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## Fall General Membership Meeting

Come and elect your 2022 NYCSD Bridge and Board by attending the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 1PM

(IOBG meeting at 12:30)

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

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

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



## Commodore Robert Howdyshell

*The Bridge and Board of  
Navy Yacht Club San Diego  
Invite You To Attend The  
2021 Commodore's Ball  
Saturday, November 20th*

**Save the Date!**

**Tickets will be available ONLINE on Oct. 11, 2021  
[NYCSD.club](http://NYCSD.club)**



**Commodore  
Robert Howdysshell**



## COMMODORE'S HALYARD

As I had mentioned in the last Spinnaker, we are going to take baby steps concerning reopening. Our first time using the Club facility since March 2020 was a BBQ after the Navy Cup, July 17. Wow was it a great time. It was obvious our members and our guests wanted to socialize. They socialized late into the evening and seemed to not want to go home.

Overly optimistic is how I would categorize my article in the last Spinnaker about reopening. Here we are two months later and we are, with some restrictions, returning with the possibility of more restrictions coming. For now, we are proceeding with the belief there will not be another lockdown and our General Membership Meeting will go off as targeted September 18. Being financially responsible, we have made some changes which will not impact our budget if we must totally cancel the event. We may be doing a BBQ and only have recorded music rather than signing contracts with a caterer and band.

Most of you have stuck with us for over a year and a half so don't give up on us. There are still some positive signs on the horizon which will make our Club stronger. We are coordinating with the MWR Marina on some future sailing classes, and we are volunteering members to fill in doing some "sailboat on the water" checkouts in the rental fleet. By the end of the year the rental fleet should be back in operation, the construction of the sea wall will be complete, and things will be looking up.

Other than just having fun, we have work to do at this Meeting. We need to vote for a slate for the 2022 Season. The names have been previously provided and I am extremely excited that this coming year, with a stellar Bridge and Board, it will be a banner year. Come have fun with us

-- Robert Howdysshell

## REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD



Rear Commodore  
Ty Keith



Ahoy, NYCSD members!

NYCSD hosted the Navy Cup Regatta on Saturday, 17 July. This is NYCSD's annual contribution to the South Bay Championships. We had really good winds and a fun day of racing, followed by an awesome turn out for the post-race "burger burn." This was NYCSD's first real event since COVID hit and it was a huge success. By my count, we had over 75 people attend. For our small club, that's a big number! It was really great being back at the Yacht Club to socialize with fellow members and sailors in person. A big thanks go out to one of the club's newest members, Seaman Apprentice (SA) Jack Gaylord, who not only help set up but served as grill-master for the day.

At the end of August, we wrapped up a successful Spring and Summer of the Wednesday Night Race series, the end of our 18 race regatta. Our Wednesday night races are three series of six races each. A big thanks to the Race Committee and everyone who participated. After taking last year off due to COVID, it was definitely great being back on the water on Wednesdays. Already looking forward to next season! We're busy planning for the annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, 18 September @1300 at NYCSD. If you haven't already, please RSVP at <https://www.nycsd.club/>. We're hoping for a big turn-out like we had for the Navy Cup. After the Membership Meeting, we go straight into planning for the Annual Commodore's Ball which is back this year and will be in November. Stand-by for additional information on the Ball.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Membership Meeting and at the Ball.

--Ty Keith

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Election Meeting

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 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: Jeni Lench

Vice Commodore: Ty Keith

Rear Commodore: Jeff McNicholl

Jr. Staff Commodore: Bob Howdysshell

### Directors:

\*Pete Kover      \*Curt Snyder

\*JR Young      \*Larry Vonier

Bram Arnold      Penni McNicholl

John Lally

Secretary- \*Joe McFetridge

Treasurer- \* Lisa Braun

\*Incumbent

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

Name:

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Date:

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Vote in person at the General Membership meeting, or mail  
this proxy ballot to Navy Yacht Club prior to September 17<sup>th</sup>,  
2021.

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# MAKE A WISH

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## Navy Yacht Club Annual Amazing Race for Children's Wishes

September 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

The 2021 Amazing Race for Children's Wishes will return to the Coronado Cays Yacht Club for its 12<sup>th</sup> year. This annual fundraiser is sponsored by Coronado Yacht Club, Coronado Cays Yacht Club and your Navy Yacht Club San Diego.

How can you help? We currently have one NYCSD Blue team that is looking for riders and/or donations. To help support this team, please go to [www.yachtclubsforwishes.org](http://www.yachtclubsforwishes.org) In the teams section, select "Navy Yacht Club Team Blue" and make your tax deductible donation. If you would like to ride with this team, contact Staff Commodore Pete Hunt. You can text him at (619) 772-3285, or email [peterhunt@san.rr.com](mailto:peterhunt@san.rr.com). S/C Hunt is also interested in getting second NYCSD team together. For more information about supporting our team, please contact Pete Hunt.

Complete information about this event and ways to participate is included in this issue of the Spinnaker.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Amazing Race for Children's Wishes benefiting Make-A-Wish® San Diego

September 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

**WHAT:** The 2021 Amazing Race for Children's Wishes will return to the Coronado Cays Yacht Club for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual boat & bike race, where teams compete by following clues in a scavenger hunt and solving puzzles around Coronado Cays. This event, hosted by Navy, Coronado, and Coronado Cays Yacht Clubs, has raised over \$1 Million for wishes in San Diego.

Awards will be presented at the event's culmination banquet at CCYC. The banquet will include raffles, auctions, team awards and lunch, with a special wish family presentation!

**WHO:** Since 2008, the San Diego Yacht Club Community has gathered together to raise funds for Make-A-Wish San Diego. This event is not exclusive to yacht club members; anyone can build a bike team or electric boat team, or attend the banquet at the Cays Yacht Club and help donate to a great cause.

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 26, 2021

Bike Race start: 10am

Boat Race start: 11am

Banquet start: 12:30pm

**EVERYONE Welcome.** Suggested lunch **donation** of \$15.00

**WHERE:** Coronado Cays Yacht Club, 30 N Caribe Cay Blvd, Coronado, CA 92118

**HOW:** Register a team online and find more information at:

[www.yachtclubsforwishes.org](http://www.yachtclubsforwishes.org) The Bike race is more of a "beach cruiser" scavenger hunt competition....and a fun event. **We are looking for a Second NAVY YACHT CLUB BIKE Team of 10 volunteers. Please contact Staff Commodore Pete Hunt if you would like to participate. Text him at 619-772-3285 or peterhunt@san.rr.com.** Navy Yacht Club has made approx. \$10,000 for past several years and would like to do it again in 2021. That would support both of these Kid's wishes on the next page! Each team member has a goal of raising \$250 for the event from friends and family donations.

**WHY:** For children who are battling a critical illness, a wish can give them and their families a chance to believe that anything is possible. In many cases, doctors use wishes as part of the treatment plan and research has shown that wishes have proven physical and emotional benefits that may give children with critical illnesses a higher chance of survival

Now more than ever, wishes need your support. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought added isolation and vulnerability to wish kids and their families. As we all emerge from this worldwide health crisis, you have the power to create hope and transformation for wish kids at a time when they need it most.



Amazing Race Wish Kid Ambassadors 2021

*I wish to go on a houseboat trip*

**Sydney, 8**

Heart Condition

As an infant, Sydney was diagnosed with a heart condition that has required multiple open-heart surgeries throughout her life. Despite everything she has had to endure, Sydney is like any other kid. She enjoys camping, swimming, and snorkeling with her family. Her hobbies are what inspired her to choose her wish: To go on a houseboat trip to Lake Havasu.

When asked why she chose this wish, Sydney said, "It's gonna be so fun and that's why I chose it!" She told us that she's most excited that there might be a slide, a Jacuzzi, and even a TV on the houseboat!

At the end of September, Sydney's wish will come true. Fortunately, after multiple surgeries, Sydney is in good health. She even performed in the average range during a recent treadmill stress test! Sydney is more than ready for her wish to come true so that she can go to the beach, swim, and sleep on a boat for the very first time.



*I wish to meet the Dallas Cowboys*

**Luke, 9**

Blood Disorder

Luke and his family relocated from Dallas, Texas when his father, a U.S. Marine, was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. Luke is what you might call a Dallas Cowboys *superfan*. The Cowboys have been Luke's favorite team his whole life, and he looks forward to watching them play every season. Although football is his favorite sport, he is unable to play due to his health condition.

His greatest wish is to watch a Cowboys game live so that he can meet the players. He wants to be on the sidelines with them during the game so that he can talk to the players and high-five them coming on and off the field. The thing he most looks forward to about his wish is that it would make him feel like he is part of the team. Luke exclaimed, "It would feel like getting a billion dollars or something you could only dream about!"

## IN MEMORIAM STAFF COMMODORE ERIC SMITHERMAN

On behalf of Navy Yacht Club San Diego, we would like to extend our profound condolences to Aimee Smitherman and family on the recent passing of her husband Staff Commodore Eric Smitherman.

S/C Smitherman was retired from the US Navy and very active in the yachting community. After serving as Commodore of Navy Yacht Club in 2011, he went on to represent NYCSD on the board of the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs. Eric was the 2016 Commodore of SDAYC.

In addition to boating, S/C Smitherman was active in the San Diego Jeep Club. He had a beautiful white Rubicon Jeep (JK) that he spent much time getting ready for each event.

Eric and his wife Aimee were donors and volunteers with Make-A-Wish San Diego since 2008. They were instrumental in the success of the Amazing Race Event.

In lieu of a formal memorial service, the family has requested donations to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, or Make-A-Wish San Diego in his name.

Our friend, you stand relieved, we have the watch.





**S/V Elusive**  
**Kitty Muhl**  
**Class 2 Winner**



## NYCSD RACING

**Coronado Yacht Club**

**Kitty Muhl Race**

Each year the Coronado Yacht Club hosts the annual Kitty Muhl Race. This race features boats with all female crews. The race was established in the 1950s when Kitty Muhl was told she couldn't skipper a sailboat and subsequently wrote her own Deed of Gift to establish a women-helmed and crewed race.

**Elusive wins class in the**

**CYC Kitty Muhl Ladies Race August 15th!**

With Linda Rogers on the helm and S/C Mary Berube on mainsail trim as well as a mostly female crew\*, Elusive managed to come out on top of the leaderboard in a four boat class. Since Elusive raced with a Coed crew with Ryan Rogers onboard, Elusive did not receive a 35% handicap rating advantage for an all female crew like the majority of the boats on the water. Despite the uphill battle, the 5/6 female crew overcame the challenge with a great performance on the water.

Following the race, CYC hosted a wonderful after race party, and were very welcoming to our Navy Yacht Club crew. CYC was very interested in getting more participation for next year's Kitty Muhl Ladies race, and very excited to have a Navy Yacht Club boat in this year's race. We should mark our calendars now and aim to get several Navy Yacht Club boats in the race next year with all female crews!

Submitted by \*Ryan Rogers

## STAFF COMMODORES PAGE

*This issue we have an article from Staff Commodore Rick Lench, 2014*

Hello Navy Yacht Club!

It seems like just yesterday when I was at the helm of NYCSD. Since that fun 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year I have kept very busy enjoying retired life.

Jeni and I have been doing quite a bit of travelling. We have visited many states, family and friends in our 93 Pace Arrow that is affectionally called the “Desert Queen, or DQ” for short. She originally was owed by Jeni’s cousins in Tucson, hence the name. Last spring we took a trip to Oregon, Utah and Texas to visit our son and daughter-in law in Houston. We travelled primarily on the backroads of the southwest and say many beautiful sites. We spent a month in the “DQ” with our Vizsla, Jay Dee.

Another big chunk or our time is spent up in Winchester with our daughter and son-in-law and our two amazing grandkids. Elsie is 3 going on 13 and Patrick is a happy 1 year old. We enjoy every minute of visiting them, but know that raising toddlers is for the young! We get home and enjoy the wonderful sounds of silence around our home.

Looking forward to seeing more NYCSD members in the next year as the re-opening continues!

S/C Rick Lench



Elsie



The “DQ”



Patrick



Bill Edwards  
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## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

As we emerge from COVID's restrictions we are looking forward to two events that need our support.

The event nearest to us is the Veteran's Boat Parade on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. We will need volunteers for picket boat duty. I will be sending out emails soon seeking your support.

The second event is the Parade of Lights. Some of you may have gotten an email asking for volunteers to be picket boats from me and the entire community, both Yachting and at large, would appreciate your support.

Both events have a need for parade participants, you may be interested in one or both of them. You can register for the Parade of Lights at <https://sdparadeoflights.org/join-the-parade/participant-info/> and the Veteran's Boat Parade at <https://fleetweeksandiego.org/veterans-boat-parade-2021/>

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the General Membership Meeting on September 18. I will meet with the International Order of the Blue Gavel NYCSA Staff Commodores at 1230 hours prior to the general membership meeting.

Bill Edwards  
NYCSA Staff Commodore 2009  
Vice Commodore, San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs  
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### TELL A FRIEND!

2022 is going to be a big year for your NYCSO! We have lots of fun events in the works and are excited to get everything rolling again.

Do you know what makes our club so much fun? It is our amazing members.

So, if you know someone who is eligible for NYCSO membership, let them know how easy and affordable it is to join.

### Lapsed Membership?

Did your membership lapse? No problem, just log on to [www.nycsd.club](http://www.nycsd.club) to get your membership up to date.

Don't miss out on all the fun that we have in store!



## Navy Yacht Club San Diego

- **Wednesday Night Races**
- **Social events**
- **Reciprocal privileges with other Yacht Clubs**
- **Beautiful outdoor patio**
- **Volunteer opportunities**
- **Friendships and FUN!**
- **Quarterly newsletter, The Spinnaker**
- **Low cost membership fee**
- **Boat ownership not required**

The Navy Yacht Club San Diego is an element of the Commanding Officer Naval Base Coronado's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) program.

The club is located in facilities at the Fiddler's Cove Marina, on Strand Way.

The Navy Yacht Club offers both Single and Family memberships. Membership is open to all Active Duty and Retired military personnel (and their dependents), DOD employees, US Coast Guard, and Military Active Reserve personnel and those with eligibility for VA and MWR privileges

More information can be found at: [www.NYCSO.club](http://www.NYCSO.club)

Or contact our Commodore at (909) 560-6685 or [Commodore@nycsd.club](mailto:Commodore@nycsd.club)

## Stay Connected With NYCSD!

Visit our website at:

**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!

## *Treasurers Report*

Operating Funds 39,901

Capital Funds 7,624

Total Funds - 47,525

Questions regarding membership, such as renewals and change of address can be sent to:

[membership@nycsd.club](mailto:membership@nycsd.club)

\*Now offering multi-year memberships.

## Raft Up #3

The Navy Yacht Club San Diego hosted its third Big Boat Raft up of the 2021 season on Aug 27th through the 29th. It was held in Glorietta Bay Anchorage. The weather was fabulous - sunny, warm and not too windy.

In attendance:

Bob Hunt on his 43' Californian trawler named R Gang, as the center boat.

Curt Snyder on K.I.S.S., a Santana 25.

Jeff and Penni McNicholl arrived on their Silverton 34, named Boat Load of Fun.

Coming for Friday night was Director Linda Rogers and her husband Ryan on Elusive, a Beneteau 33.

New to our group was Gregg Potter on Northstar, a Hershoff 34 and CCYC Rear Commodore Sue Stevens and her husband Craig on C Silk, a 20ft Lear electric boat. Craig and Sue are new members to NYCSD.

Commodore Bob Howdyshell stopped by on his inflatable both days.

As usual, everyone had a great time with good food and comraderie.

Submitted by your Port Captain, Curt Snyder

# Raft Up #3 Pictures August 2021



Raft up fun was had by all this August in  
Glorietta Bay.

Thank you Port Captain Curt Snyder for putting  
together all of our summer raft ups, and thank  
you Jeff McNicholl for the great pictures!

## Member's Page

This month we have an article from member Neal Doten. Thank you Neal!!

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 January 15, 2022. We LOVE hearing from our members and their adventures!

### My Ophthalmologist Got It Right

“You know the kids in the small coastal towns of Mexico don’t have sunglasses.” This was the reply I got from my eye doctor while she was performing my annual eye exam; I told her I was leaving in a couple weeks to cruise the coasts of Baja and mainland Mexico. She caught me by surprise on two accounts: how did she know, and why hadn’t I considered that?

“Hmmm. Good point. How can I help when I’m there?” Well, she suggested I could take some of the temporary “sunglasses” (aka “Roll-Lens”) that she provides to her patients after an exam involving pupil dilation. Needless to say, I walked out of the office with a plastic bag of them.

“Cutting to the chase,” I didn’t get a chance to be a “sunglasses good Samaritan” until anchoring off the beach in Chacala - about 50 nm north of Puerto Vallarta. It was an idyllic setting with a sandy beach, waterfront thatched-roof palapa restaurants, and palm trees - a “riviera for the middle-class Mexicans.” The only “Gringos” one encountered on the beach or in the small town were from the anchored cruising boats.

As you can see, I encountered a mother watching her two kids playing in the water. Seeking permission in my best Spanish (not all that great), I asked her if I could give the kids sunglasses. She okayed it, and as you can see the kids thought the sunglasses were really fun. They were all smiles!

Walking down the beach after that, I wondered how my ophthalmologist knew . . . plus I was enjoying the feeling of having done something good for someone.



Submitted by:

Neal Doten

S/V No Moss

