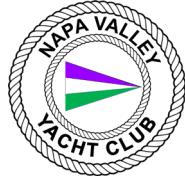


NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Alan Montague, Commodore

In my Commodore's report in June, I talked about what a fun-packed summer ahead we had, and boy was that true! Our July 4th Boat parade filled our dock and then the river with boats decorated with flags and other patriotic regalia. But it was not the only thing that NVYC did on the 4th. For the second year, we decorated Shari and Gary Fedler's Ski boat, and it was towed as part of the Napa Downtown parade. The highlight was probably Rear Commodore Steve Orman riding on the Eagle on the towing truck! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped decorate and ride the boat waving to our Napa Neighbors.



Left to right top: Gail Lansingh, Jes & Laura Pederson, Meylna Huff; Bottom: John Lansignh, Sally Craig



Summer Fun continued with several of the events that were part of Change of Watch Silent Auction taking place. Sarah and I hosted folks on a Pirate Cruise on the Black Pig. We also attended the wonderful Pool Party hosted by Nancy and Al Mueller and the Progressive Dinner that took us on a trip around the neighborhood. With Pam Gottlieb & Ron Davis providing appetizers and drinks, then Tary and Janie Salinger's for a sumptuous dinner (and more drinks!) followed by dessert (and more drinks!!) at Chris and Carla Banning's place.

But the NVYC is more than a social club. We are a Yacht Club, and I was pleased to captain my first Cruise-out in July when seven boats full of NVYC members and a bunch of land cruisers headed to St Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. They welcomed us, and we had a great time at their club, on their dock, and

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Great times at our club are pretty much a standard these days. Our Galley team under Captains Ned Trippe and Mike Cromwell is doing great work putting together menus that attract crowds. Kudos to our phenomenal Bar Team under Bar Captains Mark Crisler and Brian Wilson, who are knocking it out of the park each week. They develop drinks specials to match the menus and keep our bar well stocked with favorites. The "CatC" Cocktails at the Club on the non-dinner Fridays are usually bustling evenings. So, with summer here we can look forward to a fun-packed rest of the year with Cruise-outs, Cruise-ins, Parades, Dinners, Cocktails and all sorts of events at the club. I'll see you there!

We continue to welcome boaters to our dock, as individuals visiting the Napa Valley other clubs cruising out to us. Our Port Captains do a fabulous job liaising with the cruisers and getting them settled at our dock.

The building and grounds team is keeping the place safe and clean and were first in line when we discovered a water line leak. A special shout-out to Vice Commodore Kim Nicol who worked with a contractor to repair the leak and worked with the City to have them replace the remaining sections equally old and in danger of further leaks.



Fun at the Club!



Hosting at the club is easy peasy now! Sign up to host if you haven't yet.

We have some cool new merch for sale in the ship's store including some spy y lapel pins with our club's burgee on them. A chance to show your colors when dressed up!

On a sadder note, we had to say goodbye to Ingrid Axelsen, one of our longest-tenured members who passed recently. I was honored



to welcome her son Peter as we conducted our 8-bells ceremony for her, and many shared their stories about Ingrid and her late husband Soren.

We have more cruise-outs planned and more visitors coming to our dock and plenty of activities planned this fall. We elected next year's Officers and Board Members at our September 27 meeting and mark your calendar for the Special General Meeting October 25: we will formally update our by-laws and standing rules to better reflect the club we now have.

Start planning your attendance at the Change of Watch party on December 7, where our new Officers and Board will be sworn in, and I get to retire as Commodore. If you have an idea for an auction item to donate, either an experience like hosting a party or cruise or something tangible like wine or gifts, please reach out to Sarah at Social@nvyc.org. This auction adds nicely to the club's funding and even more importantly provides a way for people to get together and share experiences.

See you at the Club!

Alan Montague

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Kim Nicol, Vice Commodore

Hello, everyone!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, and fall is just around the corner! We had a fantastic third quarter at the Club with our weekly dinners and cocktail nights, cruise-ins and cruise-outs, a scavenger hunt, Saturday socials, Coastal Clean-up, and a Summer Sunday Brunch and Poker Run! These events bring us together as a Club and create a spirit of camaraderie and fun. Summer was a great success, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who helped make it happen.

Some of you may have noticed that the large steel plate between the parking lot and the boat ramp is no longer there. After some discussions with the City of Napa in July and August, they finally agreed that the water main line was their responsibility to replace, which saved the Club \$15,000! The City crew started the repairs on Tuesday, September 3rd and completed the job early afternoon on Thursday, September 5th, so everything was back to normal at the Club in time for the Sausalito Cruise-in and our Friday dinner! They did a beautiful job replacing the entire line and patching the parking lot all the way to the backflow; it looks like they were never even there. A big THANK YOU to the City of Napa Utilities crew!

I'd like to acknowledge and thank Ned Trippe, our Galley Captain, for his tireless dedication and hard work in ensuring that our Friday dinners are well-catered so everyone can enjoy delicious meals. I'd also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Mike Cromwell, Diana Garza, and Sonoma County Catering for their exceptional service and for helping to make our Friday nights truly special. You are all truly instrumental in making every Friday night meal a huge success!



A special shoutout to Brian Wilson and Mark Crisler, our Bar Captains, and all the bartenders for their outstanding work in serving up fantastic drinks with great enthusiasm. Your efforts truly contribute to the success of all our events.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Sarah Montegue for taking on the Social/Special Events Committee and for organizing a lineup of fun events for the rest of the year. Your creativity and hard work are truly appreciated. And thank you to Gloria Atkinson and Diane Brown for organizing the Poker Run...what a fun day!! This is something we will definitely plan to do again!

Last but certainly not least, a big thank you to our Port Captains, Bob Fowles, Greg Parker, Tom Hildreth, Tim Parsons, and Mark Nicol, for their dedication and commitment to ensuring smooth docking for our members and visiting yacht clubs. I can't tell you how many times I've heard from other yacht clubs how friendly our Port Captains are. These gentlemen have really made an impression on other clubs, which may just explain why we've had so many cruise-ins this year!

On that note, after four years serving as a Port Captain, Bob will be stepping back at the end of the year so he can actually start enjoying the retirement he's worked so hard for. Tom has a heavy travel schedule on the horizon, so he won't be nearly as

active as he's been in the past. This means we're going to have some vacancies in our Port Captain team, and we're looking for volunteers to jump in and help welcome fellow boaters to our Club. If you love your NVCY, boating, and meeting fellow boaters who visit our Club, we would love to have you join our Port Captain team! Please reach out to Greg Parker, Bob Fowles, or me, and we'll get you dialed in with the proper training, and you'll be a pro in no time at all!

And finally, thank you to all our members for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Napa Valley Yacht Club! You ALL are the reason we have such an amazing Club!

Sincerely,

Kim Nicol

Vice Commodore

July 4, 2024 Memories



Fedlers win best decorated boat (again!!) at July 4th Boat Parade



Nicely done, Rear Commodore!



Bannings aboard Starting Over

PICYA REPORT SPRING 2024



Sally Craig, PICYA Delegate

We are counting up our Coty points and as it stands now, we just have a one star. We are going to accumulate more points to add to that. We participated in the river clean-UP and Encinal YC wheelchair regatta.



UPCOMING PICYA EVENTS

September 28th

PICYA Magot Brown Wheelchair Regatta at Encinal YC

October 7th

Pittsburg YC Delegates Meeting



PORT CAPTAINS' REPORT

Robert Fowles, Port Captain

The dock's summer season was slower than hoped for. Our largest annual event, BottleRock weekend, was severely impacted by the Mare Island Causeway Bridge getting stuck in the down position on Thursday. The first large yacht with a flybridge heading to NVYC reported to us the bridge was down, and he couldn't pass; he ended up at the Vallejo Marina and Uber'd back and forth to Napa. The Port Captains (**Bob, Greg, Tom, Tim, and Mark**) immediately called everyone with reservations; the few already en route turned back or stayed at the Vallejo Marina. Six yachts with reservations canceled, and six others had low enough profiles to pass near low tide. We lost \$4,800 in dock fees that weekend!

After the bridge was repaired, we enjoyed hosting summer cruise-ins from the **Marin Yacht Club, San Jose Sailing Club, Corinthian Yacht Club, Sequoia Yacht Club, Pittsburgh Yacht Club and Sausalito Yacht Club**. All our guests enjoyed the amazing hospitality of our members and plan to return in the future.

The summer season wrapped with an interesting cruise-in by three Pilgrim 40s on September 9. These classic motor yachts were designed by Ted Gozzard on the back of a placemat in a Canadian restaurant. The concept was the ideal boat for

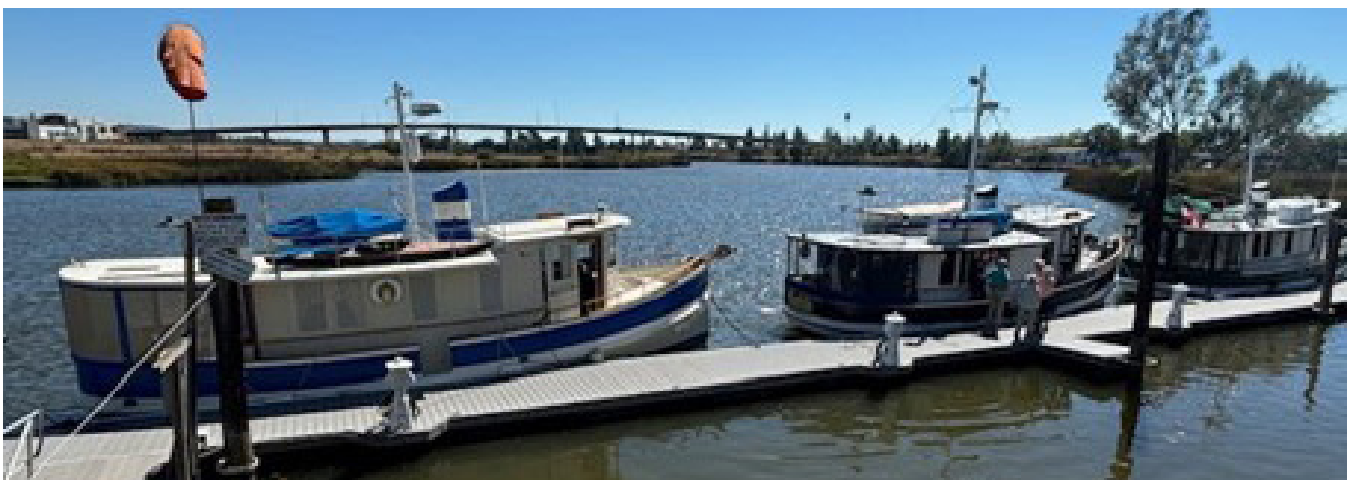


A busy weekend at the dock!

intercoastal waterways: slow cruising and sightseeing. The yachts were built at North Castle Marine Ltd. in Goderich, Ontario in 1982. Only 41 were built, and several are owned by Bay Area aficionados.

Remaining events coming up at the dock will be the Poker Run, the Ohana Wa'a Outrigger Canoe Club's Paddle for a Cure, the Veterans Day Luncheon & Regatta, a cruise-in by the Coyote Point Yacht Club, and the Holiday Lighted Boat Parade, which is very popular.

Last year, we received at least 6-7 phone calls from Napa residents asking if we were conducting the parade, which was canceled due to low participation. Please consider decorating your yacht and participating this year, so we can conduct this popular event!



Our visiting Pilgrims in September

BAR REPORT



Kim Nicol's twist on a River Clean-up Mai Tai!

Your bar has been cruising along (pun intended). We have had several busy dinner nights with lots of guests from other clubs.

Our 'Cocktails at the Club' has been a huge success, we really appreciate all the wonderful hors d'oeuvres members have been contributing to these cocktail nights.

The members helping with the dinner nights seems to be a hit not only with the bar and galley crews but it looks like they are having fun interacting with their fellow members.

We want to give a special shout out to our fantastic bar crew and welcome **Joan, Wayne and Anthony**, our newest bartenders.

Looking forward to a fun eventful fall and holiday season.

Brian & Mark

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Mylena & Andrew Huff



Erik, Coleen, & Dinia Paananen



Paul Covec & Sharon Gadberry

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarah Montague

Special events at the Club kicked summer off with an exceptional July 4th parade and BBQ. Shari and Gary Fedler and crew represented at the Napa downtown parade. It was a beautiful day, the boats looked fabulous, and we paraded patriotically. Thanks especially to our fabulous Port Captains for keeping everyone organized and safe.

The 2nd annual NVYC Nautical Scavenger Hunt took place in August. Boats floated up and down the river deciphering clues, recording yacht rock songs, and collecting jiggers of rum. Thank you to all the boats and captains that participated: Domino, Salina 2, Slow Dance, Nauti Girl and Bob and Linda's vessel. The Scavenger bar cocktail was a hit, BBQ and brisket filled our bellies and a good time was had by all. None more so than the crew of the Slowdance captained by Brian Wilson who won the hunt with their excellent creativity and smarts. Congratulations to Brian and Candy and their crew Claire, Jason, Bill, Stephanie, Jenny and Dave.

September has seen several special events with Summer Saturday Social hosted by Shari and Gary Fedler, Coastal Clean Up Sunday Social Brunch hosted by Jennifer and Eric Henn, Fall Festival Friday Cocktails at the Club (and quarterly meeting) decorated and hosted by Kincanons and Wagners; and Poker Run expertly curated and hosted by Atkinsons and Browns. Bar and Galley have been exceptional in creating cocktails, doing menu magic, and being everywhere all at once. Thanks to everyone's work in the name of fun and camaraderie on the river!!



Get your ghou! on **Friday November 1** n celebration of Halloween & Dia de los Muertos. Decor of the deceased, a creatively creepy cocktail, and prizes for best dressed! Bring your fave themed foods to share and join in The Monster Mash. See you on the dance floor (unless you're the Invisible Man!).

Sunday November 10 we honor our Veterans with lunch and boat rides donated by you our generous NVYC Members. We still need volunteers to decorate, host, serve, tend bar, and captain vessels (pontoon and Duffy's only please).



Scavenging in style on the Wilsons' Slow Dance

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday November 29 CatC will reveal our festive decor and 2024 Holiday Giving Tree. Grab an Angel from the NVYC Tree and bring some light into the lives of local people in need. Bring a festive dish to share with a special Holiday libation--thanks to our Bar team for keeping us lubricated!!

The Club stays decorated every Friday through the New Year—**December 6 & December 13. December 20** is the Lighted Boat Parade, and ends with an early New Years Eve party on **December 27.**

NVYC changes watch on **December 7** at Eagle Vines Golf Club. We'll celebrate our exiting "double-trouble" Commodore and Board

Members and welcoming Commodore Kim Nicol and the new Board.

Don your glad rags (black-tie optional) and join this festive evening complete with bubbles reception, silent auction (arrive early not to miss out!), magnificent menu, and dancing. Spaces limited so book up early as soon as the link comes out!

Cheers!

Sarah Montague

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Special Events Chair

NVYC Social Committee Events

Oct – Dec 2024

10/11 (During Sausalito Cruise out), Friday Night Cocktails at The Club celebrating National Dessert Day. Members bring dishes to share PLUS dessert competition open to all members—bring your best desserts. Prizes! No sign up, \$10 donation at The Club.

11/1 Friday Night Cocktails at The Club, Dia de Los Muertos costume party. Members bring dishes to share. Prizes for best costume. No sign up, \$10 donation at The Club.

11/10 Sunday 12-3pm, Veterans Day lunch and ride with Veterans. Sign up required.

11/29 Festive Friday Cocktails at the Club 5pm, Festive Friday #1, Festive Décor. Members bring dishes to share. No sign up, \$10 donation at The Club.

12/7 Saturday Night, Change of Watch at Eagle Vines and Silent Auction. Sign up required.

12/13 Friday Night Cocktails at The Club 5pm, Festive Friday #2. Members bring dishes to share. No sign up, \$10 donation at The Club.

12/20 Friday Night Dinner 5pm, Festive Friday #3 Lighted Boat Parade & Chili Dinner. Sign up required.

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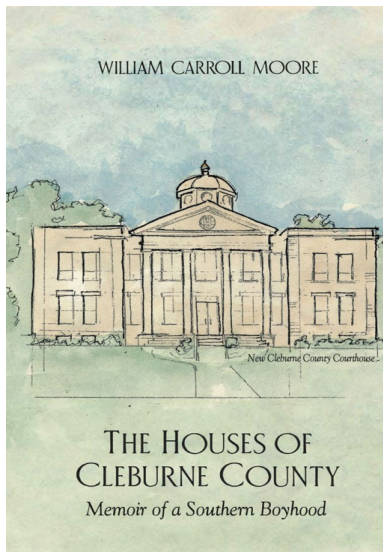
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<https://booksbybillmoore.com/#new-release>



Mark and Brian shaking things up at the bar

GALLEY REPORT

Members, The bar and galley have had a busy and a fun summer, a great combination! The weather (except that week in July) has been Napa Valley mild, so we've been able to take full advantage of our open deck and the breezes off the river.

Our galley captain, Ned Trippe, has forged a great relationship with Sonoma Valley Catering, and has chosen delicious and varied dishes for our dinner Fridays. All summer, we've been hosting yacht clubs from throughout the bay, they're all impressed by the food, the bar (best prices in Napa Valley!), but most of all, the hospitality shown to them by all members of the club...we really are the friendliest club in the bay! Even if you're not signed up to dine that week (remember to get your registration booked by Tuesday afternoon), it's fun to come down for a pre-dinner cocktail, mingle with our guests, and admire the work of our port captains, stern-tying experts!

Remember that the club is open for Cocktails at the Club on Fridays when dinner isn't being served. No reservations required and a good time guaranteed, bring an appetizer if you can, it's a great way to start the weekend! In addition to the killer cocktails, our bar captains, Brian Wilson and Mark Cristler, have created a first rate wine list, and priced it to encourage you to get that second bottle.

See you at the club! Mike Cromwell

COASTAL CLEANUP 2024

The NVYC has made an annual tradition of volunteering to help clean up the Napa River as part of California's Coastal Cleanup Day, which took place September 21.

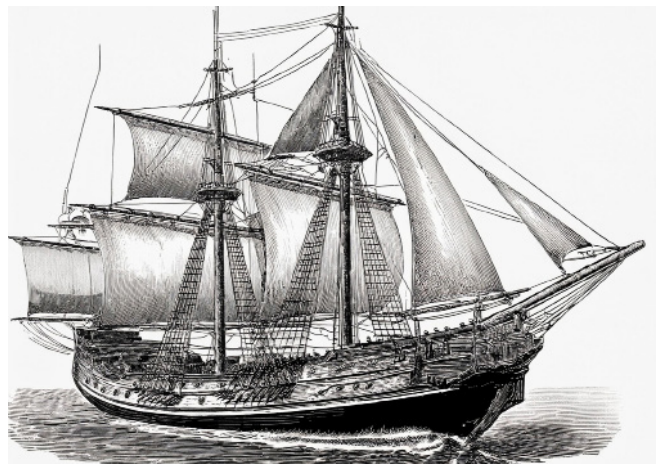


Alan excited to find a perfectly usable endtable someone chucked in the river!

NVYC BIRTHDAYS

In the past quarter, we've had a lot of birthdays to celebrate!

Alan Montague	July 1
John Marshall	July 3
Mark Schmitz	July 3
Jerry Kincannon	July 8
Bill Huie	July 8
Joe Varozza	July 11
Greg Fuller	July 25
Scott Brown	July 26
Stan Blough	July 27
Richard Gensel	Aug 6
John Salmon	Aug 6
Nancy Mueller	Aug 12
Barry Sheridan	Aug 13
Clayton Kent	Aug 22
Debra Courcoumelis	Aug 1
Nick Courcoumelis	Aug 23
Dinia Paananen	Aug 25
Philip Craig	Aug 27
Greg Parker	Aug 29
Regi Poehlmann	Sep 2
Mark Rodman	Sep 2
Ryan Leeman	Sep 6
Richard Webster	Sep 10
Debra Phairas	Sep 12
Rex Clark	Sep 16
Francesca Schuler	Sep 19
Shari Fedler	Sep 20
Anthony Demattei	Sep 27



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 Vice Commodore Kim Nicol
 Rear Commodore Steve Orman
 Secretary Stephanie Huie
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7 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	1946	1,287,000		
5 Peninsula Ct	3 / 2	1885	1,321,500	4.26.24	
66 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	2129	\$1,780,000	5.17.24	WF
764 S Jefferson St	3 / 2	2058	\$1,140,000	4.17.24	WF
1190 River Park Blv	3 / 3	2727	\$1,750,000	5.6.24	WF
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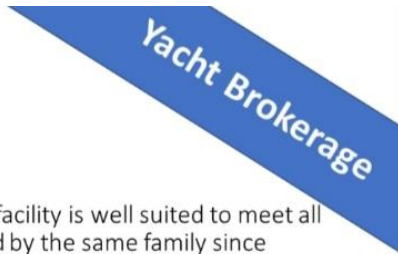
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