

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Alan Montague, Commodore

As my year as commodore starts to come to its end I thought I'd take the chance to look back, not just at the last couple of months, but across the full year.

I plan to let my Chris and Kim as Vice and Rear Commodores call out the folks specifically under them but here are a few highlights from me.

Our Bar renovation, which opened the year, was really completed this fall when the team introduced a new Point of Sale System. It makes it easier for them to focus on making and pouring drinks and less on counting money and figuring out how to use the credit card machine.

Our Galley has had an interesting year. We have made several adjustments to the way we cater our Friday night dinners, and this is an area that we are still working on. I'm pleased that Mike Cromwell is leading a committee to look at how we can best go forward. I look forward to hearing their suggestions and seeing our dinners go from strength to strength next year.

Our Dock continues to host individuals and clubs coming to sample Napa Valley. The team of port captains saw an expansion this year, and I'm so glad that this load is being spread.

Our Social team has hosted some wonderful events over the year. Our 4th July parade was a highlight for me as well as Halloween and our recent Veterans Day event.

Our new OD Coordinator has made our emails 'Must Opens'! I for one can't wait to see what she has to say about each week's events!

We have managed to get out 4 newsletters this year, back on track. And it's due to the hard work of the outgoing and new editors who have made sure you get to stay informed, as well as all the folks creating articles that you want to read!

We had a busy year on the water, with multiple cruise-outs organized by several Cruise Captains under the watchful and helpful eye of our Fleet Captain. Added to this are our Parades and The Scavenger Hunt to we show that we are a Yacht Club, not just a social club!

The team that looks after our building has been busy behind the scenes with maintenance and upgrades, aided and abetted by the large group that came out in the spring for the working day. This is behind-the-scenes work that keeps our club in great condition.

At Change of Watch last year, I mentioned that my theme for the year was about connecting us more with our community to share our love for our river and valley. As such, this year's engagement with outside groups has been a pleasure for me to see. Twice this year we hosted vets from the Yountville Veteran's

home for boat rides on the river and meals. We were part of the Downtown Napa July 4th parade and our sponsorship program is up and running, including a donation through PICYA this year. You get to learn all about this at dinners and in this newsletter, and our PR queen is getting us regular mentions in the local press.

Also, 2023 meant saying goodbye to a few prior and active members as they took their final trips from this earth. We miss them and our thoughts are with their families as they tackle their first holiday season without their loved ones.

Finally I hope that you will all be joining us this year at the Change of Watch. I'll try to have my short speech not simply repeat this article! You will be able to join me as I share my thanks to the officers and board members who have worked so hard this year for our club, welcome those who take on that responsibility for 2024, and then dance the night away!

Alan Montague

NOTES FROM YOUR BAR TEAM

It's been a very spirited year. Hard to believe that our club's bar was rebuilt just a year ago. From all that have come to the club to enjoy our great club, wonderful members and the comradery, it is evident that the new bar set up has not only been a big improvement but also a fun space to interact and serve our friends and family. A lot has changed in the bar since last year. Your bar captains have been constantly at work to improve the beverage selections to offer everyone something exceptional and at a great value and to make it easier and faster for the bar team to serve you all.

One of the big changes this year was going digital by introducing our Square Point of Sale System. It has been a game changer for us to serve everyone better, faster and more accurately. It also helps us to know what is working and what items should be changed. We are not done yet, be on the lookout for more improvements to the selections and our systems in 2024.

Lastly, we are so thankful for all the members who have come forward to create such a fun and meaningful bar team. The bar and all its fun environment would not be possible without all of you. If you have thought it would be fun to be behind the bar, give Brian or I a ring and we'd be happy to chat with you and show you how simple and fun it is to be on the bar team.

Cheers to another great year at the club!

Mark Crisler & Brian Wilson, your co-bar captains

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Chris Fultz, Vice Commodore

Hello all and Happy Holidays!

2023 has come and gone with gusto and promises a great New Year! In 2023 we endured some growing pains but as with anything worth having, it takes a little work!

Our Bar and Kitchen has been bumping along trying to figure out a new operating schedule that not only draws folks in for good food and fun but does it in a financially responsible way, ensuring the bank account doesn't suffer. At the Bar, Brian Wilson and Mark Crisler and their awesome team of bartenders worked hard to make sure our whistles were whetted, and your favorite libations were always just a quick trip to the bar away. With the New Year, you can expect more of the same as well as some Bar-and-Apps-only nights and an ever-changing wine list keeping the wine cellar full of delicious vintages for all to enjoy.

The Galley proved to be a challenge almost all year long. We started out with sit down dinner service with great food and service from Chef Nancy and her team, transitioned to almost 100% catered, buffet style meal set up, and experiments that proved to range from somewhat acceptable to downright intolerable but through it all, you the membership tried hard to find good in the situation and supported us as we struggled to come up with a combination of things that not only provided a satisfying dinner but a semi balanced budget. Segue to . . .

Kim Nicol and the newly formed Galley Committee will be experimenting with different scenarios both in presentation, food choices and intervals between sit down meals, heavy appetizer social mixers, BBQs, pot luck dinners and more. I guarantee Kim and Galley Committee Chair Mike Cromwell have great things in store!



On to the fun stuff! Lori Fultz, (Miss) Carla Banning and the Social Committee killed it this year! From themed music nights to fun Bar B Ques to outright parties, these ladies brought the fun week in and week out, decorating the club house and creating a festive environment for all of us to enjoy! Thank you ladies, GREAT JOB!

Port Captain and Crew

Bob Fowles and his crew are the Ambassadors of the NVYC. They are typically the first NVYC representatives whom our guests speak with on the phone making arrangements to visit, and Bob or one of his crew are there when they arrive, day or night. Super job fellows, you make us look good and keep our friends coming back due in part to your great hospitality!

Officer of the Day

Yvette raised her hand and volunteered for one of the toughest jobs in the Club: keeping us all informed about the comings and goings of the Club. Yvette takes on any task requested of her and makes us smile in the process. Thank you Yvette, we ALL appreciate the work you put in and I'm looking forward to working with you again next year!

2023 was a great year because I had a FANTASTIC support staff that made it look like I knew what I was doing! Thank you one and all and I cannot wait to work with you all again in the new year.

Chris Fultz

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Kim Nicol, Rear Commodore

As the year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful events and memories we have shared together. From our fun theme nights planned and orchestrated by our most amazing Social Committee led by Lori Fultz, our incredible cruise outs led by our Fleet Captain, Avi Strugo, to our Friday night dinners; we definitely had a year of great fun and comradery.

I'm proud to say 2023 was a successful year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members. We had such a great turnout at our Spring Work Party, where a group of hard-working volunteers renovated our bocce court so members and guests can enjoy a fun game of bocce and a glass of wine. They also spruced up the deck and patio...what a transformation!

Sally Craig has excelled at getting our major events into the Napa Valley Register, and of course posting to the NVYC Facebook page. Debbie Dean has done an amazing job making sure there is plenty of super cool yachtie swag to choose from, so no matter where we go, we can always represent the NVYC. And even having a knee replacement, Evelyn stayed on top of our membership, bringing in more new members this year. We also gained Bill Huie as our Newsletter Editor, who has been doing a bang-up job...don't you just love the new format of the newsletters?? And I have to give a big shout-out to my husband, Mark Nicol for all his hard work keeping our club in tip-top shape. Mark has replaced several



gangway planks, orchestrated the clean out of the grease trap multiple times this year, serviced the fire suppression system, and gave the hood a deep cleaning.

As my term as Rear Commodore comes to an end, I am honored to pass the baton to our incoming Rear Commodore, Steve Orman. I have no doubt Steve will be an outstanding Rear Commodore, and I'm truly looking forward to working with him as we start the new year.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making this year a truly special one. I look forward to 2024, to working with my fellow Flags, the Board and the amazing Galley Committee who is dedicated to bringing our members quality dinner options, and to seeing all of you at our upcoming events as we continue to build lasting memories together.

Thank you,

Kim Nicol

FALL 2023 PICYA REPORT



Sally Craig, PICYA Delegate



The Napa Valley Yacht Club did well with 151 COTY points, making us a three star club! I attended (via zoom) the October 14 Delegates luncheon in Tahoe and the October 21 Fall management conference.

January 27th is PICYA Change of Watch at Oakland YC. 6-10 pm

In the future, I will attempt to make every meeting and the Flags should try to make some also. We earn points for everyone that attends the meetings and the Change of Watch.

In the past , quite a few of us attended the Dock Walker informational classes online. In return, they send us safety pamphlets, maps, and sponges that absorb oil in the water. We can pass these on to our cruise-in friends. To look into this you can email Vivian:

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River Critter Corner

November and December are spawning months for the Napa River's chinook salmon. They have returned from the Pacific Ocean, changing color from silver to reddish brown.



Image: Napa County Watershed Conservation Council

The females lay eggs in a small depression in the river bed she creates with her tail, where they are then fertilized by the males. Chinook will die shortly after spawning. Several good places to see our salmon:

Calistoga Community Center

Yountville Eco-Preserve

Zinfandel Lane Bridge near St. Helena



Veterans Day 2023 and NVC

Napa Valley Yacht Club took the Veterans for a boat ride and a wonderful Italian dinner at the Yacht Club. They had a ball and were most appreciative! Chris Fultz and everyone who volunteered did a great job (and we receive PICYA Coty points!)



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2023 Year To Date Activity Napa Yacht Club & River Park Estates

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7 S Newport Dr	3/ 2 1/2	1996	\$1,299,000		
9 Sea Breeze Ct	3 / 2	1885	\$1,399,000		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	
113 N Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	2276	2,335,000	5.12.23	WF
120 S Newport Dr	4/ 2 1/2	2481	\$1,870,000	7.7.23	WF
27 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2159	\$1,320,000	7.11.23	
54 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	\$1,300,000	6.6.23	WF
1154 River Park Bl	3 / 2 1/2	2066	\$1,759,00	6.5.23	WF
38 Peninsula Ct	2 / 2	1885	\$1,399,000	8.24.23	WF
7 S Newport Dr	3/ 2 1/2	1996	\$1,300,000	9.20.23	
67 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1885	\$1,180,000		
760 Kearney Way	2 / 2 1/2	1775	\$1,622,500	10.16.23	WF
1330 River Park Bl	3 / 3	2221	\$1,995,000	10.2.23	WF
23 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	2170	\$1,195,000	6.15.23	
625 Cabot Ct	3 / 2	2000	\$1,100,000	8.3.23	
780 Lewis Way	3 / 2 1/2	2230	\$1,418,000	1.17.23	WF

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