



# The Spinnaker

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

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**JOIN US ON THE PATIO FOR OUR 2023  
SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING & BBQ, SATURDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>!**



**We will have a short meeting at 1300,  
followed by a free BBQ. This is an  
opportunity to meet other members and  
learn about current NYCSD happenings. We  
hope to see you there!**

**RSVP online at [www.nycsd.club](http://www.nycsd.club)**

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## NAVY YACHT CLUB



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MAKE "A" WISH  
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## Sunday, May 7th, 2023

1268 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach  
@ American Legion Post #820 **2 - 7 PM**

LOTS OF FOOD, FUN, AND ENTERTAINMENT

**\$7 PASTA PLATE W/ GARLIC BREAD\***

Raffles - 50/50's

SPONSORSHIP IS \$50

\* Until the  
food runs out.

## Newport to San Diego Winner in Class!

Representing Navy Yacht Club San Diego, *Tiny Bubbles* won first place in class, PHRF-Race B, Newport to San Diego! Congratulations to Skipper Peter Hunt and his hard working crew: Larry Vonier, Jason Flar, Evan Gregory, Mark Thaidigsman, Chris Burrows, and Katie Hunt. The race started at 1200 on Friday April 28, 2023 from the Newport Pier, and was 88 miles to San Diego Bay, circumventing the Coronado Islands. The winds were light for most of the race, and there were zero winds in the middle of the night with glassy oceans and zero headway. The crew never gave up and continued to make miles south in those challenging conditions. The winds came up in the morning and the race was finished early Saturday afternoon...25 hours total, first in class and 5<sup>th</sup> overall, with the *Tiny Bubbles* crew working every minute. Congratulations again!



(Pictured left to right: Chris Burrows, Peter Hunt, Mark Thaidigsman, and Katie Hunt. See more pictures later in this issue.)

# COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Commodore  
Ty Keith



Ahoy Navy Yacht Club! I want to thank everyone that helped make our 2023 Opening Day, our 59<sup>th</sup>, a tremendous success. A big thanks to Leilani's Café for catering the festivities. It was great seeing new and old members in attendance.

Race season is well underway with the Quicker-Tarantino Race held on 1 April. The race honors our founders Joe Quicker and Al Tarantino and is our first major race each season. I'm thrilled for the Vice Commodore and the Race Committee who got off to a great start and all the racers that participated. Our first couple Beer Cans are already in the bag. Please come down and join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Even if you don't have a boat or are a novice sailor, there are ways to participate. There is usually a skipper or two that is looking for extra crew and the Race Committee is always looking for people to help out. In addition to the 16.5s that were available last year, the 22s are also available to rent for this year's races. Come directly to the patio and we can process the rental. Of course, the post-race BYO dinner is a great way to socialize with fellow racers or just hang out with other members.

This month, NYCSD will be hosting the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs (SDAYC) Monthly Dinner meeting at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club. These meetings are an opportunity for NYCSD leadership to get together with other local Yacht Club's board members, learn about their various activities, and get ideas on how to improve our club. Our Spring Membership Meeting and BBQ is also coming up in a couple weeks, Saturday 20 May. Stop by, learn about what's going on at the club and how you can get involved, and stay for the BBQ. NYCSD is an all-volunteer organization so the more people we can get involved, the better our club will be. As the weather warms up, we have several raft-ups planned for both "big boats" and "dinghies." These regularly become some of the most talked about events of the year. Keep an eye out for additional information on dates and times.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

# VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Vice Commodore  
Jeff McNicholl



Vice Commodore Jeff McNicholl  
and his beautiful wife, Penni.

As the Vice Commodore I am the Principle Race Office (PRO). This job only helps the sailing members of the club. So what are our Power Boat Sailors to do? You can volunteer and help with Race Committee; or, another option is to use your power boat in Predicted Log Racing. The goal is to predict your time to the second, how long it will take to complete a course. You need to take into account the currents and course changes with your boat characteristics. During the race you can only use engine RPM, Compass and a Speed Log. No electronic aids to navigation, not even a stop watch can be used.

I have heard of this competition before but I have never been involved. Well now that I am Vice Commodore I had a chance to meet some people who put on Predicted Log Racing competition. The San Diego Cruiser Association, of which NYCSD is a member of, is the organizing authority in San Diego. The website is located here:  
<https://www.sandiegopl.org>.

I have only observed one race so far thanks to Bob Ehlers. I do plan on getting more involved with Predicted Log Racing competition. If you are interested in more information visit the website or contact me. We can learn about this new (to me) form of racing together!

# REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Rear Commodore  
Mike Lewis



Opening Day was a huge success and very well attended. The caterers were fantastic and the food was amazing. I think everybody enjoyed the day and had a great time.

Our Wednesday Night Spring Series Beer Can Races have started. It seems as though all our sailors are out on the water having fun and giving it their best. Hopefully in the future “Sarayu” and I can focus better and find the correct course before we start having so much fun.

Looking forward to the Spring General Membership Meeting and Barbecue. Hope to see everyone at the Yacht Club with your party hats on. Always a great time on the patio!

There has been a small change up with the adult beverages and I welcome any suggestions to improve the selection.



## NYCSD Racing

Wednesday Night Racing (Beer Cans) is upon us! It consists of three series (Spring, Summer, and Fall) with six races each for a total of eighteen races, and runs from April 19, 2023 through August 16, 2023. A final Wednesday Night race may be scheduled for August 23, 2023 if required as a tiebreaker for the full eighteen (18) race series. For additional information please go to: [www.nycsd.club](http://www.nycsd.club) or <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24535>

NAME	DATE	Day of the Week	Series
Wed Night Regatta	3 May	Wednesday	Spring 3/6
Wed Night Regatta	10 May	Wednesday	Spring 4/6
Wed Night Regatta	17 May	Wednesday	Spring 5/6
Wed Night Regatta	24 May	Wednesday	Spring 6/6
Wed Night Regatta	31 May	Wednesday	Summer 1/6
Wed Night Regatta	7 June	Wednesday	Summer 2/6
Wed Night Regatta	14 June	Wednesday	Summer 3/6
Wed Night Regatta	21 June	Wednesday	Summer 4/6
Wed Night Regatta	28 June	Wednesday	Summer 5/6
Wed Night Regatta	5 July	Wednesday	Summer 6/6
Wed Night Regatta	12 July-16 Aug	Wednesday	Fall Series
Navy Cup SBC	15 July	Saturday	Series 1-3/3



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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 McNicholl and get involved! Jeff can be reached at [vicecommodore@nycsd.club](mailto:vicecommodore@nycsd.club).

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**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR REGULAR  
AND SUBSITUTE RACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Lisa Brewer  
Tim Stengel  
Bennett Clark  
Joe Torres  
Vice Commodore Jeff McNicholl  
Erin from MWR  
Staff Commodores Pete Kover, Mary Berube, & Jeni Lench



*Treasurers Report*

Operating Funds-	
Business Checking	\$5,327
Prepaid memberships	\$10,465
Certificate of Deposit	\$28,385
Capital Funds-	\$8,152
Total Funds-	\$52,330



# NYCSD Calendar

## May

2 Tues NYCSD Board Meeting 6:00pm

3 Wed Spring Series 3 - 5:15pm

7 Sun NYCSD MAW fundraiser in support of the 2023 Amazing Race for Children's Wishes

14 Sun Mother's Day

10 Wed Spring Series 4 - 5:15pm

17 Wed Spring Series 5 - 5:15pm

**20 Sat General Membership Meeting and BBQ - NYCSD Patio 1:00pm**

24 Wed Spring Series 6 - 5:15pm

29 Mon Memorial Day

31 Wed Summer Series 1 - 5:15pm

## June

**2-4 Fri - Sunday Big Boat Raft Up 1  
Glorietta Bay**

6 Tue NYCSD Board Meeting 6:00pm

7 Wed Summer Series 2 - 5:15

14 Wed Summer Series 3 - 5:15pm

18 Sun Father's Day

21 Wed Summer Series 4 - 5:15pm

28 Wed Summer Series 5 - 5:15pm

## July

**4 Mon Independence Day - Patio will  
be open all day for members to enjoy**

5 Wed Summer Series 6 - 5:15

12 Wed Fall Series 1 - 5:15pm

**15 Navy Cup SBC Races**

**15 Summer BBQ following Race  
NYCSD Patio**

19 Wed Fall Series 2 - 5:15pm

**21-23 Fri-Sun Big Boat Raft Up #2  
La Playa**

26 Wed Fall Series 3 - 5:15pm

## The Navigator's Rule

There are many, I know. But, I've got one in particular that I want to emphasize. I first learned it in Air Force "nav school" while working toward getting my wings and eventually flying C-141s worldwide. It applies whether you are flying or sailing (cruising) . . .

"Never rely on just one aid to navigation."

Now for those of us who use a chart plotter (or other GPS-based nav aid), don't get complacent and assume it's telling you the truth! A picture is worth a thousand words, but let me give you the background on the one below.

Sailing from Nuevo Vallarta (MX) northbound to Punta Mita (Banderas Bay), was an excellent example. My boat is the red/green triangle that points north and appears to be on the beach (shoreline). (Disregard the orange arrow that is telling me which way to turn.) Also, note that there is another boat (solid red triangle) that is apparently about .25 nm inland from the shore.

Don't cue the ominous music and fear for "our hero!" In actuality, I'm about .75 nm offshore and the other boat is anchored near the shore. It was a beautifully warm and clear day, so a visual check of my position proved the chart plotter had seemingly lost its mind.

The real culprit and reason for the error was a software programming glitch inherent to the chart files downloaded from the "latest" update by Garmin. This underscores the need to invoke "The Navigator's Rule." If the visibility was poor or it was nighttime, using the radar (another aid to navigation) would have been a valid crosscheck.

By the way, during the entire nine-month cruise from California to Mexico and return, this was the only time the chart plotter was in error. Always maintain position awareness, and follow the "rule!"

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



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

Hello NYCSD members! The 2023 Big Boat Raft Up schedule is set:

Glorietta Bay	June 2-4
La Playa	July 21-23
La Playa	August 11-13

Things get going around noon on Friday and start breaking up around noon on Sunday. If you are coming out you will need to make reservations on the Port of San Diego website, <https://reservations.portofsandiego.org/boating/>.

It is quite easy, I promise you, even I can do it. Make your reservations early as there are limits on the number of boats allowed.

If you don't want to bring your boat out or don't have a boat, you can still join in on the fun by joining us on your dinghy, kayak, canoe, paddle board or just swim out. If that doesn't work for you, we could probably send a dinghy to retrieve you.

So come on out and enjoy some good food, good drink, good stories and good comraderie. I guarantee if you show up you will see your name in print in the next issue of the Spinnaker newsletter. (In a good way!)

If you are coming out, please let me know so I can make appropriate plans.

Curt Snyder

Port Captain

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**Fun with NYCS&D: Opening Day, Quicker/Tarantino Invitational, Newport to SD**



Muddy Rudder Award at Opening Day



Opening Day 2023



Reception duties at the Quicker /Tarantino



Quicker/Tarantino



Newport to San Diego



Crew of *Tiny Bubbles*, Newport to San Diego

# 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:**

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Name: Last	First	MI	rank/grade
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Email	Phone Number
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Dependent: \_\_\_\_\_ Must have valid I.D. Card

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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](http://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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