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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 6, 2022***

***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 27, 2022***

***RSVP commodore@nycsd.club***

Opening Day will be held, rain or shine, on our beautiful outdoor patio.

Please R.S.V.P. in order to get gate access.

# Commodore's Halyard



**Commodore  
Jeni Lench**



Hello Navy Yacht Club and welcome to the 2022 boating season!

I am excited to serve again as your Commodore. Some of you may remember I was the 2015 Commodore of NYCSD. I am looking forward to another great year as we get the club back on track with a full slate of Bridge and Board and a full calendar of events

We are very fortunate to have an experienced and talented group of members volunteering on our Bridge and Board. I hope you will make it to some events and meet this great group of folks.

Our calendar is going to keep us busy this year! Our first event was “Founder’s Day” on January 29th. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed our beautiful patio. Our next event will be the official opening of NYCSD for the 2022 season, “Opening Day.” It will be a day of pomp and circumstance. There is an article in this newsletter that discusses opening days and the tradition behind them. Our club will be all dressed up as we officially open the bay to our boating season. I certainly hope you can join us. Please make sure to R.S.V.P. either online at our website, or to my email, [commodore@nycsd.club](mailto:commodore@nycsd.club). You will need to R.S.V.P. no later than February 27th to get a gate code to access our event.

Our racing season will open on April 2 with our annual Quicker/Tarantino Regatta. The Wednesday Night racing series follows later in the month. More about these races can be found in this issue of the Spinnaker.

NYCSD continues to be an all-volunteer organization and depends on our members to get involved. There are a variety of areas where you can join in the fun. Please take a look at the article later in this issue and see if you can help out. I look forward to meeting you at one of our events this year.

# Vice Commodore's Halyard



**Vice Commodore**

**Ty Keith**



Ahoy, NYCSD members!

My name is Ty Keith and I'm honored to be serving as the Vice Commodore on the NYCSD Board this year. We have high hopes that 2022 will see a return to normalcy not just for our regular day-to-day lives, but also for NYCSD. We've already had a successful Founders' Day Celebration after skipping it last year, so fingers crossed.

Growing up in Coronado, I first started sailing when I took lessons at Fiddler's Cove around 1976. After a number of years of crewing on and skippering sailboats in various races, including my boat SHELDON.

I'm making the big jump to learning racing from the Race Committee standpoint. We started off with a bang by working on a whaler setting marks for the opening race of the South Bay Combined (SBC) race series this past weekend. A lot of boats and better-than-expected winds made for a great day on the bay!

I am looking forward to the race calendar this year, including a return to the regular Wednesday Night Races. There is no better way to spend a Wednesday evening than racing on the bay and having post-race dinner with the other crews under the tent at NYCSD. I would love for more members and their boats join us this race season!

I hope everyone continues to weather the pandemic and feels like I do...ready for our lives to return to some normalcy. I'm looking forward to a great year at NYCSD, seeing you at Opening Day in March and racing out on the bay!

# REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD



**Rear Commodore  
Jeff McNicholl**



Hello, I am Rear 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 Captains License (6 Pack).

As much as I love sailing, I have only owned power boats. Starting with a 18 foot Formula ski boat, a 28 foot Regal Cabin Cruiser (Pretty Penni) and now a 38 foot 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.





# NYCSD Racing

## NYCSD Spring Series

NAME	DATE	Day of the Week	Series
Quicker/ Tarantino Invitational	2 April	Saturday	1-3/3
Wed Night Regatta	20April	Wednesday	1/18
Wed Night Regatta	27 April	Wednesday	2/18
Wed Night Regatta	4 May	Wednesday	3/18
Wed Night Regatta	11 May	Wednesday	4/18
Wed Night Regatta	18 May	Wednesday	5/18
Wed Night Regatta	25 May	Wednesday	6/18

### Racing Help Needed!

Looking for a FUN way to get involved in NYCSD? Please consider joining our Race Committee! The Race Committee is made up of members like you who enjoy spending time on the water and want to support our club. You can volunteer for any number of races and NO experience is necessary. It is a fun way to meet more members and get involved with your NYCSD. **Our first training meeting will be on morning of February 26<sup>th</sup> at NYCSD.** Please contact Vice Commodore Ty Keith and get involved! Ty can be reached at [vicecommodore@nycsd.club](mailto:vicecommodore@nycsd.club).

# Opening Day Tradition

Yachting and yacht clubs have a long history steeped in naval tradition. One tradition is for each yacht club to host an Opening Day, an event that officially signals the beginning of the yachting season. While in Southern California the weather typically allows for a year round yachting season, it is not the case in other places in the United States or around the world. In the United States, Opening Days generally start in March and continue through the end of May. Navy Yacht Club San Diego (NYCSD) is proud to be the member club of the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs (SDAYC) who starts the local season by hosting the first Opening Day each year.

Each yacht club has its own set of traditions for Opening Day, but they usually include: flag decorated vessels, a color guard, the national anthem, the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence for the departed, introductions of the Bridge and Board (club officers) and visiting dignitaries, an awards ceremony, delicious food, and socializing. Another common tradition is to fire a cannon signaling that the weather is clear enough to begin the yachting season. In the case of Navy Yacht Club, this means to announce if the bay is free of icebergs and floes to safely commence activities on the water.

Nautical attire is always appropriate at Opening Days and may include attire of navy, red, and white. Festive and stylish hats are encouraged. Club nametags are also appropriate and encouraged (be sure to wear them visibly and on your right side.) Uniforms are an option for any club member but are standard attire for the Bridge and Board members. The San Diego area club uniforms are a navy blazer, white shirt, and gray (winter) or white (summer) skirt or slacks. In San Diego the “grays” are worn between October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, with April 1<sup>st</sup> changing the uniform to “whites”. Uniforms can vary from East Coast to West coast, with the East Coast uniforms having slacks called Nantucket Reds (don’t call them pink or salmon unless you are ready for a lengthy debate with the wearer.)

Being part of the yachting community and a yacht club makes us part of something larger. NYCSD Bridge and Board members are invited and expected to attend Opening Days hosted by other clubs, which is one of multiple ways that NYCSD is involved in the yachting community. This community not only includes local SDAYC clubs, but can also include clubs in the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA). 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Volunteer With NYCSD

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.

Though out the year there are a variety of areas where we can use a hand. The biggest area of need at this time of the year is helping to keep our NYCSD races running smoothly. We can use help on the Race Committee and on the patio setting up before the races and putting things away after the races.

Are you more interested in helping with our patio events? We can always use help decorating, cooking, setting up and cleaning up.

Maybe you like to work with facilities? We periodically put together work parties to keep our club looking beautiful.

Maybe you enjoy writing? We love getting articles for the Spinnaker submitted by our members. Submit your article to [jenilench@gmail.com](mailto:jenilench@gmail.com) by April 11<sup>th</sup> for the next issue.

If you have an interest in any of these areas, please email our Commodore at [commodore@nycsd.club](mailto:commodore@nycsd.club) and she will put you in touch with the right person!

### *Treasurers Report*

Operating Funds - 41,680

Capital Funds - 7,759

Total Funds - 49,439

# Bartering for “Good Taste”

Submitted by NYCSD Member Neal Doten  
S/V No Moss

About two-thirds of the way down the Pacific side of Baja is Bahia Santa Maria. It's a good anchorage and has a Mexican fish camp at the head of the bay. Consequently, the fishermen leave at “0-dark 30” to go fishing in the ocean and usually return early-to mid-afternoon.

In the afternoon, the fishermen will stop by your boat if you wave them over or if they need something. In this case, they stopped by on their own because they wanted to barter. There were three of them: two adult guys and a “grandpa,” and they wanted to barter for AA batteries (fortunately I had some to spare). The verbal exchange was challenging with my limited Spanish and their limited English.

The bottom of the panga (the common Mexican, outboard-powered, open boat) was covered with their day's catch. After handing over some batteries, I requested “un pescado para mi.” Grandpa selected one from the catch and started to hand it to me, but I'm not good at cleaning fish, so I requested “filete para mi, por favor.” In the blink of an eye, Grandpa flopped it on the wood seat, whipped out his knife, and filleted it before one could say “Bob's your uncle.”

This happened two more times. They got some D batteries and some candy for the kids in the camp. In the process, I learned that the fish were Cavallo. When all was said and done, they were happy and so was I.

By the way, I put the fillets in the freezer and barbequed them later in the cruise. I can honestly say they were of excellent flavor and texture. So, barter for Cavallo if you have the chance!





# Use of Reciprocal Privileges

*The yachting season is beginning all around San Diego Bay! One of the benefits of belonging to NYCSD is the use of “Reciprocal Privileges.” It is important that all of our members review the following guidelines when visiting other clubs. This ensures that we will all continue to enjoy this benefit.*

## Visiting Other Yacht Clubs

One of the benefits of NYCSD membership is reciprocity with other participating yacht clubs. Each year, the Commodores of various other yacht clubs extend reciprocal privileges to NYCSD, offering the use of their club facilities for that specific year, usually via a formal written invitation. Likewise, the Commodore of NYCSD 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 NYCSD, our offered reciprocals include the invitation to attend NYCSD 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 NYCSD. The NYCSD bridge and board reviews all complaints related to abuse of reciprocals, and when warranted, can suspend or revoke membership.

To maintain goodwill between NYCSD 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.

### Visiting Other Yacht Clubs, continued.

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 NYCSD 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 NYCSD ship store.)
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.

# NYCSD Burgee travels to the British Virgin Islands

Submitted by Rear Commodore Jeff McNicholl

Penni and I sailed the British Virgin Islands to show off the NYCSD Burgee from 22 Nov to 2 Dec. We did a bareboat charter on a 2020 Lagoon 46 with 4 souls on board. We drove or sailed the boat 80.7 miles with 17 hours and 20 minutes underway. We had 13 different stops on 9 different islands. Max speed 9.7Kts Avg. Speed 4.9Kts

The Burgee is now on display at Foxy's on the island of Jost Van Dyke. The Burgee also made a stop for a photo op on Saba Rock near the Island of Virgin Gorda.

I highly recommend this trip for everyone. The white sand picturesque beaches and warm clear waters are incredible. The fun stops like the Willy T at Norman Island are a blast. The adventures at The Baths on Virgin Gorda will inspire the inner child in you. The resort at Scrub Island will re-energize you. The Bubblys on Jost Van Dyke are inspiring. Make sure to stop in at Foxy's Taboo in Diamond Cay, the low key awesome beach bar. This bar was opened by the daughter of the famed Foxy's around the corner at Great Harbor. All the local people are friendly and welcoming.



# 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:

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 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 NYCSD) 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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