

Napa Valley Yacht Club

Newsletter

May 2023



Commodore's Report

Greeting Napa Yachters!

It's Spring!! That means it's time to get out on the water again and start enjoying everything that our Napa River life has to offer. And the Club is front and center of that!

I'm so lucky to have a great team with Vice-Commodore Chris Fultz and Rear Commodore Kim Nicol, getting into their strides and I'm going to leave most of the praise of the fantastic teams that are under their commands to them. But I do want to mention a few of the things that jump out at me from the last 3 months.

Our St. Patrick's Day event brought back memories of my last trip to Ireland, Except I think I drank a little less this time.

I was pleased to see so many folks turn out for the rescheduled General Meeting. Mark your calendars now for the Q2 Meeting before dinner on Friday June 16th. We shared our financials for 2022 and presented some updates as to what the club has been up to. As the club was all decked out for 'Springtime in Paris' I got a chance to tell my 'French' joke. So apologies for that!

April came to an end with a dozen NVYC members joining the PICYA boat for the Opening Day on the Bay cruise. Our tables were on the lower deck and at first we thought that wasn't so great until it meant that we got 'courtside' seats as the PICYA VIPs transferred aboard from a US Coast Guard vessel.

Another fun event was our Cinco de Mayo festival. The evening was certainly enhanced by the live music paid for out of some of the funds our Social Committee raised at the Change of Watch auction last year. As was the Tequila bottle Piñata that was also (a) hit!

But it's not all just fun and games! Kim Nicol will be telling you about all the work that a great team of volunteers did on our clubhouse workday in early April. My favorite part was working the Pressure Washer, but then I'm just a boy with a toy!

And it's not only things internal to our club. Our outreach to local organizations is heating up. By the time you read this the club will have played host to 20+ Veterans from the Yountville Vets home. Under Stan Jones's leadership we are putting on a lunch and then boat rides as a way to say thank you for their service and share our love of the river with them. Our Sponsorship team are actively looking out for candidates to support with our sponsorship funds and we are donating the club space to the Boys & Girls Club of Napa to host a fundraising event leather in the year.

On a less enjoyable note, the Flags and Board have had to take a look at our financial model as we started to notice a worrying trend with our numbers. In late April we made a decision to increase the costs of our weekly Friday's and got a lot of feedback from our members about that, some supporting that call and others telling why they didn't.

2023 Flag Officers



Exploring Alternatives

With that in mind the Flag Officers took a long hard look and then presented an alternative to the Board which approved it in May. You should have received an email about that, but to summarize, We have decided to alter our arrangement with Chef Nancy Lindas. Chef Nancy will now be cooking for us once per month. Other weeks in the month will be a mix of externally catered meals, 'Bring-your-own-Meat' nights and pot-lucks. The prices will vary week to week to reflect the costs and this new model will be under constant review. As I write, we are nailing down the next few months and they should all be up on the Club Calendar on the Website.

Keep an eye on that calendar, because it's the place that tells you the most about what is going on. Some dates over the next few months for you to make special note of:

Calendar Highlights

June 2nd to 4th: Our South Beach Cruise out which will again feature a luxury box at ATT park to watch the Giants play (and beat) the Orioles!

June 11th: Opening day on the River! Including a Blessing of the Fleet and a Scavenger Hunt created by Commadorable Sarah!

June 16th: General Meeting

July 4th: BBQ and Parade

August 18th to 20th: Benicia Cruise Out

Finally I'm glad to say that we are now posting our Board Minutes along with Year End Financials up to a place that all the members can access. From the Membership tab hover your mouse on the My Account and you will see 4 choices including the Governance option. Click on there and you will be just a couple of clicks away from the folder that contains our Governance Document Library. My Thanks to Webmaster Dave Ryan for making this happen.

I remain honored to be able to lead our Club along with my fellow Flag Officers, Our Board, and all the Captains and volunteers who make Napa Valley Yacht Club the special place that it is.

See you at the clubhouse!

Alan Montague

2023 Commodore



Chris Fultz: Vice Commodore Report



Hello fellow club members and welcome to the 2nd quarter of 2023!!!

From the Vice Commodore's perspective, our Club is on the move and great things are happening.

Our Galley is in transition, our Bar has undergone an overdue renovation and is running smoothly, the Port Captains are in the middle of another banner year for Cruise ins, the Social Committee are partying hard and so much more!

2023 is proving to be another great year for the Napa Valley Yacht Club!

Galley: Chris Fultz, Interim Galley Captain

This year we have run the gamut of great meals, heavy appetizers and Pot Luck dinners....all in an effort to find the "sweet spot" where we are able to maintain the quality of meals that we have all come accustomed to with a price point that is considered to be acceptable to the membership and not losing money doing so.

We have tried a number of approaches, even raising the prices.....for many, many reasons, these efforts proved fruitless, we were losing money on every meal.....when I say losing money...I mean just that. The club was subsidizing the cost of the meals (even after the increase to \$38 per meal!!)

One does not need to be Warren Buffet to see that this is a true recipe ('scuze the pun) for disaster.

After much deliberation, numerous meetings and hundreds of well-intentioned suggestions, it has been determined that the Galley will be going in a slightly different direction in an effort to corral the seemingly out of control costs.

Chef Nancy will be creating one of her masterpieces for all of us to enjoy one weekend a month.

The other three weeks will be catered meals, BBQ your own meat (we will supply salad, sides and desserts) or a Pot Luck meal (you would be surprised at how popular and successful these events are!)

We are arranging 3 course meals ranging from BBQ to Italian to American comfort and many many more.

If you have a caterer or restaurant that you enjoy and think the rest of the members may enjoy.....let me know who they are and Ill gladly approach them and see if we can get them in the rotation.

There will be a couple of other small changes that will accompany this swing to a different operation.

- The food will be delivered to the clubhouse.
- The food will be served to the membership.
- One person from each table will be asked to clear the dishes and put them in the galley for cleaning.
- Depending on the food suppliers policy, meal commitment deadline MAY change.

These are definitely untested procedures but with a small amount of patience and understanding during the learning process, We, the Flag officers, believe this may be the ticket to “having our cake and eating it too” (c’mon....you know I had to do that!!!)

As always, constructive criticism is always welcomed, we think we have this figured out but there are so many moving parts to this situation, there are bound to be areas that will need to be fine-tuned as we go along. If you think you have a good suggestion or a better mousetrap, speak up! I am always open to hearing other folk’s ideas. We are confident we are on the right track here and we ask that you be a little flexible as we navigate through this rough patch.....we truly believe it will be worth the effort.



Dinner on the deck...

The Bar: Brian Wilson and Mark Crisler; Co Captains

Mark and Brian are knocking it out of the park!!!

If you haven't noticed, the offerings from the bar are improving practically weekly!!

Higher quality wines and beers are constantly being introduced and the top shelf spirit selection is rapidly becoming "First Class"

Couple this with the weekly "drink of the week" offering, everyone's whistle is whetted, and you're bound to find something that suits your fancy.

Social Committee: Lori Fultz and Carla Banning; Co Chairs

Lori and Carla, along with almost a dozen other volunteers are hard at work practically every single week, creating the magical ambience, transforming the clubhouse into a disco hall one week, a beautiful tribute to the Lunar New Year celebration to a celebration of life for a Scottish Poet.

These talented ladies have a years' worth of special events scheduled and they are constantly working on new ways to make things better every single week.

Keep an eye on the Club Calendar and stay informed about the next exciting event.

In the upcoming weeks they have BBQ's, Regattas, Dance Parties....heck....even Karaoke!!! Lots and lots of fun stuff coming your way.

Port Captain: Robert Fowles

Bob and his crew (Greg Parker and Tom Hildreth; Past Commodore) are busy keeping our visitors feeling welcome and informed all while balancing the Cruise In necessities with our Clubs requirements.....its not just tying up a boat and giving them a key to the dock.....these fellow are true ambassadors, not only for our Club but for the Town of Napa.....recommending places to visit, restaurants to dine at, directions to the hardware store (Imagine that a boater needing a hardware store!!!)

These guys really shine, and they make us look good while doing it!!!

At the time of this writing, we have a few spots available on the dock for the Bottle Rock weekend, if you have a friend that is coming to Napa for the festival, has a boat and would like to get a great place to stay for the weekend, have them contact Bob and he can set them up!!

Club Rental: Tom Atkinson

Tom is the man that balances our clubhouse rental with the other activities at the club, he ensures that our paying guests receive a clean space that will provide our guests with a comfortable space with all the amenities that are needed for anything from Board of Directors meetings to Birthday Parties and just about anything in between you can think of.

Communicating with the Social Committee, the Treasurer, the Galley and Bar Captains helps keep Tom and everyone involved on top of things and ensures that we have happy renters that want to come back.

Please remember, as a member of the Club, you are able to rent the clubhouse for your functions. Lots of space, beautiful setting and you don't have that big mess at your house after the function.....think of the possibilities

Thank you so much for your time and more importantly, your support!! We strive to make sure we are providing the best possible experience for our members and guests....I hope we are meeting that goal!



Kim Nicol: Rear Commodore's Report

Wow! It's hard to believe we're almost halfway through this year! Where does the time go??

If you haven't already noticed, the NVYC has a beautifully refurbished bocce court, thanks to the many volunteers who made this happen!

I'd like to thank Alan Montague, Chris Fultz, Mark Nicol, Greg Parker, Jon Albrecht, Jerry & Pam Kincanon, Louis & Judy Kyjovsky, Rob Cherry & Clarice Turner, and Jim & Mariann Soule. These wonderful volunteers gave up their Saturday to renovate the bocce court, repair the rope border along the bocce court, paint the benches, pressure wash the deck and patio, clean the deck railing, organize the storage container, and secure the tent walls.



Our club depends on volunteers for everything from hosting Friday night dinners, to supplying the elbow grease it takes to keep our club running and looking amazing. So, I'd like to send out a huge THANK YOU to these volunteers who made our 2023 work day such a huge success!

It's finally Cruise Out Season!! ***YAY!!!*** We have a great lineup of cruises planned for this summer, and you can join most of our cruise outs even if you don't have a boat! That's right! Except for the Delta cruise out where we are anchored and rafted up in a slough, all our cruise outs are at marinas so you can join the fun and camaraderie with the group for lunch and/or dinner, and if you're a baseball fan don't forget about the Giants game in a private luxury suite! I would love to see you there!

This year I have reached out to the Vallejo Yacht Club and extended an invitation to join us on our cruise outs, and they have done the same for us. A list of the Vallejo Yacht Club cruise outs is posted on the white board next to the bar if anyone is interested in joining them. They even have a blue water cruise out to Monterey scheduled in August! A few of us have done some informal cruise outs with a few of their members and they're really a great group who love boating as much as we do!

I'd like to thank Lorna Sheridan for doing such an amazing job with our quarterly newsletter! Lorna has been working on our newsletters for some time now and is ready to pass the torch to another volunteer. If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking on this important roll, I'd love to hear from you! Our next newsletter comes out in August, and we need another volunteer to step in so we can continue publishing future editions going forward.

I'd also like to acknowledge Dave Ryan for all his behind-the-scenes work as our Webmaster! You wouldn't be reading this newsletter online, be able to check the online calendar for our list of events or receive the weekly emails for our dinners if it weren't for him. Sadly, Dave has moved away but is graciously staying on as our Webmaster through the end of this year. If you have technical skills and would like to volunteer as our Webmaster next year, please let me know so I can connect you with Dave who can give you a rundown of what is involved with the ever so important Webmaster position.

We would love to have you on the team!! Please call me at 707-346-7679, or email at kim@knm-properties.com if you or someone you know is interested in filling Lorna and Dave's shoes as our new Publisher and/or Webmaster. Thank you, Dave and Lorna, for all you have done for our Club!!

And thank you all for making our Yacht Club the 'Fun Club' we all love to be a part of!! I look forward to seeing you all at the Club, on our Cruise Outs, and around town! Thank you.

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Mark Your Calendar for the Cruise Outs and Events planned for the rest of 2023:

June 2 – 4, 2023 - South Beach Yacht Club Cruise Out

Dinner at SBYC Friday, June 2

Giants Game in the Audi Legends Suite Saturday, June 3 @ 7pm

Two hotels are within walking distance to Oracle Park: Hotel VIA & Hyatt Place San Francisco Downtown

Contact Kim Nicol - 707-346-7679 kim@knm-properties.com

June 11, 2023 – Opening Day on the River – 10:30 - 3:00

Blessing of the Fleet by Donald Buresh, scavenger hunt, BBQ tri-tip sandwiches and music!

July 4, 2023 – 4th of July Boat Parade & BBQ – 12:30 – 4:30

Contact Avi Strugo - 707-337-5614 astrugo@cnapavalley.com

August 18 – 20, 2023 - Benicia Yacht Club Cruise Out

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September 15 – 17, 2023 - Delta Cruise Out

Contact Mitch Bassignani - 707-290-4337 mbassignani@farmersagent.com

October 6 – 8, 2023 - Fleet Week

Contact Mark Rodman - 707-480-2112 rodmanconst@att.net

October 20 – 22, 2023 - Commodore's Cruise Out - St. Francis Yacht Club

Contact Alan Montague - 707-459-8942 alan_montague@hotmail.com

December 16, 2023 – Lighted Boat Parade

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WORK PARTY PHOTOS



Thank you to everyone who came out to help!

Port Captains' Report

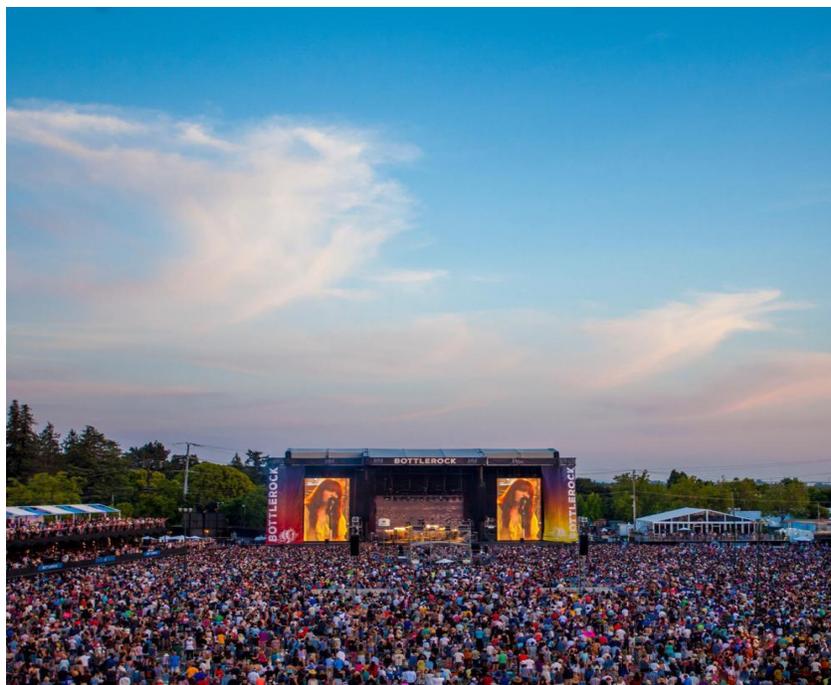
The first quarter was even slower than normal this year, as 12 atmospheric rivers rolled through the Napa Valley. But we did need the rain! Port Captains Robert Fowles, Tom Hildreth and Greg Parker finally got underway with a cruise-in by the San Francisco Yacht Club on St. Patrick's Day weekend. They were followed ten days later by the San Francisco Dolphin Club, a swimming and paddling club founded in 1877. Six members departed the City on a Thursday morning in two 18' canoes, paddled to San Pablo Bay where they overnighted, and then departed from there before dawn to paddle up to the NVYC. Those folks are in shape! They may have been the first visitors from another club that paddled up to visit us.

In April, the Silver Seas Yacht group cruised-in, led by NVYC member George Lang. Coming up in May are the South Beach Yacht Club, and of course, Memorial Day weekend means BottleRock! Demand for dock space is down slightly this year versus last year. As this was written, we had nine yachts with reservations for BottleRock weekend.

The weekend following BottleRock will feature a cruise-in from the Sausalito Yacht Club, led by NVYC member Tammy Blanchard, with 10 yachts visiting us, five of which are 60' or better! Then the dock is blocked to visitors for Opening Day on the River on June 11 and for the July 4th Boat Parade. Both will be a terrific opportunity for Club members to get out on their boats.

Fair winds and following seas!

- **Robert Fowles, Tom Hildreth and Greg Parker**



Cruise Out Photos

Top left photo (left to right): Kim Nicol, Carla Banning, Sarah Montague on Starting Over

Top right photo: Kim Nicol, Mark Nicol, Chris Banning, Carla Banning, Sarah Montague, Alan Montague, Jerry & Pam Kincanon on Probable Cause

Bottom left photo: Pam & Jerry Kincanon on Probable Cause

Bottom right: Carla & Chris Banning, Sarah & Alan Montague on Probable Cause



Social Committee Report

Get ready to grab your hat and shades because the Social Committee has a fun filled summer planned for the club this summer!

New 2023 - Summer Weekends at Napa Valley Yacht Club

Opening Day on the River is coming up soon. The day will include The Blessing of the Fleet, a scavenger hunt followed by a BBQ and live music! An email will be going out soon. Don't miss out on this yearly tradition!

Summer Sunday Brunch: Your club will be open on SECOND SUNDAYS of each month from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day

Brunch will include coffee (boozy OPTIONAL), drinks at the bar, plus a platter of pastries, quiche, and fruit from your Social Committee. No booking required \$10 per person will cover staffing and cleaning.

Dates for Brunch:

June 11th our first Sunday brunch will actually be our Opening Day on the River

July 9th: 10am -1pm

Aug 13th: 10am -1pm

Sept 3rd: 10am -1pm.

BONUS BRUNCH!!! Not the second Sunday but we wanted to squeeze in a final Summer Brunch over Labor Day weekend.

Summer Saturday Happy Hours. Your Club will be open LAST SATURDAYS of each month for Happy Hour 4 pm -7pm Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.

Bring an appetizer to share and enjoy summer evenings overlooking the Napa River. In addition, the Social Committee will be providing gourmet nibbles. The bar will be open. No booking required \$10 per person covers staffing and cleaning.

Dates for Happy Hour

June 24th: 4 pm-7pm

July 29th: 4pm-7pm

Aug 26th: 4pm-7pm

Flags are waving and our pride is high. Come join us for the 4th of July!

July 4th we will be celebrating Independence Day in Yacht Club Style!

There will be a Patriotic Parade 1st and 2nd place prizes for the most patriot decorated boat followed by a delicious BBQ and live music! Put on your best red, white and blue and let's celebrate Independence Day!

Karaoke and Cocktails

Social Committee will also be adding Karaoke Nights to some of our regular Friday dinners. We will announce which Friday's will have Karaoke Nights in the dinner sign up emails. Come on down and share your talent or have a fun evening listening and being entertained by your friends!



Other events we are hoping to add are Bocce and Burger Nights, White Party, and wine tastings.

Happy Summer NVYC!!

- Carla Banning and Lori Fultz

Opening Day on the Bay PICYA - April 30, 2023



Bar Report

A spirited update!

Hello from your co-bar captains, Brian Wilson & Mark Crisler. We've had a few months of working behind the new bar layout and it is safe to say, everything has been working great and your fellow member volunteers have made it so enjoyable.

We are very thankful for everyone who has been bartending and for all the new members of the bar crew. Please look for who is bartending on the weekly dinner invitation and come in to celebrate with them.

We have been busy upgrading the selections of wines and spirits to offer you, our members, and guests, to showcase more wines from Napa Valley and Sonoma. As well as, new premium spirits a few of you have been asking for. Please keep letting Brian and I know what you like (and what you are not a big fan of) to see, so that we can continue to improve the items we have for you to enjoy.

We have expanded the Tequila, Mezcal, Gin and Bourbon offerings. Come on in and find your favorite. Also, we wanted to share that we now have Zero Proof Spirit alternatives. These items are 100% alcohol free and make wonderful lower alcohol and zero alcohol drinks. Currently we have a Tequila Alternative and a Whiskey Alternative. We'll be adding a Gin, Rum and Aperitivo alternative soon. When you feel like having a classic cocktail, but without the alcohol, we've got you covered!

Lastly, if you have been thinking "The bar sure looks like fun," please come join the bar team. We are looking for a few more bartendteers (i.e. volunteer bartenders) to complement our great crew. You can contact Brian at bw25@me.com or Mark at mark@trellisdrinks.com and we'll get you set up and trained.

We look forward to seeing you all at the club!

- **Co-Bar Captains, Mark Crisler & Brian Wilson**





MEMBERSHIP 2023

We have 108 paid Memberships and 8 Charter Memberships.

We find our members bring in our new members. If you have friends that are interested in joining a very active friendly group, bring them as guests and maybe future members. It would be great if they had a boat but it is not a requirement to join. Our dinners run \$10.00 to \$35.00 each Friday. We have a very active Social Committee that has a great number of exciting activities coming up.

Give me a call or have them request an application on our web site.

Evelyn Silveri. Membership. 707-255-1254
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Love the NVYC Newsletter?

A HUGE thank you to Lorna Sheridan who has expertly helped create the newsletter for the last couple of years, and made it look so professional, but now ready to pass the baton. This will be the last issue under Lorna's expert watch, and as you have likely noticed, we have shifted to a new easier to design, digital format which can be printed out as needed for those that request it. This new format is also easier to publish and means we can have more content, more flexibility and more frequency—and kill fewer trees!

The Club is seeking a new **Newsletter Editor**, who loves the Club and wants to share all our fun happenings with the broader membership. If you haven't volunteered with the Club yet, it is an exceptional way to meet more members, be in the know, and get even more joy out of your membership. YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Our next issue will be the end August and involves compiling content written by Flag Officers and contributors; and advertisers secured by our Advertising Manager, Sarah Montague. Time expectation will be just 2-3 days per month, but your impact on the Club will be fundamental. Please email Kim Nicol (kim@knm-properties.com) or call her (707-346-7679) to chat about the role and how you can help! Thank you.

- Your Flag Officers



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Clues, Clues and more Clues!

As part of our 'Opening Day on the River' celebrations this year on June 11th, Commodorable Sarah Montague has created a river bound scavenger hunt for the day. Crews of scavengers will ply the river in search of clues, treasure and trophies. Some clues may lead to a trophy, some may lead to a task, and some might just lead you to another clue!

Sarah has a lot of experience creating these sorts of treasure hunts. She used to create them for me for Valentine's day fun. In those days, I'd get an envelope as we were ready to leave the house and I would have to solve that in order to know where we were going for the next portion of our day out. We would spend the day going from clue to clue, and get to eat and drink our way around whichever city we were in! Some of the clues were simple and some of them were fiendishly complicated!

So from experience I can tell you that the time you spend together on your boats will be as fun as it will be infuriating! At least you will all know where the final clue will take you; back to the clubhouse for a BBQ and some Live Music brought to you by our Social Committee with help from the generous donors who bought auction lots at the Change of Watch.

- **Alan Montague, 2023 Commodore**





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120 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2481	\$1,995,000		WF
1330 River Park Bl	3 / 3	2221	\$2,100,000		WF
19 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2170	\$1,350,000		
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54 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	\$1,399,000		WF
1154 River Park Bl	3 / 2 1/2	2066	\$1,759,000		WF
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780 Lewis Way	3 / 2 1/2	2230	1,418,000	1.13.23	WF
1 Lighthouse Ct	3 / 2 1/2	1934	1,165,000	5.10.23	
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