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From the Helm



Chris Johnson-Pasqua
Commodore

SeaGate's Landlocked Commodore

They say the sea calls to certain souls. Apparently, mine was busy with a telemarketer when the nautical siren song went out. And yet, here I am, Commodore of the SeaGate Yacht Club, a prestigious organization where the only vessel I personally command is a land-bound Lexus 300 RC.

Yes, it's true. I, the man who can't tell a starboard from a Starbucks, am leading a fleet composed of majestic cruisers, leisurely Duffys, and the hearty band of landlubbers who just really, really like comradery and the sound of clinking ice.

My election was a marvel of democracy, or possibly a well-executed prank. The Cruisers, bless their hearts, eyed me with a mixture of pity and the kind of bewildered amusement one reserves for a squirrel trying to open a walnut with a spoon. The Duffy devotees, ever chill, simply offered me a spare life jacket and a tutorial on "docking without causing a wake."

My daily life has become a hilarious exercise in nautical charades. I've mastered the art of nodding sagely during conversations about "keel depth" and "hull integrity," even though I secretly think a keel is a type of exotic fruit and a hull is what you shout when you're surprised.

The annual SeaGate Opening Day celebration is a particular highlight. The Cruisers, with their gleaming hulls and nautical spirits, adorn their boats with nautical flags and parade proudly through the harbor. The Duffys, adorned with flamingo pool floats and wind chimes, engage in a slow-motion parade that resembles a floating garden party. And me? I'm on the bow of the lead boat, waving a flag and shouting encouraging phrases like "Go, boats!" and "May the best... uh... float win!"

So, if you see me at the next SeaGate event, feel free to ask me about the "tide tables" or the "prevailing winds." Just be prepared for a response that involves a lot of

hand gestures and a vague reference to the weather forecast on my phone. After all, even a landlocked Commodore can appreciate the beauty of the sea, the charm of the Duffy, and the sheer entertainment value of watching a Cruiser try to parallel park.

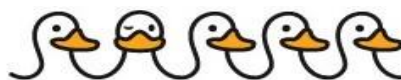


Tricia Pratto
Vice Commodore



What a wonderful and fabulous Murder Mystery at the end of March!! The Humphrey's know how to plan and execute a murder!! Glad it wasn't me. The dance hall girls and the cowboys all showed up to have a rootin' tootin' time at the SeaGate Saloon.

Next event not to be missed is SeaGate's Opening Day, Saturday, April 26th. Don't miss out - sign-up and join your SeaGate Yacht Club friends to celebrate the 49th opening day of the club.



Spring has Sprung! Although it may not seem like it with all the storms we've had lately, boating season is almost upon us! Get ready to jump on board and rock the waterways with SGYC!

Speaking of rockin' the waterways, our first boating event on February 16th was such a success! Well attended with 5 boat captains hosting 53 members and guests on their boats over to Acapulco Restaurant for our lovely brunch. Thank you to Kevin and Candy Cloud, Floyd and Mira D'Angelo, Suzanne Matherly & Chris Casillas, Ron & Lisa Ratkelis, and Elliott & Debra Wainer for sharing the joy of boating with our members and guests for this fun event!



Joyce Zimmerman
Rear Commodore

Next is our 2025 Opening Day parade on Saturday, April 26th that you don't want to miss! Our boat lineup for the parade is at 12:00pm in Mid-Channel and starts at 12:15pm. After our cruise we'll head over to the Bonaire Clubhouse at 2:15pm to get registered, grab a celebratory cocktail, enjoy our Ceremony and scrumptious bites. Please be sure to let me know if you want to join the parade festivities and I'll assign you to a boat! See you all on April 26th! (rc.sgyc@gmail.com. Text/Call: 714-470-6877)



New Member Brunch

Brunch. Rhymes with Bunch. And Lunch.

The Oxford Languages dictionary describes Brunch as a Noun with the following definition: *A late morning meal eaten instead of breakfast and lunch: "He cobbled together a meal of leftover remains from the fridge."*

HARDLY! Here at Seagate Yacht Club, we take Brunch seriously, like on February 16, where members both new and old boarded boats bound for Alamitos Bay for a riotous late-morning extravaganza with a heavily Latin theme.

Sorry, Oxford Languages, but no “Cobbled Together Leftovers” for SGYC members; brunch for us means food plus fun in heavy doses with friends. This is an annual event, so if you missed it, watch for it next year!



Prime Rib Night

What's better than watching the sun set over Newport Harbor while enjoying a wonderful dinner that included prime rib and Yorkshire pudding? Sharing the experience with your fellow



members of SeaGate Yacht Club, of course!

A big shout out to Staff Commodore Cleve Sproule and Mark Arizmendi for hosting our club at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on March 6 for the annual, and delicious, Prime Rib Night. Mark and Cleve also procured tickets for the Bahia

Sunday Brunch and an assortment of wines that all went to four lucky winners.

Just a quick reminder – your membership in SGYC entitles you to reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs across California and across the country. Just call the club ahead to make a reservation, and mention that SGYC is a member of Southern California Yachting Association. Cheers!

Staff Commodore Melinda Johnson-Pasqua



Murder Mystery Night

Hosts Staff Commodore John and Margaret Humphreys

The scene was set in a small Western town of Deadwood, where a big poker tournament was being held. A colorful collection of characters, including outlaws, gamblers, saloon girls and land investors (played by familiar faces) as well as the local Sheriff and Marshall had gathered for a celebration party and the award of the prize money.



After a delicious barbecue of smoked beef brisket and chicken with all of the fixings, the guests witnessed the murder of one of the characters, who happened to be the winner of the poker tournament. The Marshal started the murder investigation while the characters spread rumors and gossip amongst the guests while they were trying to decide "who dunnit". After collecting and reviewing all of the evidence, the Marshal revealed the culprit, none other than Montgomery Money! (Vance Vlasik)









Guests who correctly named the culprit were given the Super Sleuth Award and a chance at a gift certificate. Prizes were also given to who was voted the best dressed and best character performance by the guests. The big winners for the evening were Vance Vlasik (Costume) and Laura Roskelly (Acting. Or was she?), and Smoking Gun awards were given to both Jackie Sands and Richard Boatright for properly guessing the murderer.



Ship Store News

I'm so excited to share with you an all-new line of clothing and SGYC logo'd items! The big reveal will be on Opening Day, so make sure to swing by the Ship Store and see what's new! There will be many new additions, including jackets, tops and tees for both men and women and, who knows, maybe a few surprises!

Remember, the Ship Store is YOUR store, so keep your feedback coming! Thanks to all who have filled out the survey so far, and I'll see you soon!



Margee Lennard

- Note – Ship Store survey will again be at the end of the Burgee.

Members Making Waves



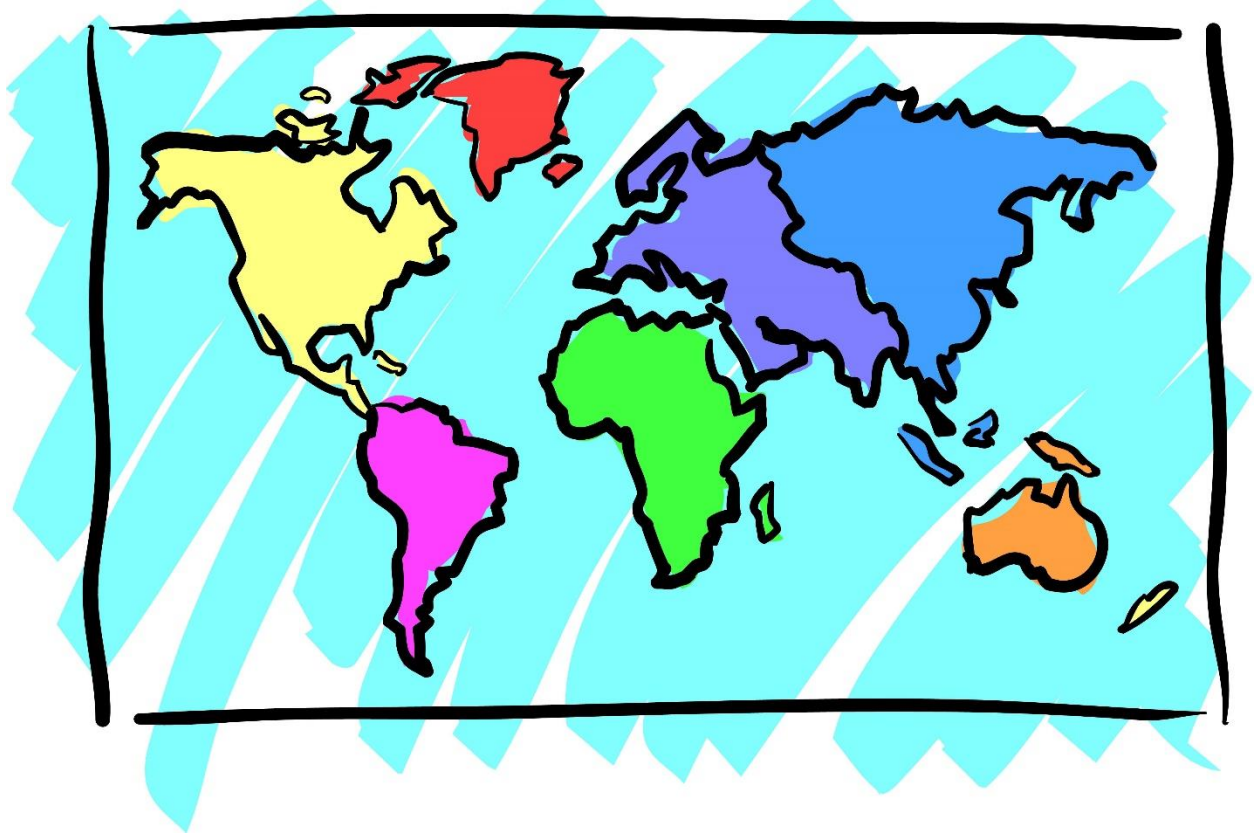
On Prime Rib Night, Commodore Chris Johnson-Pasqua and Rear Commodore Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs were privileged to introduce new members Gary and Kimberly Mann and Meghan and Marianne Koshar to the club, and award them their Burgees.



Be sure to seek out these new friends and Welcome them Aboard soon!



Where in the World (is our Burgee)



Where, indeed! It has been quite a while since we've seen something in this segment of the Burgee, but the travel season is now upon us, so we encourage you to Grab your Flags (Burgees) when you head out of town, and snap a picture holding it. When we put it in our next newsletter, everyone will see how far afield our flag has flown!

Community Spotlight



There's been so much talk about ICE these days that we wanted to address it here. If you're one of the many Seagaters who regularly grab a bag of ice right before your guests arrive from the machine near the Edinger launch ramp, you've probably been serving warm drinks for a while. We don't know why the machine was removed, but we know you can still get ICE at Brewsters! Established in 1945, Brewster's Ice is one of the oldest family-owned businesses in all of Huntington Beach. They sell block ice, dry ice, and more, and delivery is available 7 days a week! Interested in real snow?

Brewster's is even in the Snow Biz. They do it all from movies, commercials, snowboarding events, tree lightings, frozen theme parties, to private parties & events. Finde 'em at 6th & Lake near



downtown. For some great history on the building, watch Chris Epting unravel their story on Hidden Huntington Beach. Use this link to see it on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/k2Y7y11rZeq?si=8fhHYjQPWZPfjGX0>

Best Day on the Water

This is a NEW feature for the Burgee, and we encourage your submissions. Many thanks to whoever submitted these fantastic photos anonymously; please, if you know who this is, contact any board member and let us know. There is no doubt this qualifies as a Best Day!



Note: We're also looking for a Logo for this segment, and welcome your ideas!



No Bake Lasagna

Most sailboats have ovens, which is why sailors can hang out in the cockpit with a warm, one-bowl meal like lasagna, but Huntington Harbour lends itself best to powerboats, and few powerboats have ovens. Not to worry: Taste of Home says you can have your lasagna, right on your cooktop! Here's how:

- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 3/4 cup spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 4 lasagna noodles
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
- Shredded Parmesan cheese

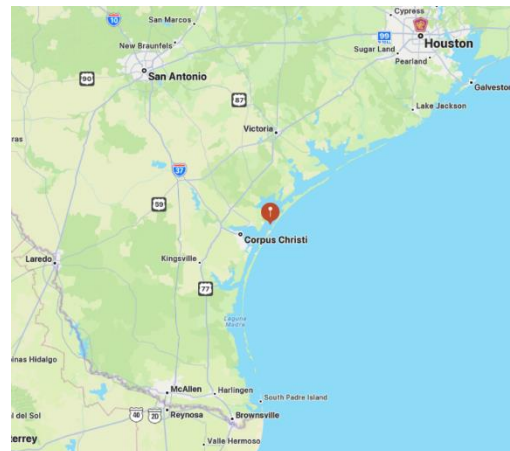
Note: Mrs Burgee Editor says this sounds like a terrible recipe! Try at your own risk, but if you do, please let us know what you think.

- 1 In a large skillet, saute mushrooms and onion in oil until tender. Add the spaghetti sauce, tomato, basil and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, cook lasagna noodles according to package directions.
- 2 Add mozzarella cheese to the sauce; cook on low until cheese is melted. Drain noodles; cut into thirds. For each serving, on a plate, layer 2 tablespoons of sauce and two noodle pieces. Repeat layers twice. Top with 2 tablespoons sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Seagate News

By now you are all well aware of the Seagate Yacht Club in Florida, but did you know about the Seagate Condominiums in Port Aransas, Texas?

Seagate in Port A, as they call it, is a coastal community located halfway between Houston and the tip of Texas, and is considered a key destination for middle-state dwellers who need a beach fix. Check it out on your next road trip!





CELEBRATE!

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

Signs for our Times

We're not sure if these signs are related in any way, so we'll let you be the judge. It's our understanding that the Free Tequila sign can be seen on the Redondo Beach

Pier, but we can't confirm that. Once again, thank you to all our alert readers, and please keep them coming – we'd like to see Signs become a regular feature for the Burgee.





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.

SHANGHAI

Shanghai is a city in China and was once an area where people were kidnapped and pressed into service on ships. To be Shanghaied is to be taken or betrayed. For example: "If we don't keep this data secure, we may just end up Shanghaied and lose the account to our top competitor."

REMINDER

SCYA COMMUNITY REPORT

CA Boater's Card



This year, all boaters, regardless of age, must have and possess a California Boater Card if you will be operating a vessel on any body of water in California. The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken and passed a state-approved boater safety education examination. As of January 1 2025, all persons who operate a vessel on California waters will be required to have one.



All Boaters here means All. That means California sailors, power boaters, harbor cruisers, Duffy Pilots and even our little friend here. Even if you don't own a boat, you might find yourself piloting one some day, so look into getting your Boater Card now.

Learn more at:

CaliforniaBoaterCard.com.



In this issue of Great Shots we have MORE BABY OWLS. Anyone who has been traveling down to the marina has most likely seen all the birders with their massive cameras snapping photos of these 2 fuzzy little guys. In this shot, Pappa can be seen just above and to the left. They say it won't be long before the little guys will be able to fend for themselves.

Also, we have a couple other snaps for you. First, another killer sunset over Alamitos Bay waters, then something a little different – a picture of a painting of a commercially operated boat many of you may have seen coming out of Newport. The owners of the Orca Too had this painting commissioned, and we were able to get a photo of the work. The boat parks regularly in front of the Bluewater Grill in Newport Beach.





We at SGYC headquarters would like to thank each and every one of you for your photographic contributions. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

**Have a Great Harbor / Sunset / Seagate photo?
Please share it! Contact any of the people below,
and maybe you'll see it here in the next issue!**

Upcoming Events:

Below please take a look at our 2025 Calendar of Events, and be sure to sign up to attend or volunteer wherever possible. ALSO, please note that early registration is advised for TWO of these events: our upcoming Opening Day, and September's Newport Cruise.

Opening Day, our biggest annual event, promises to be loads of fun this year, and you don't want to miss it, so sign up now!

For the Newport Cruise, please know that if you plan to take a boat, that sign-ups are now available, and you need to contact the marina directly to reserve a slip. Do so by calling (949) 270-8159, or eMailing them at Dockmaster@NewportBeachCA.gov.



SeaGate Yacht Club 2025 Events Calendar

| Date | Event | Time | Location | Event Hosts |
|---------------|---|------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1/10/2025 | New Member Open House & Membership renewal drive Happy Hour | | Bonaire Clubhouse | Board |
| 4/26/2025 | Opening Day | | Bonaire Clubhouse | Grace Toy & Board |
| 5/17/2025 | Wine Tasting | | Giall Residence | Robin & Kirk Erickson / Kristi & Craig Whitacre |
| 6/7/2025 | Night at the Races (Belmont Stakes) | | Los Alamitos Race Course | |
| June - Sept | Tuesday Cruisin | | Huntington Beach Harbour | Jack & Diane Wiegand |
| 7/12/2025 | Duffy Event | | Huntington Beach Harbour & Clubhouse | Josef Davydovits & Felicia Emad |
| 8/16/2025 | Rocking the Docks | | Windspun Dock | Mona Marcos & Laura Roskelly |
| 9/4/2025 | BCYC Prime Rib Dinner | | Bahia Corthian Yacht Club | Cleve Sproule & Mark Arizmendi |
| 9/19 - 9/21 | Newport Beach Cruise | | Newport Beach | Michael & Doris Dix / Elliott & Debbi Wainer |
| 10/8/2025 | Annual Meeting | | Bonaire Clubhouse | Board |
| October | Bimini Dock Party | | Bimini Dock | Susan Westover-Giall & Dale Giall |
| 11/1/2025 | Commodore's Ball | | Bahia Corthian Yacht Club | Chris Johnson-Pasqua |
| 12/6/2025 | Ship's Store Holiday Boutique | | Bonaire Clubhouse | Margee Lennard |
| 12/13 & 12/14 | Huntington Harbour Boat Parade | | Huntington Beach Harbour | Board & Members |
| 12/31/2025 | New Years Eve | | Bonaire Clubhouse | Tricia Pratto |

Some Dates subject to Change

**Remember,
Attending Yacht Club events
Is a Good Way of
Hanging with your Peeps!**



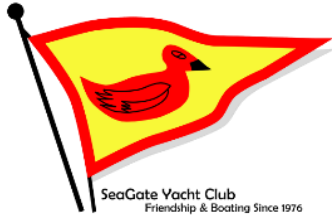
DID YOU KNOW?

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
<http://sgyc2021files.seagateyachtclub.com/>.

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



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- Tricia Pratto – Vice Commodore
- Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs – Rear Commodore
- Robin Erikson – Treasurer & Roster
- Debbie Miller – Secretary
- Sue Shalley – Membership
- Michael Dix – Communication
- Staff Commodore, Josef Davydovits – Web Developer
- Sue Westover-Giali – Judge Advocate
- Staff Commodore Dr. Mark Monroe – Fleet Surgeon
- Margee Lennard – Ship Store
- Grace Toy – Jr Staff Commodore



Ship Store Survey

2025

Add more Jackets / Vests Yes/No

Add more Tops / Shirts Yes/No

Add more hats (what style?)

Add Higher Quality (and more expensive) items such as Blazers,
Cashmere Sweaters with our logo Yes/No

I prefer items with just the Burgee on them Yes/No

I prefer items with both Burgee and SGYC on them Yes/No

Keep Ship Store as is Yes/No

I would like to see engraved items such as:

Blanket/throw, Glasses, Cheese Board, Coasters, Mugs, Water Bottles,
Notebook, Pens.... Ideas?