staff Commodore*  
 Marty Lipman, *Treasurer*  
 Susan Lipman, *Secretary*  
 Maryann Boryszewski, *Membership*  
 Jerry Cassidy, *House Chair*  
 Pam Jackson, *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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