

# NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB



## NEWSLETTER

March 2026

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

*Steve Orman, Commodore*

Ahoy Yachties, it's been a busy first quarter for the Napa Valley Yacht Club, and here are some highlights I'm eager to share with you.

Our Cocktails at the Club, or CatC nights, continue to be a resounding success. I swear, the snack table is gonna collapse one night if you all keep providing such delicious food. Keep it up! And kudos to our hard working bar team.

A special shout out to Rear Commodore, Eric Henn and Cruise Captain Avi Strugo for a fantastic Cruise out to Loche Lomond Yacht Club. Loche Lomond served up a delicious Saint Patrick's Day feast. Although, having tasted both, I have to go with our own Ned O'Trippe and the stellar Sonoma County Catering crew dinner at our club.

More seriously, with the help of our Board of Directors, a committee has been formed to begin the process of renewing the club's lease with the City of Napa. As you may or may not know, our current five year lease is up in



March, 2027. We want to begin negotiations ASAP, so we are planning our strategy now. Please stay tuned.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Dee and Eric, our member partners in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Once again, they are bringing the two part Boater Safety Card course to the club. Passing this course is a prerequisite to getting the California Boater Card, which all boaters are required to have. Check the club calendar for details and registration.

*Steve Orman*

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

*Jason Harmon, Vice Commodore*



Yachties! Welcome to Spring, and oh boy, has it sprung early and hot!

Your Flag team has an exciting year ahead for you and the good news is things are moving smoothly and I am seeing a LOT of smiles on Friday Nights!

### Upcoming Events

On March 25th, we are going to start our first Wednesday night Happy Hour and have our doors open more for our club members. We are going to do some more of these, so be ready to break up your week with some camaraderie overlooking the river.

We have a full set of dinners scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and having seen a sneak peek of the menus to come, I think everyone will be pleased.

On April 8th, we will be having our US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boater Safety Course which I HIGHLY recommend everyone that doesn't have a boater's card to take the course, become legal, but also become a better and safer boater. Things can happen fast (ask me how I know) and training keeps us all safe, aware, and proficient.

Opening Day is fast approaching with the date set of Saturday April 18th. There is a rumor that the grill might make an appearance. Get your boats ready for the PARADE!!

We are getting into the busy season and as such, our Calander is filling up. We are trying to give a diverse set of event and activities that will hopefully create a lot of fun!

Be on the lookout for more details from our amazing OD, Kathy Archer as we get closer to the events, and be sure to thank her for all her hard work getting those coms out!

### Galley and Bar

We are in very good health for both the galley and bar. Galley captain Ned Trippe, and Bar Captains Brian Wilson and Mark Chrisler spend a LOT of hours behind the scenes making our happy hours and dinners happen. It is not trivial work and there are a lot of hours put in to make it happen. Be sure to give them a big "THANK YOU" when you see them. They are the unsung heroes of our club.



For those curious here are the numbers for the first two months of the year:

January     Galley Revenue: \$4000  
                 Galley Expenses: \$4034  
                 **Galley Gross Profit: (\$34) – loss**  
                 Bar Revenue: \$5034  
                 Bar Expenses: \$2171  
                 **Bar Gross Revenue: \$2863**

February    Galley Revenue: \$1760  
                 Galley Expenses: \$2114  
                 **Galley Gross Profit: (\$354) – loss**  
                 Bar Revenue: \$3495  
                 Bar Expenses: \$2889  
                 **Bar Gross Profit: \$606**

A few things I want to point out about these numbers. We only had one dinner in February and because it was Valentines Day, we spend a little more. If we had our second dinner, we would have nearly broke even. This is our goal for dinners is to cover expenses.

Also, Brian bought more stock than normal for February, and the March numbers will look far better due to that. So far, our March numbers look very strong.



*Rear Commodore Henn explaining flags to Vice Commodore Harmon*



*Cruise-out to Loch Lomond*

### **Dock Report**

As you would expect, the dock was not used much during the “cold” season this year, but we have over \$5,000 in deposits for future use. The dock is AMAZINLY managed by Greg and Mary Ann Parker. In fact, I had THREE people come up to me on the cruise out to Loch Lomond to complement the professionalism, courtesy, and hospitality of our dock team! Big ROUND OF THANKS to both Greg and Mary Ann!

### **A request for help:**

The team does request some help on both dinner nights and happy hour nights.

Please be cognizant of which bin you put your trash and recycling in. This makes it far easier for clean up at the end of the night. Also, let’s help the bartenders out by taking your empty glasses to the bar before you leave. This saves your gracious bartenders a lot of headaches as they clean up and secure the club.

One last reminder as well. Due to our liquor license, anyone being served or drinking alcohol at the club MUST have a name badge.

Remember, we are a volunteer club and that helps us keep costs down and these minor things make it easier for the volunteers spending their time to serve drinks and make the magic happen.

Our club is doing great and we have a bunch of events coming together for you. It’s going to be a FUNNN year and I am proud to be serving as your Vice Commodore!

*Jason*



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

*Eric Henn, Rear Commodore*

The year is off to a fantastic start, and the club is already buzzing with activity. As we head into spring and gear up for boating season, there's so much to look forward to!

### Membership

We begin 2026 with one of the most meaningful transitions in our club's history. After an extraordinary **39 years**, charter member **Evelyn Silveri** has retired from her role managing membership. Evelyn has been a cornerstone of the club since its founding, and words can't fully capture the impact she's had. What we can say is this: we love Evelyn, and we are deeply grateful for her decades of dedication, warmth, and service.

Stepping into the role is **Claire Harmon**, who hit the ground running—welcoming 10 new members in just the first two months! For perspective, we added 11 new members in all of 2025. This momentum is an excellent sign of the club's vitality and future growth.

### Work Party

Plans for our annual Work Party are underway! Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our volunteers, our grounds and dock are already in great shape—but there's always more we can accomplish together. Please consider lending a hand on **Saturday, May 16**. It's a fun, rewarding way to give back to the club and spend time with fellow members.

### Building & Grounds

Our biggest winter challenge was an underground water leak—but good news: it's now resolved. The City of Napa worked closely with us to track down the issue, which ultimately proved to be in their portion of the plumbing. The original steel pipes going into the clubhouse likely date back the original 1957 construction!

When quick repairs didn't hold, the city replaced the underground lines entirely at their expense—a significant help to the club. While the new pipes couldn't be buried, we'll be painting them soon to



blend into the building. A big thank you to the city for their partnership and responsiveness.

### Cruise Outs

Our 2026 cruise out schedule is our most ambitious yet, and I couldn't be more excited! We're heading to many member favorites and adding a few fresh destinations—including our first planned coastal cruise to Half Moon Bay later this year.

A huge thank you to every Cruise Captain stepping up this season and to **Avi Strugo** for managing the fleet. These adventures don't happen without you, and we appreciate you tremendously.

As always, cruise outs are open to both boaters and land cruisers. Want to join by land? You can drive to the destination or catch a ride on one of the boats heading out.

### Small Boat Cruising

We're thrilled to offer **four small boat events** this year! The first is a dinner raft up at Horseshoe Bend on **April 4**, and registration is already open on the NVYC website.

Many thanks to **Kurt Stahr** for spearheading these outings. Stay tuned for details on the remaining events!

### Newsletter

A big thank you to **Bill Huie** for keeping the flag officers on track and ensuring we get this newsletter out on time. If you're interested in advertising in

helps support the club and gets your message in front of Napa's boating community.

### **Webmaster**

We're very excited to share that a brand new nvyc.org is right around the corner! Webmaster Alan Montague, with support from David Ryan, has been hard at work on a full redesign. This project has taken tremendous effort over the past several months, and we're now entering the final stretch. We can't wait to unveil the fresh look and improved member experience.

### **Merchandise**

Our ever stylish merchandise maven, Debbie Dean, has been busy this winter refreshing our display cabinet. We've already upgraded to a larger case, and the next step is adding new hardware so Debbie can showcase even more NVYC swag. We're also exploring options from distinguished yachting brands to complement our current lineup. The goal is to keep the favorites you know and love while introducing a selection of higher end items.

*Eric Henn*



## **2026 CRUISE-OUTS!**

| <b>Location</b>              | <b>Date</b> | <b>Cruise Captains</b>     |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Loch Lomond                  | March 13-15 | Jason & Claire Harmon      |
| TBD                          | April 10-12 | Avi Strugo                 |
| St. Francis                  | June 12-14  | Alan & Sarah Montague      |
| South Beach                  | July 10-12  | Kim & Mark Nicol           |
| Benicia                      | Aug 7-9     | Avi Strugo                 |
| Delta                        | Sept 17-20  | Nick & Debra Courcoumelis  |
| Fleet Week                   | Oct 9-11    | Jason Harmon & Mark Rodman |
| Angel Island / Half Moon Bay | Nov 5-8     | Eric & Jennifer Henn       |



*Servers at Avi and Patricia's dinner!*

## 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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## BAR REPORT

We had are preparing for an eventful and fun spring 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.

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 knowi - t is a great way to get to know your fellow members and contribute to the success of your club.

Cheers,

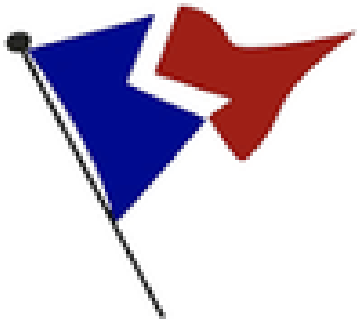
*Brian & Mark*





*Darwin Davis & Lil Witten, PICYA Delegates*

Darwin, Lil, Eric, and I attended the first Delegates Meeting at the Benicia Yacht Club in February. The PICYA Commodore, presided over an Eight Bells ceremony for Sally.



*Benicia YC Burgee*

Darwin attended the first PICYA Leadership Conference on March 7th, at the Hunters Point Yacht Club. The primary agenda item was Opening Day on the Bay, scheduled for April 26th. Darwin is organizing a table for NVYC on the Hornblower boat.

*Steve Orman*



## *Eight Bells*



Just as all of us were getting into the Holiday Season spirit, we were collectively devastated by the sudden passing of one of our beloved members, Sally Craig.

One of the most difficult duties for a Commodore is ringing the Eight Bells to mark the End of Watch for a lost member. It's a fine tradition, but everyone feels the pain and sorrow.

Sally was Commodore of the Napa Valley Yacht Club in 2020 and served as the club's diligent delegate to the Pacific Interclub Yachting Association (PICYA). She will be missed by everyone who met her and felt the warmth of her smile. Fair winds and following seas, shipmate, we have the watch.

As Commodore, I want to create an annual award in Sally's memory: the Sally Craig Memorial Member of the Year. The Member of the Year will be decided by a vote of the full membership. A perpetual plaque, with Members of the Year added annually, will be prominently displayed in the club house.

*Steve Orman*





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| 28 S Newport Dr   | 5 / 3     | 2573 | \$1,669,000          |          |          |
| 90 S Newport Dr   | 4 / 2 1/2 | 2339 | \$1,600,000          |          | WF       |
| 45 Cove Ct        | 3 / 2 1/2 | 1946 | \$1,125,000          |          |          |
| 51 regatta Way    | 3 / 2     | 1855 | \$1,150,000          |          |          |
| 94 S Newport Dr   | 3 / 2 1/2 | 2077 | \$1,475,000          |          | WF       |
| <b>In Escrow</b>  |           |      |                      |          |          |
| 100 S Newport Dr  | 4 / 2 1/2 | 2477 | \$2,779,000          |          | WF       |
| <b>Sold</b>       |           |      |                      |          |          |
| 33 Cove Ct        | 4 / 2 1/2 | 2159 | Sold Price \$995,000 |          |          |
| 790 La Salle Way  | 3 / 2     | 1560 | \$1,309,000          | 01.23.26 | WF       |
| 25 N Newport Dr   | 4 / 2 1/2 | 3164 | \$2,700,000          | 01.05.26 | WF       |
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