

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



NEWSLETTER

December 2025

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Kim Nicol, Commodore

As this amazing year comes to a close, I'm reflecting on what an incredible journey it has been for our Napa Valley Yacht Club, and for me personally. Serving as your Commodore has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life. The support, friendship, and dedication of our members made this year not only successful but unforgettable.

In 2025 we continued to grow, strengthen our community, and create memorable moments both on and off the water. Our cruise-outs, raft-ups, and social gatherings were more than just events—they were expressions of our shared theme of "Inclusivity on the Water." Whether we were cruising together, sharing a meal at the Club, or welcoming a new member aboard, we demonstrated that everyone has a place here. That spirit is what sets NVYC apart.

This year, our club proudly earned a 5-Star rating, an achievement that reflects the heart, hard work, and generosity of every member. These stars belong to all of us. They represent our commitment to connection, service, hospitality, and the belief that boating—and belonging—should be accessible to all, and I couldn't be more proud of what we accomplished together.

What a wonderful Change of Watch we just celebrated! It was the perfect capstone to a year of progress and unity—a moment to honor our



traditions, thank our volunteers, and welcome the next generation of NVYC leadership.

As I pass the helm to our next Commodore, I do so with immense gratitude and complete confidence in the bright future ahead. Our club is thriving, our membership is strong, and the excitement for what's next is unmistakable. I know the values we've embraced this year—especially inclusivity—will continue to guide and elevate us.

Thank you—for your teamwork, your energy, and for giving me the privilege of serving you this past year. It has been an experience I will always treasure.

Fair winds and calm waters,

Kim Nicol

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Steve Orman, Vice Commodore



Ahoy Yachties, as we draw the curtain on 2025, let's give thanks for the great year we've had at the Napa Valley Yacht Club and recognize just a few folks who made it possible.

First, I am personally thankful for the outstanding leadership and guidance of our soon-to-be Staff Commodore, Kim Nicol. Kim has been a role model and tough act to follow, as well as a true friend. I look forward to working with her in the coming year. Next, thanks to Jason and Claire Harmon for their friendship and for stepping up for our club. We are proud of Jason as Rear Commodore and Claire for taking up the role of Membership Chair, already signing up new members for 2026.

We have a truly dedicated Bar Crew with Bar Captains Brian Wilson and Mark Crisler. They have recruited a crack team of volunteer bartenders making Cocktail Nights and Dinners special for all of us. Ned Trippe, what more can I say. A Galley Captain without peer, feeding our stomachs and our souls, while keeping a sharp eye on food quality and value.

Our Port Captains, led by the inimitable Greg Parker, always make our cruise in guests feel welcome, aided by Mary Ann Parker, keeping things straight with Dockwa. Avi Strugo, Fleet Captain extraordinaire, keeps our eyes on the water, always reminding us that we are first and foremost a Yacht Club.

Finally, thanks to our members, the heart and soul of the club. Thank you all for a truly memorable 2025, and what I am sure will be an even better 2026.

Nautically yours, *Steve Orman*

A special note from the Harmons



Last Year Claire and I won the Silent Auction for Debbie Dean to paint a picture of our pups. As many of you know, we have had a very hard year with the dogs in our family this year, losing our Teddy, and then nearly losing Londyn due to heart problems. Londyn has just recently recovered and we recently adopted a new family member, Zinnie (short for Zinfandel). Debbie helped make the pain a little more bearable by depicting our new family alongside Teddy with his halo.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Jason Harmon, Rear Commodore

Here we are in December in the middle of the Holiday Season. This year has been a blur of activities and events at our club, but what makes me feel the most accomplished is the never ending smiles and laughter in the clubhouse and on the water.

CRUISE OUTS

We just completed our last 2025 cruise-out in November winding up a very busy year of ten total cruise-outs and two small boat raft-ups. The small-boat events were widely popular; expect to see more of them next year!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

I hope you have recognized the gleaming new paint job of our clubhouse. Your Vice Commodore, the ever amazing Greg Parker, and myself spent a full workday fixing deck woodwork, ensuring safety and minimizing costs to the club for the painting. A big thanks to both for their effort and contributions of labor and love. We also will have a stone slab soon over the old BBQ enhancing the use and beauty of the patio area to the west of the clubhouse.

I am pleased to report that after months of discussion, inspections, and surveying, our water leak will be resolved in the next few weeks by the city. Best of all, it will be done for no charge to the club! This is a huge win as the quote presented to the club was \$9,700. Lastly, I hope many have noticed that we have the worst of the potholes on Riverside Drive filled in, making it a smoother drive to our clubhouse for our delicious dinners and cocktails.

WEBMASTER

The work on the new website and back-end systems continues with Alan Montague at the helm with Dave Ryan leading the technical and design side. This will take some time, but the wait will be worth it with a solid professional look and easier use by our members. Never forget to check out the current event Calander at <https://nvyc.org/events/#!calendar>.



We keep it up to date and it is the BEST way to keep up with all the events and activities going on with our club.

NEWSLETTER

Of course, my words come to you through the tireless effort of Bill Huie putting together the newsletter, chasing down articles, and using his artistic and professional eye to make our newsletter useful and professional.

MEMBERSHIP

We end the year with 11 new memberships and 20 new faces in our club with two more membership requests in process. This is outstanding and shows how much fun all of you all are to hang out with! Total numbers for the club as of December 1st stands at 118 members and including spouses and partners swells well over 200.

MY PERSONAL THANKS

I want to take a moment to personally thank everyone for giving me the honor to serve as your Rear Commodore for 2025 and to continue to serve as your Vice Commodore for 2026. I have learned a lot about the club, how it operates, and a lot about each of you. It is more and more obvious to me that this is far more than a club but a family of amazing individuals who not only have a good time together but support each other in times of need and celebrate each other's successes and accomplishments. Let's make 2026 FUN, SAFE, and AMAZING.

Jason

URGENT REQUEST



FROM REAR COMMODORE JASON:

The Napa Valley Register was unable to photograph our **LIGHTED BOAT PARADE** last Friday but is VERY EAGER for photos for a writeup. Please send your photos to me **ASAP** so I can get that to them. They are eager for a ride along next year and likely for the 4th of July parade, so be ready for some more publicity!



Patricia Lawrence and Stephanie Huie with a couple suspicious rogues at Change of Watch 2025

BAR REPORT

We had an eventful and fun summer at your favorite bar . . . and are really happy how many people are joining us on our cocktail nights! Be sure to check with the bartenders about nightly specials...might even be some warm ones as the weather cools off.

Please note: in the interest of streamlining service we have decided to eliminate the practice of storing credit cards on file. Please be prepared to enter your credit card each visit.

Be sure to check out the bar and wine menus on each table, there are some real wine bargains there and they change frequently.

Lastly, if any of you are interested in joining the fantastic NVYC bar team please let us know...it is a great way to get to know your fellow members and contribute to the success of your club.

Cheers, *Brian & Mark*

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Our clubhouse is available for rent by anyone: members, member's associations, other individuals or associations or businesses. It's a good source of income for our club.

If someone is looking for a rental place for birthday parties, graduation parties, weddings, music events, dancing parties, holiday parties, dinners, etc., have them give me a call to check for date availability, fees and requirements. We are one of the most affordable rental places in town. They can bring in caterers, use our silverware, dinnerware, wine glasses, our kitchen and oven.

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Sally Craig, PICYA Delegate

This year with Commodore Kim at the helm NVYC became a five star club. This a first! I could picture Maxine Maas smiling from above. As a Delegate I received a certificate for perfect attendance. As a club, let's continue to strive for five stars next year too. Attend the Commodore's Ball, and attend Opening Day on the Bay next year. Let's keep up the Good Work!

Thanks, *sally craig*



Commodore Nicol with our five-star banner!



PICYA's incoming Rear Commodore Michael Proctor presents Club of the Year cup



Your 2025 Leadership Team



A perfect sunset to close out 2025

Lighted Boat Parade 2025

Our lighted boat parade was a wonderful success! We had 11 boats and hundreds of people downtown to watch the show!

I appreciate everyone's participation either on the water or cheering the boaters on for a wonderful NVYC tradition.

The Napa Register needs pics of the event. Please send your faves to Jason Harmon ASAP!





Veterans Day at NVYC



ANGEL TREE GIFTS!



The Flags, Commodore Kim Nicol, Vice-Commodore Steve Orman, and Rear-Commodore Jason Harmon played Santa and dropped off our Angel Tree Gifts to Inn on Villa Lane to an enthusiastic staff. We had three cars FULL of presents, and it was fun playing Santa.

All Angels had gifts, and the staff was super excited and emotionally touched by your generosity. We have just made a lot of people's Christmas a little brighter this year! A big thank you for all your generosity! This club amazes me every year with our big hearts!

Jason Harmon
Rear Commodore
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28 S Newport Dr	5 / 3	2573	\$1,669,000		
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30 Peninsula Ct	3 / 2	1855	\$1,450,000		WF
9 Regatta Way	4 / 2 1/2	2129	\$1,100,000		
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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	
40 Cove Ct	5 / 2 1/2	2573	\$2,596,500	3.17.25	WF
67 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	\$1,310,000	6.16.25	
25 Peninsula Ct	3 / 2	1891	\$1,100,000	6.19.25	WF
25 Sea Breeze Ct	3 / 2	1855	\$1,412,500	8.7.25	WF
2 Chesapeake Ct	3 / 2 1/2	2077	\$1,199,000	9.9.25	
125 N Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2765	\$2,725,000	10.29.25	WF
123 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	\$ 963,000	11.10.25	
687 Cabot Way	3 / 2	1905	\$1,185,000	10.2.25	WF
763 Kearney Way	3 / 2 1/2	2155	\$2,272,900	7.14.25	WF
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