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NANCY MUELLER, COMMODORE

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB'S COMMODORE'S FAREWELL

Thank you for a great year of being your Commodore, filled with challenges, growth and lots of fun. It was an exciting year.

I was fortunate to have a great Board of Directors and a special thanks to them. Stan Blough, Alan Montague, Bob Weeks, Diane Fleury, Sally Craig, Tom Ackerman, Robert Fowles, Avi Strugo, Janie Salinger, Mike Cromwell, and Pat Scarcelli.

Thank you everyone for making our club a 4 STAR YACHT CLUB. Through all of the hard work, and a great team, we were able to receive the only 4 STAR YACHT CLUB rating in Northern California by PICYA this year.

The rating is earned by boating activities and community participation and supporting our leadership of PICYA.

Also thank you Maxine Maas, for giving our club a perfect attendance by not missing any monthly meeting in 18 years. But above all, and even more exciting, we have 70 new members that have joined our club in 2021 and have become one big fun family with wonderful members and fellowship.

NVYC 2021 COMMODORE NANCY MUELLER (CONTINUED)

We were so fortunate to have the best social committee, Lori Fultz, Carla Banning, Kim Nichol and Janie Salinger, which has raised the bar with their decorating and the events they planned. We had amazing Bar Captains, Alan Montague and Mike Cromwell who created a great bar with new wines, and spirits, and having recruited several bartenders that have helped to keep our bar opened, longer hours ,and some Saturdays.

Our Port Captains, Robert Fowles, Tom Hildreth and Greg Parker, with their concierge services, helping in docking boats, guidance, and welcoming everyone, giving them information about our community, and brochures concerning water safety.

We have had an outstanding Fleet Captain, Eric Henn, which created 5 cruise-outs to different Ports, bringing cruising back to the NAPA YACHT CLUB. Eric has agreed to stay on for 2022, which means ,lots more cruising, and adventures for our members.

The club house has been kept in shipshape condition with new paint, decorating ,and several repairs, under the leadership of Alan Montague, Stan Blough, Mark

Nicol, Nick Courcoumelis, the social committee, and Chris Fultz, who will be next year's Rear Commodore.

Also, thank you Kathy Archer, the behind the scene member, that was the glue that kept our club together, being the OD Coordinator, Galley Captain, and working with Evelyn Silveri, our Membership Chair. Also, special thanks to Evelyn for processing all of the membership applications.

Also, lets don't forget Sally Craig, our Staff Commodore, for giving advise.

Our future is looking great with our new 5 year

lease from the City of Napa, with special thanks to our Long-Range Planning and Leasing Committee, Robert Fowles, Tom Hildreth, Bill Moore, and Myself.

There are many new ideas in the works for the NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB, a few are expanding the clubhouse by roofing the deck ,for year round dining ,and activities, and also moving the Bar, to the South window, overlooking our beautiful Napa River ,which will also expand seating at the Bar and make indoor/outdoor serving available.

My aspiration for the future, will move in the direction of growth, with more water activities, starting a program for youth, educating them in water safety, and beginning sailing.

Our new Commodore Stan Blough will be working hard in 2022, keeping up our 4 STAR YACHT CLUB rating and maybe even raising the bar to 5 STARS, which there are only a few 5 STAR clubs in Northern California.

May the WINDS BLOW SOFTLY and the SEAS MOVE GENTLY, and work with the NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB to continue to grow and be successful.

Sincerely,

YOUR DEDICATED COMMODORE FOR 2021 Nancy Lee Mueller



2021 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB VICE COMMODORE REPORT



In my last report I mentioned that our Chef, Nancy Lindass had tendered her resignation effective July 23. On Nancy's last day we had a farewell dinner and gave her a great sendoff. We had been entertaining suggestions from our members for a new Chef.

As we looked for a new Chef, we accepted an offer from our members Maria and Fiorenzo DeGenova to prepare an Italian Night dinner for the Club which was a great success.

Meanwhile we had been interviewing prospective Chefs and came up with a highly recommended candidate – Chef Andrea Cavaleri. So, we negotiated an agreement with him and ask him `to provide the Club with a couple of meals for a trial. The response from our members was positive so we engaged him to cook for us.

When Chef Nancy was providing our meals, we were receiving complaints that she was receiving all the proceeds from the meals and the Club was receiving nothing but the good food. So, as I am sure you have noticed the Club is now collecting the \$\$ for our meals. After a couple of meals with the new Chef it became obvious that depending on our volunteer members was way too burdensome so when the Chef said he had a good person that he could hire to help him we gave her a try. After two weeks we realized with his help we had found a gem. We approached Diana Garza and asked if she would be willing to work directly with the Club – setting up, serving, cleaning dishes & barware, putting everything away and closing up the club. We got lucky and she agreed to help us. She has done a great job and our members report that she is a joy to have at the Club.

Our Galley Captain, Kathy Archer, has worked out the financial arrangements so that on most Friday nights the Club is actually making a small profit on the meals. Additionally, as you have probably noticed, the Club has been much cleaner in the last few months as she has engaged a professional cleaning service that gives the club a deep cleaning after our events.

As we moved into the fall October Fest and Halloween Friday night dinners and entertainment were popular and successful. In addition, the club had cruise outs to Petaluma and Sausalito. As a result of these events not many members signed up for Friday night dinners, so we opened the Club for cocktails and carry in snacks to share. Surprise! These nights turned out to be very popular so we will continue them on some Friday and Saturday nights.

2021 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB VICE COMMODORE REPORT

While our members sailed out other clubs sailed into our dock where Bob Fowles, Tom Hildreth and Greg Parker were on hand to give them a warm Napa welcome. The largest sail in was from the Sacramento Yacht Club which arrived with 17 large boats.

As the year progressed, we had several great dinners and finally began to wind down as we wished Chef Andrea Cavaleri arrivederci as he departed for a well-deserved vacation.

Alan & Mike, our great bar captains have recruited and trained many new volunteers along with wine tastings for their education.

The team has been adding specialty drinks to match the food on special occasions. Additionally, our wine inventory has been greatly upgraded to be much more representative of the great wines of the Napa Valley.

To help fill the food void we were treated to a great French dinner by guest chef and new Club member Ned Trippe.

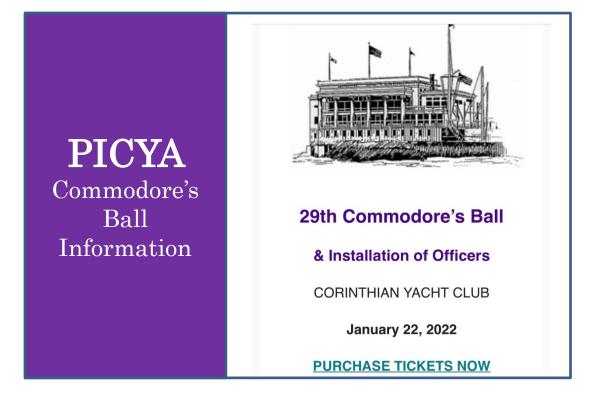
Then as we began to wind down to the end of the year, we enjoyed End of Watch and Commodore's Ball at Eagle Vines Golf and Country Club. 86 of our members enjoyed dinner and dancing as we celebrated our incoming officers and directors.

The Club year ended with the Holiday Cookie Exchange with Santa arriving to share good fun, Christmas Cheer and cookies with all the ladies who attended.

Thus, the end of the formal Club year. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a great start to a New Year!

Sincerely,

Stan Bough Vice Commodore



2021 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB REAR COMMODORE REPORT

My Year as Rear (Commodore)

As 2021 comes to a close, I've been encouraged to look back and share with you all about the work done by the fabulous teams under my chain of command.

I'll start with Evelyn, our seemingly inexhaustible membership lead. This year she has helped some 70 new members join, bringing us to the largest total membership the club has ever seen. That influx of new members is bringing new energy to the club, and we seem to have gone from the situation where we had to often cancel our Friday Nights because we couldn't get enough people to come, to being regularly sold out!

One of the other reasons I'm sure we sell out so often is that the club is looking so great. Much of this comes down to the work done by the Building and Grounds team. Chris Fultz and Nick Courcoumelis started out and were joined part way through the year by Mark Nicol. All of them, aided and abetted by the great team from the Social Committee (who I'll let Stan exalt about in his report) worked miracles earlier this year repainting the inside of the clubhouse, adding in new blinds and making the clubhouse look just fantastic. Mark has moved forward pulling the regular maintenance back up to speed and much of the behind the scenes work that keeps the club moving is in his capable hands now.

But we are not just a social club. As Commodore Nancy set her focus on us returning to be a boating club, the job of Fleet captain took on new importance. And Eric Henn stepped up to the plate and we have to consider it a home run, if not a Grand Slam! We had 5 successful cruise outs this year, the only reason we didn't get a 6th one was the weather prevented it.

You probably saw pictures of all of those events in our Newsletters. Lorna Sheridan took over as editor and has helmed 4 quarterly issues this year, keeping our members informed and engaged even when they can't make it to events themselves. And Sarah Montague sold just shy of \$700 worth of adverts in the newsletter that made a nice contribution to club funds.

Talking of club funds, Debbi Dean has sold just under a thousand dollars' worth of club merchandise. With



the holidays about to arrive and a well-publicized supply chain problem, why not come and see what NVYC club merch you might want to buy as holiday gifts?

If you didn't see the information in the newsletter, you might have seen it on our website. Craig Easley extended his run as webmaster this year and has been transitioning the role to David Ryan who will be taking over next year. Craig and Dave are hard at work connecting up our membership system to allow you to pay your Annual Dues online rather than by sending a check. This will make life so much easier for you all and for Evelyn, our hard working membership secretary. We also hope to be able to have the system take your Friday Night Dinner payment, when you book, so the hosts will be able to simply check folks in rather than chase people for payment and play everyone's least favorite Friday Night game – Try and make the cash box balance!

And while you get all your news about the club from internal sources, Sally Craig has been hard at work this year ensuring that folks outside of the club learn about what we have been up to. In her role as Public Relations manager, she has kept us in the Register regularly, especially focusing on the things we do for the wider community.

So a busy year all round and before I step up to Vice-Commodore I want to share my personal thanks to our current leaders.

Nancy Mueller should truly be proud of her year as Commodore. Her year at the helm has set us all up for many future successful years to come.

Vice Commodore Stan Blough has given me help and guidance and shared all he knew from his year in the RC role before me. I couldn't have done my job without him and look forward to serving under his leadership next year.

Cheers all and see you in 2022!

Alan Montague

Italian Dinner



Chef Fiorenzo made an amazing Italian Dinner for us!



Chef Ned Trippe made an amazing French Dinner for the Beaujolais celebration. Along with his assistance with Paul and Diane.



Chef Andrea at work.



The bartenders Kent, Marlene and Mike made a fabulous French team.

Luau









October Fest













Halloween











NVYC BOAT DOGS



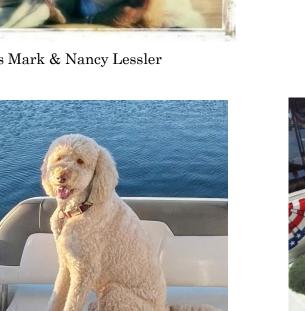
First mate Charlierose



Cali , owners Chris & Lori Fultz



Max, with owners Mark & Nancy Lessler



Rumple, owners John and Jennifer Stephens



Max, owners Chris & Carla Banning



Indie was the dog of Stan and Diane Jones. Indie left us in November but will always be part of the NVYC boat dogs family.

Harley, owners Rob & Terri Deits

MEMBER STORIES: The Kennellys



Tom and Susan Kennelly

Both Kennellys had a Premonition

By Raylene Thompson

Tom and Susan Kennelly met over a bowl of popcorn at a Christmas party in the Washington D.C. suburb of Alexandria. Tom arrived without a date; Susan with one. But that didn't really matter because when she left, Susan knew Tom would call her. Tom says he knew he was going to marry her. He said she was "a blue-eyed blonde with the voice of an actress; vivacious, Irish, and a fellow Midwesterner."

Tom came to Washington from San Francisco to work for Robert Kennedy in the Justice Department's criminal division and helped to put Jimmy Hoffa and numerous Mafia figures behind bars. After ten years he entered private practice, specializing in white-collar criminal defense work.

When he retired, he went to Georgetown University and earned a masters degree in Liberal Studies. Then he wrote a book.

One More Story and I'm Out the Door (a life, with recollections about Jimmy Hoffa, the Mafia, G. Gordon Liddy and Guardian Angels, among others) takes us into the heart of the American legal system with a first hand and amusing recount of his professional life on both sides of the courtroom.

Susan, trained as an actress, performed a leading role in the first Shakespeare Festival on the grounds of the Washington Monument, while working as a reporter for the Washington Star for three years. Later she did Public Relations for a concert management agency, promoting the likes of Joan

Baez, Pete Seegar, The Chieftains, Judy Collins, Tammy Wynette, et al.

They had 3 children in 33 months. Patrick, Tim and Katy all now live in California, though Patrick spends some of his time in Brazil.

Tom and Susan took the whole family to Ireland 2 years ago and spent time in Dingle and Listowel, both in County Kerry, where their families originated, about 20 miles apart. They visited the lovely old manor house pictured here, the 18th century home of Susan's great-great grandmother. There the family owned the mountain range known as the MacGillycuddy's Reeks.

"They were Protestants," she explained, "but the daughter eloped with the family gardener (a Catholic) and was sent packing. The two immigrated to the USA and settled here."

Susan made her way into the travel business (there isn't really much she can't do) and has been involved with the Fromm Institute. She also served as President of the Napa Valley Arts & Cultural Alliance.

Tom has worked on various election forums. The two live in a beautiful home in the Napa Yacht Club with dolls "Joe" and "Kamala" lying casually on the dining table.

Together they work on the Napa Food Project, sponsored by Napa Valley CanDo, in support of the Napa Food Bank, which serves nearly 10,000 working families and seniors in the Valley. The couple were featured in this month's MarketPlace Magazine. "We are very grateful for the generosity of our neighbors," they said.



The 18th century home of Susan's great-great grandmother in Ireland

BAR NOTES

The quarter has been a busy (and fun!) one at the bar, here's what we've been up to...

Alan Montague (co-bar captain) and I conducted a pair of one-hour training sessions for new members, and we now have a dozen more friendly and enthusiastic volunteer bartenders...come down and meet 'em!

If you would like to join the bar team (a great way to meet fellow members, and lots of fun, too!), please email mcromwellvhs@gmail.com and schedule an on-the-job training session!

We've expanded our wine list, while still keeping prices low, adding some great Napa Valley wineries (Black Stallion, Charles Krug, JaM Cellars and Innesfree). We've also added a "premium" wine list with wines from members Shaina Harding, owner and winemaker at Garderian Wines and Dave and Carole Sedeno, owners of Pono Wines.

We've got some great choices for beer drinkers, too, with Sierra Nevada, Guinness, Corona and Corona Light, Bud Lite and Napa's own Tannery Bend in the cooler; and, of course, some great liquor choices on our back-bar!

A Bar Subcommittee team was formed to look into the feasibility of hiring a paid bartender, staying open later for Friday night dinners, and opening the bar on days other than Fridays. The Subcommittee's report:

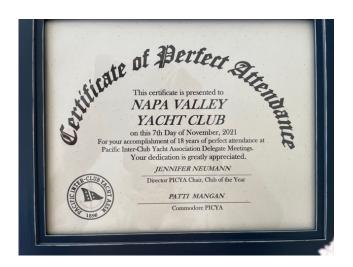
- Revisit the possibility of hiring a paid bartender in spring, when the weather warms up and club activities increase, until then, our volunteer bar team is on the job!
- The bar team, by adding a third volunteer on Fridays, is confident that we can give "last call" at 9:00.
- The Subcommittee believed that, by opening the club and offering bar service on days other than Friday night, more club members would be able to enjoy our beautiful clubhouse. The bar has already been open on two Saturdays, October 30th for the Riverpark Boat Club's Halloween Boat Parade and 11/6 for a Benefit Auction hosted by the South Beach Yacht Club (our cruiseins that weekend). Both events were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by club members; stay tuned for more openings (and please feel free to suggest an event if you think it will appeal to fellow members!).

That's all for now, see you at the club! Mike Cromwell, Bar Co-Captain



PICYA NEWS





FLEET WEEK







CHANGE OF WATCH



Kathy Archer & Evelyn Silveri



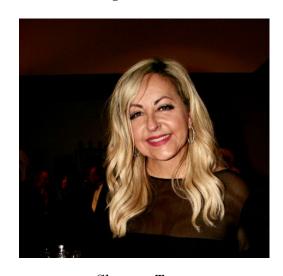
Nancy & Bob Weeks



Kim & Mark Nicol



Charlie Alegria & Maxine Maas



Shawna Terry Mistress of Ceremonies



Avi Strugo & Cyndi Jeanty

CHANGE OF WATCH



The old and the new



New Flags - Chris Fultz, Alan Montague, Stan Blough



Angela Lewis & Sally Gensel enjoy the band



Janie & Tary Salinger



Chris & Carla Banning



Bob Fowles & Linda Parzych

CHANGE OF WATCH



Sarah & Alan Montague



Stan Blough & Nancy Mueller





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Nancy Mueller with new officers

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NVYC Cookie Party (below) and Safety Notes



NVYC safety note: Portable heaters on boats

Portable heaters come in many different types and sizes. One can find alcohol, solid fuel, propane, electric, diesel, forced air, and forced water as the more common sources of portable space heaters. Each of these different types has their own benefits and issues. The ABYC (American Boat Yacht Council) considers space heaters as unattended appliances and therefore must meet certain special requirements for marine use.

As a general rule, electric heaters are considered safer than the fuel burning type. Whether you have propane, alcohol, diesel, kerosene, or a solid fuel heater, all of these give off carbon monoxide and deplete the oxygen in the area. Liquid fueled space heaters put out lots of heat but must be used only with plenty of ventilation and then only occasionally due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Never take these heaters into confined spaces; the result can be deadly. It is also important to remember that propane is heavier than air and does not dissipate rapidly. If you smell propane, promptly ventilate the area and do not turn on any spark producing device such as an electrical appliance or switch.

Electric space heaters should not be used around moist or damp areas as contact with water could result in an electrical shock to the user. A portable electric heater suitable for use on your boat is built specifically for marine use. It has a casing made of stainless steel or aluminum and it will last longer in the moist and humid conditions found around a boat. Marine heaters often have additional safety features designed with boats in mind. Some models are designed with stay-cool housings reducing the risk of fire from nearby combustible materials. Others have tip-over protection that will shut-off the heater should a wake or other sudden motion knock it over. Look for portable heaters that have a thermostat control, multispeed fan, and a stable base. Plug your portable heater directly into an outlet that can handle the wattage, and ensure the plug fits tightly and make sure that it has a three-prong safety plug. Never plug it into an extension cord or power strip or into the same outlet as other heavy-duty appliances.

Consider how you plan to use the portable space heater. Supplemental heat in colder spaces, emergency heat, or will it be your primary source of heat onboard. Safety features that shut off the unit should include overheating, low oxygen levels, tip-over, and touch. Portable heaters are not a good choice for preventing freeze damage in the engine room, use an engine room heater designed for this purpose.

Claim data from one insurance company indicates that the leading cause of winter vessel fires is from unattended portable electric space heaters that have stressed the vessels AC electrical system. Placement of the unit is also important, especially in smaller spaces. As a general guideline the heat portions should be no closer than 36 inches from flammable materials, not be placed on combustible surfaces such as carpets, and don't have flammable liquids in the space the heater is being used.

Captain Pat Carson (pat@bayachting.com). Article courtesy of Boatinsuranceonly.com

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