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The Commodore and Officers of
Navy Yacht Club San Diego

Request the pleasure of your company at our

Opening Day Ceremony

Sunday, March 5, 2023

**Fiddler's Cove Marina
Naval Base Coronado
Coronado, CA**

Registration/Hospitality	12:30 PM
Ceremony	1:00 PM
Reception	1:30 PM

R.S.V.P. by February 26, 2023

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Reciprocals

A very special benefit of NYCSD membership is the opportunity to visit other yacht clubs. Please be aware this is truly a privilege that is entirely contingent on the host club's permission. NYCSD members are expected to be courteous guests and should never have the expectation that we may visit another club over frequently without joining that club and paying their dues. NYCSD members are also expected to show a membership card and sign-in the guest log when visiting other clubs. Please call ahead and request a reservation and/or ask permission to use specific facilities of other clubs. For more information, see the full article on the appropriate use of reciprocal privileges later in this issue.

OPENING DAY—PLEASE RSVP AND JOIN US FOR A FUN CELEBRATION!

Being part of the yachting community makes Navy Yacht Club San Diego (NYCSD) part of something larger. NYCSD is proud to be a member club of the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs (SDAYC). NYCSD starts the local yachting season by hosting the first Opening Day each year. While NYCSD participates in multiple yachting and community activities each year, Opening Day at NYCSD is our club's flagship event and helps build camaraderie within our club membership and across other clubs. **Please ensure you RSVP in order to get gate access.** Opening Day will be held, rain or shine, on our beautiful outdoor patio. We look forward to seeing you there!

IN MEMORIUM

STAFF COMMODORE PETE CURTIN

ERNIE EDWARDS

On behalf of Navy Yacht Club San Diego, we extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of Pete Curtin and Ernie Edwards.

Staff Commodore Pete Curtin was the Commodore of NYCSA in 2002. He was an avid sailor, a huge Notre Dame fan, and an active participant in NYCSA events over the years. Pete was married to Joan Curtin. He passed away in September 2022.

Ernie Edwards was very involved with NYCSA after joining the club in 2005. She was married to Staff Commodore Bill Edwards and was a prior Spinnaker editor. Ernie loved boating, dancing, and mixing with other members. Ernie was married to Staff Commodore Bill Edwards. She passed away in December 2022.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Dear Friends. You are greatly missed!



COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Commodore
Ty Keith



Ahoy Navy Yacht Club! I am very proud to serve as your Commodore for the 2023 Yachting season! Navy Yacht Club is a wonderful organization, managed by a fantastic team on the Bridge and Board and I am fortunate to be a part of the team again this year.

As you know, NYCSA is an all-volunteer organization. There are plenty of chances throughout the year to get involved. The first opportunity to help this year was on Saturday, 21 January when we took down the old tent on our patio and put up a brand new one. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help. It was a clear example of “many hands make light work.” If you can, we’d love to have you join us at our next Maintenance Day on Saturday, 25 February where we will be doing some spring-cleaning in preparation for our Official 2023 Opening Day which is Sunday, 5 March. RSVP to me at commodore@nycsa.club for more information about Maintenance Day.

Our Bridge and Board is already busy planning some wonderful events in 2023. The first was our “Founders Day” celebration Saturday, 28 January to celebrate the club’s founding in 1964. Everyone got to see the new tent and enjoy a traditional “burger burn”. Next up is our Opening Day, 5 March. Our club will be at full-dress as we officially open the bay to our boating season. If you’re interested in attending, please RSVP on the website no later than 28 February so we can get an accurate headcount. We’re planning on having Leilani’s Café cater again this year and if you attended last year, you’ll remember their outstanding Hawaiian BBQ!

Looking a little further, our race season kicks-off in April with the Quicker-Tarantino on 1 April and Wednesday Beer Cans start 19 April. Look for additional information on the race season. I look forward to meeting you at one of our events this year. Please stop by and introduce yourself!

VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Vice Commodore
Jeff McNicholl



Vice Commodore Jeff McNicholl
and his beautiful wife, Penni.

Hello NYCSD! I am Vice Commodore Jeff McNicholl and here is a little about myself:

I started my sailing training at Naval Training Center (NTC) when the Navy brought me here to San Diego for A and C School in 1988. I took a few classes in sailing and worked my way up to Skipper within their qualification program.

My love for sailing grew and I continued with training, this time turning to Harbor Island Yacht Club renting larger sailing yachts. Here again, I worked my way up within US Sailing Association from Basic Keel Boat, Coastal Cruising, Bare Boat certifications and obtaining a catamaran endorsement.

Since retiring from the US Navy Submarine Service in 2010, I have had the opportunity to work for a company in which one of my responsibilities was to drive a 28 foot aluminum twin engine research and test vessel. During this time, I was able to earn my Captain's License (6 Pack).

As much as I love sailing, I have only owned powerboats. Starting with a 18 foot Formula ski boat, a 28 foot Regal Cabin Cruiser (Pretty Penni) and now a 38foot Silverton Convertible (Boatload of Fun). My wife and I truly enjoy the comradery of belonging to a club. In addition to NYCSD we are also active members and on the board of the San Diego 4 Wheelers.

We look forward to seeing you at one of this season's events!

REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Rear Commodore
Mike Lewis



Hello, I'm the new Navy YC Rear Commodore Michael Lewis (Mike).

I am a Coronado native and graduate of Coronado High, Class of 72, I served in the United States Air Force for 20-years (please all you Navy pukes, don't hold that against me), owned *Appliance Repair of Coronado* for 11 years, and most recently sold *Coastal Pool & Spa* that I owned and operated for the past 21 years.

My fiancé Lois Mandel and I are both retired, newly engaged, and are planning a wedding sometime in the near future. Sailing is our hobby and our true passion. We own a Newport 33' sailboat named "Sarayu" and we love to race her every chance we get.

I am in charge of keeping the beer flowing this year, among other things. We had the Beer and Tap Company come out and adjust and fine tune etc. so beer is flowing great now.

Upcoming plans for the Beer & Food connex is to inventory what we have, order what we need, and organize all of it.

We have several upcoming events, including Navy Yacht Club Opening Day Ceremony on March 5, 2023. Also looking forward to the first Wednesday Beer Can Race, Spring Series on April 19th.

I look forward to meeting all of you.

Mike Lewis
NYCSD Rear Commodore
Michael A. Lewis
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Save the Dates! 2023

March 2023

March 5th - OPENING DAY! Registration starts at 12:30 RSVP on our website.

- Join your NYCSD for this traditional event with all the pomp and circumstance as we officially open the club for the new season.

April 2023

April 1 - Quicker - Tarantino Invitational Race

- Our first race of the season and after party. Details and signups will be on our website.

April 12- Beer Cans Skippers Meeting.

- On our patio at 5:15. Come out and get registered and all set for our new racing season.

April 19 - August 23 Wednesday Night Beer Can Races

- Meet on the patio for our skipper's meetings at 5:15. Bring your own dinner and stay after the race to hang out with the racers.

May 2023

May 20 - Spring General Membership Meeting

- 1PM on the patio. Free burger burn and fun! Watch our website for RSVPs.

June 2023

June 2-4 - Big Boat Raft Up #1

- Glorietta Bay - Get your permit at portofsandiego.org

June 10 - Dinghy Raft Up #1 - 3PM in the Fiddler's Cove Basin

- Anything that floats is welcome!

July 2023

July 4 - Open Patio for Members

- Come out and enjoy the patio for the day. BYO food and drink.

July 8 - Dingy Raft Up #2 - Same as #1

July 15 - SBC Navy Cup Race and Summer Patio Party - RSVPs required.

July 22-24 - Big Boat Raft Up #2 - La Playa. Get your permit!

August 2023

August 12-14- Big Boat Raft Up #3 - La Playa. Get your permit!

August 19 - Dingy Raft Up #3 Fiddlers Cove Basin

October 2023

October 14 - Fall General Membership Meeting and Elections

- 1PM on the patio

November 2023

November 18 - Commodore's Ball

- 6PM @ CCYC - Reservations will be required.

NYCSD Racing

NYCSD Beer Can Spring Series

NAME	DATE	Day of the Week	Series
Quicker/ Tarantino Invitational	1 April	Saturday	1-3/3
Wed Night Regatta	19 April	Wednesday	1/18
Wed Night Regatta	26 April	Wednesday	2/18
Wed Night Regatta	3 May	Wednesday	3/18
Wed Night Regatta	10 May	Wednesday	4/18
Wed Night Regatta	17 May	Wednesday	5/18
Wed Night Regatta	24 May	Wednesday	6/18



Looking for a fun way to volunteer in NYCSD and spend time on the water? Join the Race Committee! You can volunteer for any number of races and NO experience is required. Please contact our Vice Commodore, Jeff McNicoll and get involved! Jeff can be reached at vicecommodore@nycsd.club.

Reciprocal Privileges

One of the benefits of NYCS D membership is reciprocity with other participating yacht clubs. Each year, the Commodores of various other yacht clubs extend reciprocal privileges to NYCS D, offering the use of their club facilities for that specific year, usually via a formal written invitation. Likewise, the Commodore of NYCS D formally extends reciprocal privileges to other clubs. Each club establishes its own policies with respect to what the visiting privileges include, and some clubs do not offer reciprocals. Some clubs follow the “in-kind” policy, meaning that a club will only extend reciprocals that the guest club also offers to the host club (i.e., bar and restaurant, swimming pool, guest dock, etc.). In the case of NYCS D, our offered reciprocals include the invitation to attend NYCS D club events, sponsored reservation of the club patio, and the temporary use of the MWR guest dock, all based on availability and advance request.

A club is no different from a person’s home with respect to guests. There is nothing automatic about reciprocal privileges, and reciprocity should be considered a privilege, not a right. When you consider that many yacht clubs have fine premises, restaurants, bars, launching and boat storage facilities (and membership dues that reflect all of these benefits), it is clear that reciprocal privileges are to be treasured, nurtured, and cultivated. If abused, these privileges may be modified or formally rescinded by the host club, and privileges may be lost to an individual member, or to all of NYCS D. The NYCS D bridge and board reviews all complaints related to abuse of reciprocals, and when warranted, can suspend or revoke membership.

To maintain goodwill between NYCS D and other reciprocating clubs, it is important to follow these guidelines:

1. Remember that reciprocal privileges are not an entitlement. Do not overuse reciprocal privileges, as this reflects poorly on the guest club. Overuse will rightfully lead the host club to expect that you should become a member of their club and pay the appropriate dues.
2. Call ahead to verify that the host club offers reciprocal privileges and to verify that space is available (at the guest dock or restaurant, etc.) to ensure your visit will not conflict with other club functions.
3. When making arrangements ask about the host club and marina rules such as, proper attire, allowing pets, electrical service, etc. Many clubs have a “no cell phone” rule inside their facility. Please observe these rules as you are a guest.
4. Always have a current membership card from your club. Some clubs have barriers or security guards to prevent unauthorized access, so simply explain that you are visiting under their club’s reciprocal agreement. If access to a club is denied for any reason, please do not argue. Notify NYCS D board members of the problem to see if they can arrange a more favorable welcome next time.
5. Always sign the guest register.
6. Wear your club nametag if you have one. (You can purchase them online from the NYCS D ship store.)

Reciprocal Privileges, continued...

7. Patronize the facilities of the host club. They may have brought in extra staff just for your visit.
8. There is no process in place for NYCSD members to make restaurant and bar charges on a club account and be billed on a monthly basis. You are expected to settle any charges in full at the time of your visit to a reciprocal club.
9. When approaching the host club via water, fly your NYCSD burgee to identify your club affiliation. This will help identify you if you made guest dock arrangements.
10. Under no circumstances board or make fast to any vessel without permission. Do not move lines or use any equipment left on the dock.
11. Always follow good environmental practice consistent with concerns for proper waste disposal and discharges from your vessel. Leave a clean wake.
12. Be gracious, courteous, and aware of the perception you give to the host club members. You are an envoy for NYCSD and our entire club will be judged by your actions.

If visiting a yacht club in another state, first call the club and ask what is needed for your visit. Usually a letter of introduction from your Commodore on yacht club stationary will help to allow you access to their club for a one-time visit.

It is also important to note that reciprocity extends only to actual members of NYCSD and does not extend to non-member family and friends. This means when visiting another yacht club as a NYCSD member **you** are the guest and should not bring additional non-member "guests". (This is a privilege reserved for members of the host club who pay dues.) However, if you check with the host yacht club ahead of time and request to bring a non-NYCSD member guest(s) with you, they usually try to accommodate as availability and space allows.

Most clubs want you to enjoy your visit at their facility. Visiting other clubs is a fun opportunity to enjoy different venues and make new friendships with fellow boating enthusiasts. Traditional yachting protocol, courtesy, and a thank you goes a long way in fostering good relations between clubs.

Treasurers Report

Operating Funds-

Business Checking	\$10,947.38
Prepaid memberships	\$9,851.98
Certificate of Deposit	\$28,267.59

Capital Funds-

Business Savings	\$7,674.04
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Total Funds- \$56,740.99

NYCSD Big Boat Raft-Up September 23-25, 2022

Submitted by Curt Snyder, Your Big Boat Raft-Up Coordinator

Navy Yacht Club San Diego held its fourth and final Big Boat Raft-Up of the season in the beautiful Coronado Cays Basin Anchorage, and it was again very successful. Everyone enjoyed the nice location, relaxation, sun, food, conversation, and comradery. Below is a summary of events:

Friday

0940 First to arrive, the OG, Bob Hunt, expertly anchored his Californian 43, *R Gang*.

1145 Coordinator Curt, yep, that's me, on *K.I.S.S.*, my Santana 25, expertly came alongside the port side of *R Gang*.

1725 Next to arrive was Dinghy Pilot Jeff and Pretty Penni as they expertly brought *Boatload of Fun*, their Silverton 34, alongside the starboard side of *R Gang*.

Saturday

1240 *Compromise*, a Marine Trader 45, arrives as Robust Rick and Slim Sarah expertly come alongside *Boatload of Fun* starboard side. Doggo Dinghy supervised the evolution.

1340 Bold Bram, on *Ran*, his Beneteau 43, was the last boat to arrive and expertly goes outboard *Compromise*. OG Bob and Coordinator Curt were the expert line handlers as the two young couples had dinghied to CCYC to avail themselves of the "friendly taco bar".

1450 Biker Chick Cece Trace arrived at the quay wall on her bicycle. Dinghy Pilot Jeff expertly retrieved her to join us.

2100 Dinghy Pilot Jeff expertly delivered Biker Chick Cece back to shore.

Sunday

0855 *K.I.S.S.* departed, therefore I have no idea what happened after that. I believe everyone will make it home safely.

I am happy to report there was no towing involved this weekend. The 4th raft up was another great success. We had good food, good conversation and good comradery. What did we learn you ask? We learned that both OG Bob and Coordinator Curt had to have mechanical issues fixed so they could attend. We are glad we did. We learned that Dinghy Pilot Jeff and Pretty Penni are now making their own wine.

We learned Robust Rick and Slim Sarah like to paddleboard as they took a tour of Coronado Cays waterways on Saturday. We learned Doggo Dinghy is not a fan of paddle boarding. He is quite skittish getting on the board. I can certainly feel for you buddy.

We learned Bold Bram, on a recent trip to the Channel Islands, lost his anchor. I believe that to be "muddy rudder" fodder. We learned Biker Chick Cece likes to ride her bicycle and has a distiller. Again, it was a wonderful weekend. Good, location, good food, good beverages, good people. Was your weekend better? If not, maybe you should consider joining us next year. Check out the calendar on our website for dates and locations for next year's Big Boat Raft Ups. Disclaimer: Any nickname assigned by me was purely to make reading this article more enjoyable. If anyone is offended, I do apologize.

A Few Steps Back to “Yesteryear”

Actually, it was more than a “few steps.” It was a short hike from the bus depot to the first street back from the beach. But, I’m ahead of myself . . .

Cruising in Mexico - especially when in Baja - requires one to adjust in many ways. Something as seemingly simple as getting a haircut requires a bit of mission planning; the most important aspect being intelligence. Fortunately, the “cruising community” is one’s go-to source. In La Paz (Sea of Cortez), finding fellow cruisers is easy.

After bidding farewell to Paula at the Termina Turistica de Autobuses in downtown La Paz, I was off to find the recommended barbershop. Walking southeast one long block, I came to the desired street (Calle Belisario Domínguez) and turned right to find #1440. About halfway down the block and across the street, there it was - unmistakable with its faded red-white-blue chevrons painted on both sides of the entrance to the shop.

For me, walking through the door produced a sensation of *déjà vu*; I flashed back to the barbershops I remember as a kid from the ‘50s and ‘60s. Everything was as it should be from the old-style barber chairs to the tiled counters and floors. The added bit of authenticity was the black-and-white TV!

The weird thing that didn’t fit was I had to speak Spanish! However, Rodrigo did a fine job in spite of my limited ability to guide him in Spanish.

After I returned to La Paz from cruising north in the Sea of Cortez, Enrique cut my hair. He didn’t do as good a job. I consoled myself with the old saying that, “the difference between a bad haircut and a good one is about three weeks!”

Submitted by: Neal Doten s/v *No Moss*



Commodore's Ball 2022

A great time was had by all at our Commodore's Ball on November 19th 2022. This annual event was again held at Coronado Cays Yacht club. It was our biggest Ball to date with 100 guests in attendance. Commodore Ty Keith and the 2023 Bridge and board were sworn in and then the fun began!



Membership Application / Renewal

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

Fiddler's Cove Marina
PO Box 182111
Coronado, CA 92178



New / Renewal Single Year

___ Family \$50 ___ Single \$40

2 year and 3 year memberships are available. x2 or x3 single year price. Please indicate on check if you choose this option

Member:

Name: Last First MI rank/grade

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Email Phone Number

Dependent: _____ Must have valid I.D. Card

Spouse

Total Amount Paid _____

YES! Enclosed is my
CAPITAL FUND Donation
Of \$ _____

To join us, or renew by mail, attach your check for the correct membership category, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your new cards and mail to NYCSA. New members will be contacted to provide proof of eligibility. DO NOT send copies of your I.D. card. (I.D. Cards may not be copied) All members will receive the quarterly newsletter, *The Spinnaker*, via email.

Renew online at nycsd.club (easiest method)

You will need to be a WEBSITE member, (this is separate from being a member of NYCSA) to complete payment. Please complete the "SIGN UP" form when it pops up and the system will automatically approve your request so you can proceed through the application process.

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