

# NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

*Chris Fultz, Commodore*

Hello from the Helm!! Boy oh Boy has this year started off with a bang!!

New ways of operation across the board seem to be working as well as or even better than expected.

Our Vice Commodore has been very busy getting the Bar and the Galley kickstarted and operating like a machine! With the new Friday night format of Cocktails at the Club every first and third Friday and dinners every second and fourth Friday, we seem to be appealing to more folks' desires which is reflecting in the headcount at the dinners and the people popping in on cocktail nights for drinks and conversation.

It's very refreshing to see the bar AND the Galley making a modest profit across the board consistently! Let me tell you, that is no easy task and it's a place we haven't been in a number of years! Kudos to Kim's crack staff of Brian Wilson, Mark Crisler, Mike Cromwell, Ned Trippe and their individual committees for working so hard, combining their individual experiences and knowledge to take a seemingly impossible task and make it look easy with great experiences week in and week out. Keep an eye out for emails from Jason Harmon or check the website for the upcoming culinary and libation treats.



The rest of Kim's Crew is busy preparing for an upcoming year of fun and frivolity. Watch the website calendar to stay up to date with the upcoming events and . . . participate! There are Cruise-Outs, community events, fundraisers and simply lots of fun and partying planned for this year. You joined this Club for a reason – because it's FUN! There is lots to do and you have great friends here. Come down and join the fun!

Steve Orman, our newest member of the commodore staff as Rear Commodore, has taken to the position of Rear Commodore as if he's been doing it forever. Steve oversees the basic "sticks and bricks" of the club ensuring that the lights are on, the area is clean and safe, you folks stay informed, and the membership is always taking care of everyone's needs. Steve's even keel approach to almost every situation is refreshing and great to work with. Hardly ever do you see him get flustered (except when yours truly throws him a curve ball) but he maintains his calm demeanor and deals with the situation at hand.

Folks, we have members who are a bit down with their health, and if you know someone who could use a little help, maybe with a delivered meal or seeing to it that a lawn is mowed, we want to help facilitate that. Not only are we a club, we are friends - heck, almost family in some instances. If you have the time and ability to help, please contact me directly and I will help put you in touch with the right people. Friends, I believe this is true and it works: keep them in your prayers, regardless of your beliefs.

Thank you all so very much for being active members, please participate as much as you possibly can, and I look forward to seeing you AT THE CLUB!

*Chris Fultz*



## NOTES FROM YOUR BAR TEAM

**We are now into our third month of the new year, and having alternating dinner service and bar only Fridays is proving a success! Members have embraced the casual “Cocktails at the Club” concept by bringing some delicious bites to share and joining other members to continue ongoing relationships and spark new ones with new and existing members.**

**We have added a few new spirits to the back bar and have changed a couple well spirits to improve our selections so you can always find the beverages you like at the club. We will be changing up wine selections in the coming months to provide the best wines available and keep options fresh going into the warmer weather and longer days. Be on the lookout for some drinks specials on holidays and themed Fridays!**



*Fun evening at the Clubhouse*

**Thinking about bringing in your own wine? Well, we have a deal for you. We are offering 20% off our “Bar Captains’ By-the-bottle-only” selections. You don’t have to hassle with finding a wine and carrying it in: come in and take a look at some amazing wines at the best prices in town!**

**The bar team continues to step up and volunteer to make or pour your favorite beverage every Friday evening. We all are so thankful for such an amazing group of people. We could still use a few more bartenders - experience what it’s like behind the bar! Please reach out to Brian ([bw25@me.com](mailto:bw25@me.com)) or Mark ([mark@trellisdrinks.com](mailto:mark@trellisdrinks.com)) to ask any questions or to sign up to sling a few beverages.**

**Mark Crisler & Brian Wilson, your co-bar captains**



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

*Kim Nicol, Vice Commodore*

Spring is here and it's time to get back out on the water! We have many fun events planned for you this year, and I hope to see you all there enjoying yourselves!

As we begin our boating season, remember the importance of safety on the water. Our very own NVYC members, Erik and Dinia Paananen and John Albrecht are on the US Coast Guard Auxiliary team and will be performing Vessel Safety Checks on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 10am. They will inspect your boat to make sure it complies with all Federal and State boating laws. This is a FREE service, and you will receive a sticker to place on a window to show the Coast Guard you have passed the safety inspection. Mark and I have been boarded by the Coast Guard four times now, so I am excited to get that sticker on our boat!

In addition to safety, I am committed to promoting an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members. Whether you are a seasoned boater or new to the club, I encourage you to participate in our events and activities. Our club offers a range of opportunities for members to socialize, learn, and explore the Napa River and beyond!

I am excited to work with the Flags, the Board, Committees, and our members to continue to improve our club and provide the best possible experience for everyone. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the Flags, the Board or our Committee members.

And I want to give a HUGE shout-out to Brian Wilson, Mike Cromwell, Mark Crissler, Ned Trippe, and the committee members working with them. These guys have been working overtime to ensure the galley and the bar meet the standards expressed by our membership at our last meeting.



Of course we're going to have some growing pains, but with their professional experience and qualifications in the restaurant industry, I know they're going to continue knocking it out of the park.

Speaking of the "park," our first Cruise Out of the season will be South Beach Harbor, May 17 – May 19, with dinner at SBYC Friday night and a Giant's game on Saturday, May 18th!! The game is at 1:05 and we have the Legends Club reserved again this year. Last year, members of the South Beach Yacht Club joined us for the game. It was a lot of fun getting to know their members a little better, and since we all had such a great time together, we decided to do it again. If you want to watch our San Francisco Giants beat the Colorado Rockies while hanging out with your NVYC friends and making new SBYC friends, let me know as soon as possible, there are only a few tickets left! Admission to the Legends Club, all food and non-alcoholic beverages are included in the ticket price of \$175, a great deal!

In conclusion, I am proud to be a member of this amazing "Fun Club", and I look forward to serving as Vice Commodore. Let's work together to make this a safe, fun, and memorable boating season.

Thank you,

*Kim Nicol*

# PICYA REPORT SPRING 2024



Sally Craig, PICYA Delegate

The big event “Opening Day on the Bay” is coming up on April 28th. It’s a fun day - breakfast & lunch is included - AND We get Coty points for attending!

The judges for the parade are on the ship. Sign up at the club.

March 23rd

PICYA Spring Conference

Saturday April 6th

Delegates Brunch meeting at Benicia YC

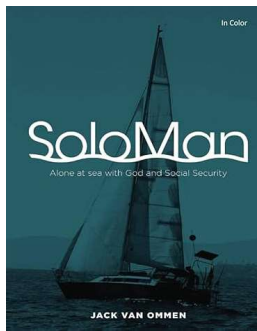
If anyone would like to join me at these events let me know. It’s normally \$25. - \$35.



Opening Day on the Bay 2023



PICYA Delegate meeting at Marin Yacht Club, attended by Sally Craig, Steve Orman, and Yvette Stahr



February 16th: Our cruise-in guests enjoyed dinner and brought an interesting visitor, Jack Van Ommen. He sailed around the world and wrote this book about his travels: *Solo Man: Alone at Sea with God and Social Security*.



## Fishing Report

Jim Soule brought in this impressive 6.6 lb rainbow trout Collin's Lake in Marysville during a REC4VETS event. He recommends their events - you can find their calendar at their website [rec4vets.org](http://rec4vets.org).



Jim with his catch



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

*Opening Day on the River*  
**CANCELLED**  
*April 6th*

Opening Day on the River originally scheduled for April 6th has been canceled. There were just too many people with conflicts, travel, and other activities competing for everyone's time to make the event work.

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Another enjoyable evening at the Club



## GALLEY REPORT

Your galley committee has been very busy since its formation. There have been a lot of changes, and we really appreciate the patience and support of our fellow members.

We are working on offering quality meals with menu choices to accommodate everyone. Having tried several options with varying results we believe Sonoma County Catering is by far our best find. They are providing both dinners in March, and we are hoping for a long-term relationship. Cesar and his team are great to work with and having them finishing the cooking in our kitchen is an added bonus

We are looking forward to warmer weather to utilize our outdoor areas and plan to open the deck seating March 22nd if the weather co-operates.

Mark & Brian

## THANK YOU! THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS

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Sarah Montague, NVYCMedia@gmail.com

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1154 River Park Bl	3 / 2 1/2	2066	\$1,759,00	6.5.23	WF
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7 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	1996	\$1,300,000	9.20.23	
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7 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	1996	\$1,287,000	1.26.24	
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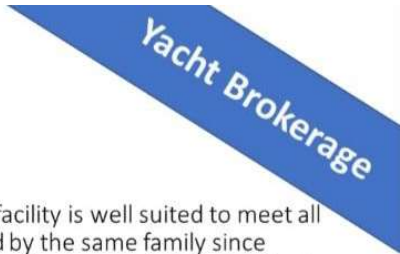


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