



The Spinnaker

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

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Fall General Membership Meeting

Come and elect your 2024 NYCSD Bridge and Board by attending the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on

Saturday, October 14th 1PM

(IOBG meeting at 12:30)

Meeting will be followed by a free BBQ on the patio.

RSVP please at www.nycsd.club

You may also complete and return the proxy ballot found in this issue.



Commodore Ty Keith

The Bridge and Board of

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

Cordially invite you to attend our

2023 Commodore's Ball

Saturday, November 18, 2023, 6:00PM

Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Tickets available www.nycsd.com starting October 14, 2023

Black Tie Optional

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Election Meeting

OCTOBER 14, 2023 at 1300 hrs.

**If you are unable to attend, you may mail
this ballot.**

BALLOT

**The proposed Bridge and Officers as
recommended by the Board of Directors:**

**Commodore: Jeff McNicholl
Vice Commodore: Mike Lewis
Rear Commodore: Joe Torres
Jr. Staff Commodore: Ty Keith**

**Treasurer- * Lisa Braun
Secretary- * Joe McFetridge**

Directors:

*** Curt Snyder * Bram Arnold
* Penni McNicholl * John Lally
Aida Torres Tim Stengle**

***Incumbent**

I vote with the Bridge and Board for the proposed slate as
written above.

Name:

Date:

Vote in person at the General Membership meeting, or mail this
proxy ballot to Navy Yacht Club prior to October 14th, 2023.

Mailing Address:
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Coronado, CA 92178

COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Commodore
Ty Keith



Ahoy Navy Yacht Club! I can't believe Summer is wrapping up and we're heading into Fall. NYCSD is looking to finish 2023 out strong after a wonderful year. This year's Bridge and Board have been incredible, working to continue growing our membership and putting on some amazing events. I'd like to highlight a few of our upcoming fall events.

We have two Make-a-Wish fundraisers in September. The first is [The 14th Annual Amazing Race For Children's Wishes - Make-A-Wish](#) was held Sunday, 10 September. Direct monetary donations to the Navy Blue and Navy Gold teams can still be made at the link. I am the Captain of the Navy Gold Team (the defending Champions!) and Staff Commodore Peter Hunt was the Captain of the Navy Blue Team. **You can still support this event** by going to our webpage and donating to one of our bike teams or **by joining us at the Fleet Reserve on Sunday September 17.** https://secure2.wish.org/site/TR?fr_id=5202&pg=entry

Normally, we have our big NYCSD fundraiser before the Race, but due to the water contamination issues that impacted Coronado and Imperial Beach we had to **move the NYCSD fundraiser to Sunday 17 September.** It will be held at the Fleet Reserve in Imperial Beach. Come join us for dinner, raffles and a silent auction, all to raise money for Make-a-Wish.

On Friday, September 29 we will hold our 2nd Trivia with the Commodore night on the Patio. We'll be back on the Patio on Saturday, October 14 when we will host our Fall General Membership Meeting and Elections for the 2024 Bridge & Board. (You can review the slate in this issue.) After the elections, please join us for a free BBQ on the patio.

Last, wrapping up my year as Commodore, will be the Commodore's Ball on Saturday, November 19th at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club. If you've never attended this event, you've missed out. Great food, great drinks and a live band make for a fantastic evening. Stay tuned for information on ticket sales which should go on sale on our website in early October. You have to buy tickets in advance; there will be no tickets sold at the door.

It has been my genuine pleasure serving as your 2023 Commodore! I have enjoyed meeting many of you at our events. As we head into 2024, I hope you all try to attend our NYCSD functions, the more the merrier! Mark your calendars for Sunday, 3 March for NYCSD's 60th Opening Day Ceremony!

VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Vice Commodore
Jeff McNicholl



As the summer comes to a close, so does our Beer Can racing season. What a great year we had! The food provided to the Race Committee by Jeni, Penni, Sherry, Aida, Sandra and others was awesome, thank you! I would also like to thank those that helped out making this a successful year: Lisa, Joe, Tim and Erin are the back bone of the team, with help from Mary, Jeni, Rick, Ty and Pete. We had a total of 16 different vessels sailing in 18 Beer Can Races. 7 sailed in the 16.5 class. 9 sailed in the cruising class and 1 in the racing class. (Please see the race results on page 8.)



Vice Commodore Jeff McNicholl
and his beautiful wife, Penni.



From left to right:
Joe Torres, Lisa Brewer, Jeff McNicholl, Tim
Stengel, Erin Dunlevy

REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Rear Commodore
Mike Lewis



Things are looking good in the food and beer shed or the Con-X as it is called. I'm trying to keep about 12 bottles of water and 6 can of each soda in the refrigerator, so we will have an ample supply of cold non-alcohol refreshments.

I will be going to the store to get additional supplies as we ramp-up for the Fall General Membership Meeting and BBQ on 14 Oct. I'll be at the grill cooking up a storm. There will be plenty of good food and beverages for all.

We have cleaned out the beer lines, adjusted the flow, so the Flow will be great and the Beer fabulous.

Looking forward to the Big Boat Raft-up. Hope to see you all there, and at our other fun events through the end of 2023!



NYCSD Calendar



EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
NYCSD Make-a-Wish (MAW) fundraiser at Fleet Reserve, Imperial Beach	9/17/23	Our rescheduled event: Dinner, live music, and a chance to raise money to support San Diego Make-A-Wish from 2-6pm. Please join us!
Big Boat Raft-Up #4 at Coronado Cays Basin.	9/22/23-9/24/23	Contact Port Captain Curt for details (see also pg. 10)
SBC Championship Regatta - Open	10/7/23	Contact Vice Commodore Jeff for details
Tickets On Sale Commodore's Ball	10/14/23	Get your tickets online before we sell out. None available at the door
General Membership Meeting and Free BBQ	10/14/23	NYCSD Patio at 1300
OOH RAH Regatta	11/11/23	XX
Veterans Boat Parade https://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/veterans-day-boat-parade/	11/12/23	San Diego Bay—Contact Staff Commodore Bill Edwards to participate as picket boat. (619) 708-5047 cdredwards@cox.net
Commodore's Ball	11/18/23	At Coronado Cays YC, Coronado Dinner, wine, live band, dancing, friends and fun!
San Diego Parade of Lights https://sdparadeoflights.org/	12/10/22 & 12/17/22	San Diego Bay—Contact Staff Commodore Bill Edwards to participate as picket boat. (619) 708-5047 cdredwards@cox.net

Treasurers Report

Operating Funds:	
Business Checking	\$16,380
Prepaid memberships	\$6,044
Certificate of Deposit	\$28,692
Capital Funds:	
	\$9,592
Total Funds:	\$60,711



Did You Know?

NYCSD has a matching gift program and will double your donation to our Capital Fund Campaign? It's a fact - membership card stock is expensive! Replacing our patio tent which takes a beating from the salt air, sand, and sun - is expensive! By giving a gift of \$ to our nonprofit organization, you can make a significant impact in funding our capital needs; as we match your gift, dollar for dollar, and continue to grow our club together.

A big part of our club is community involvement. We extend a huge THANK YOU to all the NYCSD participants in this year's Amazing Race for Children's Wishes. NYCSD had bike participants, event volunteers, committee members, and generous donors who helped make this year's Amazing Race in support of Make-A-Wish a fun success! It you would like to be involved, please join us for the follow-up NYCSD fundraiser on September 17 at the Fleet Reserve.

2023 NYCSD - BEER CAN RACING SERIES RESULTS

	Spring Series	Summer Series	Fall Series
16.5			
1st	Daniel Patrick	Daniel Patrick	Haden Williams
2nd	Haden Williams	Haden Williams	Paul Salerni
3rd	Paul Salerni	Paul Salerni	Rick and Sara
Not scored			Dan Curly
Not scored			Emily
Cruising			
1st	Sarayu (Mike Lewis)	Balding Eagle (Eric Mattus)	Sarayu (Mike Lewis)
2nd	KISS (Curt Snyder)	Sheldon (Ty Keith)	Balding Eagle (Eric Mattus)
3rd	Ran (Bram Arnold)	Ran (Bram Arnold)	KISS (Curt Snyder)
4th	Balding Eagle (Eric Mattus)	KISS (Curt Snyder)	Sheldon (Ty Keith)
5th	Sheldon (Ty Keith)		
6th	Catalina 22 (Pete and Rick)		
Not scored		Debauchery (Katherine Planert)	Catalina 22 (Michael Cardiff)
Not scored			Tiny Bubbles (Peter Hunt)
Not scored			Ran (Bram Arnold)



Beware of the Frigate Bird

Frigate birds in and of themselves are not a threat to one's well-being — day or night. However, the same cannot be said for their threat to one's masthead instruments (i.e., wind indicator). Frigate birds rest by perching on something above the water; a sailboat mast top is one such option. Since they are large birds (7+ foot wingspan), they can destroy a wind indicator in the process of landing on the mast top. I like my wind indicator and rely on it. Thus, frigate birds are to be repelled by any means available.

For some reason, they seem to prefer nighttime; I can't remember this problem occurring during the day. This is a blessing in disguise since darkness limits their depth perception for making a "safe landing." A flicker in my peripheral vision at night triggers my "frigate bird attack" response. Gazing at the mast top, I confirm the presence of said attacker that is "yanking and banking" to make a landing. Fortunately, the degree of yaw at the mast top is a complicating factor and requires numerous "missed approaches."

My "secret weapon" for repelling frigate bird attacks is a very bright LED flashlight with a strobe feature. Aiming the flashlight at the mast top and selecting "strobe flashing" creates the needed deterrent — visual disorientation. If you can imagine the effect of a strobe light in a disco, you get the idea. Needless to say, about 15 or 20 minutes of missed approaches is enough to get the frigate bird to change its mind and go on its way. The score is one for me (preservation of my wind indicator) and zero for the frigate bird.

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



NYCSD Big Boat Raft-Up 2023 #3
Submitted by Port Captain Curt Snyder
(Your Big Boat Raft-Up Coordinator):

Navy Yacht Club San Diego held its 3rd Big Boat Raft up in La Playa anchorage from 11-13 August 2023. A summary of events:

Aug 11

1145 I brought *K.I.S.S.*, my Santana 25 alongside *R Gangs* starboard side. *R Gang*, a Californian 43, owned by Bob Hunt is always the first boat to arrive and sets a solid anchor as the center boat.

1645 Jeff and Penni McNicholl arrived on *Boatload of Fun*, their Silverton 34, and went to *R Gang* port side. They would have been there sooner but had some issues. More on that later.

1705 *Family Affair*, a Rodman 44, owned by Chuck and Joy Vinson was last to arrive. They went to the port side of *Boatload of Fun*.

Aug 12

1020 *Family Affair* departed due to a previous commitment.

Aug 13

0900 *K.I.S.S.* departed.

It was a great weekend of comraderie, good fun, good beverage and great food. Thanks to Joy and Penni for the great food.

Now why was *Boatload of Fun* late to the party, you ask? It seems that neither of the two engines would start. Jeff, who is somewhat handy with electrical and mechanical systems began the troubleshooting process. He checked the starting batteries - good. He checked the starters - good. He checked a couple of relays - good. But he didn't trust the relays so he replaced them. But still the engines would not start. He did eventually figure it out. It seems the engines will not start when in gear. I am guessing that Jeff, and Penni, will not forget that particular fact.

Again, it was a really great weekend.

The 4th and last Big Boat Raft up for 2023 is scheduled for September 22-24 in the Coronado Cays basin. No reservation required for this one. We welcome one and all.

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The 14th Annual Amazing Race for Children's Wishes!



