

## A Day on the Bay



*Some of our guests as they wait to board a boat*

Many hearts and imaginations have been sparked by our unique Wheelchair Regatta. Silver Gate members, the United States Marine and Navy, skippers and crews, personalities, entertainers and officials help make sure no guest goes home without fond memories of "A Day on the Bay."



## How you can help

The WCR, lunch and entertainment is completely free to our guests and their care givers. Members of SGYC pay for WCR expenses through their monthly dues. Donations are always welcome. Cash donations can be used to purchase a variety of items. For food and beverage donations it's best to contact us to find out about the specific dietary requirements of our guests.

Your donation will either qualify as a **tax-deductible contribution** or it can be written off as an advertising expense. To find out how to make the appropriate donation to best meet your business or personal needs, or if you're not sure what to donate, call SGYC and ask to speak to the person listed below to discuss your options.

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## 60th Annual Wheelchair Regatta June 5, 2022



## Silver Gate Yacht Club

## History

Silver Gate Yacht Club has hosted the Wheelchair Regatta (WCR) for the physically and emotionally handicapped every year since 1960. Fifty nine years ago it started as a simple harbor cruise; today it is a major event on San Diego Bay.



*These guests are getting ready to go on their own "personal" Harbor Tour*

That first year nine boats formed a parade as they took about 30 people, including families and escorts, out for a "Day on the Bay." As SGYC has grown, so has the number of guests coming to this fine event. Last year over 40 boats from the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs and from the private sector took over 300 guests, families and escorts on their own private Harbor Cruise!



*Our gracious Marine Volunteers helping lift passengers onto boats*

## So Much to do!

The Wheelchair Regatta has many facets but the highlight for our guests is a narrated tour of the San Diego Bay on a private yacht. Skippers from all over San Diego basin donate their boats, fuel, time and crew. SGYC provides lunch and entertainment throughout the day. In every nook and cranny of the club something's happening: clowns, jugglers, bands, musicians, and more!



*Having a great time!*

## How do we do it?

Over 300 volunteers work towards a successful WCR. Club members old and new plan and organize for six months. Every year US Marine & Navy personnel assure that every guest is safely escorted on and off the boats. Local merchants and vendors, the San Diego Transit Authority, San Diego Zoo and many other individual entertainers support this heart-warming event.

## From our Guests

*"On behalf of our 9 year old grandson, we would like to THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for the memorable day we had at the Annual Wheelchair Regatta. We were extremely impressed with how well the day was planned and organized. A huge thank you to all of you! ." The Vance family*



*"Ten adults from Noah Homes and one adult from Friendship Developmental Services participated in the Wheelchair Regatta this year and had a fabulous time. Your ability to host such a diverse group of people is unparalleled. An immense thank you to everyone who helped make Sunday such a wonderful event! God bless your generosity." Sr. Mary Bartosh and All at Noah Homes*

*"I was fortunate enough to be invited by my daughter-in-law that works for Blind Support Service in Riverside to help guide her clients the day of your Wheelchair Regatta. What a wonderful time it was! Your thoughtfulness meant so much! Thank you."*

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