

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Kim Nicol, Commodore

As we close out the first quarter of the year, it's exciting to reflect on all the memorable moments we've already shared and the fun ahead! From fantastic social gatherings to unforgettable cruise outs, our club continues to thrive thanks to the incredible dedication of our members and volunteers.

Friday Night Dinners & Cocktail Nights – A Delicious Success!

Our Friday night dinners and cocktail nights have been a resounding success, bringing our members together to enjoy fantastic food, refreshing drinks, and great company. A heartfelt thank you to our Bar Captains, Brian Wilson and Mark Crisler, and our exceptional bartenders, who consistently serve with a smile. A special shout-out also goes to our Galley Captain, Ned Trippe, who works hand-in-hand with Sonoma County Catering to ensure we continue to enjoy delicious meals.

Cruising Adventures – Join the Fun!

Our first cruise-out of the year to Angel Island in February was a smashing success, and our second cruise to Jack London Square last weekend was also hit! 14 of our members enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Oakland Yacht Club Friday night, and a delicious dinner at Yoshi's Saturday night followed by the energetic Irish folk band, The High Kings... what a show! If you missed these trips, don't



worry - there are many more on the horizon, with something for everyone!

Up next is the South Beach Cruise Out, a fan favorite, featuring the always-popular Giants game! This is, without a doubt, my favorite cruise-out of the year. Every April, we cruise or drive to San Francisco, enjoy cocktails and dinner with our friends at South Beach Yacht Club, and catch the Giants game from the best seats in the house—the Audi Legends Club. With 50 tickets available, this is an event you won't want to miss. This year, we'll be watching the Giants take on the Texas Rangers on April 26th at 1:05. Let me know if you plan to attend so I can secure your tickets before they're gone!

Sunday, April 27th is Opening Day on the Bay and our cruisers will be joining the parade! If you're on the PICYA boat, be sure to watch for your NVYC friends representing the Club!

Summer Fun Ahead!

This summer is packed with exciting events for everyone to enjoy. We have two “small boat raft-ups” and a kayak/canoe/paddleboard event on the schedule. Get ready to have some fun on the water!

We’ll also be celebrating the 4th of July with our Boat Parade on Friday, July 4th. Start planning how you’ll decorate your boat to celebrate our nation’s birthday and kick off the holiday weekend in style!

Sarah Montague is planning another epic Scavenger Hunt, complete with a BBQ to follow.

Club Rentals & Welcoming Guests

A big thank you to Tom Atkinson, who is doing an outstanding job managing club rentals, helping to generate valuable revenue to support our club. Our dedicated Port Captains provide a warm welcome to visitors, ensuring they feel at home when they arrive at NVYC.

Upcoming USCG Auxiliary Courses

We’re excited to host the USCG Auxiliary again, offering four valuable courses for our members:

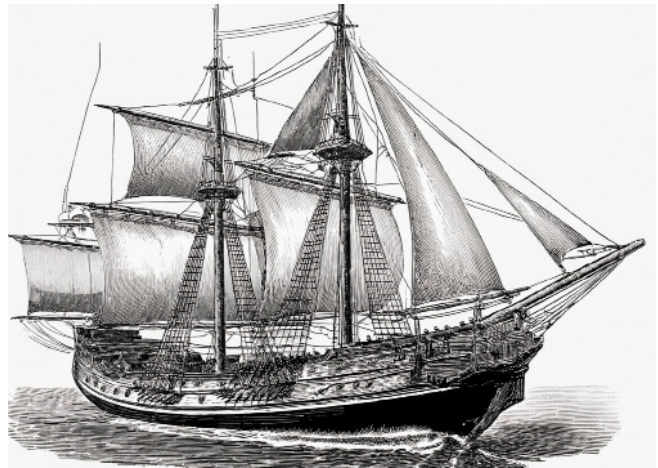
Suddenly in Command – This popular course takes place this month and is essential for anyone looking to be prepared for any situation on the water.

Vessel Safety Check – Make sure your boat is prepared for emergencies. This free inspection will be offered on June 7th, courtesy of Erik and Dinia Paananen.

California Boating Safety Course – Starting January 1, 2025, all boaters in California are required to complete this course. The course will be offered on May 12th and 19th, with two 4-hour sessions from 6-10 pm. Pizza and beverages will be provided for participants.

Paddle Craft, Kayak, Canoe (Personal Watercraft) Safety Course – This course focuses on enhancing safety, skills, and knowledge for all PWC enthusiasts.

To sign up for a course, email Dinia Paananen at erdipan@sbcglobal.net.



Looking Ahead

As many of you know, the City has been exploring options for its RiverLine project, and several members have expressed concerns about how this and the Flood Control projects might affect the club.

To address these concerns, I’ve formed a committee to gather information on the city’s plans, understand how they might impact the club, and explore alternative location options if necessary. A big thank you to Maureen Trippe, Joelle Gallagher, Dorothy Salmon, and Glen Terry for volunteering their time and expertise to this important effort. We’re committed to ensuring that the NVYC remains a vibrant home for our members for many years to come.

Remembering John Salmon

We recently lost a dear friend and valued member, John Salmon. John’s presence at the club will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time as they navigate life without John at the helm.

As we move into the next quarter, we’re excited for the continued camaraderie and shared experiences that make this Club so special. Thank you for being part of what makes our Club a wonderful place to be.

Kim Nicol





John Salmon

Eight Bells

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NVYC BIRTHDAYS

Say happy birthday when you see these folks!

Elizabeth Horton	April 5
Mike Cromwell	April 8
Teresa Barboza	April 10
Avi Strugo	April 13
Thomas Atkinson	April 22
Tom Hildreth	May 7
Sandi Funseth	May 10
James Treadway	May 14
John Baldwin	May 16
Jason Harmon	May 21
Jes Pederson	May 22
Ellen Vartan	May 23
Joseph Allen	May 26
Kurt Stahr	May 28
Craig Easley	May 30
Anne Jacobson	May 30
Tammy Blanchard	May 30



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

BAR REPORT

Wine...Wine...Wine etc.

Looking forward to spring and summer activities. Our Friday Cocktails at the Club are staying very popular and great nights to catch up with fellow members and introduce prospective new members to our camaraderie.

Warm weather (or for some of us all weather...) is time to drink Rosé! We have both a nice French rosé and an outstanding Cremant (French sparkling rosé) by the glass plus Whispering Angel by the bottle.

Also watch for special cocktails by our great bar team. On dinner nights be sure to check out our wine by the bottle list which is very moderately priced!

Bartending is one of the best way's to meet your fellow members and really help the club thrive. If you are interested in joining our fun crew please let Mark or Brian know.

Cheers!

Brian & Mark

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Steve Orman, Vice Commodore

Here's my report:

BAR

New security cameras have been installed inside the club and on the deck. The cameras provide alerts through a phone app, whenever anyone enters the building, or walks on the deck. Video feeds from the cameras can be saved in the event of a break in. Additionally, the deck camera has high intensity lights and a siren that are motion activated after dark when someone comes on to the deck after dark. Both of these cameras can be turned off and on remotely when the club is in use.

Bar revenue continues to grow. Our receipts for this last Friday were \$798.93.

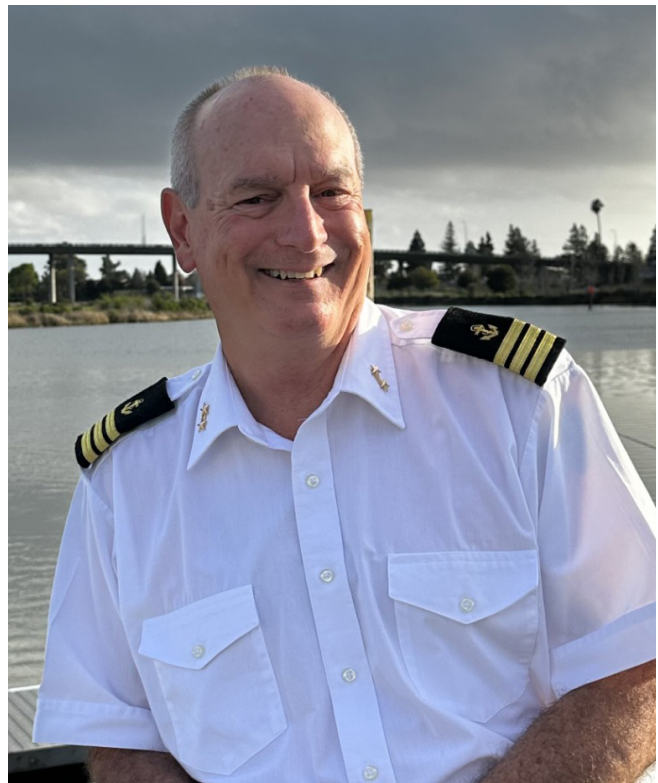
We have two new members who have volunteered for bartending and are going through the ABC certification program. The more, the merrier.

A new locking safe has been installed in the bar room door to collect and secure the receipts from the bar.

GALLEY

We continue to have great turn out for Friday dinners and CatC events. Kudos to Ned Trippe and the galley crew for continuing to provide excellent food service. Also a shout out to our new OD, Shay Maiden, for continuing an NVYC tradition of good communication with our membership.

Our new kitchen dishwasher will be delivered on 4/2/25, and will be installed on Thursday, the 3rd. It's a new high temp machine made for restaurant dish washing. Ned has been able to get us a new unit at almost half the price of the refurbished unit he had a quote for earlier.



PORT CAPTAIN

The Port Captains have new high visibility safety vests/life jackets to use when tying up visiting boats. They serve a dual purpose of providing safety to our volunteers and making them more visible to visiting boat captains. In my humble opinion, they also make the visitors more likely to listen to us. The whole uniform thing.

Going into Spring, the busy season for visitors to our dock begins. On May 2, we have the San Francisco Yacht Club cruise in. Bottle Rock Weekend already has 8 boats scheduled. On May 30, we host the Sausalito Yacht Club.

On two weekends in May, the 12th and the 19th, our Coast Guard Auxiliary partners are presenting the Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Course. This course is required for all boaters and the Club Flags encourage all members, especially boat owners to sign up.

Steve Orman

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Jason Harmon, Rear Commodore

Friends, can you believe it is May already? We now have the weather that Napa is famous for and get to take advantage of it for our summer activities, and oh boy, do we have a busy schedule this year!

Work Party

On April 19th, we had a work party to get the club ready for the busy season. I am humbled by the number of people who roll up their sleeves to make this club a comfortable, safe, and fun place. We got the outdoor tent sides open, cleaned out the gutters, power washed the deck and dock, filled in the parking lot holes with gravel, cleaned out the indoor closet, all the containers, the storage shed, and the mop sink closet, and also got the heavy iron out of the old BBQ grate as the first step of making it a serving counter for our new BBQ! And the bocce court is ready for action! Our amazing team included

Brian Wilson

James and Marianne Soule

Mike Cromwell

Mark Schmitz

Gail and John Lansingh

Saul Schaefer

Thomas Hildreth

Jerry Kincanon

Eric Henn

Alan Montague

Mark Crissler

Kim and Mark Nicol

Mike Popovich



Ron Davis

Michael Hines

Don Buresh

Greg Parker, and Claire Harmon. 21 people! I want to specially thank Greg Parker's son Scott who graciously donated the gravel we used in the parking lot! When you see these people in the club, be sure to thank them for their effort!

Building and Grounds

We had an issue with the landscaper earlier this year that caused some grass to grow too high. We have rectified the issue, and the grounds will be looking better going forward. Thanks to Mark Nicol for his work keeping the rest of the grounds looking wonderful and professional.

We are all dodging potholes on the city owned road between Elm Street and our parking lot. I have an open work ticket with the city to fix the potholes, but I do not have an ETA to resolve it yet.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Jason Harmon, Rear Commodore

Cruise Outs

We have some exciting Cruise Outs coming up!

Date	Location	Captain(s)
Apr 25 – 27	South Beach	Nicols
May 23 – 25	Oxbow Marina	Nicols
Jun 20 – 22	Marin YC	Volunteer needed!
Jul 18 – 20	St Francis YC	Montagues
Aug 8 – 10	Benicia YC	Avi Strugo
Sep 12 – 14	The Delta	Courcoumelises
Oct 10 – 12	Fleet Week	Rodmans
Nov 7 – 9	Alameda YC	Henns

Those without boats or who cannot cruise their boats are still welcome to come as “land cruisers” or to hitch a ride on any spare seats open on any participating boats. Cruise outs are for everyone!

We are also planning an event this summer around the pontons and Duffy’s that are a big part of our Napa Valley Yacht Club Feet. Stand by for an announcement on that very soon!

Webmaster

Alan Montague continues to keep our website, scheduling, communications, and other electronic tools humming. It’s not a trivial job and deserves a huge thank you for his work behind the scenes. He is also investigating new tools to carry our club’s capabilities into the future and to make it easier for our members to use these systems for club functions and events.



Newsletter

Please thank Bill Huie for his continued efforts in putting together and publishing the newsletter to keep all our members updated on club events, activities, and how our club is running.

I want to thank everyone for their participation, effort, and willingness to volunteer to help our club be the “Fun Club” that we all enjoy! Now, get yourselves signed up for those cruise outs and let’s have some FUN!

Jason Harmon

Angel Island Cruise-Out

Several members cruised out to Angel Island earlier this Spring!



Relaxing at the Angel Island Cafe terrace



These harbor seals are cute, but they've done lots of damage to the Angel Island Marina



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

Property For Sale	Bd/Ba	SqFt	Asking Price	COE	Water Fr
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2 Peninsula Ct	4 / 2 1/2	2129	\$1,175,000		
123 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	\$1,350,000		
25 Peninsula Ct	3 / 2	1891	\$1,400,000		WF
90 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2339	\$1,745,000		WF
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67 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	\$1,299,000		
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43 Regatta Way	4 / 2 1/2	2077	\$1,062,000	2.6.25	
22 Sea Breeze Ct	4 / 2 1/2	2077	\$1,349,000	3.28.25	
773 La Salle Way	3 / 2 1/2	2702	\$2,490,000	3.28.25	WF
40 Cove Ct	5 / 3	2573	\$2,596,500	3.17.25	WF

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