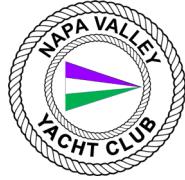


NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Alan Montague, Commodore

What happened to the year? It feels like I just wrote the fall report and here I am writing the final one for the November Newsletter. So, before I forget I want to say thanks to Editor Bill for getting four newsletters out again this year. I'm going to let Kim and Steve sing the praises of all the teams under their chains of command for all their teams have done not just this quarter but for the full year, but, here are a few items that I want to call out specifically.

Bar Captains Mark and Brian and their intrepid team of bar volunteers have done wonderful work all year, especially at the very busy end of the year. The bar selections are great, and we are still the best value bar in town (unless you are drinking at home and then maybe even so!) The cocktails at the club nights are as popular as the dinner nights are.



Your Commodore at the helm Veterans Day 2024



Our Galley team under Ned and Mike (with Brian involved heavily for most of the year as well) have a great rhythm in place with our dinners that the folks at Sonoma Valley Catering are preparing for us. The menus have enough variety to keep folks coming and their ability to theme nights for special events raises those events. When guests cruise in, we hear how great the food is, often with them telling us how much better it has become than in past years. The other thing we hear from cruise-in guests is how much they appreciate the 'white glove' service from our team of Port Captains. We have a well-deserved reputation for being the most welcoming dock team in the area.

Our clubhouse is always a welcoming place, partly due to the way that the Social team has decorated throughout the year. Sarah took on the Social Chair role and got dozens of our members involved in small ways from

decorating to hosting special events to clearing up. Many hands truly to make light work and keeping the load spread out avoids burning volunteers out!

Our club is not just about us though. This year we deepened involvement with our community. We were in the Napa downtown July 4th parade again and hosted our own decorated boat parade. For the first time (at least for a while) the club got formally involved in the Coastal Cleanup Day this year pulling bags of trash from the banks of the river. We marked Veterans Day by once again welcoming 24 vets from the Yountville home for boat rides and a wonderful dinner. We had over 20 members involved as boat captains and crew, making and serving dinner and drinks to our guests. We are again running an Angel Tree to give gifts to residents of a local care and memory facility. As you come to the Club over the next few weeks you can pull an angel off the tree and get a gift for one of our neighbors!

We had a full calendar of Cruise-Outs this year under Fleet Captain Avi. The 2025 calendar is looking even better, so if you want to join us on the water, or by land, you will have some more great opportunities next year.

As a club we also said a couple of goodbyes this year. Presiding over the 8-bells ceremony when we lose a member is one of the hardest duties of a Commodore, but it's also one of the most fulfilling as we pull our club members together to say goodbye to a friend. This year we did that for Ingrid Axelson and Yvette Stahr. Keep their families in your thoughts as they tackle their first holiday season without their loved ones.

I hope that you will all be joining us this year at the Change of Watch. I'll try to have my short speech and not simply repeat this article. This year's silent auction has some tried and true lots as well as some exciting new ones! 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 2025, and then dance the night away!

See you at the Club!

Alan Montague



Yes, you can volunteer to tend bar at the Club!

BAR REPORT

2024 has been an amazing year at the Club and the bar. We instituted the every-other-Friday CatC (Cocktails at the Club), with many thanks to all the members who have embraced getting together, sharing some bites, and relaxing enjoying each other's company. This has been the best year for the bar since we reopened from the pandemic. We see next year being even better.

The bar captains have been busy this year enhancing our wine & spirit selections, improving our operating systems, and organizing our stocks. If sales are any indication, it appears you are enjoying a few of our new discoveries. We are listening to your feedback and requests and will continue to improve our selections, to have on hand what you enjoy, and to continue to make the bar a fun place to volunteer.

We cannot thank our volunteer bar team enough: David, Jenny, Jason, Laura, Jes, Mark, Michael, Mike, Marleen, Ned, Rob, Steve, Wayne, Joan, Kim and Anthony. You all are the lifeblood of the bar! We appreciate all the time you dedicate each month and the joyful attitude you bring every time you're behind the bar. We're the "Cheers" bar of Napa, "where everyone knows your name."

If you want to volunteer at the club, the bar is a great way to interact with the membership and

to share in the joy that brings us all together. Reach out to Brian or Mark or find one of us at the club if you are interested in learning more!

We are excited about what 2025 will bring! We feel wonderful that so many of you have gotten to know more of the membership through the bar and that you have been bringing more and more prospective members to the club to see and experience the wonderful culture and camaraderie we all share.

Cheers to you all and here's to a great year!

Brian & Mark



Eight Bells

The Club hosted the Eight Bells ceremony for the unforgettable Yvette Stahr on November 8th. We are in her debt for all she did and her unflappable enthusiasm for the Club!



PICYA REPORT FALL 2024



Sally Craig, PICYA Delegate

As it stands now, our club will be a three-star for 2024, which is very good considering the challenges of the year. To increase that number in 2025, we can have more people at events like Opening Day on the Bay, and our Vice and Rear Commodores can attend PICYA meetings with me at neighboring yacht clubs for COTY points as well. There are Saturday afternoon and Monday evening meetings if you would like to attend.

If you're interested, call me at 707-888-4962. Thank you!

Sally Servidio Craig

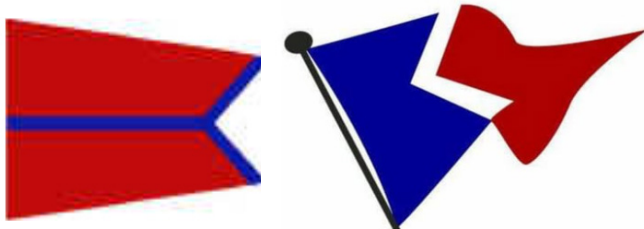


PORT CAPTAINS' REPORT

Robert Fowles, Port Captain

One of the highlights at our dock this fall was the Sunday Brunch and Poker Run held September 29. This popular event encouraged many of your fellow yachties to embrace the theme and make it special. Thanks to all the members who doled out the poker hands at their docks.

The fall season at the dock ended with a lovely cruise-in from the Dos Rios Yacht Club on the weekend of November 8-10. They brought up five yachts and were joined that weekend by three yachts traveling together from the Benicia Yacht Club. Many of them joined us for the Friday night dinner on November 8, and they enjoyed the warm hospitality of our Club so much that they left a card to thank us!



Dos Rios YC

Benicia YC



An ace at the river can make for an interesting hand!

On November 11, a day that featured perfect Napa fall weather, we hosted a group of about 25 veterans from the Yountville Veterans Home for a Napa River cruise, followed by lunch prepared by Ned Trippe, with many helpers. The veterans loved this event, and thanks are due to those who volunteered their pontoon boats and to prepare and serve lunch.

The only remaining event coming up at the dock will be the Holiday Lighted Boat Parade on December 20. Please consider decorating your yacht and participating this year so that we can conduct this popular event.

Nov 9, 2024
Dear Napa Valley Yacht Club -
Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. Everything from docking to dinner was fantastic - can't wait to do it again!
Susan & Greg Setton
Dos Rios Yacht Club



VETERANS DAY 2024

In honor of this year's Veterans Day, the Club treated 19 veterans from the Yountville Veterans Home to a cruise on the Napa River and lunch afterwards.



Our volunteers helped vets embark and disembark



Our Commodore and Mayor Sedgley with one of our veteran visitors

If you are interested in other ways you can volunteer or donate to help our vets, page to the end of the newsletter for opportunities at CalVet, through the end of the year.



On the bus from the Yountville Veterans Home



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarah Montague

The Holidays are coming, join us every Friday for nautical festive fun! Decorations, tunes, tipple and cheer!

Huge thanks to our dapper decorating team: Laura, Judy, Kristine and Claire!

Here's our holiday run-up of events!

Cheers Yachties!

Sarah



11/29	CatC Festive Friday #1	Special Events will unveil Club decorations including the NVYC Giving Tree dedicated once again to Inn on Villa Lane senior and memory care in Napa. Choose an Angel tag and bring your gift by 12/20. The bar will have a special Pomegranate Martini to celebrate!
12/6	CatC Festive Friday #2	Night before Change of Watch. Preview of silent auction items! Choose an Angel from the NVYC Giving Tree and bring your gift by 12/20!
12/13	CatC Festive Friday #3	That sweater Grandma made you? Join in the NVYC Ugly Holiday Sweater contest with THREE prizes! Last chance to choose an Angel from the NVYC Giving Tree.
12/20	Dinner Festive Friday #4	Lighted Boat Parade and festive feast! Final collection of NVYC gifts going to Inn on Villa Lane.
12/27	CatC Festive Friday #5	Early NVYC New Years Eve party. Join in festive finery to say an early AHOY to 2025! Cocktail special to come!

HALLOWEEN AT THE CLUB 2024



NVYC BIRTHDAYS

Say happy birthday when you see these folks!

Chris Fultz	Oct 16
Brian Bigelow	Oct 22
Eric Henn	Nov 7
Evelyn Silveri	Nov 7
Bill Moore	Nov 9
Bob Fowles	Nov 12
Deborah Caplan	Nov 14
John Stephan	Nov 16
Brian Wilson	Nov 25



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Get out on the water this year in your new pedal drive Kayak from Hobie. Wind Toys, Inc in Rohnert Park has been selling water toys in the bay area for almost 40 years. Under new ownership! We have serviced many Napa Valley Yacht Club members in the past. We offer free delivery to Napa Valley Yacht Club residents. Try before you buy with our awesome demo program. Huge Savings right now on prior model year Hobie Kayaks. Give us a call or come by our store to learn more.

Cheers,
Billy Boyd
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DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS THINKING ABOUT MOVING? Call Me!



2024 Year To Date Activity Napa Yacht Club & River Park Estates

Property For Sale	Bd/Ba	SqFt	Asking Price	COE	Water Fr
19 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2170	\$1,300,000		
2 Peninsula Ct	4 / 2 1/2	2129	\$1,225,000		
94 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	2077	\$1,695,000		WF
90 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2339	\$1,795,000		WF
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Sold					
7 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	1946	1,287,000	1.26.24	
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
653 Cabot Way	3 / 2 1/2	2124	1,750,000	7.2.24	WF
116 S Newport Dr	3 / 2 1/2	2276	2,100,000	7.10.24	WF

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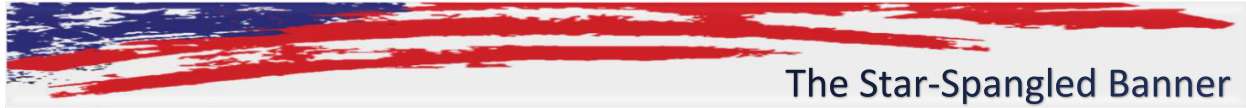
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The Star-Spangled Banner

DONATION NEWSLETTER

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” ~ Winston Churchill



COORDINATOR CORNER

Hello Everyone.

Volunteer Services announced that for Holiday Project 2024 in lieu of a wish list, we are asking if you or your organization would consider making a monetary donation of any amount to our Holiday Project and Volunteer Services will purchase a *\$25 gift or gift card* of the veteran's choice.

Overall, the change has been well accepted by our donors, but some of you have asked, “Why the change?”. The Holiday Project is labor intensive. At this time, Volunteer Services does not have the staff and volunteer resources to support the project as we have in years past. To ensure the holiday spirit reaches EVERY veteran this season, a change was necessary.

Volunteer Services mission is to support the day to day needs and quality of life of our veterans.

Your generosity supports this mission and our aim is to be faithful stewards of it.

Thank you again for all you do for our veterans and our home.

Sincerely,

Adrienne



I would like to wish a fond farewell to Christine Riordan our Office Technician. Christine has been a gift to the Volunteer Office and like all good things, she will be missed.

Thank you Christine for your dedication to our veterans.

We wish you all the best in your new endeavors.



Volunteer Services
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2024 WELCOME DONATIONS LIST

Yountville Veterans Home



TOP 3 RESIDENT REQUESTED ITEMS

- Depends or similar brand Pull Up Briefs (ALL SIZES) – Medium most need right now.
- Sweatpants (ALL SIZES)
- Wildlife Bird Seed *Blend* (10lb to 20lb bags)

REPLENISH CENTERS - Kiosks Inside Residential Sections with Donated Basic Essentials

- Underwear (ALL SIZES)
- Plain T-Shirts (ALL SIZES)
- Sanitary Pads (Extra Absorbency)
- Shampoo & Conditioner – *dandruff shampoo requested*
- Toothpaste (no toothbrushes needed)
- Lotion (All Varieties)

Please call our office if you have an interest in donating something other than what is on this list.

HIGHER CARE (ALL SIZES)

- Flannel Pajamas
- Warm Bathrobes
- Beanie Caps – *please NO knit or crochet items*
- Slip-On/Velcro Shoes
- Zippered Hoodies
- Pocket Talkers – it is a sound amplifier that resident wears like an old-fashioned ‘Walkman’. Simplest versions are best fit—less technology the better. Price range: \$25 to \$50

SEASONAL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackets | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Coats | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Hand Tools (Shovel, Trowel, Rake, Pick) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves & Winter hats | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Safari Cap/Wide Brim Fishing Hat with NECK FLAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoats | <input type="checkbox"/> UV & Polarized Sunglasses (Amber Brown Lens) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Rain Ponchos | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans (ALL SIZES) |

GIFT CARDS \$25 Denomination

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Target | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Depot | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Cards (Arco, Chevron, Shell, Valero) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walmart | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Bear Diner | <input type="checkbox"/> Trancas Steak House (Napa) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safeway | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeside Grill (Yountville) | <input type="checkbox"/> Frida’s Mexican Grill (Napa) |



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- American Legion Aux 199 ~ St. Helena
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- Disabled American Veterans 35 ~ Carmichael
- Elks Lodge 832 ~ Napa
- Elks Lodge 901 ~ Petaluma
- Elks Lodge 1251 ~ Richmond
- Feast It Forward, LLC
- Military Order of the Cooties MOCA
- Napa Adventist Community Services
- Oxyfresh Worldwide, Inc.
- Sew 4 Vets
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- Vietnam Veterans of America 400 ~ Alameda



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DECK THE HALLS



Friday, December 6th, 2024

If you or your group would like to volunteer, please call our office on or before Friday, November 22nd.

**Can't decorate?
Donate!**

We have a list of the items needed to help us DECK THE HALLS. Or, you can give to the Holiday Project Fund. See The Star-Spangled Banner for details.



DECK THE HALLS REQUESTED ITEMS

- 6ft - Pre-lit Christmas Tree Slim 7-10ft (white light) Qty - 2
- 6ft - Pre-lit Christmas Tree (white light) Qty - 3
- 6ft - Pre-lit Christmas Tree (colored light) Qty - 2
- 8ft - Pre-lit Christmas Tree (white light) Qty - 2
- 12ft - Pre-lit Christmas Tree (white light) Qty - 1
- Wreaths & 3M hangers (no nails) multiple
- Christmas Ornaments - Shatterproof w/ hooks and ribbons Multiple - variety
- String Lights - white and multi-colored strings - blink/steady - various lengths (indoor/outdoor) LED - battery operated Qty - 50+
- Garland - for stairwells, office doors and windows Qty - 20+
- Outdoor Blow up decorations Qty - 10+
- Table cloths Qty - 20+
- Signage - Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Hanukkah Various



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