

The BURGEE



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SeaGate Yacht Club
Friendship & Boating Since 1976

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Anniversary News

SGYC is celebrating its **50th Anniversary** this year, and we want it to show. That's why the board has been working hard on freshening up our logo and developing some fresh branding.

A variety of differing themes were considered, but the board was drawn to a particular piece of artwork, which they then subtly improved until all agreed it was perfect!

So, take a good look at your new, SGYC logo, and know that you'll be seeing it quite frequently in the future! Special thanks to Robin Erickson, who did much of the artwork manipulation.



50th
Anniversary
1976-2026

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Flotilla Brunch

What began years ago as a way to introduce new or prospective to club outings has gone from the New Members Brunch to the Flotilla Brunch, because, well it was just too much fun not to open it up to everyone.

That was again the case this year, when skippers and guests from several SGYC boats spilled out onto the docks in front of Acapulco in Alamitos Bay to celebrate the day with champagne and salsa.



Commodore's Cruise

Ninety minutes. That's how long Royal Caribbean had allotted themselves to clear out the 5,000 guests they'd been feeding and entertaining for the last week and begin devoting their full and complete attention to SeaGate Yacht Club members.

And we were ready! We'd spent months trafficking *URGENT* messages and texts regarding such vital issues as boarding times, dining arrangements and drink-packages. We'd gathered in pre-cruise meetings 3 times to hash out photo ops, meeting spots and group activities. We'd discussed more transportation options to the pier than there were people to transport. Finally, Go Time! There we were, all in new Green Shirts (thanks to Dale Giali), standing in awe of the giant wall of cabins that would become our home for the next 6 days.



decorated front door. (Giali's



**SEAGATE YACHT CLUB
COMMODORE'S CRUISE**
2026 COMMODORE TRICIA PRATTO

ROYAL CARIBBEAN
QUANTUM OF THE SEAS

MARCH 13 - 18, 2026

5 - NIGHT CABO OVERNIGHT CRUISE
ROUND TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES

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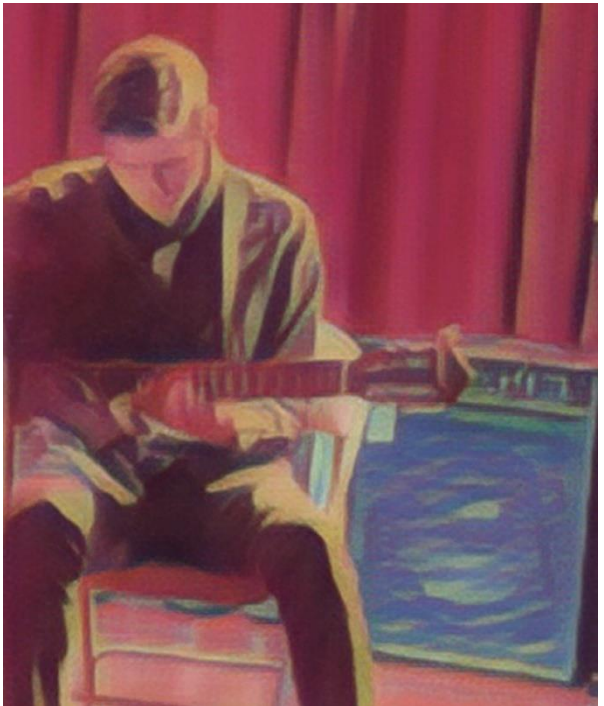
Quantum of the Seas dwarfs the Titanic 168,000 tons to 46,328, and 16 decks to 9. Nor

was the Titanic equipped with a sky crane, surf pond, pickleball courts, laser tag or bumper-cars. In fact, it didn't even have balconies, but each of us did, and each with a highly **AGAIN!**





Boarding and sail-away jitters soon gave way to daily rhythms that included games, shopping, swimming, dining, relaxing, socializing and loads of entertainment.





We arrived mid-day Sunday to a riot of boating activity in the harbor. For the next 24 hours, cruisers drifted back and forth to Cabo by ship tender, generally returning to the ship with souvenirs or tales from Cabo Wabo Cantina.

(Should the club now organize a “cruise” to the Cabo Wabo in Las Vegas?)



Monday afternoon, Quantum’s anchor rose, and we headed toward home in a trip just as busy as the first leg of the journey.



Rather than simply telling some of the highlights, test your skill in the *Matching Game* below to see what your fellow members were up to:

Match Game

Coburn	Was offered a \$48,000 discount on a ring.
Dafesh	Placed 1st in a Dodge Ball tournament. (2 members)
Dix	Took a Steps class.
Fuentes	Learned to properly fold napkins.
Grout	Sang Karaoke.
Giali	Excelled at Music Trivia
McCormack	Camped out at the piano bar.
Morgan	Had drinks prepared by a robot.
Marcos	Defied Gravity in the iFly skydive simulator
Monroe	Said prices at Cabo Wabo were stiffer than the tequila
Murray	Pinched passengers not wearing green
Pratto	Went Snorkeling in Cabo.
Vural	Spent an evening with a bowl of walnuts.
Vlasek	Boarded a catamaran for a sunset cruise.
Wainer	Ate snails. On purpose.
Whittaker	Rode the sky-crane up into a cloud.
Yarbrough	Won a James Bond trivia contest.
Zimmerman	Ordered 3 desserts at a single meal.
	Danced until dawn.
	Got to drive the boat. (C'mon, nobody got to drive the boat.)

One last bit of eye candy was waiting for us when we returned to San Pedro... a great view of the retired 1942 battleship the USS IOWA.



The bottom line? We thought Commodore Cruising was lost to the past, but this came along and we thought it a blast! Many thanks to Commodore Tricia, the Green Gialis and all the others who made the trip so memorable. One last thing... anyone recognize this guy?

Spring Boutique & Happy Hour

Friday, March 27th was chosen as the day SGYC would roll out our new 50th anniversary Ship Store items. Of course, we used it as an opportunity to have a party, and, from the looks of things, everyone had a *very good time!* Special entertainment for the evening was provided by the Huntington Beach Show Choir. This group of talented young people has sung for us before, and once again performed to thunderous applause. The group makes for fantastic eye-candy as well, and gladly posed for photos before leaving with well-earned gratuities from our members.



Membership Report

We're excited to have such an incredible community of members at SGYC this year! Our newly designed 2026 membership cards have been printed and distributed at our last two events, and Commodore Tricia Pratto even walked the SeaGate community to personally deliver many of them.

If you haven't received your card yet, don't worry—I'll have them available at Opening Day. If you'd prefer to have yours mailed, feel free to reach out at sgyc.membership@gmail.com.

Our updated 2026 roster is currently in progress and will be distributed as soon as it returns from the printer. We appreciate your patience as we finalize it.

And as always, if you have a friend or neighbor interested in joining SGYC, please have them contact us at sgyc.membership@gmail.com—we'd love to welcome them aboard!

Kindest Regards, Aubree Fuentes, 2026 Membership Chair

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!*



Community Spotlight

Nestled among the shops near Trader Joes is a rare store that rolls education, fun and practicality into a single visit. It's the "Hidden Talents Ceramic Studio", which offers a premier venue for a variety of ceramic painting activities for individuals, groups and organizations. Whether it's a birthday party, after-school program, Church youth group or just someone who strolls in, a day of fun is almost guaranteed.

The studio flourishes under the guidance of owner and SGYC member Debbie Wainer, who brings many decades of expertise to our local hot-spot for pottery. As the heart and soul behind this enchanting studio, Debbie not only brings out the inner-artist in adults, but helps propel the next generation into embracing hands-on, practical artistic activity. Many have developed a lifelong passion for ceramics and hand-crafting as a result of Debbie's work.



If you haven't met Debbie yet or been to her studio, wander in one day and say Hi! She's there (Unit E) most Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons unless she's on their boat or at a yacht club activity!



Classic Boat Dip

Whether you're dealing with a tiny galley or just want to spend more time on deck, these recipes focus on portability, stability in heat, and minimal cleanup.

Enter, the Classic Boat Dip. This is a staple in the boating community because it is filling, requires zero heat, and tastes better after sitting in a cooler for an hour.

- **Ingredients:** 1 tub (16 oz) Sour Cream, 1 packet Taco Seasoning, 1 can Corn (drained), 1 can Black Beans (rinsed), and shredded Mexican-blend cheese.
- **Method:** Stir everything together in a large airtight container. Serve with sturdy tortilla chips.
- **Why it works:** It's "snackle-box" friendly and won't wilt in the sun.





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

Mr. Tech Tip felt like it was a good time for some Springtime tips for our Duffy pilots out there. Springtime on a Duffy boat is fantastic because the weather is mild, but it does require a bit more preparation than a standard summer cruise since the air can still be crisp, especially once you're on the water. Duffy boats are famous for their vinyl window enclosures. All winter, the "greenhouse effect" they provided was your best friend, but now you need to Master the Enclosure strategy. Here's how:

- **Keep the back closed:** Even if you roll up the side windows for a breeze, keep the aft (back) windows zipped shut to prevent a draft from pulling through the cabin.
- **Temperature Control:** If it gets too warm, try unzipping the roof's entry-flap instead of the side windows. This lets the hot air out while keeping the cool wind off you and your guests..



Best Day on the Water

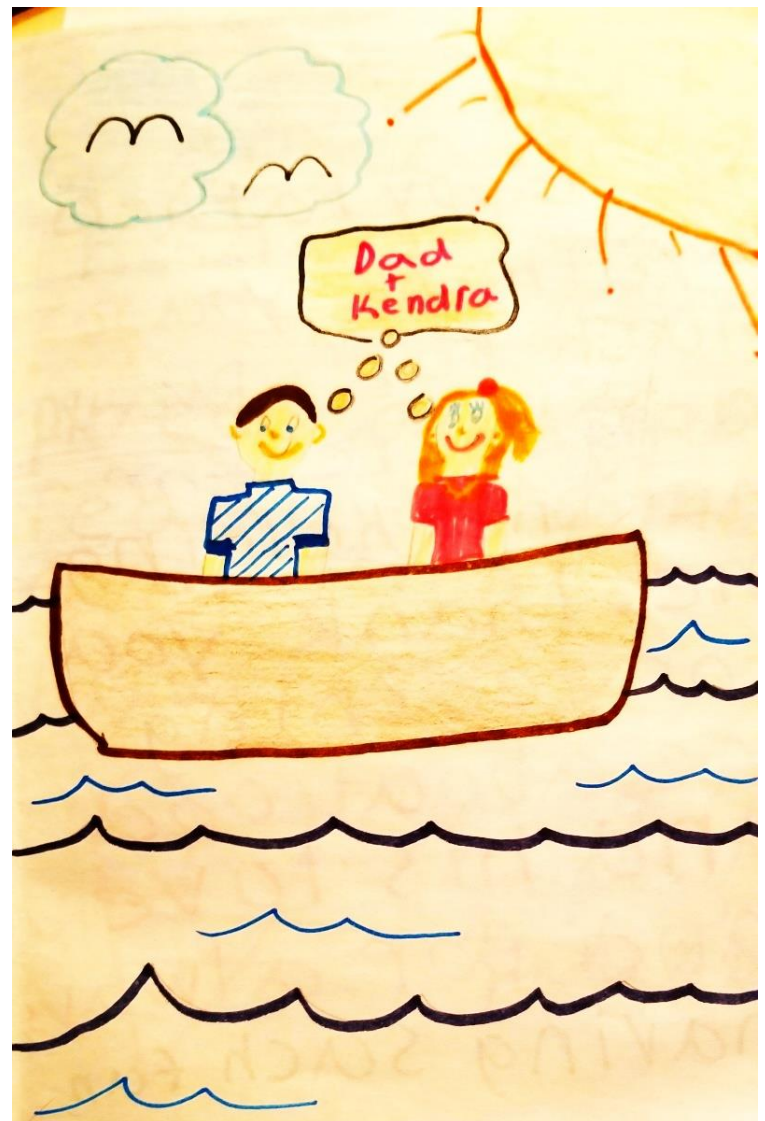
Our BDOW entry this issue comes from Kendra Dix, daughter of Michael & Doris and sister of former webmaster Austin. Kendra drew this picture so long ago that Michael had hair, but sadly no arms!

Please note,

We are still looking for your stories! We know you have them, because we hear you telling them at yacht club functions, so jot them down and get them to a board member!

Also,

The logo above is one of 3 options provided to us for this new segment. We'll share the others for your input as well.



Trivial Pursuit

How about another custom Word Search puzzle!
In this one, all you have to do is identify the Burgee Bits
found in the average SGYC Burgee newsletter.

Easy – Peasy, Right?

Many of the answers can be found within this Burgee
but for a complete list, go all the way to the end of this document.
Have fun!

Burgee Bits

Burgee Bits is the term we use for the various
elements we incorporate into our newsletters.
Find as many as you can in the square.

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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.

Rats Deserting a Sinking Ship

Rats and other vermin were commonplace on ships, but if the boat began to take on water, they would jump into the water and swim away to try and save themselves.

For example: We were like rats deserting a sinking ship when it became clear that our company had been committing fraud and cheating us of our full pay.

Signs for our Times

Another area where we ask for image submissions is Signs for our Times. For this issue, an alert reader has supplied evidence of a sign located somewhere in Ohio which, we're told, means exactly what it says. Our 2nd entry is not really a sign but, well, if you know, you know!

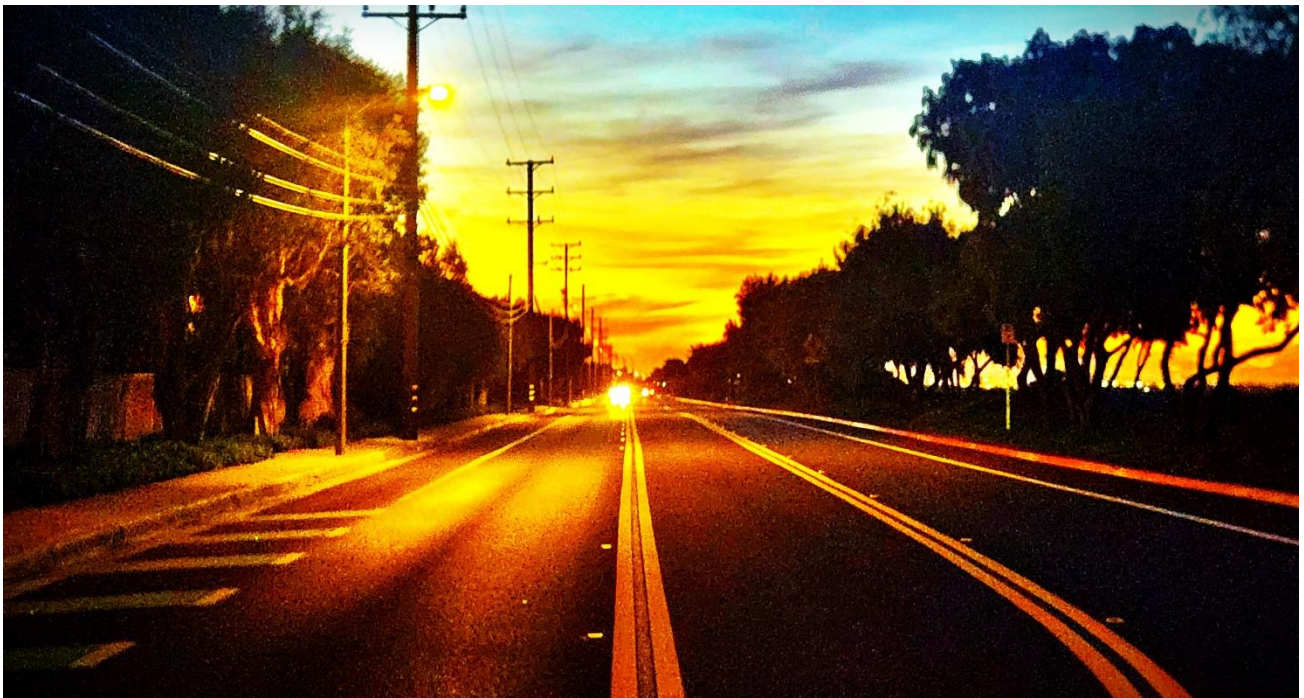


GREAT SHOTS



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 an anonymously submitted photo of your Commodore in a bikini taken on the recent Commodore's Cruise to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Also, we have a greatly stylized photo of "the Long Road Home", taken on Edinger near the clubhouse.

Your Commodore
In a
BIKINI



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

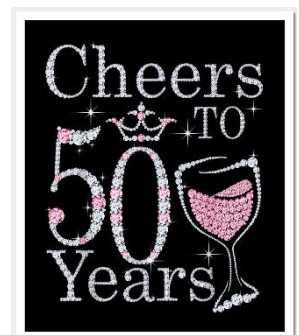
Please Note that

Some Dates are subject to Change

Opening Day is always our biggest event of the year, and it's coming up fast! This year is sure to be more spectacular than ever before, as we all rally to celebrate the club's 50th Anniversary.

If you haven't signed up already, be sure to do so soon. The date is April 25, and the event flyer can be found at the end of this issue!

As always, Cheers to 50 Years!



SeaGate Yacht Club 2026 Events Calendar



SAT	04/25/2026	Opening Day	Bonaire Clubhouse	Junior S/C Chris Johnson-Pasqua
SAT	05/16/2026	Car Show / Chili Cook Off	Bonaire Clubhouse	TBD
SAT	06/27/2026	Murder Mystery Dinner	Bonaire Clubhouse	S/C John and Margaret Huphreys
TUESDAYS	JUNE - SEPT	TUESDAY Cruisin'	Huntington Harbour	TBD
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 Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek/Kristi Whitacre
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

SeaGate Yacht Club 2011

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 15 years to another anniversary celebration. How many of the people in the photo can you name? Where was the photo taken, and what was the occasion? Explore the 2011 Burgee at 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!

We are grateful to all who contributed to this issue.

To see all event pictures, go to
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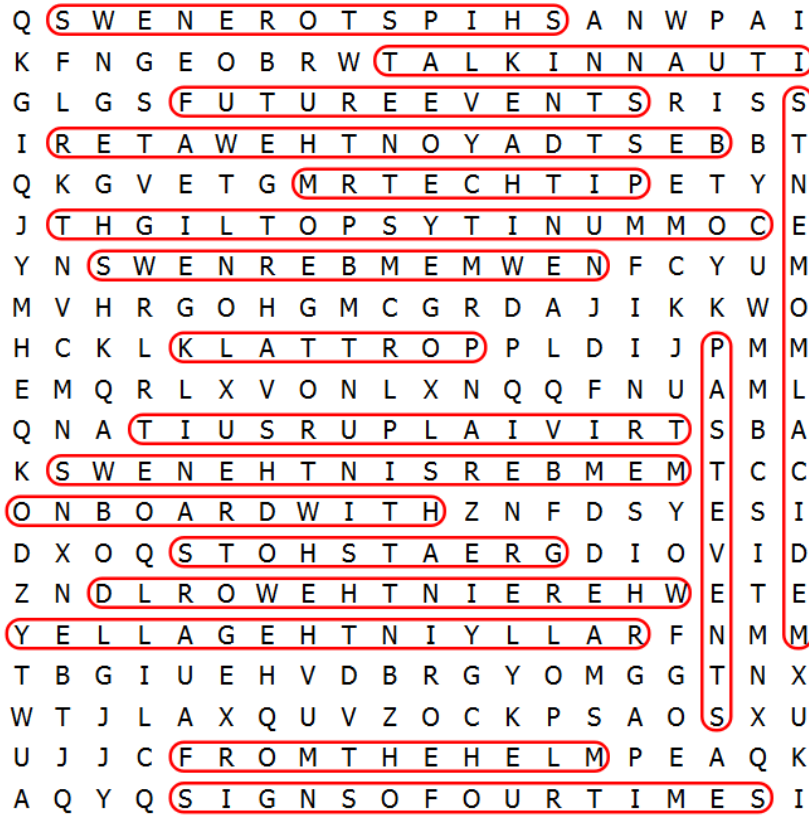
View past Burgees here:

<http://www.seagateyachtclub.com/HTML%20Files/Burgees%20Past.html>.

Commodore Word Search

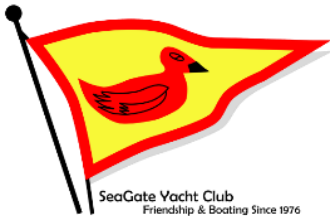
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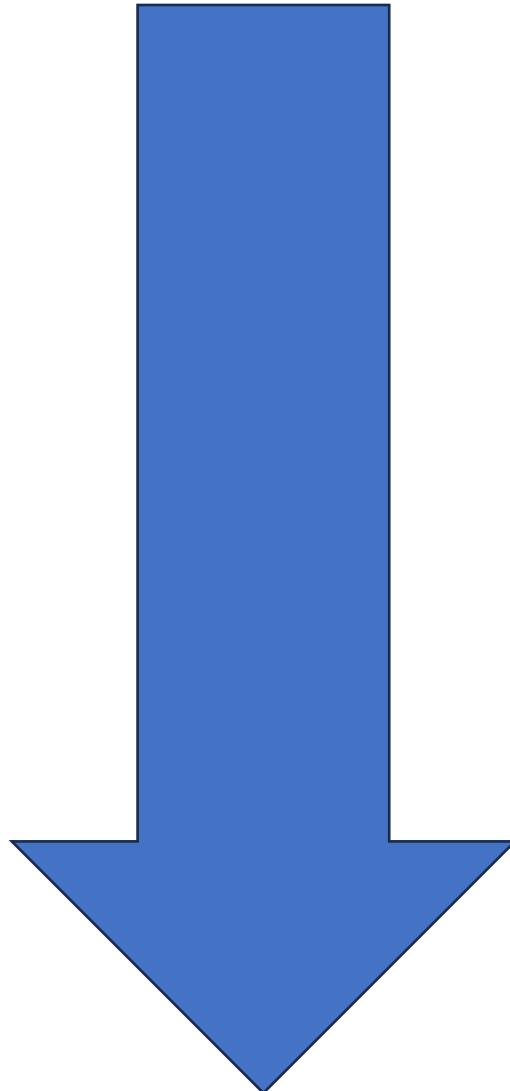


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SeaGate Yacht Club

2026 Board Members

- Tricia Pratto – Commodore
- Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs – Vice Commodore
- Michelle Murray – Rear Commodore
- Mary Lundin - Treasurer
- Marianne Koshar – Secretary
- Meghan Koshar - Blaster
- Robin Erikson – Roster
- Aubree Fuentes – Membership
- Michael Dix – Communication
- S/C Josef Davydovits – Web Developer
- Sue Westover–Giali – Judge Advocate
- S/C Dr. Mark Monroe – Fleet Surgeon
- Margee Lennard – Ship Store
- Chris Johnson-Pasqua – Jr Staff Commodore





OPENING DAY

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

Power boats, sail boats, and electric boats are welcome. Decorate with flags and burgees in support of SGYC 50th Anniversary and celebrate the opening of yachting season.

Please bring appetizers and beverages to share on-board.
Harbor Patrol will escort the parade

For boat assignments or requests, contact:
Rear Commodore Michele Murray at immmc@sbglobal.net

Schedule of Events:

- 12:00 Boat line up** meet at mid main channel
- 12:15 Parade of the fleet** main channel
- 1:30 Pass in review and salute** main channel
- 2:00 Registration** and cocktails Bonaire clubhouse
- 2:45 Ceremony** (outdoors)
- 3:45 Celebration & buffet** clubhouse

3 Easy Ways to Reserve your spot by April 17th:

- Print & email form to cmjpasqua@gmail.com
- Scan the QR code
- Click the link - [Opening Day](#)




Cheers to **50** Years!





Opening Day and Parade of the Fleet 2026

—  —
Saturday, April 25th
Kindly respond before April 17th

Members \$75.00 per person

Non-Members \$85.00 per person

#of members _____ Names _____

#of non-members _____ Names _____

Payment

- Make checks payable to SGYC and mail to 3485 Windspun Dr
- Pay by Zelle: Seagateyachtclub@gmail.com
(please note on your Zelle payment "Opening Day" and #of members, #non-members)

Questions

Call or text Jr Staff Commodore Chris Johnson-Pasqua at 206-225-2807

Name of boat in parade _____ Capacity for guests _____

or

Total number of people in need of a boat ride _____

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FROM THE BRIDGE

By Les Kelly,
Commodore



Thanks to all of the volunteer event hosts, and the membership at large, participation in events this year is up. Rear Commodore Jeff Specht has arranged extra on water events for our boating members and our general membership; enough for everyone to pick and choose their “fave” activities, if not all of the events.

The cruise season got off to an ice free “Opening Day” with 129 members and guests packing the club house and power boats and Dufys. Great weather made for a spectacular event. The refurbished flag pole – courtesy of Port Captain Rob Allen and Mike Pace – made for a splendid display of the colors. The roar of the cannon fire by Rod and Susanne Antablin provided the perfect background to the raising of the colors and flags. Jr. Staff Commodore John & Margaret Humphreys’ selection of décor and table settings (a spectacular choice of edible center pieces) were magnificent and organization of the Opening Day ceremony was splendid. Rear Commodore Jeff Specht arranged the parade which went off without a single grounding.

Equally splendid was our 35th Anniversary Celebration which “starred” founding Staff Commodore Dewey & Sandy Rudolph and was hosted by Commodore Les Kelly. It was a great pleasure to see that his wit hasn’t changed in thirty-five years. Bad weather didn’t completely disrupt but slightly dampened the World Record Raft Up attempt but participants did accomplish a West Coast Record Raft Up Circle. Thanks to Rear Commodore Jeff Specht for guiding SeaGate Yacht Club participants through the swells and into the record books. Wait ‘til 2012. See photos from this event elsewhere in this issue.

Ensenada? Wow, what a fun trip. Moonlight and Newport-to-Esenada race made for an exciting cruise down to Mexico. Members relaxed on the deck of Carnival’s Paradise as the sailboats sailed into the Ensenada Harbor. Some members toured a few of the local “entertainment centers” or watched the on deck spectacles fueled by Spring Break. Fresh out of the camera photos can be seen elsewhere in this issue of The Burgee.

Dead ahead is the Avalon Cruise for our annual visit to Catalina Island. Hosts, Staff Commodores Axel and Kreil and First Mates Linda and Kathy, promise a spectacular weekend of fun and activities in the Avalon Harbor. The dinghy parade is certain to be a winner once again. Rear Commodore Jeff and Bonnie Specht have a special treat lined up for Duffy owners with a Brunch at HHYC in early June. Aurelia and Francis Okino promise an Ascot theme night to remember for SeaGate members at Los Alamitos Race track in mid-June. Boaters will have a chance to sail out into the big blue Pacific Ocean at the last weekend of June when they visit Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. All members can participate in this event, even if they drive up for a day visit, just beyond downtown San Pedro.

John & Margaret Humphreys joined with Cathy and me to attend the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Opening Day in early April. What a treat to sail the San Pedro Harbor with the large cruise ship Norwegian Star in port and a Japanese car carrier shadowing our host’s boat – looming very large and high above us – as we departed the harbor. Huge fun.

Are you enjoying this year’s events? Events happen because of involved members. To become involved with an event, call me at 714-377-9447. Suggestions for new or different events are always welcomed.



FROM THE VICE

By Dale Giali,
Vice Commodore



"The sea finds out everything you did wrong."

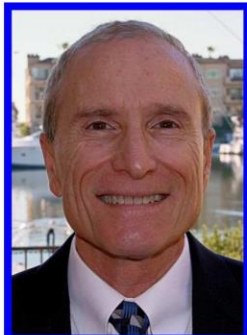
- Francis Stokes

One of the benefits of being an officer of this great club is that you get a free copy of the Yachting Protocol Guidelines of the Southern California Yachting Association. I thought I’d share with you just a few of the rules I found most important:

1. “If there’s a foul ball behind third base, it’s the shortstop’s play.” (Actually, that little gem of wisdom comes to us via Peppermint Patty from the Peanuts Classic, *You’re Weird Sir!* Just wanted to see if you actually got this far into my column.)
2. “Members of yacht clubs are ladies and gentlemen and as such wish to be proper when involved with yachts and yacht clubs.” (Having been a member of the club for several years, this rule was somewhat of a shocker. Then I remembered that these protocols really are mere “guidelines” – hey, says so right in their title.)
3. “While not called a yacht club, . . . the first such club continuously organized” was formed in 1720 in Ireland and called “the Water Club of Cork.” (I know, this isn’t really a rule at all. But, it is interesting nonetheless.)
4. No rule “is intended to supersede long-tested local custom of any particular club If your organization has some distinctive ceremonies, by all means use them – just so long as they are in good taste.” (My goodness. I assume this means it’s safe to bring back the “Dumb Bell Award,” but not so sure about this column.)
5. “A yacht” is “a vessel used for pleasure.” (Ah, now we’re cookin’ – I believe the club has never been out of compliance here.)
6. At the general meeting, “an area separate from the dining room should be available for cocktails and general socializing for all in attendance.” (Roger that. Turns out these guidelines are not so bad and, thanks to the efforts of officers and members going back 35 years, we seem to be in general compliance.)

Looking forward to leaving port often in full compliance with the rules.

**FROM THE
REAR**
Jeff Specht
Rear Commodore



The fun has begun....

I want to congratulate all the skippers and crew who attended Wild Bill's raft up and the Opening Day Boat Parade. Our fleet was looking good and our club was well represented. A dignitary from another yacht club commented how impressive our fleet looked dressed in our burgees and decorative code flags. Corsair, Huntington Harbour along with Seagate Yacht Clubs attempted to set the World record for boats rafted in a circle. The world record was 70 and we had 75 boats signed up but the weather deterred many and we ended up with only 55 boats. We thought it was the West Coast Record but it is in dispute as I write this article. Regardless, we all had a great time trying. Next year we will go for the world record weather permitting. All that attended had a great time and was an event to remember. The weather held and was good for the event, the real challenge was facing the 8 foot seas and 20 knot winds on our return home. I am happy to report we all returned safely. Job well done.

As you read this article we should have finished our annual vessel inspections with the USCGA. It was a great way to get our boats ship shape for the season.

We all should have also returned from our Avalon Cruise which is always a great event and hopefully you were able to attend. Our next boating event is the Duffy cruise on June 5th to HHYC for brunch. You should receive the flyer soon.

Due to high fuel costs and our goal to have as many of our members attend our on the water events, we tried to find local destinations. A new cruise to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro on June 24-26 will be a great event for all members, so mark your calendars. We have a lot of on the water events this year so please check the Burgee for dates and plan to join us.

Smooth Sailing, Jeff



Boating Tip

Coast Guard Rescue 21 Emergency Locating System

Rescue 21 is a new advanced command, control and communications system that was created to better locate mariners in distress and save lives and property. It now covers the west side of Catalina. As the marine version of 9-1-1, when you call on channel 9 or 16 it facilitates better communication with advanced direction finding capabilities and increased range. Rescue 21 helps the Coast Guard better "hear the call" and quickly responds to boaters.

The Rescue 21 system works seamlessly with your current VHF radio.

To learn more about the system go to <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/rescue21/project.asp>



35th ANNIVERSARY

SeaGate Yacht Club turns thirty-five years old this year and we celebrated this event with a party on March 12, 2011. The highlight of the SeaGate Yacht Club's 35th Anniversary Celebration was a humor-filled and fun prop presentation by founding Staff Commodore Dewey & Sandy Rudolph. They founded the club for "fun events" and Dewey displayed the wit and humor that launched the SGYC. Sandy provided special "life preserver" gifts of wine for each of the First Mates of the Staff Commodores. The Staff Commodores who were present recalled special events from their year as Commodore and other highlights of the Club. Tom Worden created a special DVD of the past 35 years of club history, many taken from the original photo collection of Dewey and Sandy, all of which brought special "kudos" from attendees! The event hosts were Linda and Jerry Cassidy, Tom and Jean Worden, John & Maryann Boryszewski and Rick and Lari Thomas.



OPENING DAY, 2011

By Junior Staff Commodore John Humphreys

Well, we really lucked out on the weather for our club's special day. After a gloomy weather forecast a week before our event, the day turned out to be picture perfect. Nineteen of our club's boats assembled at mid-main channel, and all of the skippers did a grand job of adorning their vessels with the traditional flags to create a very colorful spectacle. The Harbor Patrol was available to lead our parade throughout the Harbour. Commodore Les Kelly and his wife Cathy accompanied by the other flag officers and their wives followed the Harbor Patrol on Dennis and Kathy Kreil's boat. All of SGYC's boats looked really impressive. The Flag Officers performed the traditional salute to each of the boats in the parade at the Bonaire dock, after which the celebrants returned to the club-house for Opening Day ceremonies and dinner.

During our Opening Day ceremony our Flag Officers and board members for 2011 were introduced. Ten of our Staff Commodores that were present as well as seven distinguished guests. This included Commodore Paul DeSalvo and his wife from Huntington Harbor Yacht Club, Vice Commodore Tom Rasulo from Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, LeDean Mills and her partner from the Southern California Yachting Association, and John Fults and his wife from the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG). John Fults inducted a surprisingly large number of our past commodores into the IOBG, seven in all.

Once the formalities were over we had a record 129 members and guests seated for a fabulous barbecue dinner, catered by Beach Pit Barbecue; the line to get served was a little long at times, but it was well worth the wait. For dessert we had a cake for each table which were all spectacularly decorated in our club's colors by Creative Cakery.

A lot of people were responsible for making this day such a success and our special thanks go out to Jeff Specht who organized the parade and got people rides on boats, Les & Cathy Kelly and Bob McCormick who helped with decorating the club house, Linda Scholl for table set-up, Kim & Josef Davydovits for ship store setup, Dale Giali for providing a fabulous PA system, and of course Rob & Cindy Allen for distributing champagne to the boats, running the bar.

Where in the World has our Burgee Been?

By Joel Lander

From March 3 to March 10 several of our members (pictured below) traveled south down the Baja peninsula to San Ignacio Lagoon, reportedly the only place in the world where whales approach humans. The pictures speak for themselves. Everyone saw, touched and interacted with these magnificent, and as it turns out, friendly giants. It was an experience of a lifetime, unlike anything I have ever experienced. (photos: courtesy of Wayne Phillips)



A mother whale saying hello



Cindy Shaw and good friend



Mother and baby (on left)



Debbie Wainer & daughter Malea



Rear L-R: Mark & Joanne Daugherty, Kevin & Candy Cloud, Patrick Smith, Sherrill Lander, & Elliot Wainer. Front: Debra Wainer, Joel Lander and Cindy Shaw



L-R: Members Kevin & Candy Cloud, Patrick Smith, Cindy Shaw and Debbie and Elliot Wainer on their way south to San Ignacio Lagoon.

Ensenada Cruise

By Commodore Les Kelly

SeaGate Yacht Club members who participated in the April 15 - 18, 2011, Carnival Paradise Cruise To Ensenada -- hosted by Les and Cathy Kelly -- reported that they had an enjoyable time both at sea and ashore. They were treated to colorful spinnakers and full sails of numerous boats participating in the Newport to Ensenada 2011 sailboat race which were just arriving in the Ensenada harbor as the Carnival Paradise docked. Members who went ashore discovered exciting entertainment at several of the local clubs. Those who shopped snapped up some bargain priced souvenirs and treats for the grandkids at home. Bob and Linda Axel, Keith Liddle and Les Kelly visited the Bahia Hotel, Ensenada headquarters for the N2E hosts from Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, race participants and celebrants of the race. On deck entertainment, whether as a participant or an observer, was both interesting and fun. The food was excellent and the shows for Saturday night (Red, White & Blue) and Sunday (a Rock N' Review Spectacular) were enjoyed by all members. Everyone who participated in the cruise have suggested a repeat performance for 2012.



ANNIVERSARIES

Scholl	5/4
Martin	5/11
Swanson	5/13
Bartlett	5/17
Verry	5/24
Jenkes	5/28
Arndt	5/29
Fairon	5/29
Fell	5/29
Specht	6/1
Daugherty	6/5
Chao	6/6
Monroe	6/11
Ward	6/14
DeWolfe	6/15
Mascoli	6/15
Cassidy	6/17
Axel	6/20
Lund	6/24

BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Weimurtz	5/1	James Woods	5/31
Ron Jones	5/3	Mark Monroe	6/1
Kathy Lee	5/5	Dennis Huffman	6/3
Terry Hayden	5/10	Carole Stelle	6/3
Lesley Herbold	5/11	Tom Worden	6/5
Sandy Gallagher	5/13	Tina Haas	6/7
Kevin Cloud	5/14	Tom McKnew	6/8
Ray Nagele	5/18	Barbara Ward	6/8
Tim O'Brien	5/19	Josef Davydovits	6/10
John Pratto	5/19	Tinh Nguyen	6/12
Deanna Stingley	5/23	Helena Parada	6/12
Gail Cyprus	5/24	Sam LaCorte	6/13
Cindy Allen	5/25	Marty Lipman	6/13
Bill Thornburg	5/27	Parvaneh Carter	6/24
Jeff Smith	5/30	Vaughn Jenkes	6/27
Lucille Thornburg	5/31	Tom Ward	6/29

New Members



Ben Rudolf

Ben Rudolph is not our usual new member. He attended his first new member brunch in 1983 with his mother and father, Sandy and Dewey Rudolph, co-founders of SeaGate Yacht Club. Sure, he was in diapers,

but what does that matter?

Ben is a native of California and spent the first ten years of his life in SeaGate. He graduated from Marina High and attended USC. He now works in the family business.

Ben resides in Long Beach, but states he will be looking to move back to Huntington Beach, in the future. He loves boating and spending summer days in Catalina aboard the family boat. He also loves to cook.

Ben is proud and very happy that all the work his father and mother put into the formation of SGYC has paid off and it has become so successful. He is also looking forward to becoming an active "New member".

Welcome to SeaGate Yacht Club.

New Members



Ruth Ormsby and King Thomas moved to SeaGate about 1 ½ years ago from Newport Beach and are happy to have their boat in their back yard. Their first introduction to SGYC was last year when they met Jan & Ray Nagele at the pump out station when they lost an engine.

Ruth and King will celebrate 30 years of marriage on January 2, 2012. They have a son, 23 in San Francisco and a daughter 21, that is graduating from Chapman College this year. They share their home with a very friendly 100 pound dog, Obie, a black Boxer/Labrador mix. Ruth works for Carlson Hotels in development. King works for LSA, an environmental company in Irvine, specializing in freeway work. Their boat is named "Western Flyer" and most of you saw it Opening Day. It is a 33 foot Bertram with updated twin 454's and new electronics. They enjoy cruising and diving.

Ruth & King are glad they got to participate in Opening Day 2011 and are very happy with their choice to join SGYC. They feel its' members are so friendly. Welcome, Ruth & King!

SHIPS STORE SHOWCASE

NOW IN THE UPSTAIRS BAR
SHOW YOUR SEAGATE PRIDE
WITH LOGO CLOTHING
KIM DAVYDOVITS, 714/840-8333

NIGHT AT THE RACES
SATURDAY, JUNE 11

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY, JULY 16

DUFFY CRUISE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

NEWPORT RAFT-UP/DOCKUP
FRIDAY-SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 23-25



2011 CREW

Les Kelly	Commodore
Dale Giali	Vice-Commodore
Jeff Specht	Rear-Commodore
John Humphreys	Jr. Staff Commodore
Cindy Allen	Secretary
Josef Davydovits	Treasurer
Joanne McCormick	Membership
Rob Allen	House
Kim Davydovits	Ships Store
Bob McCormick	Roster
Tom Worden	Webmaster
Joel Lander	Communications

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.

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