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**2021 May General Membership Meeting**

**Has Been Postponed**

See Commodore's Halyard page 2.



2021 Quicker/ Tarantino  
See article on page 8.



Commodore  
Robert Howdysell



## COMMODORE'S HALYARD

The light is shining brighter on the possibility of all things that have been shuttered returning to life. We held our three race Q/T event on April third. This race is a celebration race to honor our founders, Quicker and Tarantino. It is an annual event.

We have started our first six-week Spring Beer Can Race Series. We have had to modify how they are conducted because we do not have access to our normal Race Committee Boats since the Fiddler's Cove Marina remains restricted from the use of their rental fleet. But I commend our Race Committee for the work they have put in modifying our normal NOR & SIs to still hold races during this restricted period ensuring fun and safety for all.

In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, we should have a General Membership Meeting in May. However, there are still restrictions on gatherings at our Marina. Our Constitution and By-Laws also provide the Board of Directors authority to modify the required date for the General Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors took an online vote and approved extending the time for our General Membership Meeting. We have decided a General Membership Meeting, being a major social event, is too important to try and fill the void with a Zoom Meeting. Therefore, we will wait as long as necessary in order to have an in-person event. The Bridge and Board will evaluate our options

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for planning an in person General Membership Meeting at our June 1, 2021 Board Meeting.

There are some membership changes which will become effective July 1, 2021:

1. Membership will be raised to \$40 for a single and \$50 for family membership per year.
2. Active-Duty personnel will enjoy the old rate of \$30 for a single and \$40 for family membership.
3. We will also start to allow multiple year membership in increments of one year up to three years.
4. There will be no discounts for early payment or multiyear membership.

I certainly don't like the idea of raising the membership fee, however being responsible for the financial stability of the Club this move is absolutely necessary. I certainly believe this remains a remarkable bargain.

This year we will have a social. It has been too long!

-- Robert Howdysshell

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## REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

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**Rear Commodore  
Ty Keith**



Ahoy, NYCSD members!

Feels like things are starting to get back to normal.

If you haven't heard yet, our Wednesday Night Races resumed on April 21<sup>st</sup>! As it used to be pre-COVID, it was a really great mid-week opportunity to be out on the water. The threat of rain (and a little drizzle) limited the number of participants, but not *Sheldon*, and it turned out to be a very good evening for sailing.

The winds were steady, and the rain (and the cold) held off, which made for a very enjoyable race. Keeping my fingers crossed that the threat of COVID continues to wane and the Wednesday Night Races are back for good.

Next step is for the Navy (and MWR) to ease their restrictions so we can go back to having our post-race gatherings under the pavilion tent at the Yacht Club. The easing of restrictions also positions us to resume additional activities at the Yacht Club. Again, keeping my fingers crossed.

If you're looking for something to do on a Wednesday evening, I highly suggest joining us for the races. For more info on the races, please visit the website at <https://www.nycsd.club/>

--Ty Keith





**Racing Help Still Needed!**

Can you help with NYCS D racing? We are in need of skippers who are willing to use their boat as a Race Committee boat. Please contact our Commodore if you can help! You do not need to be available for all of the races, it would be nice to have several skippers available to rotate.

## NYCS D RACING

NYCS D is conducting our full series of scheduled races. We will operate according to Covid regulations that are in place at the time. Please check our webpage, [www.nycsd.club](http://www.nycsd.club), or our Facebook page for the most current information about skippers' meetings.

### NYCS D Spring /Summer Series

NAME	DATE	Day of the Week	Series
Wed Night Regatta	5 May	Wednesday	3/18
Wed Night Regatta	12 May	Wednesday	4/18
Wed Night Regatt	19 May	Wednesday	5/18
Wed Night Regatta	26 May	Wednesday	6/18
<b>Begin Summer Series</b>			
Wed Night Regatta	2 June	Wednesday	7/18
Wed Night Regatta	9 June	Wednesday	8/18
Wed Night Regatta	16 June	Wednesday	9/18
Wed Night Regatta	23 June	Wednesday	10/18
Wed Night Regatta	30 June	Wednesday	11/18
Wed Night Regatta	7 July	Wednesday	12/18
Wed Night Regatta	14 July	Wednesday	12/18
Navy Cup Regatta	17 July	Saturday	3/3

## STAFF COMMODORES PAGE

*This issue we have an article from Staff Commodore Eric Matus 2005.*

I have just finished the Challenged Sailors San Diego/Coronado (CSSD) YC KMAC Regatta.

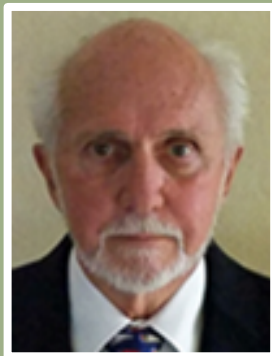
Earlier this year I ran away with the CSSD/CYC Midwinter Regatta, but this time I got educated, taking a 3rd overall. A team from the San Francisco Bay Area came in 1<sup>st</sup> with Brewster, a fellow physically challenged CSSD sailor taking 2nd.

It was a wonderful last weekend in April! Jamie McArthur of CYC ran the KMAC event and the RC boat efficiently and with great competence. The Challenged Sailors volunteers did a terrific job carrying out all aspects of the event from check-in, to the events raffle that brought in \$1,000!

There were, I believe, 5 racers in the Hansa 303 class and 6 to 7 Harbor 20's class in an exhibition race, but they looked pretty competitive to me!

After my paragliding accident I was dismayed to realize I wouldn't be able to race the Capri 16.5s in the NYCSD Beer Cans. But, Challenged Sailors SD has shown me that I can still enjoy my lifelong pursuit of sailing, and as I maneuvered with three or four other boats in extraordinarily close mark roundings, I could still experience that competitive adrenaline rush!





**Bill Edwards**  
Vice Commodore, SDAYC  
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## SDAYC

This has been a tough year for socializing; both internally to NYCSD and within our community. There is a glimmer of hope on the horizon with the quick delivery of vaccines and common sense personal precautions to protect yourselves.

Our first opening day will be May 1 at CCYC. Although attendance by the greater yacht club community will be limited, it is a start.

I am hopeful that we will celebrate the Fourth of July with a Big Bay Boom event this year and would appreciate support for providing picket boats if I contact you in the near future. This Fourth of July has significance as it will be a true indicator of freedom if we all come out and celebrate.

--Bill Edwards  
NYCSD Staff Commodore 2009  
Vice Commodore,  
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**NYCSD.CLUB**

The most current information can be found on our NYCSD Facebook page. Make sure to “like” our page and stay up to date!

Questions regarding membership, such as renewals and change of address can be sent to: [membership@nycsd.club](mailto:membership@nycsd.club)

### *Treasurers*

### *Report*

Operating Funds -  
36,600

Capital Funds - 8,583

Total Funds - 45,182

## QUICKER/ TARANTINO

After shaking off the cobwebs, and changing out a member’s sailboat for the usual Race Committee boat, The Bunce, Navy Yacht Club San Diego returned to its traditional opening race for the 2021 season, the Quicker-Tarantino Regatta.

On April 3rd, skippers from Cortez Racing Association, Southwestern Yacht Club, Coronado Cays Yacht Club, Coronado Yacht Club and of course Navy Yacht Club San Diego gathered for a three race series in deceptively light winds which filled to a moderate breeze. Always hotly contested, and never without controversy, the regatta was a true test for the mix of skippers and crews coming out of a pandemic hibernation.

Results are posted on Regatta Network on our website, [www.NYCSD.CLUB](http://www.NYCSD.CLUB)! Thank you Race Committee!

Photo Credit to David Shanes and Director Larry Vonier. Thank you both!



“Shamrock” Skippered by Glenn Welch



## HELP WANTED

Navy Yacht Club San Diego continues to be an “all volunteer” run organization. It takes many people to keep things running smoothly and we are grateful for those who have and continue to contribute to our club.

We are looking for members who would like to join our volunteer editing team and help to produce this newsletter. The Spinnaker published 4 times a year.

Contact Jeni Lench or Mary Berube for more information. Emails in directory.

No experience required!

More pictures from our Quicker/Tarantino can be found on our NYCSO Facebook page.

## Quicker/ Tarantino Pictures



NYCSO  
Tiny Bubbles  
Crew

Racing  
Downwind



NYCSO Elusive

THANK YOU  
RACE  
COMMITTEE!  
KISS and Crew





## Member's Page

This month we are excited to feature an article from NYCSD member Neal Doten. If you would like to submit an article for our next Spinnaker, please send it to [jenilench@gmail.com](mailto:jenilench@gmail.com) no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. THANK YOU NEAL!

### Santiago Got It Wrong

Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* is an epic portrayal of someone NOT having a "best day on the water." Santiago, the old man, and I share three things: first, we are old men; second, both of us have spent time on the water in a tropical climate; and third, we have done so single-handed. With that said, I think Santiago would have had a better day if he had someone along to share the experience.

Sailing in the Sea of Cortez (between mainland Mexico and the Baja peninsula) proves my point. My best day on the water happened when my lady, Paula, joined me for ten days on my last cruise aboard my Island Packet 38. We left La Paz and sampled the turquoise waters and warm sunny days with one of the stops in the Puerto Balandra anchorage.

The smile on her face started when relaxing at anchor and just got better with a dinghy trip ashore to wade in the shallow, warm waters of the beach. She was enjoying a wonderful respite from the cool and wet winter weather of northern California. I was smiling too (if only on the inside while rowing the dinghy). It was so nice to have her company and share the experiences that only cruising has to offer.

I can't rewrite Hemingway's novel, but I can offer you my suggestion for a best day on the water. Take someone special along and revel in their delight as well as your own.

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



## Marina Updates

If you haven't been to Fiddler's Cove Marina and RV Park lately, you're in for some surprises! If you have, you've undoubtedly seen the massive construction machines and all of the work currently going on there. The marina staff is continuously working to improve the facilities for the enjoyment of all that visit.

For starters, the palm trees and the old fire pit that were loved by so many for so many years, are gone. Don't be too upset, as they have been replaced with a beautiful gazebo and gas fire pit for all to enjoy. There was some nice patio furniture around the new fire pit, but it has been removed and put into storage due to the Covid-19 restrictions. I've been assured they will return as soon as authorized to do so.

Most of us remember when the seawall outside the store failed and created a massive "sink hole". Well, it's been a while coming, but it's finally being restored and upgraded. It will be better than before and will surely last for MANY decades to come. Of course, these things come at a cost, and in addition to the mess on the grass and parking lot, the South brow to the docks had to be removed temporarily. This project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Meanwhile, the marina staff has been hard at work upgrading and beautifying the RV Park, building a new dinghy rack (with a shade/rain cover), and upgrading the side-tie docks. It is anticipated that these projects will be complete by the time you read this article. These projects are being referred to as Phase 1.

Phase 2 is expected to be started near the end of April and consists of removal of the wave attenuators that broke loose during a big storm this past winter. Replacement, if at all, is still being considered. Phase 2 will also involve revamping the bicycle cage and the recreation room/lounge.

The details and projects anticipated during Phase 3 are still being finalized, but are expected to begin in June. The only "peek" I got was that the old "wood" decking outside the lounge will be removed and the concrete patio will extend to the seawall. Unfortunately, there is no date set to repair/re-build the boat launch ramp.

We are blessed with a beautiful facility on the water for our club to call home. Feel free to stop by the store/office and let the staff know how you like the improvements and show some appreciation for all of their hard work.

Submitted by - S/C and Director Pete Kover



## Marina Updates Photos



## Membership Application / Renewal

*Navy Yacht Club San Diego*

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



New / Renewal

\_\_\_ Family \$40    \_\_\_ Single \$30

Member:

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Name: Last First MI rank/grade

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Street Address

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City State Zip Code

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Spouse

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**YES!** Enclosed is my  
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 Of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To join our 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 NYCSD. 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 NYCD) 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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