



Navy Yacht Club San Diego

The Spinnaker

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Join us for our 2024 **Summer Party** following the NAVY CUP on **SATURDAY July 20!**

RSVP with ticket purchase required by July 14.

\$15 per person includes catered tacos and the fixings as well as chips and dips and your favorite beverages.
Patio will open at 2:00 PM with tacos served about 4:00 PM.

RSVP online at www.nycsd.club



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Beer Can racing continues each Wednesday! Skipper's meeting on the patio at 5:15 pm.
Bring your own dinner and stay after the race to enjoy our beautiful patio.

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, Mike Lewis and get involved! Mike can be reached at vicecommodore@nycsd.club.



Treasurers Report

Operating Funds-

Business Checking	\$12,205
Prepaid memberships	\$5,311
Certificate of Deposit	\$29,312
Capital Funds	\$11,873
Total Funds-	\$58,703

In Memorium: Lisa Brewer



It is with great sadness that on May 5th, we said goodbye to Navy Yacht Club San Diego's Honorary member Lisa Brewer. Lisa has been a vital part of our Race Committee for many years, as our time and score keeper. To help the racers she created a race information board we use on the Race Committee boat to communicate with the racers. Lisa was also our webmaster maintaining our web presence.

Outside of our club, Lisa was a volunteer for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Team. She also volunteered on the race committee for Cortez Racing Association. In addition to making a mark in our community, she helped many of our club's members with her amazing seamstress skills, making various coverings to help protect their boats as well as making the cover for our club's chairs. You could always count on her craft as an artisan to brighten up any event she participated in, creating themed costumes. In life she was always a caring, giving and generous person; to continue on her lifelong passion, at her passing and in keeping with her wishes, she gave the gift of life to others. As many as 33 of her friends and family, as well as numerous hospital staff, lined the halls of the La Jolla Scripps Hospital for her Walk of Honor as she made her final journey.

We will miss her beautiful smile, great humor and her camaraderie. Rest in peace Lisa. We have the Watch.



COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Commodore
Jeff McNicholl



Commodore Jeff McNicholl and
Secretary Penni McNicholl.

Calling all current NYCSD member boat owners within the San Diego area! I am interested in holding an “End of Summer Boat Parade” around San Diego Bay. I am in the initial planning stages and would like to know how much interest there would be for such an event. We would start in South Bay (just outside Fiddler's Cove) and cruise past all the yacht clubs on the bay.

Participants can dress their boats in NYCSD colors and Navy flags or the flags of the service you are a veteran of. The parade would take place on Sunday Oct 13th 2024. If your boat can maintain 5-7 kts around the bay and can possibly take other NYCSD please send me an email and include the following information: What I need now is a count of boat owners who are interested in participating in the parade.

If you are an interested boat owner, please send me an email at commodore@nycsd.club and include the following information:

- Name of your boat
- Length of your boat
- Is your boat power or sail?
- How many guests you would be willing to accept on board?

For now, I only need boat owners who are interested in participating to contact me; if there is enough interest from NYCSD member boat owners, I will provide more information then. I hope to hear from you!

VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Vice Commodore
Mike Lewis



Come and join the fun with Navy Yacht Club!

We had a great time with the Big Boat Raft-Up the last weekend of June. There were 5 boats, which means there was a plethora of room for many more boats to enjoy. The next Raft Up is July 26-28, at La Playa. Get your permit at portofsandiego.com and please come out and join us!

We have Beer Can Races every Wednesday. The Summer Series Beer Can Races have come to an end and a good time was had by all. The last of the Beer Can Races, the Fall Series, will be starting up July 10 and lasting until August 14. Come on out and enjoy some refreshments and possibly crew or catch a ride on a race sailboat. At least come out, bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the free refreshments; 3 kinds of beer to pick from, soda pop, ice cold water, and more.

Our next big racing event is the SBC Navy Cup Regatta on July 20th in beautiful South Bay. Register on our website for the race and to purchase tickets for our wonderful after race taco party!

Come out and see what our Club has to offer. We look forward to seeing you here at NYCSD.

REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Rear Commodore
Joe Torres



Hello NYCSD! Let's talk about boating and safety!

My boating life started when I was about ten years old. We lived in New York and my father was a big-time angler. He once held the record for the largest great white shark, taken off Long Island. It was common for us to start our three-hour trip to Montauk, Long Island at 3 am. Once at his favorite port, it was a scramble to rent a 16-foot-long boat with a 35-horsepower outboard engine.

Then it was load-up time lunch, drinks, and fishing gear. My father had the best and heaviest fishing gear. No simple rod and reel. Thick rod, large reels, and heavy lines. Captain Quint would have been envious of the gear. As the first mate, I was responsible for checking, inventory, transporting, storing, and cleaning all equipment.

We would then get underway for the fishing grounds about two miles off the coast. There, we would spend the day fishing. My father cursed at the fishing gods for not letting him land the big one and me throwing up, over the side. I could only imagine how good it would feel to sleep all the way back to the city, after ten hours of rocking and rolling in semi-rough seas.

Well, if you read the opening story, you noticed that nowhere in the story did I mention anything about flotation devices or PFDs. It was the early 70's and just like most things back then, there was no emphasis on safety. In fact, the only use the old life jackets had back in the day was serving as seat cushions. As I try to remember the good old days, I can't remember any time in which we stressed safety. I suppose things went well and here I am.

I mention this now because we've come a long way since those days. In my short three years with our yacht club, there have been several incidents that could have turned ugly. Most of you know I fell off a boat while on the Race Committee. Recently we had a 16.5 sailboat capsize while racing.

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Trivia with the Commodore

Trivia with the Commodore was a blast (a blast from the past as well), and fun was had by all! There were 9 teams competing for some serious prizes. Teams brought their dinners and enjoyed food, drinks and trivia on a beautiful San Diego evening, perfect weather. After the initial round of trivia, we had a slight hiccup with the scoring tally sheet and was rectified with no further issues. Commodore Jeff shared the rules with everyone and stood by them, I believe every team will remember Fiat Chrysler and was thrilled to receive a freebee on Andy Dufresne.

Commodore Jeff obtained some challenging questions from the Trivial Pursuit 20th Anniversary game and put together a trivia game of 8 rounds of 6 questions in each round, the most points possible per round was 21. Who knew that in baseball, batters and umpires “break wind” that often while at the plate, sucks for the catchers.

Teams that placed first, second, and third got to choose from yummy desserts: Bundtins with a summer theme decor from Nothing Bundt Cakes, or, 6 amazing cookies from Crumbl Cookies. The bundtins went first. The winner for best team name was The Commodores, which was made up of Staff Commodores (how did they know one of my favorite bands is The Commodores). They were awarded a bottle of Sailor Jerry rum.

Below are the results:

1. Show Me Your Dinghy
2. Tres Rubias
3. Penni’s Golden Child
4. The Commodores
5. Trusty Shellback
6. Uber & Lift
7. Tortured Mariners Department
8. Nauti Gals
9. Land Yachters

Our next Trivia with the Commodore is Saturday, September 14th.
Come on out and have a blast!

NYCSD Racing

Wednesday Night Racing (Beer Cans) is still ongoing through August 21!
Come out and race, or join us on the patio for a summer evening!

For additional information please go to: www.nycsd.club or
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24535>

NAME	DATE	Day of the Week	Series
Wed Night Regatta	10 July	Wednesday	13/18 Fall
Wed Night Regatta	17 July	Wednesday	14/18 Fall
Navy Cup	20 July	Saturday	
Wed Night Regatta	24 July	Wednesday	15/18 Fall
Wed Night Regatta	31 July	Wednesday	16/18 Fall
Wed Night Regatta	7 Aug	Wednesday	17/18 Fall
Wed Night Regatta	14 Aug	Wednesday	18/18 Fall
Wed Night Regatta	21	Wednesday	Fun Race



NYCSD 2024 Calendar

July

- 10 Wed Fall Series 13/18 - 5:15pm
- 13 Sat Fiddler's Cove Marina Day
- 17 Wed Fall Series 14/18 - 5:15pm
- 20 Sat Navy Cup SBC Races
Summer Party following Race
NYCSD Patio @1500
- 24 Wed Fall Series 15/18 - 5:15pm
- 26-28 Fri-Sun Big Boat Raft Up #2
La Playa
- 31 Wed Fall Series 16/18 - 5:15pm

August

- 7 Wed Fall Series 17/18 - 5:15pm
- 9-11 Fri-Sun Big Boat Raft Up #3
La Playa
- 14 Wed Fall Series 18/18 - 5:15pm
- 21 Beer Cans Fun Race - 5:15pm

September

- 2 Mon Labor Day
- 14 Sat Trivia with the Commodore
NYCSD patio @1700

Fiddler's Cove Marina Day

July 13th 10am - 3pm

HELP WANTED!

MWR at Fiddlers Cove is looking for some help. If you are qualified to sail the MWR boats of any size. MWR needs your help on 13 July 2024. Marina Days is an event to showcase MWR and Fiddlers Cove Marina. We are looking for skippers that can take families out on sail boat that day. Each trip is maybe 30 minutes long, just long enough to give a taste of what sailing has to offer. The event last from 10AM to 3PM.

If you can help, please contact Commodore Jeff McNicholl at commodore@nycsd.club

Practicing for the Delta

Should you ever venture north to San Francisco Bay, here is a lesser-known cruising ground that offers a “Delta experience” without going the extra miles. You will have all the same challenges (winding waterways, drawbridges), but spend less time getting there and back.

Why bother? Well, once one has sailed San Francisco Bay with its “brisk” winds, fog, cool temperatures, and hefty currents, the thought of kicking back in warm, sunny weather and light breezes is eagerly anticipated. Add to that the visual appeal reminiscent of sailing the rural canals of Europe, and you have a most enjoyable cruising experience.

Sail north of San Francisco Bay to enter San Pablo Bay and anchor off China Camp (state park). The next day you enter the Petaluma River which will take you all the way to the Petaluma Turning Basin (your end point). The distance is approximately 22 nm and is ideally done with a rising tide — just in case one kisses a mud bank along the way.

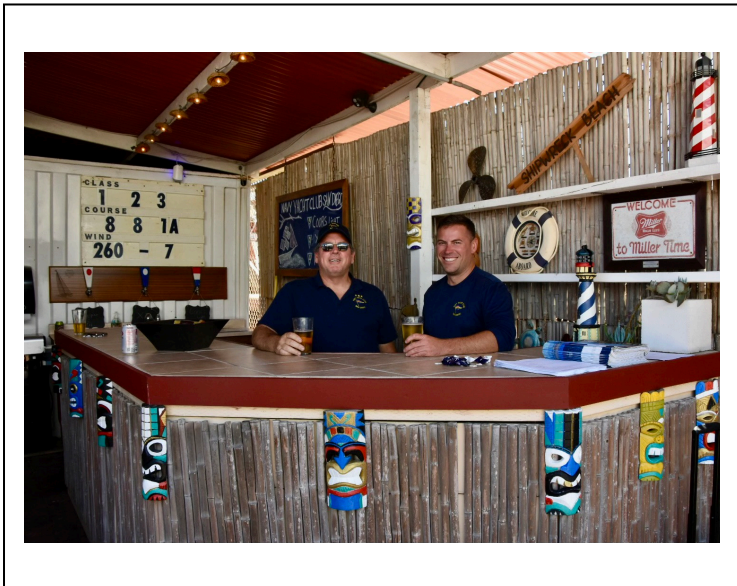
There are two bascule drawbridges that require VHF radio contact. The first one is the railroad bridge just south of the town of Petaluma. The second one (D Street bridge) is essentially at the entrance to the Turning Basin. This one requires prior notice and VHF radio contact when approaching.

Once in the Turning Basin, tie up to the main dock on the south side of the basin (adjacent to the Petaluma Yacht Club). You are now “downtown” and merely walk up the gangway to street level and access to all the shops and restaurants. Plan your Petaluma (“Delta”) cruise for weekdays to avoid the weekend “crowd” and the possibility of tying stern-to the dock. Unfortunately, the Petaluma YC is only active on the weekends.

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



Fun with NYCSD—Membership Meeting



Silvergate and Southwestern Yacht Clubs Opening Days



Trivia With the Commodore



Rear Commodore continued...

The one thing both these incidents had in common was that all parties had PFDs, no one was injured, and they were able to self-rescue. We know these safety items are of great value but occasionally take them for granted. Of course, while we are racing, we police ourselves, but when we're not, we need to take just as many precautions as if we were.

A large majority of the drownings in San Diego are related to migrant smuggling, but some are well-seasoned sailors. In April of this year, a 27-year-old man drowned while sailing a boat from San Diego to Ensenada Mexico. There have been many other accidents/incidents which resulted in injury and death. These were the result of grounding, capsizing, flooding, and collision of all types of recreational vessels.

United States Coast Guard statistics for 2024 show California drowning casualties:

Open motorboat	149
Personal watercraft	15
Canoe/Kayak	108
Pontoon	35
Cabin motorboat	12

As the summer months come upon us and we start recreational boating, please ensure to follow common sense safety rules and let us not add to these statistics. As I think of my time floating around Long Island Sound, while throwing up, there are so many things that could have gone wrong. I'm grateful for the experiences, good and bad, and the time spent with my dad.

Things have changed and knowing what we know now, I'm sure my dad would not have allowed me to hang my feet over the side of the boat, while in open water, without a PFD. Enjoy your boat, enjoy the water, and come back to port with as many people as you left with.

NYCSD Big Boat Raft-Up June 21-23, 2024

Navy Yacht Club San Diego held its first Big Boat Raft-Up of the season from 21-23 Jun 2024 in Glorietta Bay. It was filled with sunshine, good food, good drink, good people and no negative incidents.

Friday Jun 21

0900 Vice Commodore Mike Lewis and Lois anchored their Jeanneau 53, *Aurora*, in a prime location in Glorietta Bay.

1145 I arrived on *K.I.S.S.*, my Santana 25 and went my starboard side to *Aurora* port side.

1515 Duane and Dorene Short on *Take Time*, their Eastward Ho 26, arrived and went outboard of *K.I.S.S.*

1550 Chuck and Joy Vinson, with dog Dannika, arrived on *Family Affair*, their Rodman 44, and went port side to *Aurora* starboard side.

1735 Last to arrive today was Commodore Jeff McNicholl and Penni on *Boatload of Fun*, their Silverton 34. They went outboard *Family Affair*.

Saturday 22 June

Commodore Jeff retrieved his son Jeffrey from shore.

Chuck brought out four guests for the day.

1140 Tim and Sandra Stengel arrived on their Freedom 22 and went outboard *Boatload of Fun*.

Tim, Sandra, Jeff, Penni and Jeffrey all went to the boat show via Tim's Freedom 22.

With the remaining partiers there was much swimming, drinking, carousing, all good fun.

We all celebrated Vice Commodore Mike's birthday.

1830 Tim and Sandra departed.

Sunday 23 Jun

1000 Duane and Dorene departed on *Take Time*.

1005 I departed on *K.I.S.S.*

Not having heard anything from the other participants for a few days, I can only presume they made it home without incident.

It was another great raft up. The weekend was filled with sunshine (no June gloom), good food, good drink, good conversation, good fun, and unparalleled comradery. I am so grateful be to a part of it.

The next NYCSD Big Boat raft up is scheduled for July 26-28 in La Playa.

Submitted for your reading pleasure by:

Curt Snyder

Port Captain

NYCSD

