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Commodore Bill Moore

NVYC Commodore's Report

With the beginning of a new year, I am honored to serve the Napa Valley Yacht Club as your Commodore for 2019. The theme this year is OUR VOYAGE FORWARD. Our club has changed in many ways over the past several years, and we can expect more change in the coming year. We have gone from a club of large boats to smaller, with fewer cruise-outs to other bay area clubs than before. Also, there are fewer member boat owners than before. As a result of these changes, we have more clubhouse activities and fewer cruises and other boating events. The trend in boat ownership is positive, as many of our new members have boats, and we're looking forward to more cruising this year.

Our club facility has seen continual improvements over the past few years, and has never looked as good as it now does. Our deck has canvas awnings, facilitating larger parties in the warm season. Our new dock and power pedestal improvements were added to this past year with a new T-section of dock at the south end, thanks to efforts by Evelyn Silveri and Tom Hildreth. Managing these improvements and others was Port Captain Greg Parker, who also added more paved parking and, with help from Allan Mueller, renovation of our Bocce courts. Our galley is at its best and our sound system has been upgraded, providing MP3 capabilities. These facilities are in good condition for use and enjoyment of our members and guests in club and private activities, and of cruise-ins from other clubs.



Thanks mainly to the skillful management of Port Captain Greg Parker, our club has become a popular cruising destination for other bay area clubs. As our "Goodwill Ambassador," he manages scheduling, facilitates docking and greets them as they disembark, providing maps and other information about Napa. Scheduling for cruise-ins is under way, and the dock is already reserved for the annual Bottle Rock festival.

We will continue our community support activities, such as hosting Coast Guard vessel inspections, hosting informal meetings with city, county and Corps officials on river issues, Fourth of July and Christmas boat parades, Camille Creek High School Student Day, river cleanup day and other community outreach activities.

In our voyage we must also look ahead for potentially troubled waters. With no plans by the Army Corps for funding flood control improvements along our riverfront, including our parking lot, the City and Flood Control District will be looking at flood control improvements and fund them without the Corps.

Our Long-Range Planning committee will be working with these two agencies to provide a better, more compatible project design than the one produced by the Army Corps. This same committee will begin positioning our club for future negotiations with the City on the extension of our lease.

We have all the makings of a successful year ahead. Our bar, galley and contract galley staff are all up and operating. We also have an impressive volunteer committee crew lined up for 2019, with their activities already under way. As we are a volunteer organization, all members must contribute in some way, and I ask every member to review the list of committee chairs and select one or two of them to offer your volunteer help. Let's make this year's voyage a good one for all of us.

Your Commodore,

Bill Moore

Our 2019 Flag Officers

Commodore Bill Moore

I joined the NVYC in February, 2007, along with my wife, Elisabeth. Our boat is a 30-foot Islander sailing sloop. I've enjoyed the membership and the many activities of our club since joining.

As a retired architect, I've helped our building and grounds volunteers in planning and renovations of our club facility. In 2013 I served a year on the board of directors, and for several years now, I have volunteered as a bartender. Last year I served as your Vice Commodore, and I was Rear Commodore before that.

I would like to welcome our new members, and look forward to the coming year of club events and activities for us all to enjoy.

Vice Commodore Sally Craig



My husband Philip and I joined NVYC in August of 2001. After just a short while, we volunteered to do the Newsletter, as the club had been asking for several weeks in a row for someone to take the position. It ended being a ten-year job.

We have a 32 Ft Bayliner named "Salina" docked behind our condo at Newport North in Riverpark. I have thoroughly enjoyed the cruise outs; they were so much fun.

I've had several different jobs at the yacht club. Before becoming Rear Commodore in 2018, I was responsible for cleaning the dish towels for 1 year, Merchandise for about 4 years, then Club Rentals about the last 5 years. I also served on the Board as a director for 2 years.

Rear Commodore Nancy Mueller

New Rear Commodore Nancy Mueller has belonged to the Napa Valley Yacht Club since 2007, and was previously a member of the Benicia Yacht Club.

Nancy is a 5th generation Californian, born in the bay area and living there her entire life with her husband, Allan Mueller.

Nancy has spent most of her life involved in all phases of real estate. After getting her college degree, she became a Realtor and within one year went on to get her broker's license and opened her own successful real estate office.



Together with her husband Allan Mueller, she has been involved in building custom homes over the last several years, in which she does the architectural and interior design as well as marketing.

Nancy has always loved the water and has been boating her entire life. She has owned sail boats and power boats of all sizes. She now owns an electric boat for the Napa Valley River waterways and is in the market for the next dream powerboat for Pacific Ocean sailing.

Nancy has always been active in the Napa Valley Yacht Club and has been on the Board of Directors for two years. Now as the Rear Commodore, she hopes to expand the club's membership by promoting active boaters, and wants to make the Napa Valley Yacht Club a three-star Yacht club.

Calendar - February Social Events

Crab Feed on Friday, February 8, 2019

The Yacht Club's famous fishmonger BOB WEEKS is once again planning on providing members with an "all you can eat" Crab Feed.

\$50.00 per person - Your received check is your reservation!



LIMITED SPACE, SELLS OUT FAST!!!

Send check (payable to NVYC) to: Nancy Weeks
628 Montecito Blvd.
Napa, CA 94559

Menu: Killer Bread, Pasta, Salad, Wine on Table and Buckets of Crab!

VALENTINE DINNER – Friday, February 15, 2019

Menu: Salad, Filet Mignon, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas w/Pearl Onions.
Chocolate Cake

Price: \$25.00



ACADEMY AWARDS NIGHT – Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

This will a BYO Beverage and Appetizer gathering, to view the Awards!
WATCH for more detail





Don't Forget – Late Night at the Bar on the 3rd Friday of the month, thanks to Donald and Sharon!

Shot-tasters showing us how it's done: Bottom row - Charlie, guest Susan, Sally G, Sally C, Tim and Richard. Back row, Avi, Don and Debbie.

Friday Dinner Hosts

Board Members and their spouses are hosting in January 2019

Jan 11 – Nancy & Al Mueller

Jan 18 – Bill & Elizabeth Moore

Jan 25 – Donald Buresh & Sharon Phillips

February & March TBD

Menus

January 25 - Salad-wedge with blue cheese, tomatoes, bacon bits, Dinner roll, Meat Loaf with beef gravy, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Ice cream sandwiches, \$20.

February 1 - Caesar salad, Grilled chicken breast, Orange braised carrots, Mashed red potatoes, Ice cream with berries, \$20

February 8 - Crab Feed, \$50.

February 15 – Valentine's Day Celebration, Green salad -hearts of romaine with vinaigrette, Filet Mignon, Scalloped potatoes, Peas with pearl onions, Chocolate cake, \$25.

NVYC 2019 Social Events Coming Soon - SAVE THE DATES!

- **Friday, Mar. 15th - St. Patrick's Celebration.**
- **Friday, Apr. 19th - Easter Dinner. Friday, May 3rd - Cinco de Mayo Celebration.**

- Friday, May 10th - Mother's Day. Saturday, May 25th - Host Breakfast for "Bottle Rock" visiting boaters.
- Friday, June 14th - Father's Day. Thurs. July 4th - Boat Parade, BBQ and Party on Deck.
- Saturday, Aug. 3rd - Poker Run & BBQ. Friday, Oct. 25th - Halloween.
- Friday, Nov. 15th Harvest Event.

OTHER PROPOSED EVENTS, but dates TBD:

- Blessing of the Fleet & Hot Dog lunch. (Saturday in April or May)
- Camille Creek High School student "day on the water" w/BBQ (weekday in Sept.)
- Holiday Lighted Boat Parade & Chili Cook Off (Dec.)
- Change of Watch Dinner Event (Dec.)
- Paddle Day

Halloween at NVYC



Costume Prize Winners Phil Champlin, Anne Jacobson, and Sharon and Donald Buresh



**Dominique, Sally, Nancy, Diane,
Angela, Scott, and Phil**



Angela & Art Lewis



Evelyn Silveri & Bill Moore



Phil & Lynne Champlin

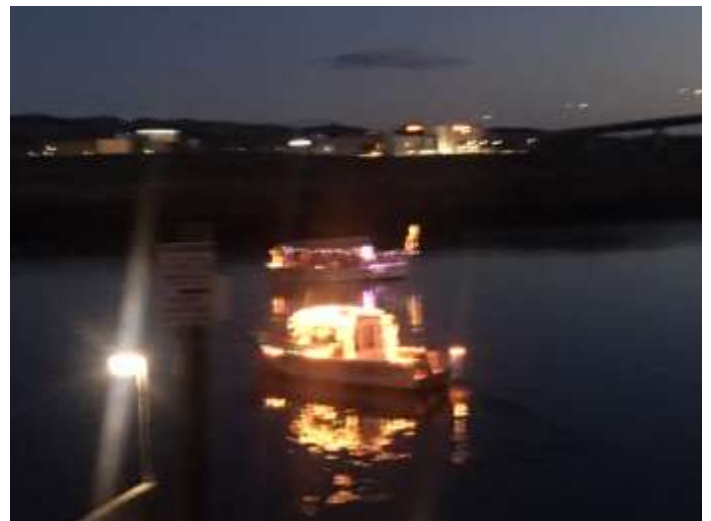


Larry & Linda Wolfe



Tom & Pat Hildreth

Lighted Boat Parade and Chili at NVYC







Members & guests & warm chili!



Christmas Cookie & Candy Exchange



Julie Kent and daughter



Our hostess Lynne Champlin (in hat), with Wendy, Lili, Anne, Santa, Nancy, Rosa, Sally G, Evelyn, Nancy, Pat, Maxine, Angela, Dominique, and Sally C.



Sharon and hubby Santa Buresh



Nancy, Maxine, Dominique, Lynne, Sally G, Angela in front row - Santa and Sally C in back



Bar helpers Phil Champlin, Larry Wolfe, with Santa Don Buresh



Santa and Sally C

Change of Watch 2018



2019 Board



2019 Board and happy Staff Commodore Donald Buresh



2019 Flag Officers Bill, Sally & Nancy



Lovely ladies of the club: Nancy, Sally G, Teresa, Sally C, Angela, Maxine, Elisabeth, Sharon, and Nancy



Sally & Philip Craig



Ellen & Steve Vartan, Raylene Thompson, Tim Gaughan & Debbie Dean, Bill & Merrilee Newton



Kurt & Dominique Stahr, Diane & Scott Brown, Karen & Charlie Agnew, Dean Stahr, and Evelyn Silveri



Nancy Schleicher & Carl Gonzales, Nancy & Bob Weeks, Lynne & Phil Champlin, Linda & Larry Wolfe



Julie & Clay Kent, Nancy & Mark Lessler, Sharon Phillips & Donald Buresh, Charlie Alegria, Jennifer & Eric Henn



Craig Easley and Jennifer Busta, Philip & Sally Craig, Angela & Art Lewis, Sally & Richard Gensel



Celebrations - Birthdays!

<i>Jan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Apperson</i>	<i>Ruffin</i>
		<i>Wong</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
	<i>3</i>	<i>Ash</i>	<i>Martin</i>
		<i>Buresh</i>	<i>Donald</i>
		<i>Suard</i>	<i>Tom</i>
		<i>Thompson</i>	<i>Paul</i>
	<i>4</i>	<i>Terry</i>	<i>Shawna</i>
	<i>11</i>	<i>Yablon</i>	<i>Jeffrey</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>Thompson</i>	<i>Raylene</i>
	<i>16</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Mary Ann</i>
	<i>18</i>	<i>Gaughan</i>	<i>Tim</i>
	<i>21</i>	<i>Hulmer</i>	<i>Jimmy</i>
	<i>22</i>	<i>Harper</i>	<i>Christy</i>
	<i>27</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Michael</i>
	<i>31</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Linda</i>

Birthdays

Feb	8	Varnau	Carol	Mar	5	Graham	Naidene
	11	Kennelly	Tom		7	Allran	Michael
		Pritchett	Susie		8	Arnold	Jeffrey
	12	Ahmann	Judy			Lansingh	John
	14	Robbers	James		10	Kent	Julie
	15	McComic	Etran Chane		11	Newton	Merrilee
	19	Closs	Barbara		20	Lewis	Angela
	25	Hulmer	Mary		27	Fuller	Irene
	26	Bourassa	Victor		29	Naberg	Wendy
		Brozaitis	Richard		31	Lansingh	Gail
	27	Alegria	Charlie				



Anniversaries

Jan	1	Dana & Jim Robbers
Feb	14	Rebeca & Scott Locker
	18	Barbara & Gerry Closs
	25	Jimmy & Mary Hulmer
	27	Jim & Kerry Nord
Mar	28	Bob & Elizabeth Parker
	31	Larry & Linda Wolfe



PICYA



Maxine Maas, PICYA delegate, Sally Craig and Bill Moore receiving our 2-Star Club recognition



by Maxine Maas, NVYC Delegate

The November 5 delegate Meeting was called to order by Winston Bumper. Full minutes are on the website, www.picya.org.

The Annual PICYA 2018 Awards meeting took place at Encinal Yacht Club.

- The Meritorious Service Award went to Stockton Yacht Club.
- Bay and Delta Yachtsman Public Service award
- PICYA Newsletter of the Year. There were many interesting newsletters submitted but

they unfortunately could not be considered because they did not follow the rules set by PICYA. See the Yachting Yearbook for the official instructions. Three of the best selected were

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 st | San Jose Sailing Club |
| 2 nd | Pittsburg YC |
| 3 rd | Point San Pablo |

- Lloyd Ryland Trophy – St. Francis Yacht Club
- Harter "RBOC Gale Force Wind" Award – Delta Yacht Club
- Jo Bater Memorial Delegate of the Year Award – South Bay Yacht Club
- Admiral Chester W. Nimitz USN Perpetual Trophy – Stockton Sailing Club
- The Condon Award – South Beach Yacht Club
- Robert S. Olson Memorial Poseidon Award – Stockton Yacht Club
- Douglas Boswell Perpetual Trophy – Yachtsmen of the Year Award – Golden Gate Yacht Club
- Yacht Club of the Year award – COTY Points – a tie between San Joaquin YC and Ebony Boat Club.

I want to thank each of the NVYC members that helped make us a 2 STAR Yacht Club. You make us all proud.

We don't participate in or hold many regattas or have junior sailing club, but the kayak club counts, and we have very few sailors with sailboats, so we cannot be a 5-star club, but it is our first time as a 2-star club. Good work! We were also recognized for perfect attendance by our delegates.

In Memorium – Steve Vartan, 1944-2019



Obituary from the Napa Valley Register

Steve Vartan embarked on another “Strange Trip” when he passed away suddenly on January 2, 2019 after suffering pulmonary embolisms and heart failure. Born in San Francisco to Sam and Mary Vartan, Steve was looking forward to his 75th birthday in February and hosting yet another of his gourmet dinner parties. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ellen, daughter Kristen (SO Sean Donaghue) and son Paul, his wife Debbie, their two adorable daughters, Aria and Aila, his sister Sue Mann and two nieces.

Steve graduated from Lincoln High School in San Francisco and the University of Oregon School of Architecture in 1968 where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He served in the Coast Guard Reserves following his

college years and proudly said that the Alameda Island Coast Guard Base was never attacked under his watch. His long career in the development and city planning business took him and his family to Iowa, Hawaii, down the SF peninsula to Burlingame and Belmont, Arizona, Florida and Palm Desert in southern California before the family retired to Napa in 1994. As president of the Napa Yacht Club Homeowners Association he obtained permits for maintenance dredging of the lagoons from seven state and federal agencies. He worked closely with local governments and the Corps of Engineers to facilitate the dredging of the Napa River in 2016. He served several terms on the City of Belmont Planning Commission.

After joining the Napa Valley Yacht Club in 1996 the family moved to the water-oriented Napa Yacht Club and purchased a 35’ Mainship flybridge cruiser that became the “Strange Trip.” He loved the NVYC, serving two full “watches” as a flag officer and two terms as Commodore as well as directing the remodel of the clubhouse, deck and dock and leading cruises all over the Bay and Delta. His wonderful sense of humor and competitive nature came into play during many domino games aboard the “Strange Trip”. The family’s late Chocolate Labrador, Marceau, was an entertaining and loyal boat dog that always protected the club and cruisers, refusing to go anywhere without his master. Steve leaves a wide ranging network of friends and colleagues who will always remember him as a fine man who treated everyone with respect and kindness. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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2019 Dues Statement

Name(s) _____

Annual Dues \$240.00

Recreational Boaters of California and

Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, Voluntary (\$30 suggested) _____

Newsletter (\$30 mailed and printed copy, \$0 for electronic) _____

Voluntary Donation to Building Fund _____

Voluntary Donation to Holiday Fund for Landscape & Gallery Crew _____

Total Enclosed _____

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) represents the interests of recreational boaters in the Legislature. The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) is an association of yacht clubs that provides educational programs for club officers and directors, such as the Fall Management Conference and events such as Opening Day on the Bay. Annual club dues (\$240) have been at the same level since 2007.

Dues are due January 1, 2019 and are delinquent February 1, 2019. Delinquency fee is \$50.

The 2019 roster will be published based on the dues received prior to March 1, 2019. Please review your personal information in the 2018 roster and note CHANGES below.

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Names: _____ (Changes only)

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2019 Board

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Rear Commodore	Nancy Mueller
Treasurer	Diane Fleury
Secretary	Bob Weeks
Staff Commodore	Don Buresh
Directors	Karen Agnew, Diane Brown, Marilee Newton, Lili Pernice, Nancy Schleicher, Avi Strugo
2019 Crew	
Port Captain	Greg Parker
Galley Coordinator	Linda Parzach
OD Co-Ord	Anette Yazidi, Tom & Judy Snell, & Nancy Hudgins
Social	Gloria Atkinson & Angela Lewis
Bar Capt.	Don Buresh, Mark Lessler
Supplies	Greg Parker
Newsletter	Tim Gaughan, Anne Jacobson
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Membership	Evelyn Silveri
Webmaster	Craig Easley
Sunshine	Sharon Philips
PICYA	Maxine Maas, Pat Scarcelli