

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB NEWS

COMRADERY AT THE CLUB, ON THE WATER AND IN THE COMMUNITY

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NANCY MUELLER, COMMODORE



NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB'S COMMODORE'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to the New Year of 2021 at Napa Valley Yacht Club.

We have had quite a journey through 2020 with unbelievable challenges and changes.

We can not express how much we appreciate all of you for hanging in there through a very difficult year of little activities at our club other than the fun Friday night dinners with boaters cruising in for a meal and a cocktail. We had a wonderful 4th of July Parade and barbecue, and a Halloween/Birthday party for Sarah, with everyone having a great time. Our social committee went over the top with decorating and contest making it a fun club every Friday night.

We have been thrilled our membership has remained strong through one unbelievable year and have even picked up nine new members and several of the new members have boats! This despite Covid 19 and all of the restrictions.

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM NVYC 2021 COMMODORE NANCY MUELLER

The other exciting news, although we basically have been closed down, the Board has worked hard behind the scenes to make our Yacht club go from a One Star to a Four Star Yacht Club by participating in community activity, scholarships and being more involved with our Master Yacht Club, PICYA.

In the New Year of 2021 We will have several cruise-outs planned during the year with the Commodore bringing up from Southern California, her 45foot Cruiser Yacht. We also will have activities for Pontoon boats and electric boats. Look forward to lots of fun.

Please check out the monthly calendar to see what is happening and where. Dinner as usual on Friday nights which will include music on the 4th Friday of the month, and occasionally speakers to increase our knowledge of our waterways, community and much more. And most important, when we reopen, don't forget to stop by and pick up your free birthday drinks for last year and this year. COME CRUISE WITH US, LET'S CRUISE AWAY



My goal for 2021 is encourage every member to be involved in boating regardless of being a boat owner or not. I would like to encourage members that have boats to invite members that don't have a boats to cruise with them and turn our club back into a Yacht club, utilizing our own waterways ,either with Yachts, pontoon boats, electric boats, kayaks, basic any thing that floats.

I would like to see emphasis on boating and utilizing our beautiful waterways from San Francisco Bay to the extensive Delta River. From a Friday night cruise-in to Cruise-outs to other Yacht clubs.

We have been so fortunate this year to become a four star Yacht Club by our community involvement and giving back to our community in every aspect from Scholarships ,to Boat Parades for our community and working closely with PICYA.

I would personally like to give thanks to Maxine Maas and our flags for working so hard this year in getting recognize for every thing we do for PICYA and the community and it has been Maxine's hard work of 16 years of attending the PICYA meetings and letting us know what we need to do to accomplish this award. Now we just need to keep it up and maintain our 4 stars.

I'm looking forward to a fabulous new year at the Napa Valley Yacht Club. Let's toast to a brighter year and getting COVID under control and bringing our lives back to normal.

2021 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB COMMODORE Nancy Mueller Shares Goals and mission

MISSION STATEMENT

by Nancy Mueller 2021 Commodore

COME CRUISE WITH US. Let's bring the Yacht Club back to a yachting and boating club by having more boating activities and inviting members who do not have boats for a ride on other members boats. Perhaps a ride to the Yacht Club, or a members boating day, where everyone participates. Let's have everyone that would like to be on the water, experience it and enjoy our great asset of our waterways here and in the Bay Area.

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB GOALS FOR 2021

Come cruise with us, let's cruise away

Boating goals:

- Four cruise outs, including :
- Commodores Cruise
- Opening Day on the Bay
- Two Cruise outs to other Yacht Club
- River cruising for Pontoon boats and Electric boats

Yacht Club goals:

- Renew lease for NVYC
- Increase revenue of NVYC:
- Encourage cruise-Ins by more advertising to other Yacht Clubs
- Installing shower in bathroom to have smaller boats visit and increase dock revenue
- Installing theft prevention and trespassing devises
- Encourage rental of our club
- · Members work day , improvements of club house and grounds

Community involvement goals:

- A scholarship program
- A fundraiser for our community Nurses for their dedication of hard work with COVID-19
- Junior boating experience, kayaks, sailing experience
- Wheel chair regatta
- Camille Creek Community School Cruise
- July 4th Boat Parade
- Lighted Boat Parade

NVYC social activities:

- Friday night dinners
- Bar open on Friday and (Weekends)
- Events for every holiday during the year
- 4th Friday night ,theme music and dancing after dinner
- Blessing of the Fleet and Coast Guard safety



MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

Jerry and Pam Kincannon

New members Jerry and Pam Kincannon live in the Napa Yacht Club neighborhood.

They own a company that does service and repair on gym bleachers, which has been in business for more than 38 years. "This year has been a challenge as it has been for many businesses," said Jerry.

Some of their interests are golfing and boating but most of all they enjoy the time spent with their grandchildren.

The Kincannons recently bought a Duffy Boat. "We love to socialize and the friends that we have made here are all members so it seemed like the perfect fit," said Jerry. "We are looking forward to meeting you all after we get back to the old normal."

Stan and Marlene Rosenberg

New members Marlene and Stan Rosenberg live in Napa at the Silverado Country Club. Stan plays golf and Marlene plays tennis and they participate in the activities at Silverado as much as possible.

Stan was in the restaurant equipment business for about 50 years in San Francisco and Santa Rosa and retired about four years ago. Marlene was a legal secretary in San Francisco for 30 years until moving to Napa in 1996.

Stan loves horses and has had them for over 50 years and loved riding and going horse camping. He introduced Marlene to horseback riding in 2006, and they ended up getting married on horseback in 2008. His last horse passed away this year, and he hung his spurs. He now loves to play golf and fish and smoke cigars.



Marlene plays tennis and mah jongg and enjoys participating in activities at the club. She is a volunteer at the Queen of the Valley Medical Center by going around to the rooms with a magazine cart and with her dog, Sammi, a therapy dog who visits the patients. They have been unable to do their volunteer work due to the covid pandemic. They are looking forward to getting back to work soon.

Marlene and Stan joined NVYC after having dinner there one evening with Pat Scarcelli. Everyone was so nice and friendly; they wanted to be a part of the group. Marlene and Stan are looking forward to bartending and helping out at the NVYC when things get back to normal.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED! Urge friends to join at http://nvyc.org/membership/#account/join

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

Dan and Vicky Kriedt

Dan and Vicky Kriedt live in Napa and are both retired. Dan had his own business, Kriedt Convention Services, in the Bay Area. Vicky worked at McKesson Corporation in San Francisco for over 20 years.

They love to travel, read and keep active by walking (Vicky) and biking and hiking (Dan). They said they joined NVYC because we had been guests of Art and Angela Lewis in the past to events on Fridays and always enjoyed the atmosphere and people and, of course, the food and drinks!

Eric and Francesca Schuler

Eric and Francesca Schuler moved to Sonoma in 2011 from San Francisco with their two kids, Aria, a junior at USC and Will, a sophomore at Branson. Eric is founder/CEO of Schuler Capital Management. Francesca is CEO of In-Shape Health Clubs.

The Schulers joined the NVYC because of the great community, they said. They share a boat with some friends including the Sheridans who are members of NVYC and have had a great time on the Napa River for many years.

Lorna and Barry Sheridan

The Sheridans moved to Sonoma in 2006 from Connecticut. They have three young adult children who frequently joined them at NVYC dinners this year. Nina works for California Attorney General, Quinn just graduated from Cal Poly and is working in the spirits business and Nell is a sophomore at Boston University.

Barry works in the wine business as head of marketing for Copper Cane in St. Helena and Lorna is the managing editor of the Sonoma Index-Tribune newspaper (she is also writing the NVYC newsletter these days).

They share a boat with some partner and it is docked at their Milton Road weekend house on the Napa River.

They had passed the NVYC dock for years and finally realized they "had" to join. Since then, they have invited several friends to join them at dinner, so hopefully a few new members will join.





MEET THE NEW MEMBERS



Nick and Debra Courcoumelis

New members Nick and Debra are a Bay Area multi-generational family from Millbrae who relocated to Napa a few years ago. Nick is an electrical contractor and property manager and Debra is a retired hair stylist and "currently the family CEO." They live in the Yacht Club with their daughter Aliki and son Constantinos (Costa).

Daughter Eleni, husband Doug Valchar and new granddaughter Sofia are in Browns Valley. Nick's parents, Constantinos and Elaine, are at the Meadows.

Living in Napa has been a refreshing change from the peninsula lifestyle, said the couple, as it offered them "an avenue for new beginnings, the opportunity to make so many wonderful new friends and enhance our boating by living on the water." They often spend part of the summer at our their home on the beautiful island of Kefalonia, Greece.

"We look forward to many years of enjoying the Napa sunshine and participating in our community," said Nick. "We consider it a privilege and an honor to be part of the Napa Valley Yacht Club!"

Other new members include:

Walter and Carolyn George, John and Jennifer Stephan, and Christopher and Carla Banning.



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Friday night take out dinners were fun for the boaters in 2020, despite COVID and the need to stay safe.









By Jeff Yablon, with Trisha Arnold

Recently, Commodore Nancy Mueller asked me to pen an article about either myself or why I joined the yacht club. Although my ego would love this article to be about me, my super ego chooses the latter reason.

When I came to Napa 10 years ago, I knew nothing of the Napa Valley Yacht Club. Through vague gossip at the hospital; however, I was aware that fellow physician Tom Hildreth was a sailor. In our day-to-day activities, as we were in different divisions, Tom and I seldom if ever saw each other. I had no discussions with Tom about his love of nor my love of boating and the water.

In fact, when I learned of the existence of the yacht club I thought it was strictly for the neighborhood called the Napa Yacht Club not knowing they were separate entities. Even living in old town Napa I was unaware of this. Forgive my ignorance, for I was busy being the Chief of Neurosurgery of the Queen of the Valley.

Approximately three years ago while walking toward Axon11, our Princess yacht, docked at the Napa Valley Marina I ran across a gentleman who kept his beautiful but dilapidated sailboat on the same dock where we kept our vessel. When I queried him as to how he was doing he told me a sad story about his current illness and how he was now forced to sell the sailboat that he and his wife had lived aboard for many years. In fact, he had helped build this Columbia 41 when he was employed with the company. Due to his current illness as well as his wife's own deteriorating condition the boat had fallen into a state of disrepair and he was anxious to sell.

taken sailing lessons in Annapolis Maryland when I lived on the East Coast. He sold his boat to us, I was happy to help him out with his financial problems and about a year after repairs and upgrades Bacchus went into the water for further adventures.

Trish and I originally planned to sail up and down the West Coast. However; work, our purchase of an additional home in Washington State, and life (Covid et.al.) kiboshed that plan. We chose the more modest yet challenging goal of sailing in the San Francisco Bay and waters of the Delta. By this time we had become aware of the many yacht clubs in these waters and we came up with a seemingly brilliant idea of joining the Napa Valley Yacht Club for the mundane reason obtaining a Burgee for Bacchus in order to be able to dock at these various clubs.

What became invaluable from this decision were the unexpected perks.

We have been blessed with making a plethora of new friends, enjoying wonderful Friday night meals, and sharing our love of boating and sailing with many like-minded individuals. We also acquired some new golfing buddies along the way (you know who you are).

Once Covid ends we hope to enjoy further camaraderie in comradeship with some of the newer members of the club we have not yet met. I hope to renew our friendships with other members we have not seen recently.

So as Mick Jager so eloquently stated, "you can't always get what you want but if you try some time you just might find you get what you need."

Happy cruising and sailing to all.

I had never owned a sailboat but had

THE BENEFITS OF RECIPROCITY WITH THE PACIFIC INTERCLUB YACHT ASSOCIATION: CRUISE INS WITH AND FROM OTHER CLUBS



LEARN WHICH CLUBS YOU CAN CRUISE INTO BY VISITING <u>WWW.PCYA.INFO</u>.

Pacific Coast Yachting Association (PCYA), established in 1923, is composed of yachting and cruising associations from Vancouver, B.C., Canada, to San Diego, California. These associations are in turn comprised of hundreds of clubs representing thousands of competitive and recreational boaters.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE PACIFIC INTER-CLUB YACHT ASSOCIATION

We have had quite a few new members this last year. This is a short summary about PICYA to inform everyone about this great organization. The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association was formed in San Francisco, California May 12, 1896, with Charles G. Yale (San Francisco Yacht Club) as its first President. For some time prior to this, the major San Francisco Bay yacht clubs were considering an organization for inter-communication, uniform racing rules and to encourage yachting. The five charter clubs and the year they were founded were: California Y.C. (1893), Corinthian Y.C. (1886), Encinal Y.C. (1890), Pacific Y.C. (1873) and the San Francisco Y.C. (1869). None of the still existing charter clubs has maintained continuous membership in PICYA. South Bay Y.C. founded in 1888 joined PICYA in 1897.

Each Yacht Club that belongs to PICYA has delegates that attend the monthly meetings.

PICYA is an organization of 105 Yacht Clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area. They have what they call Coty points, and these points are achieved by various activities, such as community involvement, newsletters, training and participation at "Opening Day on the Bay" and monthly conferences and meetings.

It was announced at the 55th Annual PICYA Awards on November 9th, 2020 that Napa Valley Yacht Club received a **Four-Star** rating from PICYA. NVYC is 33 years old and we usually have had just a one or two star rating. Only three other clubs received a four star rating. Maxine Maas has 17 years of perfect attendance. Maxine Maas and Pat Scarcelli are our PICYA Delegates that usually attend all meetings. In 2020, meetings after mid March were zoom meetings as well as the parade for Opening Day on Bay. It was a team effort and we are very thrilled to receive this Four Star Rating. After a very difficult year this made me very happy to achieve this **Four Star Rating**. Once we receive the physical award we will proudly hang it on our wall.

Thank you,

Sally Craig Staff Commodore

A LOOK BACK AT 2020 IN PHOTOS





The 4th of July boat parade was a great success.





A LOOK BACK AT 2020 IN PHOTOS













A LOOK BACK AT 2020 IN PHOTOS





A hot air balloon decided that it wanted to try boating on the Napa River.

The official NVYC boat parade was cancelled because of Covid but we still had a few boat owners that wanted to bring the spirit of the holidays to everyone.







A LOOK BACK AT 2020 IN PHOTOS: HALLOWEEN



















MORE 2020 PHOTOS

The Sea Lions which appeared in the Napa River weigh in around 500 lbs.





At top right, NVYC was looking great in 2020. Below, scenes from Octoberfest and fall dinners.









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WINTER 2021 NVYC CALENDAR



NOTE: WE HOPE TO ADD MORE CALENDAR ITEMS SOON!

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Susie Pritchett 11-Feb					v				

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OBITUARIES

Art Lewis, beloved and highly educated

Art Lewis was a Welch scientist who earned a BSC and PhD in chemistry from Queen's University, Belfast. He did research in chemistry at Cornell, then Oxford and back to New York.

After a long and dedicated career in chemistry he earned an MBA in management and an MS in finance from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He retired from Mckesson Corporation as President of the International Division.

Art visited more than 40 countries, often with his wife, Angela, one of our favorite bartenders.

Timothy Gaughan, an adventurous soul and sailor

Tim was an adventurous soul who played in a band for an entire season to ski in Aspen, then received a scholarship to Rice University to pursue a PhD in Latin American Politics. He taught at Arizona State before returning to the bay area to re-create himself as a leading market research analyst for the blossoming hightech industry.

He was the editor of the Club's newsletter for one year. Tim and his wife, Debbie, also a seasoned sailor, were happily married for 31 years.

Keith Poehlmann, longtime member and friend

After several years of declining health, Keith Poehlmann, left us on November 27, 2020. Keith lived an enviable 90 years that were filled with adventure, travel, and the loving companionship of his soulmate, Regi. They were inseparable and always lived life to the fullest, surrounded by friends and inevitably, a great party.

His escapades spanned the globe, but his life started here in Petaluma as a California boy. His family's chicken ranching brought him to Mexico and eventually Tahiti, where he worked with the French Government to provide eggs for many of the hotels on the islands. It is on Moorea where he met Regi, a flight attendant for Pan Am, and their adventures began.









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