



SeaGate Yacht Club
Friendship & Boating Since 1976

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from the Commodore



Dear SeaGate Members,

I'm honored and excited to serve as your Commodore this year, and I know the rest of the Board shares my enthusiasm for serving our membership in 2026.

I feel especially fortunate to have Vice Commodore Joyce and Rear Commodore Michele joining me as fellow Flag Officers—we're already having a wonderful time together. And what better way to celebrate than during SGYC's 50th Anniversary year? "Cheers to 50 Years!" Stay tuned for more exciting details coming soon.

We've planned numerous events, along with some relaxing happy hours, knowing how much you all enjoy connecting with your SeaGate friends. I look forward to seeing many of you at our popular Flotilla Brunch scheduled for Sunday, February 22. It's always a highlight, so don't miss out!

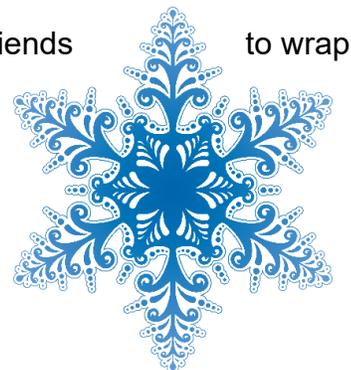
Reflecting briefly on 2025, as Vice Commodore, it was a pleasure to close out the year with our festive New Year's Eve party. The clubhouse looked stunning and provided a perfect backdrop for an evening of dining and celebration. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who pitched in to decorate and make the event special.

I hope each of you enjoyed memorable celebrations with family and friends up 2025, and that you're already off to a fantastic start in 2026.

Cheers to 50 Years!

Warm regards,

Tricia Pratto, Commodore



from the Vice Commodore

SeaGate Yacht Club Shines at the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade

SeaGate Yacht Club made waves at this year's Huntington Harbour Boat Parade with a show-stopping entry. We definitely captured the spirit of the parade theme "**Fun with Music**" as well as the hearts of the



Judges. From the moment our boat glided into view, it was clear that this was more than just a parade entry—it was a full musical experience on the water. Bright lights, two rockin' guitars, beautiful saxophone, jukebox, musical staff, and 2 couples dressed to "the nines". It all came together to create an atmosphere that was fun and impossible to miss.

The dedication and teamwork behind the scenes truly paid off. SeaGate Yacht Club proudly placed in **the Top 4 overall**, standing out among an incredibly competitive lineup of boats. Our entry was



celebrates creativity, camaraderie, and a love for being on the water.

Shout outs to our creative team & construction crew who worked tirelessly for months to get this done. Thank you to Michael & Doris Dix, Terry & Susanne Grout, Jr S/C Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Bob McCormick, Merle McCormick & Mary Shebell, Dave & Michele Murray, Commodore Tricia Pratto and her son Garrett, Craig & Kristi Whitacre and Vance Vlasek, AND to our wonderful boat owner who continues to offer their boat each year for us to enter

2025 Huntington Harbour Boat Parade



JUDGES SPECIAL TROPHY



honored with the **Judge's Special Trophy**, a recognition reserved for designs that bring something truly memorable and unique to the parade.

This achievement is a testament to the creativity, collaboration, and club spirit that defines SeaGate Yacht Club. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, ideas, and enthusiasm to bring our entry to life. We're incredibly proud of what we accomplished together and grateful to be part of a community that



in the parade: Robin Clark & Family and their boat FIN-TASTIC!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Zimmerman-Ochs, Vice Commodore



from the Rear Commodore

Hello neighbors and friends! I'm Michele, the newest member of the SeaGate leadership team. As the junior member of the flag, I'm looking forward to working closely with the rest of the board to ensure every one of you has a 2026 filled with Friendship and Boating!

As Rear Commodore, my primary focus this year will be the on-water events, beginning with our Flotilla Brunch in February. Later in the year you'll find me organizing a Duffy scavenger hunt, the Parade of the Fleet on Opening day, and of course the biggie, the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade in December.

Speaking of the Boat parade, it's not too soon to be lining up the team to put together another award-winning entry. If you have design, decorating, building or electrical skills, please let me know – we'll start having meetings late Summer, and it's always a lot of fun to see a vision come to life!

Cheers to all! Michele Murray

from the Junior Staff Commodore

Dear Fellow SeaGate Yacht Club Members and Board,

To the 2025 SeaGate Yacht Club Board, it has been a privilege to serve alongside such a dedicated group. It was your hard work and commitment that made 2025 a huge success. Thank you for everything you did for SeaGate Yacht Club in 2025.



I look forward to serving alongside the 2026 board. I am writing to express my full support for Tricia and the entire Board as we prepare for the year ahead.

Our club's success has always been rooted in a shared commitment to excellence. To assist in a smooth transition, I have compiled a set of suggested operating procedures for the Commodore, Membership Chair and the Port Captain. These documents are intended to serve as a guideline and a helpful framework to ensure our leadership has every tool necessary to shine and succeed.

As my role dictates, I will provide counsel and behind-the-scenes support to help Tricia and the board execute their vision for the club. I am here to help reinforce the Board's efforts and ensure that our collective leadership remains strong and seamless.

I look forward to working together to make 2026, our 50th Anniversary, an exceptional year for SeaGate Yacht Club.

Regards

Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Jr. Staff Commodore



New Year's Eve

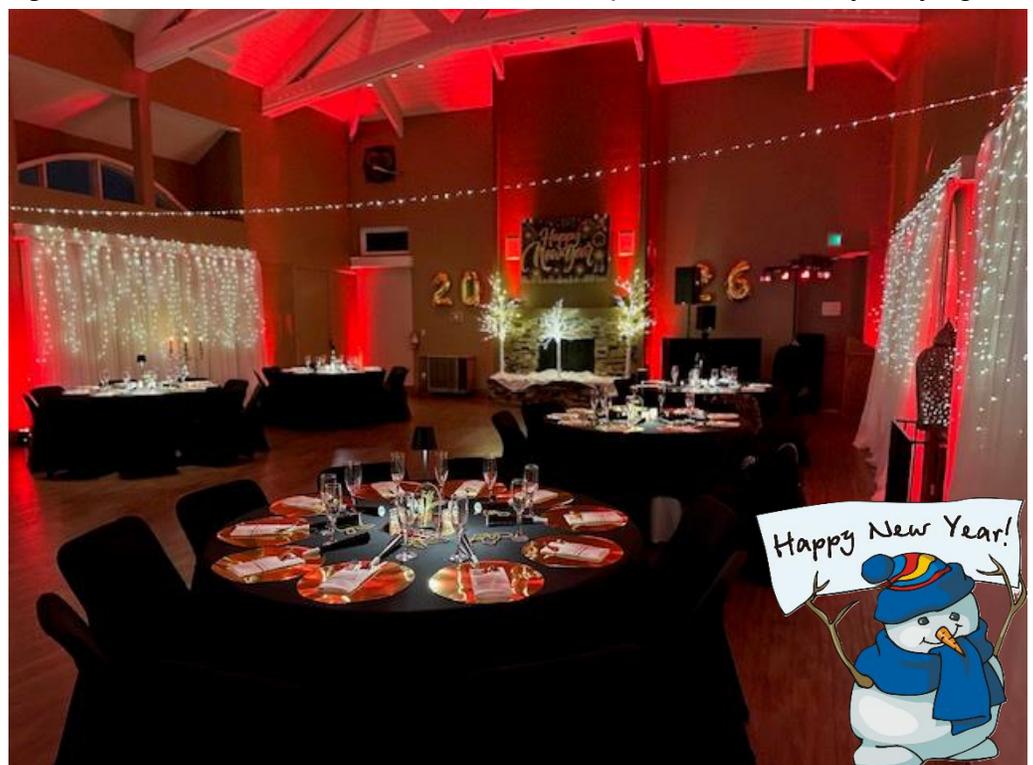
SeaGate Rings in 2026 in Style!

What a night! SeaGate Yacht Club rang in the New Year — in spectacular style. Fifty-four members and guests gathered to find our clubhouse completely transformed into a sophisticated “supper club.” Between the elegant chair covers and the white sheer drapes illuminated by fairy lights, the atmosphere was truly magical.

The catering by **Love At First Bite** was, as always, top-notch. I was also thrilled to share a little something sweet with you all—my homemade Crème Brûlée! Once dessert was finished, DJ Jay took over, getting everyone on their feet and dancing as we cruised into the New Year.

It was an unforgettable evening and a wonderful way to start our 50th Anniversary.

Cheers to 50 Years
Tricia Pratto, Commodore





Membership Happy Hour

Our **Membership Happy Hour** was the perfect way to kick off our **50th anniversary year**—and wow, did you show up! 🍷 We had an amazing turnout with 73 members, 1 guest, and 6 new member applicants joining us for a night full of great conversations, new connections, and plenty of laughs. The BBQ sandwiches were a definite crowd favorite, and the room was buzzing as everyone enjoyed catching up and getting to know one another. It was so wonderful for me to be able to put names to faces and get to know many of you, and I look forward to seeing everyone at all the events planned throughout this exciting anniversary year! If this night was any indication, our 50th year is off to an incredible start!

Aubree Fuentes, Membership Chair





Event Host Brunch – MTO!



It is club policy to honor all members who have stepped up and agreed to host or help host an event for the year to be treated to a brunch sponsored by the board. For the 2026 calendar year, this happened mid-January, when an entire Sunday morning was filled with treating our hosts like royalty and MTO.

What's MTO? Multiple Tupperware Options? Mysterious Turkey Offerings? Mushy Tofu Object? No, it's MADE TO ORDER, as in Made to Order Omelettes! Check out these photos and you'll see what a great success the day was, then consider helping with an event in the future – it's lots of fun, and maybe the board will make a custom omelette for you too!

Ship Store News

Last month at our Member's Renewal Happy Hour your Ship's Store showed many new items, including several pieces with a new logo that shows our 50th Anniversary emblem.

I have been shopping once again to include even more clothing pieces, as well as other fun accessories that proudly dons our special anniversary.

As I extend your store to include such 50th Anniversary items as a wine cooler to cozy neck scarves to note pads, please let me know if you would like me to find any other items. Suggestions are always welcome!

The next date that your store will be available is Friday March 27th. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Margee Lennard
Ship Store Coordinator

SALE



Members Making Waves



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!

Also, for all you Couples out there, Have a Wonderful Valentines Day as well!



New Member News

In early December of 2025, RC Joyce Z and her team recruited a group of experienced, professionals to perform as models on the "stage" of Fin-Tastic as our boat parade entry made its way around the harbor.

There was a problem, however, when it was learned that **only SGYC members in good standing could be aboard** the club boat during maneuvers. Moving ahead with the plan would not be possible unless our models / performers could be voted into the club on short notice.

Thanks to our quick-thinking leadership, an emergency session of the board was held on the spot and, as they say, the show went on - to the great joy of the judges, we might add!



It is with this modest but unusual backstory that we now introduce you to the newest members of SeaGate Yacht Club, Suzie, Floozy and the Buttermilk boys Bob and Bill.

After congratulating them on surviving the elements, we asked them how they were able to convince the Judges that our entry deserved a top award:

Bob: "It was the design and craftsmanship that carried the day."

Suzy: "Yes, all we had to do was maintain our impeccable poses!"

Floozy and Bill were not available for comment, as they had already left for Las Vegas



Community Spotlight

ORANGE COUNTY COASTKEEPER

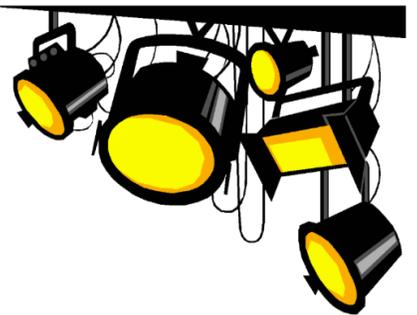
Hello, my name is Kaden Caliendo, and I am the Marine Restoration Coordinator with Orange County Coastkeeper, a nonprofit that strives for drinkable, swimmable and fishable waters for all! As part of our efforts, we conduct work to restore native Olympia oysters in Los Alamitos Bay, Huntington Harbor and Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge.

In order to successfully restore native Olympia oysters, we need the help of dock owners/tenants to recruit baby oyster larvae. To do so, we need dock owners/tenants to hang a string of recycled restaurant oyster shells (provided) from their dock into the water.



If you are willing to help us in our endeavor to restore a historical habitat along our beloved Southern California coast, we at Orange County Coastkeepers would greatly appreciate it! To proceed, we would need to have a brief call discussing dock ownership, information about the shell strings, and where to place them to avoid vessel/program operation.

Thank you, Kaden Caliendo





Breakfast in a Jar

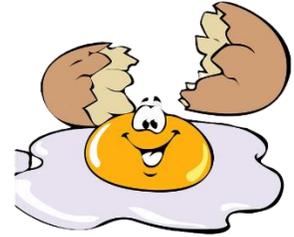
Cooking on a boat takes some planning: limited storage, refrigeration and prep-space can complicate even the simplest of recipes, but this month's *RALLY* takes a fan-favorite dish and simplifies it for any on-board chef. The key? A 1-quart Mason jar or similar sealed container!

Ingredients:

Diced onions, peppers, tomatoes and other traditional omelette fixins
Grated cheddar cheese
One dozen eggs
Salt, pepper and seasonings to taste



- 1) Mix together and lightly brown the vegetables
- 2) Break all the eggs into the Mason jar.
- 3) Add the fill ingredients after they cool.
- 4) Cap the jar and shake vigorously.



The omelette mixture should be good for a few days if kept in a cool place. Only a skillet is needed to make fresh omelettes every morning if the couple spending 2 or 3 days "On the Hook".

Note: This recipe was inspired by the article Omelette in a Jar, Boat U.S. Magazine, September / October 2025 issue, page 58. Check it out for a more authentic and detailed recipe.



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.

In a prior issue we addressed the question of How to Set Up a Duffy Boat for the Perfect Romantic Evening. The subject is back by popular demand, as we re-visit the matter again this Valentine season.



Since Mr. Tech Tip is more about Maintenance and Repair than boat-prepping for date night, we decided to poll some SGYC members to see what they had to say.

Here are some of the best ideas submitted by both Guys and Gals in the club:

SeaGate Gals

- 🚩 Candles, LOTS of them, electric of course
 - 🚩 Music: Playlist must be equal parts Love songs and Titanic soundtrack
 - 🚩 Champagne – ice bucket & crystal stemware non-negotiable
 - 🚩 Chocolate, boxed truffles OK, but prefer fondue with berries (No Kiwi)
 - 🚩 Flowers, either Roses or..... actually just Roses
 - 🚩 Essential Oil Diffusers in all cupholders
 - 🚩 Pillows! If there's a place to sit, there aren't enough
 - 🚩 Heart shaped boarding mat
 - 🚩 Photographer, images pro-edited and uploaded before cast-off
 - 🚩 Full Moon – Figure it out!
 - 🚩 Duffy speed slowed to a crawl
- Bonus: string quartet or tenor ensemble performing at the dock.
(Points deducted for Mariachis.)

SeaGate Guys

- 🚩 Beer
- 🚩 Back in time for the game

Best Day on the Water

In keeping with the Valentine theme, we have a love story from members Doris and Michael Dix for this issue's *Best Day on the Water*.

As is often the case, we were the only boat on the water that day, the harbour in our little Duffy 16. That changed when we rounded a corner and in the distance an unusual sight - a small sailboat, rare for our waters, tacking its way up

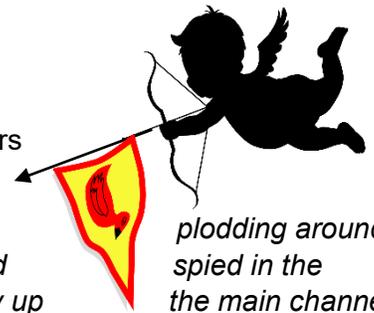
Not wanting to interfere with their wind, we crossed to mid-channel, but as the distance between us closed, something odd happened: a girl in the boat leaped to the gunnel and began shouting something and waving her arms.

"They're in trouble", Michael thought. "No", said Doris, "She keeps shouting something and pointing to her hand. I think she just got engaged!"

The matter certainly deserved some investigation, so we quickly maneuvered alongside to get the whole story. It was true; while drifting Huntington's main channel in a broad reach, the young captain had abandoned the helm, fallen to one knee and popped the question. After the First Mate's enthusiastic "Yes", he slid a ring onto her finger just before our boats passed. News like this must be shared as soon as possible, which is why the bride-to-be was so enthusiastically (and dangerously) shouting and waving, and pointing to her ring-finger.

We were overjoyed to be the first to hear the news, and stayed with them chatting until we were sure no one was going to hyperventilate. They insisted on our contact info before we parted; sadly, we've not heard from them again.

Again, each of you has had a "Best Day". Please let us share that day with your fellow members by telling the story to our Communications officer. Also, we're still looking for a logo for this segment, so if you're crafty, submit a couple for us to review.



*plodding around
spied in the
the main channel.*

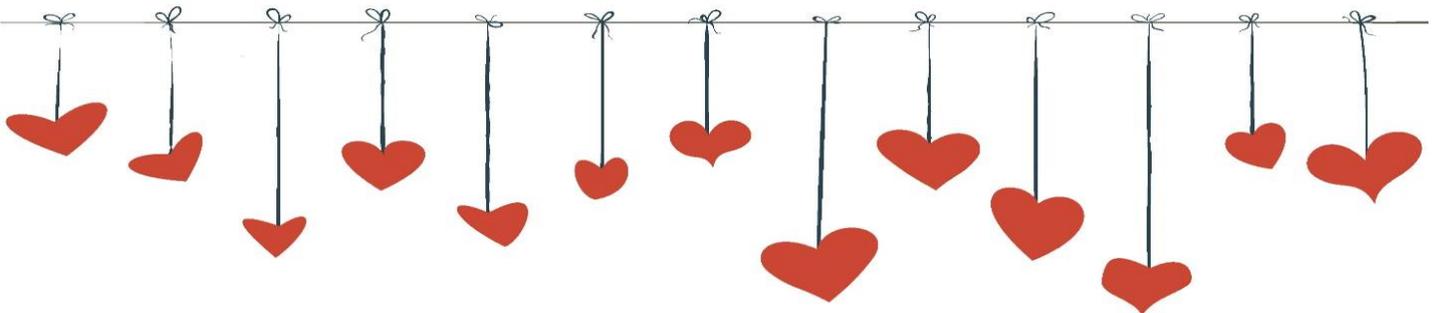


On Board with...

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?



Trivial Pursuit

“Can we have another custom SeaGate word search?”

Of course, why not! Here’s a heart-shaped puzzle where you can locate past Commodores.

Have fun!

Recent Commodores

Here's a list of recent Commodores of the SeaGate Yacht Club. Find them in the heart shape.

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TALKIN' NAUTI

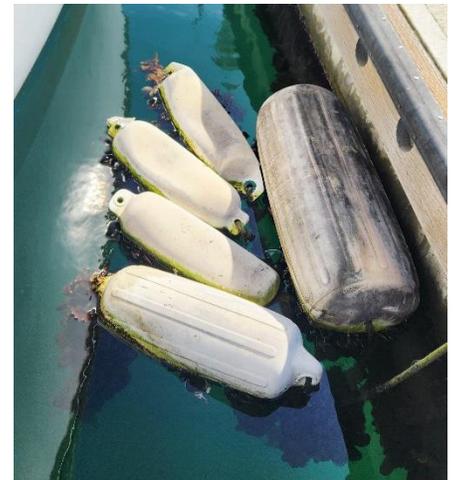
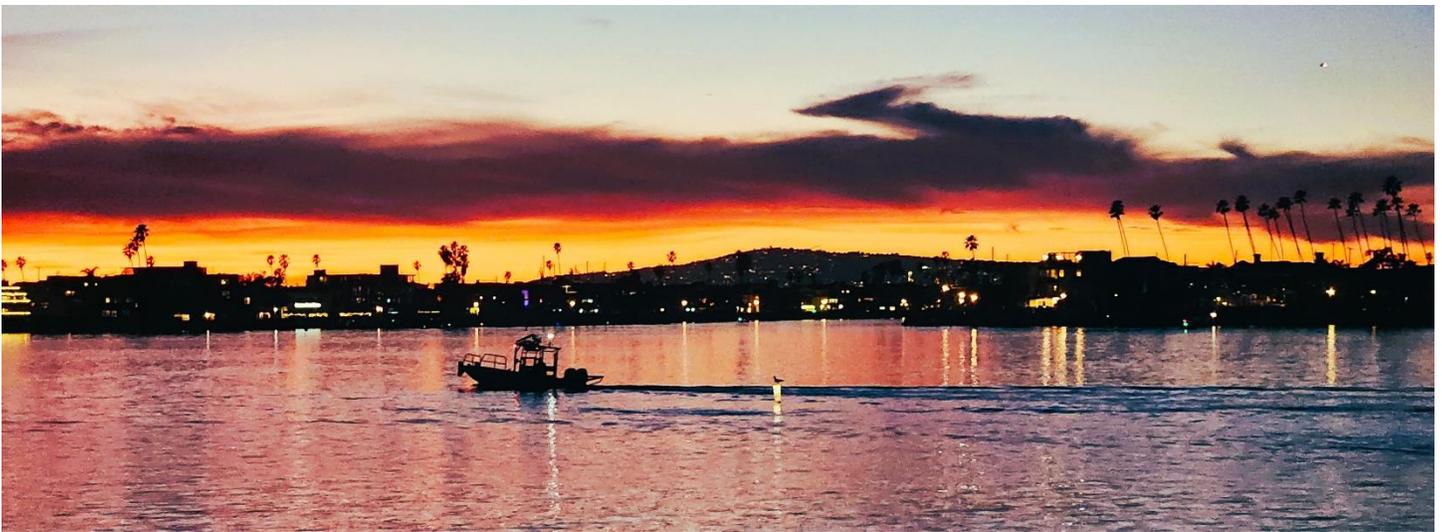
Talkin' Nauti is one of our newer Burgee Bits, designed to help our members recognize the nautical roots of terms they use every day.

Bottoms Up

The term Bottoms Up became a way to warn people to check for a coin at the bottom of their drink. The British used to con people into joining the Navy by buying them a beer with a coin on the bottom. If the beer was drunk to the level of the coin, the Navy considered this accepting payment and would press the drinker into service. It became wise practice to hold the Bottom Up and check for a coin!



Winter sunsets continue to impress, both here in SeaGate and in Alamos Bay. Also, we have this adorable shot of a newly-hatched batch of baby boat fenders! Be sure to congratulate the Fender family when you see the babies bouncing around the harbour! Many Thanks for your contributions!



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



Signs for our Times

Another area where we ask for image submissions is Signs for our Times, and we have a couple good work-place signs for you this issue. First, a sign in front of Dairy Queen encouraging Abby to, er, get with the program. Next is a very curious sign at a facility near a park. We asked around, and no one seems to know who this dog is, but he looks like he'd be a lot of fun!



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 subject to Change*

SeaGate Yacht Club 2026 Events Calendar



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT HOST(S)	
FRI	01/09/2026	Membership Renewal Happy Hour	Bonaire Clubhouse	Aubree Fuentes
SUN	02/01/2026	EVENT HOST's Brunch (invite only)	Bonaire Clubhouse	Board
SUN	02/22/2026	Flotilla Brunch	Acapulco Restaurant	TBD
FRI - WED	3/13 - 3/18/26	Commodore's Cruise	Cabo San Lucas	Commodore Tricia Pratto
FRI	03/27/2026	Happy Hour	Bonaire Clubhouse	Board
THURS	04/02/2026	BCYC Prime Rib Dinner	Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club	S/C Cleve Sproule & Mark Arizmendi
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

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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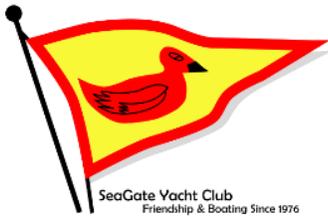
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