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Navy Yacht Club San Diego

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Please join us for Commodore's Ball!

**Tickets are available online only
beginning October 11th.**



Commodore Jeff McNicholl

The Bridge and Board of
Navy Yacht Club San Diego
Cordially invites you to attend our
2024 Commodore's Ball
Saturday, November 16, 2024, 6:00PM
Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Tickets available www.nycsd.com starting October 11, 2024
Black Tie Optional
NO TICKETS AVAILBLE AT THE DOOR

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Fall General Membership Meeting

Come and elect your 2025 NYCSD Bridge and Board by attending the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** on **Saturday, October 12th at 1:00 PM** (IOBG meeting at 12:30 PM)
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.

Treasurer's Report

Operating Funds-

Business Checking	\$12,946
Prepaid memberships	\$8,044
Certificate of Deposit	\$29,440
Capital Funds	\$9,948

Total Funds- \$60,379

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
Election Meeting**

OCTOBER 12, 2023 at 1300 hrs.

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

BALLOT

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

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

**Treasurer- * Lisa Braun
Secretary- Aida Torres**

Directors:

*** Curt Snyder * Bram Arnold
* JR Young * John Lally
*Tim Stengel Pat Suggs *Rick Vetter**

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:
NYCSD PO Box 182111
Coronado, CA 92178-2111

NYCSD Fall Calendar



EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Trivia with the Commodore	Saturday 9/14/24	NYCSD patio @1800 patio opens at 1700
Big Boat Raft-Up #4 at Coronado Cays Basin	Fri-Sun 9/27 to 9/29	Contact Port Captain Curt for details (see page 14 for an account of the last fun Raft Ups)
SBC Championship Regatta - Open	Saturday 10/5/24	Contact Vice Commodore Mike for details
Tickets on Sale Commodore's Ball	Friday 10/11/24	Get your tickets online before we sell out. None available at the door
General Membership Meeting and Free BBQ	Saturday 10/12/24	NYCSD Patio at 1300 (IOBG meeting at 1230)
NYCSD Bay Boat Tour	Sunday 10/13/24	See letter from Commodore on Page 17 of this issue.
Veterans Boat Parade https://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/veterans-day-boat-parade/	Monday 11/11/24	San Diego Bay—Contact Staff Commodore Bill Edwards to participate as picket boat. (619) 708-5047 cdredwards@cox.net
Commodore's Ball	Saturday 11/16/24	At Coronado Cays YC, Coronado Dinner, wine, live band, dancing, friends and fun!
San Diego Parade of Lights https://sdparadeoflights.org/	Sunday 12/8 and 12/15	San Diego Bay—Contact Staff Commodore Bill Edwards to participate as picket boat. (619) 708-5047 cdredwards@cox.net

COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Commodore
Jeff McNicholl



Commodore Jeff McNicholl and
Secretary Penni McNicholl.

As the summer and my time as your Commodore is coming to a close, it is time to reflect as we look forward. This has been an incredible year for me and for NYCSD. From the large number of 16.5 sailboats racing in our Beer Can Races to the Trivia with the Commodore and soon our End of Summer Bay Tour.

Our members made several improvements to our club and patio, including painting our anchor (Tim Stengel), replacing our flag pole Belay Pin holder (Bram Arnold), painting our Tiki masks (Joy and Chuck Vinson) and purchasing new chairs along with refurbishing and repainting our tables (Curt Snyder), improvements to our bar with décor, tap signs, dispensers as well as our BBQ (Joe and Aida Torres), sink skirting (Mike and Lois Lewis) replacing the skirting around the club building (Bram Arnold and Chris Burrows), repairing damaged railing (Rick Vetter), improvements to our bar, a new shelf, some décor has also been added (myself and Penni McNicholl).

We recently received a gift, a new large Tiki totem from member Larry Vonier, of which his uncle made many years ago; soon it will have a permanent place on our patio for all to enjoy. Another significant improvement is our new Membership Cards that are just now starting to be sent out. Penni McNicholl devoted much of her time to get this new process off the ground and running. I am sure I missed someone and/or an improvement.

So many members have done so much to help improve our club and provide a space for our special comradery that we as veterans and spouses of veterans share. I'll see you on the patio.

VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Vice Commodore
Mike Lewis



Racing season has come to an end. We had a great and very competitive time with the 16-5's. I think everyone had a blast. We would love to see all you sailors and members out there come on out for a great time on the water and some friendly competition and socialization. This is a good time to race, crew, volunteer for race committee, and or come out and meet the members of your Navy Yacht Club. Looking forward to seeing and meeting you all next year for some FREE sodas, chips, snacks, wine, and barley pops (beer).

Oh, by the way we had great participation, just an outstanding turnout for the Navy Cup. There were numerous positive comments on the management of the race and the venue. So nice to see that everyone had a great time.

Lois and I did miss the last Raft-Up but are planning on being there for the next one on 27-29 Sept. at the Coronado Cays. We just moved from Tierrasanta to the Coronado Cays and are now dealing with the task of trying to get ourselves settled in. Raft-ups are a lot of fun and a great way to meet and check out each other's boats.

Please come out and enjoy what your club has to offer. We would really like to meet, hang-out, and just enjoy yachting with you at our Navy Yacht Club San Diego.

REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Rear Commodore
Joe Torres



As the Beer can racing season comes to a successful end, there's so much to be thankful for. First, we had a safe season. Secondly, we have one of the best racing venues in SoCal. Our small boat harbor, in San Diego Bay, affords us the opportunity to get out onto the water fast and to the starting line, even faster.

Next, we have Fiddlers Cove Marina & RV Park club house. We always need to remember to thank Navy MWR for the use of this great facility. There are no bad views from the club house and the bar is not bad too.

I would also like to thank everyone who provided advice and guidance over the past couple of months. As my year as Rear Commodore there was much to learn. One thing I did learn, is that Navy Yacht Club San Diego likes to eat and drink. This was possible with the purchase of our new multi-range grill. Here's an approximate breakdown of this year's food and drink consumption.

- 13 kegs of beer or 201.5 gallons
- 30 bottles of red/white wine
- 200 cans of refreshments
- 100 bottles of waters
- 140 hamburgers (expertly grilled by me)
- 200 hotdogs
- 4 veggie burgers (heated on the grill by me)
- 6 large boxes of chips and pretzels or 300 bags

We also had catering by Taco El Unico and Leilani's Café. Both excellent choices.

Lastly, thank you for allowing Aida and me to serve you as your Bridge and Board representatives. Aida and I plan on continuing serving the club. I look forward to our next season with fresh new ideas to keep our yacht club vibrant and fresh.

Island White Isn't

“Isn't what?” probably captures your first response to the title of this story. The answer is “both.” I know I'm being cryptic with that answer. So, here's a better one. It isn't an island (in the usual sense of the word), and it isn't white.

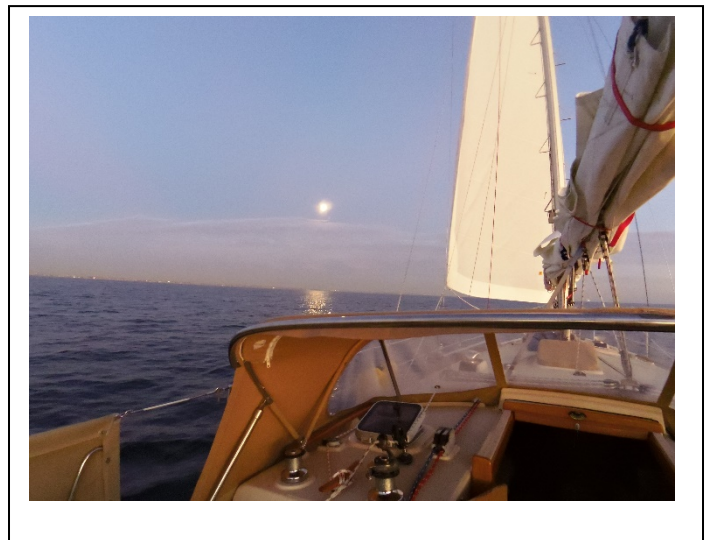
When cruising south from San Francisco to Mexico, I'm typically single-handing. In keeping with good seamanship, I try to limit overnight passages. I also want to avoid tapping into the “cruising kitty” whenever possible. With those two things in mind, I like to spend nights at anchor versus in a marina.

Sailing from Marina Del Rey to Oceanside becomes two passages; the stop-along-the-way is an anchorage inside the LA-Long Beach breakwater. The anchorage is Island White. The east side of Island White is for anchoring (no charge to do so), whereas the northeast side has moorings (there is a charge). Needless to say, I drop the hook on the east side.

Now, to clear up any misconceptions, realize that Island White is actually an (oil?) drilling platform disguised to look like an “island.” This was done to placate the shore side residents who objected to always seeing an ugly drill rig spoiling their view. And, as a result of this “beautification” — which I think is more aptly described as “camouflage” — there is essentially nothing “white” to be seen at sea level.

I wait until sunset the next day before setting off for the overnight sail to Oceanside. Dusk and calm seas accompanied by a rising moon bode well for the passage. In Oceanside, I dock in the marina (yes, I'll pay!) but take solace in the fact that the “cruising kitty” only took one hit instead of two!

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



For your situational awareness, here are rentals available at Fiddler's Cove:

These are offered by the Fiddler's Cove Marina, not NYCSO.

Contact the Marina directly for information and availability.



FIDDLER'S COVE MARINA & RV PARK

NAVAL BASE CORONADO
619-522-8680

NON MOTORIZED WATER VESSELS

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>Half</u>	<u>Full</u>
• Stand-up Paddle Board	\$22	\$40	\$50
• Single Kayak	\$24	\$43	\$55
• Double Kayak	\$30	\$50	\$60
• Pedal Boats (4)		\$65	\$90

MOTORIZED WATER VESSELS

	<u>2 hrs</u>	<u>Half</u>	<u>Full</u>
• CAPRI 16.5	\$40	\$75	\$100
• CATALINA CAPRI 22	\$55	\$100	\$140
• CATALINA 250	\$70	\$135	\$190
• BOSTON WHALER 30 HP	\$60	\$96	\$180

WATER RENTALS & MORE

	<u>Half</u>	<u>Full</u>
• Water Trampoline/ Hammocks/ Docks		\$75
• Floating Water Pads	\$40	\$60
• Floating Speaker		\$20
• Underwater Scooter		\$75
• Adult Slip n Slide		\$100
• Tropical Water Slide		\$100
• Fishing Poles		\$15
• Outdoor Movie Screen		\$65
• Beach Cruiser	\$25	\$40
• Electric Bike	\$45	\$70
• Lawn Games		\$ 8
• Canopies		\$15
• Grill/ Smoker		\$35
• Dry Bags		\$2/\$4
• Snow cone Machine		\$60
• Tables/Chairs		\$1.50

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Beer Cans





Navy Cup and Summer BBQ





Raft Up Fun



NYCSD Big Boat Raft Up: July 26-29 2024

7/26

0845 Bob Hunt on *R Gang*, his Californian 43, anchored in a prime location in La Playa Anchorage.

1100 Vice Commodore Mike Lewis and Lois arrived on *Aurora*, their Jeanneau 53. They went their starboard side to *R Gang* port side.

1200 Carole Trace and I arrived next on my Santana 25, *K.I.S.S.* I went to *R Gang* starboard side.

1445 *Family Affair* was last to arrive. That is Chuck and Joy Vinson with dog Danni on their Rodman 44. A little bit of a challenge as the wind was up and shifting, but Chuck did a fine job of dropping his anchor then backing down and coming alongside the port side of *Aurora*.

1730 The Lewis's and Vinsons dinghied to SWYC for dinner.

7/27

0830 Vice Commodore Mike Lewis and Chuck Vinson departed to represent NYCSD in the Commodores Challenge. The Commodores Challenge is a sailboat regatta hosted by SWYC and this time being raced in Lido 14's at MBYC.

Sometime in the morning before the wind came up, Joy and Carole enjoyed some paddle boarding. It was Carole's first time and she did well.

Joy then delivered Carole ashore (had to work) and picked up John and Cat, friends of the Vinsons to spend the day and night.

Later Mike and Chuck returned and interestingly both were wet and

Mike's phone didn't work. Gee, what could have happened? Oh yes, they were representing NYCSD in the Commodores Challenge on Lido 14's. You guessed it, they capsized. Not a story about the raft up but a story nonetheless.

7/28

0900 The raft up starting breaking up.

It was another weekend of good friends, good food and beverage, good conversation and good stories.

NYCSD Big Boat Raft Up: August 9-11, 2024

8/9

0845 Bob Hunt on *R Gang*, his Californian 43, anchored in a prime location in La Playa Anchorage, again. He is pretty good at that.

1210 I arrived on *K.I.S.S.*, my Santana 25. I went to his starboard side.

1330 Bob notice something floating between our hulls. It happened to be one of the buoys marking the La Playa Anchorage. I guided it away from us. As luck would have it, Harbor Police was touring the anchorage, we flagged them down and pointed out the wayward buoy. To their credit, Harbor Police took care of the buoy so it would not be a hazard to other vessels. Well Done!

1730 Commodore Jeff McNicholl and Penni arrived on *Boatload of Fun*, their Silverton 34. They went to the port side of *R Gang*.

1830 Jeff and Penni departed by dinghy for dinner ashore with some friends.

Big Boat Raft Up continued...

8/10

Jeff inflated a couple of floaty toys. He and Penni enjoyed some water time.

1915 Tim Stengel paddled by to say "Hi" on his way to the concert at Humphreys.

8/11

0925 *Boatload of Fun* departed.

0930 *K.I.S.S.* departed.

Only three boats this time but still a good time. We are expecting better participation at the next raft up scheduled for September 27-29 in Coronado Cays. No reservation is required, so come on out. If you don't have a boat you can still join us by paddling out on a kayak, paddleboard, canoe, or anything that floats. Or, just park close, give us a call, we will send a dinghy to pick you up.

Submitted for your reading pleasure by

Curt Snyder

Port Captain

NYCSD

NYCSD Boat Tour

Navy Yacht Club San Diego Members

You are invited to our End of Summer San Diego Bay Boat Tour on Sunday, 13 October 2024. Please RSVP, wear your NYCSD attire and/or colors (blue and gold), and help us celebrate the end of summer.

The plan is to depart the Fiddlers Cove area as a parade at 1100. We will be visiting each of the five Yacht Clubs located within the Bay; upon passing each one we will dip our burgee to recognize each club. Our route will start outside Fiddler's Cove and head to Coronado Cays Yacht Club, along Naval Station 32nd St, the embarcadero, and then Shelter Island to Silver Gate Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club and Southwestern Yacht Club, then along Naval Air Station North Island to Coronado Yacht Club. The tour is expected to take between 3 and 4 hours.

We currently have 10 volunteer skippers who have graciously offered to take up to 51 members on their personal vessel. There will be a mix of large and small, power and sailboats. Space is limited and open only to current NYCSD members, single or family memberships; no guests please. The minimum age is ten years old and you must be physically capable of boarding a small boat without assistance.

I will be assigning participant members to each of the boats; I will do my best to keep family members together. We are unable to hold space on a boat. Boarding times and location will be dependent on the location of the boat you are assigned to, as not all the boats are located at Fiddler's Cove. If I am able to confirm your RSVP, you will receive information on what time and where to meet the skipper of your assigned boat. Please keep in mind that each boat should arrive at the starting location (outside of Fiddler's Cove) by 1055 so we can start the parade promptly at 1100.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP no later than 1 Oct, by sending **commodore@nycsd.club** an email with the name and ages of each member attending, along with the best phone number and email to contact you.

Remember, the boats you will be riding on, are privately owned by members of Navy Yacht Club San Diego.

**Did you know that Fiddler's Cove Marina offers sailing lessons?
Contact the Marina directly, not NYCSD.**



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at Fiddler's Cove

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2 full day classes, US Sailing book and Navy Sailing Qualification.



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