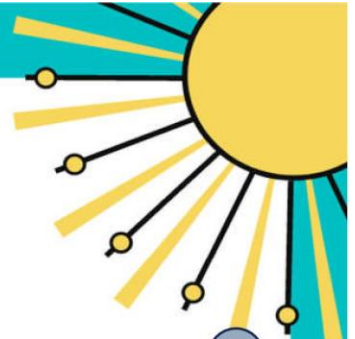


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From the Helm



Tricia Pratto
Commodore

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WHO DUNNIT? That is the question we all want to know, Right?? This I know for sure. The killer is one of US. To find out WHO - come on out to the Bonaire Clubhouse

and have some fun with your SeaGate friends. Be there Saturday, June 27th. The Humphrey's know how to put on a MURDER MYSTERY.



Heard the Chili Cook-Off was a great success! And a few members now have bragging rights. Congrats to the winners and all who made chili. This fun event was made possible by your VC Joyce and RC Michele and so many members who made this event happen. I was not able to attend because I went all the way to the BVI's to get this famous recipe to share.



SOGGY DOLLAR PAINKILLER RECIPE

The Soggy Dollar Painkiller drink recipe is a rum, pineapple, orange and coconut tropical drink and a must-have cocktail when visiting the British Virgin Islands (BVI's) or maybe in your patio right here in HB. It's a tangy and refreshing cocktail that is easy peasy to make.

- 2 ounces dark rum
- 4 ounces pineapple juice
- 1 ounce orange juice
- 1 to 2 ounces cream of coconut
- Garnish with ground nutmeg spice





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At SeaGate Yacht Club, we have always boating, we're about friendship, community, and the spirit of volunteerism that keeps our club strong.

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Michele Murray
Rear Commodore

We have a few exciting events coming up this summer, and we hope you'll be joining us:

- Murder Mystery Night - June 27 - Hosted by John and Margaret Humphreys- Promising to be another fantastic night filled with fun and surprises.
- Wine Tasting - July 25 - Hosted by the Ericksons and the Whitakers, at the beautiful home of Sue and Dale Giali. Always a fan favorite for enjoying good wine, great friends, and a beautiful night.
- August Boating Event – Host ? – this is where you step in...We are in search of a host. Some summer events of the past have been; Scavenger Hunt in the Harbour, Duffy Poker Run, or even a possible Brunch at Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. The board is happy to help organize and direct, please contact us if interested.

It takes a Village...Seagate Yacht Club depends on the support and participation of our members to make it great! Not everyone has the time to serve on the board, and that is perfectly okay. There are many ways to contribute to the club and help make our events and activities successful. Whether you can volunteer occasionally or lend a hand at a single event, your help is always appreciated. We are always looking for folks that can help set up events, take down/clean up after events, or help with the ever-important bar area.

SeaGate Yacht Club thrives because of the generosity, energy, and involvement of our members. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support our club and helps make it such a special place.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! *Michele Murray, Rear Commodore*

Anniversary News

SGYC continues to celebrate its **50th Anniversary** this year by putting a bit of Big 50 influence into every communication and event. This issue is no exception, as we share once again the new Anniversary Artwork created for the club going forward:



50th
Anniversary
1976-2026

SeaGate
Yacht Club

Friendship & Boating Since 1976





Opening Day

SeaGate Yacht Club Celebrates Opening Day and 50th Anniversary

SeaGate Yacht Club is all about boating, parties, and fun—but once a year we pause to honor tradition. On April 25th, members, guests, and local leaders gathered to celebrate Opening Day, and this year's festivities were especially meaningful as they also marked the club's ****50th Anniversary****. The sun shone over the marina as the club officially kicked off the boating season and honored five decades of maritime tradition, camaraderie, and a shared love for the open water.

The day began on the water with the traditional Parade of the Fleet and Pass in Review, led by the Orange County Sheriff's fire boat. Spectators lined docks and decks as a vibrant procession of vessels — from majestic ocean cruisers to sleek runabouts and cheerful Duffy's — filled the harbor and saluted the club's leadership in a beautiful display of nautical pride.



Back on land, the formal Opening Day ceremony carried forward the sense of tradition and patriotism. The Orange County Pipe and Drum Corps led a proud procession of Staff Commodores and club officers into the program. The Naval Cadets Color Guard contributed ceremonial performances that reinforced the day's solemn and celebratory tone. Dignitaries from neighboring yacht clubs joined the audience, and a distinguished contingent of SeaGate's own Staff Commodores represented the generations of leadership that have shaped the club.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation honoring Michael and Doris Dix with the 3 Cheers and a High Five award, recognizing their tireless dedication and volunteerism to club. Following the official program, members and guests enjoyed delicious luncheon and buffet dinner, cake, camaraderie, and plenty of fun as stories of past voyages were shared and toasts were raised toward the next fifty years of smooth sailing.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the SeaGate Yacht Club Board and to all of the volunteers who made Opening Day and the 50th Anniversary celebration such a success. Their planning, energy, and countless hours of service ensured a flawlessly executed event that honored tradition, celebrated community, and created lasting memories for members and guests alike. Fair winds and following seas to SeaGate Yacht Club!





Chili Cookoff

Feeling Chili!

There was definitely a Chill (Chile!) in the air on Saturday, the 16th of May, when 55 SGYC members gathered around 10 (**TEN!**) steaming pots of home-brewed, um

OK, here's where we have a problem. We'd like to use a classic term for Chili here, like Bronco Bowls or Stagecoach Stew, but the entries were all so unique and varied that typical Western descriptions didn't seem adequate. We had to turn to the internet. Would Urban Thesaurus have a better term for us to use? You be the judge!

flea	anthony kiedis	skyline	rhcp	ccf	chili dog	stadium arcadium
takis	poopy wiener	aeroplane	john frusciante	chad smith		
heroin addict	purple chips	red hot chili peppers	wendy's			
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tsili	mexican chastity belt	ghost pepper	haha	michael balzary		
probably	suck my kiss	btw	chili peppers	tabasco	bottom chili	
tommy's bugers	haha	can't stop	prairie thunder	capsaicin		
cincinnati steamer						

As you can see, some of the terms are not even printable in polite company, and that doesn't include such gems as Super Bowel and Prairie Thunder! We decided to just make something up, so let's pick up where we left off:

... the 16th of May, when 61 SGYC members & guests gathered around 11 (**ELEVEN!**) steaming pots of home-brewed Savory SeaGate Specialties in search of Prize Winners in categories such as Most Likely to Start an Argument, Suspiciously Delicious, Best Presentation, Most Creative Name and, of course, Best Chili.

Competition, as you can imagine, was fierce, but in the end, Terri & Nick Johnson (#8 Kickin' Pollo Loco), Sue & Dale Giali (#2 Cowabunga Cowboy) and Vance Vlasek (#3 Shelby Snakebite) won awards for their awesome Chili variations. Rounding out each voter's numerous mini-cups of chili were heaping helpings of salad, Chili toppings and scratch-made cornbread thanks to Rear Commodore Michele Murray. Desert was Cookie Surprise (Surprise, there's cookies!) presented by VC Joyce and RC Michele.

Thanks to the quick hands of many volunteers, cleanup was a breeze, and soon all that was left of the event was the pinging of members' phones as virtual High 5's, Congratulations and Thank You's made the rounds. And of course, whatever happens after eating all that chili.



Many thanks to event host Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs and her team for a wonderfully successful and fun event, and special thanks to Doris Dix and the Wassermans for stepping in to assist. Says Joyce: *"It was so much fun! Looking forward to the next one!"*



**Congratulations
SGYC Chili
Competition Winners**

Johnson!
Giali!
Vlasek!

CELEBRATE!

*Congratulations to all our members Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries!
May you have a Fantastic Day, a Wonderful Year,
and Many Happy Times with your friends here at SGYC!*

(NOTE: WE'RE THINKING OF ADDING MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES – WHAT DO YOU THINK?)

Where in the World (is our Burgee)

This corner of the newsletter is reserved for selfies of members flashing the club flag in far off distant places, or photos of members exchanging flags with another yacht club.



In this issue, we have documented proof that your Commodore Tricia, along with friends Mona, Deb and Candi, were recently in the Bitter End Yacht Club in the British Virgin Islands. Look for the BEYC Burgee the next time you're in the clubhouse!



Ship Store News

SGYC's dedicated shopper Margee Lennard wasn't about to let our 50th anniversary pass by without commemorating the event with some specialty merchandise. Be sure to check out her



Anniversary items at the next function, but remember, you can always order something between events by contacting her directly.

Here's just a couple items to get you started:

Seagate 50th Anniversary Photo Mouse Pad : \$11

50th Anniversary Men's and Women's Logo'd Red Tee Shirts: \$20

Cotton Twill Embroidered SGYC 50th Anniversary Logo Cap or Visor \$18



Many Thanks to Margee, Robin, Chris and the team that designed and produced the commemorative 50th Anniversary Pin that was issued to all participants on Opening Day. There may still be some available if you ask.



Pirate Pudding

Competition was fierce in the recently held SGYC 2026 Chili Cookoff, but even though the rivalry was intense, the competitors seemed to be having the time of their life.

After seeing the smiles on some of those faces (not to mention the great prizes that were up for grabs), we knew we had to try it for ourselves.

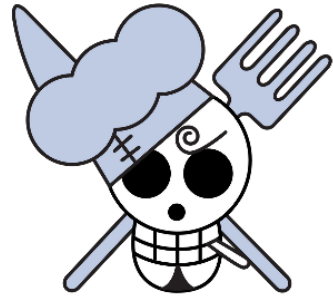
It is in this spirit that we at Burgee Headquarters, humbly submit our own recipe for Pirate Pudding (Yacht Club Chile). Let us know if you try it yourself, and whether we should enter it into the competition next year!

Pirate Pudding (Yacht Club Chili)

This recipe uses basic ingredients to ensure quick prep in a galley kitchen while delivering rich flavor.

The Provisions

- **2 lbs** Ground beef (or turkey)
- **1 large** Yellow onion (chopped)
- **2 cloves** Garlic (minced)
- **2 cans (15 oz)** Kidney beans (drained)
- **2 cans (15 oz)** Tomato sauce
- **1 can (14.5 oz)** Diced tomatoes
- **3 tbsp** Chili powder
- **1 tbsp** Cumin
- **1 tsp** Salt
- **1 tsp** Black pepper [1]



**AARRRR YE
HUNGRY?**

The Orders

1. **Brown the meat:** Cook beef, onion, and garlic in a large pot until meat brown.
2. **Drain the bilge:** Drain the excess fat from the pot.
3. **Load the cargo:** Stir in beans, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, and all spices.
4. **Simmer:** Cover and cook on low heat for 30 minutes.
5. **Serve:** Ladle into bowls and garnish heavily.

The Garnish (The Booty)

- Shredded cheddar cheese (Gold dust)
- Sour cream (Sea foam)
- Jalapeño slices (Cannonballs)
- Oyster crackers (Barnacles)

The Menu Description

Place this sign next to the chili pot to warn the crew of the incoming heat wave.

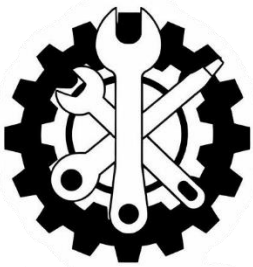
PIRATE PUDDING (Ghost Ship Edition)

Approach with caution, Captains!

This is not your grandmother's mild galley stew. Set sail with the above recipe, but hearten the brew with spicy sausage, fresh jalapeños, and a dash of liquid fire, this recipe was stolen directly from a ghost ship. It is guaranteed to clear your sinuses, cure your scurvy, and make you forget all about the price of boat maintenance.

- **Warning Level:** Category 5 Hurricane.
- **Garnish with:** Barnacles (crackers) and Sea Foam (sour cream) to put out the fire.





Mister Tech Tip

Mr. Tech Tip attempts to answer your questions about maintenance and repair, to keep your boat as clean, reliable and enjoyable as possible.

Night Running

Afraid of the dark? Get a night light! Harbor cruising in your Duffy boat is always fun, but it can be extra special after dark. Lighting, though, can be an issue. Of course, navigation lights are not an option; if you don't have approved, properly functioning navigation lights, stay home!

How about docking? You've seen deck-mounted spotlights on boats; should you get one? Try riding with someone who has one before you do. Often, they produce a glare through Duffy windows that can be disconcerting. Also, they pull power from your boat that you possibly can't afford to lose.

An alternative is a good, broad beam flashlight. If you choose to go this route, do not use it from inside the boat with the windows down, which can be blinding. Hold the light outside the boat, using a floating light or one with a lanyard to avoid losing it, or, better yet, raise the front window, and shine the light from a forward seat. One SGYC couple uses an external docking aid – jars full of fairy lights greet them when they return home, clearly marking their intended spot.

Inside is another matter. Newer boats have a dimmable interior light. Dim it before you leave the dock, so you don't shock people with a harsh, bright light if you need it later. A small pen light is an asset as well, preferably one with very low power and a soft beam, just to help when opening bottles, stowing trash or fiddling with keys and power cords.



Best Day on the Water

We're still a little thin on submissions for this segment, but we've noticed something: when asked point blank, many confess their Best Day involved floating, either in tubes on a river, rafts in a water park, fishing from a float tube or paddling a kayak, canoe or SUP. Some SGYC members even regularly don life jackets and float in the lagoons.

We're all for it. Psychologists say the #1 Relaxer is being on the water. (#2 is being able to See the water!) Alamitos Bay's electric boat club the "Duffy Chargers" even sponsors an annual Float Day, and gets their biggest turn-out of the year, so float on, friends!

Also,

The logo above is yet another of the options provided to us for this new segment. Have a favorite? We'll try to pick a winner by next time. Until then, have Fun on the Water!

Trivial Pursuit

Wow! So SGYC Members are really into Word Search puzzles! Who knew?

No problem! We still have a couple WS Puzzles up our sleeves before we switch things up with something new in the future, so Search Away!

This one's easy. All you have to do is find the SGYC events we have on the calendar for 2026. While you're searching, pick a few you want to attend, another where you're available to help out, and perhaps let yourself be inspired to host one of your own in the future!

For answers, go to the end of this document. Have fun!

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TALKIN' NAUTI

Talkin' Nauti is one of our newer Burgee Bits, designed to help our members recognize the nautical roots of terms they use every day.

Choc-a-Block

To choc or block something means to secure a moving object. While under sail, barrels, cannons, and other items could shift. Blocking them kept them from moving to avoid damage or injury to those on deck. Now the term means that something is crowded or full up. For example: The small-town streets were choc-a-block with the parade traffic, and we had to go around.

Signs for our Times

Another area where we ask for image submissions is Signs for our Times. We're building on the Cinco de Mayo theme this issue, with that popular verse from Salsa 24:7. We follow that up with a sign seems to violate the very mission of a sign, and another that's a sure sign of summer. Enjoy!

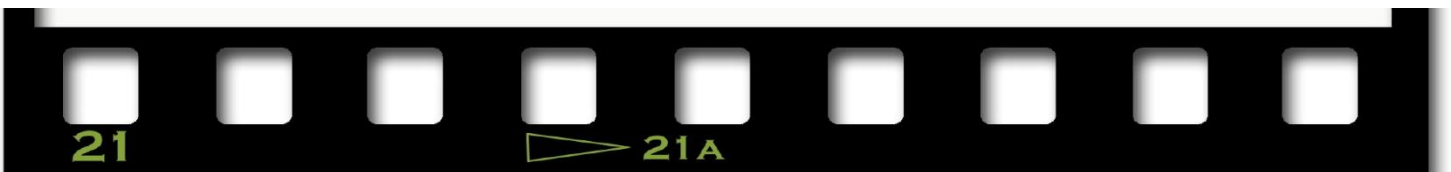




Great Shots is the place in the Burgee where you get to strut your photographic stuff and submit fun and interesting photos you've taken or come across since our last issue. In this edition we have Fineaus, everyone's favorite Flipper, being ever vigilant as the sun slips below the clubhouse. We are also blessed with several bird shots: a nesting Cormorant with chicks near Central Park, a Night Heron spotted near the clubhouse, and how many baby ducks? Finally, we have a shot from South Coast Plaza of swans made of flowers and seeds.,



Many Thanks for your contributions! Have a Great Shot or interesting photo? Allow us to share it with your neighbors in the next issue.



HELP WANTED!



Congratulations, SeaGate Yacht Club, on your 50th Anniversary! Many things have changed through the years of course, but one constant is this: it powers ahead through the generous donation of time from willing volunteers.

When you get an announcement by eMail, know that someone volunteered to send it; the newsletter you're reading right now was produced by volunteer hands, and when you attend a function where there is a chair for you to sit, a glass with something in it and a table to rest it on, understand that someone agreed to make that happen for you, and their only compensation is to see you smile. Even our events are volunteer driven, from concept to calendar to "congratulations".

With our anniversary year now upon us, the club could not only use your help but would love to share the fun of serving your neighbors and fellow members. Here's how:

- 🚩 Are you creative? Crafty? Like to design?
- 🚩 Are you sociable? Happy when making phoning people or greeting them?
- 🚩 Do you have computer skills, either with spreadsheets or graphic arts?
- 🚩 Are you skillful in the kitchen with recipes to share?

🚩 If you're handy with boats, are you willing to share your tips?

🚩 Is photography your thing?

If any of the above ring true for you, please contact any of the people listed down below and indicate your interest. You're also welcome to attend any board meeting, usually the 1st Wednesday of the month, just to ask questions and see if there's something you'd like to explore!

Upcoming Events:

Here it is, your Year at a Glance 2026 Events Calendar

*Please Note that
Some Dates are subject to Change*

Murder Mystery solving! Harbor Cruising! Wine Tasting! These are just a few of the exciting things in store for you in the coming weeks. Be sure to keep an eye on your event calendar and sign up early for events – many times there is a guest limit!

As always, Cheers to 50 Years!

SeaGate Yacht Club 2026 Events Calendar



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT HOST(S)	
SAT	06/27/2026	Murder Mystery Dinner	Bonaire Clubhouse	S/C John and Margaret Huphreys
TUESDAYS	JUNE - SEPT	TUESDAY Cruisin'	Huntington Harbour	Jack & Diane Wiegand
SAT	07/25/2026	Wine Tasting	Giali Residence	Robin & Kirk Erickson/Kristi & Craig Whitacre
SAT	08/29/2026	Boating Event Duffy Poker Run / Scavenger Hunt / Raft up	Meyer's Residence	TBD
Fri - Sun	9/18 - 9/20	Catalina Cruise (Boat & Shore)	Catalina Island	S/C Tokar Vlasek/Whitacre/Yarbrough/Coburn
THURS	10/08/2026	Annual Meeting	Bonaire Clubhouse	Vice Commodore Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs
SAT	10/24/2026	Commodore's Ball	Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club	Commodore Tricia Pratto
SAT	11/14/2026	Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner	Bonaire Clubhouse	Board
FRI	12/04/2026	Ship's Store Holiday Happy Hour	Bonaire Clubhouse	Board / Margee Lennard
SAT - SUN	12/5 - 12/6/26	Boat Decorating for HH Parade	TBD	Rear Commodore Michele Murray
SAT - SUN	12/12 & 12/13/26	Huntington Harbour Boat Parade	Huntington Harbour	Board & Members
THURS	12/17/2026	Newport Boat Parade	Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club	Commodore Tricia Pratto
THURS	12/31/2026	New Year's Eve Party	Bonaire Clubhouse	Vice Commodore Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs

Murder Mystery Dinner

Come one, come all (if you dare!), to a special night of **MURDER**, on Saturday, June 27th at the Bonaire Clubhouse, when we set sail for our 2nd (Annual? Please?) Murder Mystery night, this time appropriately themed Cruising for Murder.

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED

Cruising for **MURDER**

After a luxurious week at sea, all those onboard the **Mystery of the Seas** are ready for a night of romance and intrigue at the Captain's Cocktail Reception—an extravagant affair to top all others.

Adrift on the ocean, there is no better place to escape your troubles...or for a murderer to strike.

Could the killer be the commanding captain who has found his personal life out of control? A seething spouse who has discovered the dastardly deception of their darling? Or possibly a conniving contestant who will do anything to be crowned ambassadress by the cruise line?

Trapped at sea, no one is safe and everyone is a suspect. As secrets are revealed, everyone's innocence will come into question as the assassin tries to appear angelic. Sharpen your sleuthing skills, for that's what you will have to rely on to call out the killer!

All aboard for an arousing adventure filled with peculiar passengers and conspiring crewmembers.

*Check your baggage and set sail
for a sinuous night of secrets, scandals
and seafaring scoundrels!*

Night of
Mystery

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During the evening you will be introduced to a cast of colorful characters, played by fellow yacht club members, who will share tidbits of information and gossip about each other. You will be treated to a delicious Italian meal from Buon Gusto, but of course, sometime during the evening a dastardly murder will be committed, and it's up to you to decide "Who dunnit?" Use the flyer at the end of the Burgee to sign up.

Tuesday Cruisin'

Summer Cruisin's Tuesdays are back!

Join us for Cruisin Tuesdays in our Duffys on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month starting on June 9th & continuing through the summer.

Don't have a Duffy? No problem-call us & we'll help you get a ride.

If you have a Duffy & extra room for passengers, please let us know. It's a great way to meet neighbors & enjoy a fun summer evening on the water together!

On our first Cruisin' (**June 9th**) we'll be cruisin over to Peter's Landing & meeting at **Pelican Isle** for dinner at **5:30**.

Look forward to seeing you! Jack & Diane Wiegand
714 887-9957.



USA 250

This is an event ALL SeaGate members should get behind, the 250th celebration of our great country. Whatever you choose to do, get out there and do it right, whether it's flying flags on your boat, lights on your home, fireworks (safe & sane, of course), hot dogs, baseball or apple pie. Short on ideas? Join a parade, send out Memorial Day cards, make ice cream, learn about Betsy Ross, find a patriotic book in the SeaGate Little Free Library, learn to quilt or participate in a civil war re-inactment. Thinking bigger? Visit Philadelphia, Washington DC or Boston. Make this July 4th memorable in some special way, then let us know what you did. We can't wait to see your photos!



SeaGate Yacht Club 2009

This year, 2026, SeaGate Yacht Club is celebrating its Golden Anniversary! While we are enthusiastically embracing our 50th year, we also plan to spend some time cruising down memory lane, looking back at some great times and remembering some great people that paved the way for the club we all love and enjoy today.

In this issue, we're reaching back **22 Years**, to see what was happening in the club in April / May of 2009. If you were a member of the club during that time, please let us know if you remember some of these people and events and can tell us more about them. To explore the 2009 Burgee, go to the end of this issue!

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to be a board member to suggest, host or assist at an event!
Have an idea you think the members would enjoy?
Contact any board member with your suggestions!

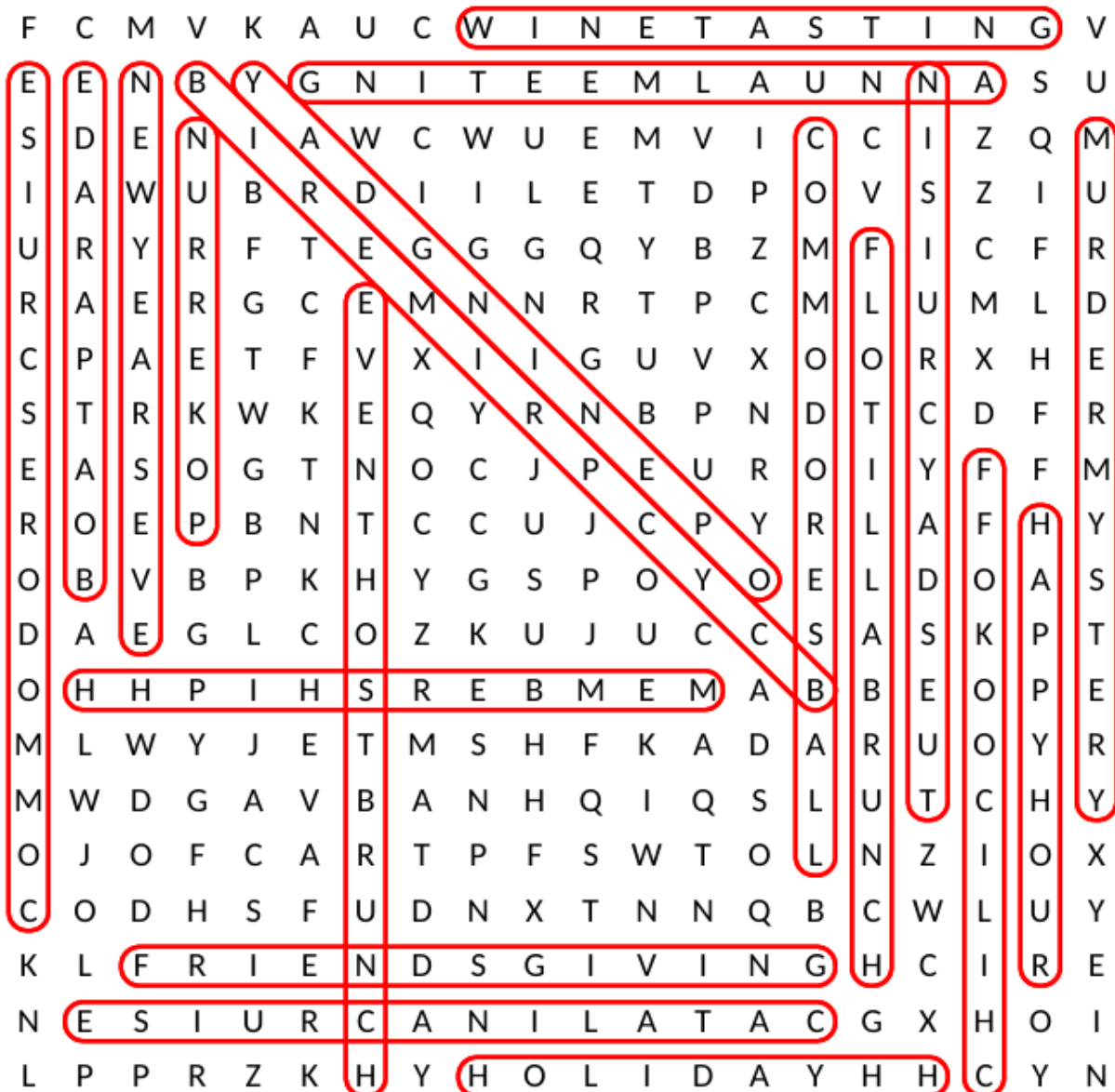
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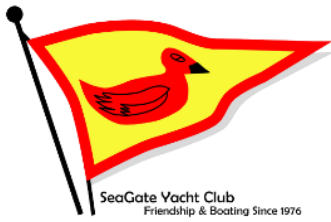
To see all event pictures, go to
<http://s.seagateyachtclub.com/>

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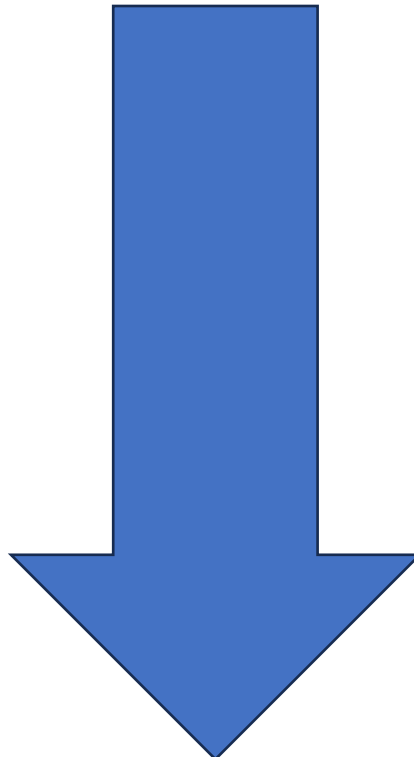


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- Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs – Vice Commodore
- Michelle Murray – Rear Commodore
- Mary Lundin - Treasurer
- Marianne Koshar – Secretary
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- Robin Erikson – Roster
- Aubree Fuentes – Membership
- Michael Dix – Communication
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- S/C Dr. Mark Monroe – Fleet Surgeon
- Margee Lennard – Ship Store
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SUPER-DUPER BOWL PARTY

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FROM THE BRIDGE

By Ray Nagele.
Commodore



We're off to a running start! In the first three months of the year, the club has had eight events, with many more coming. Keep checking our website at www.seagateyachtclub.com and your mail and e-mails.

The New Members' Brunch event was very successful with 84 members and guests riding on seven boats. Jim & Lyn Senske did a great job and we heartily thank them. Our 2009 SeaGate Yacht Club Roster booklet is out now. Our thanks go to Bob McCormick for publishing this essential information. We ended 2008 with 140 members. With attrition and the addition of new members we are starting off 2009 with a net loss of seven members. The club usually adds members throughout the year, so we expect about the same number of members this year as last. The club's by-laws stipulate that non-SeaGate residents are limited to 40% of the membership, and this results in a two to three year waiting list for non-residents. Considering the number of families that live in SeaGate, we have a very healthy number of members, but we could always have more join the fun. Tell your neighbors about the Club.

The new widescreen TV in the clubhouse has been put to some good use lately. In addition to the inaugural Super Bowl Party, we had our first annual Oscar Night party. And since we donated the TV to the SeaGate Clubhouse, we have had other SeaGate residents also make use of the TV. We are working on further enhancements including speakers installed in the back of the room. I encourage our members to submit ideas and to host events using this great new asset.

Our Ship Store Chair, Jan, has been working hard at putting a new look on the Ship Store. We still have a lot of good quality merchandise in the store. We had a sale at the New Members' Brunch which generated a lot of interest and we will continue to offer good prices at the upcoming events. In addition, Jan will be offering new clothing styles along with coffee mugs and wine glasses with the club logo.

FROM THE VICE

By John Humphreys.
Vice Commodore



Now that we have longer days and the temperatures are starting to warm up our thoughts turn to getting out onto the water. Opening day really kicks off the boating season for us and I always look forward to seeing a parade of our member's boats all decorated and spruced up for the occasion. Hopefully, many of you will have taken advantage of the free Vessel Safety Checks that we set up with the USCG Auxiliary on March 28. We sometimes forget to check on those items that we rarely use, but they can be a lifesaver when we are out on the ocean.

Our next boating event will be our annual Catalina trip from May 15 through May 17. We always have a super time on the island outing so make your reservations for the event and accommodations early.

The last weekend in April the Newport to Ensenada sailboat race takes place. This event is the largest International sailboat race in the world, typically attracting about 500 boats. This year, Nat Pendleton, one of our Staff Commodores, will be entering his 39 ft. Catalina "NATSU" under SeaGate Yacht Club and flying our burgee. I will have the privilege of being one of his crew of six, and I am looking forward to this adventure. This is the second time Nat and I have participated in this race, the first was when I entered my boat in 2005. If you get the opportunity, it is always fun to watch the start of the race just off the entrance to Newport Harbor. The sight of so many sailboats together is a rare and beautiful thing to behold.

The last of our scheduled Friday games nights has now been and gone, but we are always looking for new ideas for casual get-togethers. Remember Tuesday Cruisin' will start up soon. As always we



FROM THE REAR

By Les Kelly

With so many activities scheduled, now is a great time to solicit your new neighbor or long-time Seagate residents to join with us. Seagate residents are always welcome to join the SGYC and enjoy the benefits as members.

While there are many other events planned by Seagate, it is also useful to note that as a member of the Southern California Yachting Association, Seagate members have privileges at other yacht clubs with restaurants. This can also be a fun way to boat (or to keep in mind while driving) around the area. You can access their website by visiting www.scya.org/ for locations as well as look up other very helpful boating information.

Looking from the rear into the future, it is never too early to begin thinking about another prize-winning design for the Seagate entry into the 2009 Huntington Harbour Parade Cruise of Lights. Suggestions are welcomed and a boat is needed.



EVENT HOSTS: John & Margaret Humphreys

SUPER-DUPER BOWL PARTY

By Lari Thomas

Hosts: Maryann & John Boryszewski, Linda & Jerry Cassidy and Lari & Rick Thomas



The Super Bowl party was a great success with 59 members and guests attending. The game was one of the best ever and the commercials continue to get better year after year. Thanks to those who brought the delicious appetizers and desserts that were enjoyed by all.

Kudos to Jerry Cassidy for suggesting, at the January Board Meeting, that SGYC purchase a TV for the Club House. Jerry and John Boryszewski installed the TV in time for the Super Bowl event. The picture was incredible and, with the speakers provided by John Boryszewski and Ray Nagele, the sound was great.

The Chili Cook-off winner was *Four Chick Chili* made by Candy Cloud, Joanne Daugherty, Sherrill Lander and Debbie Wood. Asked for their recipe they said it would be difficult to provide as they combined their personal recipes into one with a little of this and a little of that. It included coffee, beer, and tequila. No wonder it was so good especially with tequila being included. All five chili entries were delicious. In addition to the *Four Chick Chili*, we also enjoyed *Mountain High Chili*, *Quarterback Option Chili*, *Turkey Chili*, and *Kick-off Chili*.

Bob McCormick did a great job as emcee of the Super Bowl Pool. Joanne Daugherty was the winner of the 4th quarter pool prize of \$200. The football trivia Contest was won by Jim Gray.

A special thanks to Tina & Jeff Haas, Margaret & John Humphreys, and Jan & Ray Nagele for staying after the game to help with clean-up. With their help, the clean-up went smoothly and fast.



SEAGATE YACHT CLUB CASINO ROAD TRIP
PALA CASINO SPA AND RESORT, TEMECULA, CA
 Saturday April 18 to Sunday April 19, 2009



CALL ROB ALLEN (310/418-6513) OR CATHY KELLY (714/377-9947)
TO GET A SPECIAL PRICE QUOTE FOR RESERVATIONS MADE IN APRIL
COST \$155 PER PERSON (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) AND SLIGHTLY MORE
IF RESERVATION IS MADE IN APRIL (ORIGINAL DEADLINE WAS 3/27/09)
EVENT HOSTS: LES & CATHY KELLY, ROB & CINDY ALLEN.



SATURDAY
 Bus transportation with games and refreshments provided enroute
 Cocktail party in host's room
 Exciting Slot Tournament with prizes (awarded at dinner)
 Private SGYC Dinner at hotel (no host bar)



SUNDAY
 Free Day
 Optional tour of Wineries of Temecula (extra cost)



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Name of 1st person in room: _____
 Phone# _____
 Name of 2nd person in room: _____
 Phone# _____

(If you need a 2nd person in your room, please call Cathy @ 714/377-9947)

PALA ROOM INFORMATION

Please indicate your choices:

Deluxe Mountain View King - Non Smoking	_____
Deluxe Mountain View King - Smoking	_____
Deluxe Mountain View 2 Queens - Non Smoking	_____
Deluxe Mountain View 2 Queens - Smoking	_____
Lower floor	_____
Higher floor	_____

NOTE: There are room upgrades available at an additional cost. Please call Rob Allen at (310) 418-6513 or Cathy Kelly at (714) 377-9947 if you want a pool view or suite or have any questions about this trip.

COST: \$310 for two people (\$155 Per Person based on double occupancy)

Price includes: Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, 1 night Deluxe Mountain View Room, Exciting slot tournament, Saturday Cocktail Party, Private Yacht Club Dinner, Refreshments on bus

Please mail or deliver this form and check payable to SGYC to:
 Rob Allen—16096 Bonaire Cir.—HB 92649—310/418-6513 **or**
 Cathy Kelly—3608 Bravata Dr, HB, 92649—Phone 714-377-9947



**SEAGATE YACHT CLUB AVALON TRIP
MAY 15-17, 2009**

We are looking forward to seeing all of you for a fun weekend together on beautiful Catalina Island

THURSDAY: Come early & enjoy a day in Avalon.

FRIDAY: Pizza party at Antonio's Restaurant with all-you-can-eat pizza & soft drinks and no-host bar.

SATURDAY: Fun & delicious SGYC dinner at Mi Casitas Restaurant and no-host bar.

MORE ACTIVITIES AND A DETAILED ITINERARY WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE ATTENDING

Cost

\$53 per member and \$58 per non-member or guest
(includes Friday Pizza Party & Saturday Mexican dinner)

***Boaters: Remember mooring in Avalon are assigned on a
First-come, first-served basis.
 If you are willing to take other members to Avalon
 on your boat please call Les Kelly at 714/377-9947 .***
Landlubbers: Reserve overnight accommodations early.

Checks are due by May 1st made payable to Kim or Josef Davydovits
3592 Windspun Dr.

Huntington Beach, CA 92649

For more Information call Kim or Josef at 714/840-8333

Members attending: _____

Guests attending: _____

Boat name: _____



NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH

By Jim Genske

The annual New Members Brunch was held on Sunday February 22. at the Acapulco Restaurant in Long Beach. Seven boats made the crossing from Anaheim Bay to Alamitos Bay to transport eighty-four members and non-members to the event. Commodore Ray Nagele presided at the outing and House Chair Rob Allen arranged for champagne and orange juice that was served on the cruise over. The brunch was outstanding with a Mexican flavored dishes. traditional American breakfast cuisine and the ever-present omelet station.

Skippers for the event were Cleve Sproule, Robin Clark, Dennis Kreil, Dick Kappes, Clem Amie, Rob Allen and Floyd Di Angelo. All the skippers reported that the trip was without incident. The skippers deserve special accolades for their participation. As it is the dead of winter, they can't just jump aboard, start the engines and take off. Two to three months of dust and dirt have to be washed away, inside and out. The skipper's first mate (spouse) is always a big part of the preparation process. So, a big thank you to all of you.



EVENT HOSTS BRUNCH

On Sunday January 18, SeaGate Yacht Club held its annual Event Hosts Brunch. After an outstanding pot-luck brunch, Commodore Ray Nagele presented the information necessary for the hosts of the terrific upcoming social and boating events this year. The presentation included a planning sheet, budget sheet and suggestions from previous event hosts to simplify and expedite the new hosts jobs. It was agreed that this year's calendar holds great promise for some enjoyable and fun events including one or two cruises and a road trip to the Temecula casino and winery area.



New Members



Jeff & Bonnie Specht live on the upper lagoon with their two schnauzers. They recently moved in to SeaGate. After raising a son and daughter at their home in Coral Cay, they sold their

business and boat and traveled in a motorhome finally settling in Seagate. Their son and his wife also moved into SeaGate and are expecting their first baby, any day. It will be Jeff & Bonnie's third grandchild.

They joined SGYC right away and look forward to all the activities. They will participate in the opening day activities in their blue-hulled SeaRay 2800 Express named "R Boat 2".

WELCOME, Jeff & Bonnie.



Guy & Deborah Fairon moved in to their home on Bonaire about six months ago. They are not new to Huntington Harbour. They lived on Davenport Island in

the early 90's.

Deborah was born and raised in Fullerton. Guy was born and raised in Brussels, Belgium and has served in the Royal Air Force. They have four sons and 12 grand children.

They left Huntington Harbour in 1992 to sail around-the-world on their custom Bruce Roberts designed 60-foot cutter named 'La Corsaire'.

After living in San Diego County where they have a ranch with an avocado grove, they are happy to be back and part of the SeaGate community.

They are in the market for a boat. We are happy to have them become members of SGYC. Please welcome them at the next event.



SHIP'S STORE

NEW MERCHANDISE NOW
AVAILABLE
BIG SALE ON CURRENT
STOCK

BE SURE TO GET YOUR SEAGATE
YACHT CLUB LOGO CLOTHING

BIRTHDAYS

Mary	Lundin	4/1
Ted	Cohen	4/2
Debra	Wainer	4/2
Jim	Gray	4/3
Dorothy	Ralphs	4/6
Don	Jones/Kujat	4/7
Ed	Davis	4/8
Roy	Jarvis	4/11
Paul	Thomas	4/14
Gary	Pazornik	4/15
Jack	Wiegand	4/16
Jim	Walton	4/17
Barbra	Snegg	4/18
Mirko	Djordjevic	4/19
Bruce	Bayless	4/20
Sherry	Skerik	4/21
Linda	Cohen	4/22
Burt	Willis	4/23
Joanne	Daugherty	4/23
Jerry	Russell	4/24
Stephen	Metro	4/27
Carol	Kirkwood	4/27
David	Buehn	4/29
Mary	Shebell	4/30



Ron	Jones	5/3
Laurel	Stanford	5/3
Terry	Hayden	5/10
Jeanie	Barnett	5/11
Sandy	Gallaughur	5/13
Barbara	Siegel	5/14
Ray	Nagele	5/18
Nancy	Porter	5/19
John	Pratto	5/19
Deanna	Stingley	5/23
Cindy	Allen	5/25
Bill	Thornburg	5/27
Jeff	Smith	5/30
James	Woods	5/31
Lucille	Thornburg	5/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Guy & Caron Mount	4/6
Jim & Kathleen Rusch	4/7
Joel & Sherrill Lander	4/13
Jim & Donna Gray	4/15
Elliott & Debra Wainer	4/28
Keith & Mary Kay Shelton	4/29
Mike & Mary Nevins	5/4
Dick & Linda Scholl	5/4
Dick & Pat Naulty	5/4
Ray & Ellen Martin	5/11
Abe & Nancy Porter	5/12
David & Bea Swanson	5/13
John & Midge Thompson	5/27

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THERE IS SOMETHING
FOR
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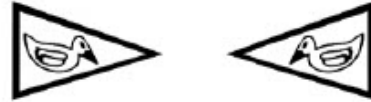
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AVALON CRUISE

May 15-17

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday June 20



2009 CREW

Ray Nagele, Commodore
John Humphreys, Vice-Commodore
Les Kelly, Rear-Commodore
Cleve Sproule, Jr. Staff Commodore
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Bob McCormick, Roster
Tom Worden, Webmaster
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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 and more, which can be seen at www.seagateyachtclub.com.

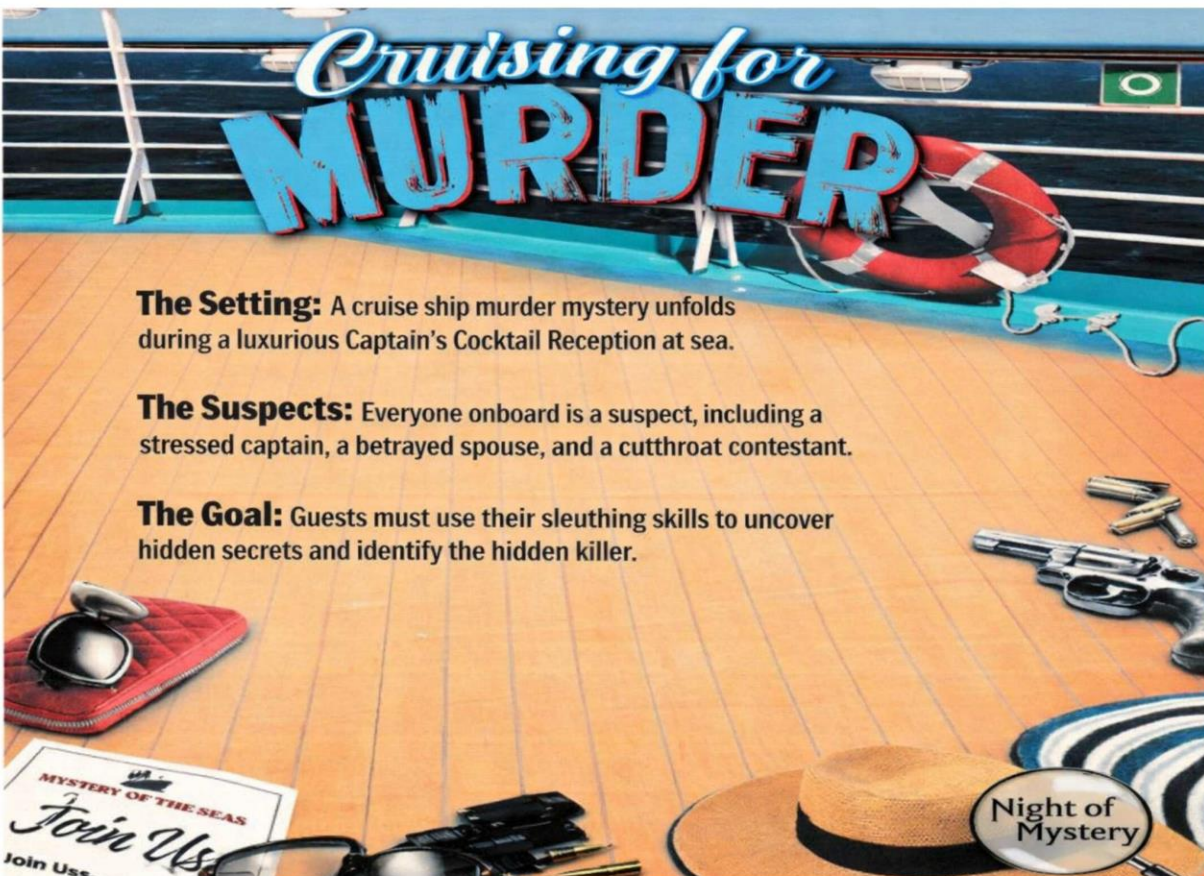
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**DON'T MISS
the
CASINO
ROAD TRIP
Saturday-Sunday
April 18th & 19th**



On Saturday **June 27th** at Bonaire Clubhouse **6 pm**



The Setting: A cruise ship murder mystery unfolds during a luxurious Captain's Cocktail Reception at sea.

The Suspects: Everyone onboard is a suspect, including a stressed captain, a betrayed spouse, and a cutthroat contestant.

The Goal: Guests must use their sleuthing skills to uncover hidden secrets and identify the hidden killer.

Yacht club members play colorful characters who share clues and gossip. Guests enjoy a delicious Buon Gusto Italian dinner. A murder occurs after dinner, challenging you to solve "who dunnit."

Members - \$50 Non-members \$60 Make checks payable to Seagate Yacht Club

Send to John & Margaret Humphreys, 1221 Golden Rain Road, Apt 3F, Seal Beach CA 90740

Reply slip -----

Members _____ x\$50 = _____ Non-members _____ x\$60 = _____

Or Zelle to SeagateYachtClub@gmail.com with Murder Mystery in memo

Cruising Attire Encouraged