



Navy Yacht Club San Diego

The Spinnaker

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**JOIN US ON THE PATIO FOR OUR 2024
SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING & BBQ, SATURDAY MAY 18th!**



**We will have a short meeting at 1300,
followed by a free BBQ. This is an
opportunity to meet other members and
learn about current NYCSD happenings. We
hope to see you there!**

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Beer Can racing begins this coming Wednesday, April 17! 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

Business Checking	\$7,452
Prepaid memberships	\$9,315
Certificate of Deposit	\$29,125
Capital Funds	\$11,034
Total Funds-	\$56,927

COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Commodore
Jeff McNicholl



Commodore Jeff McNicholl and
Secretary Penni McNicholl.

With rain and all, we had an outstanding 60th Opening Day. The Muddy Rudder Award was amazing, a definite highlight that many attendees will remember the roars of laughter for years to come. Our Port Captain Curt Snyder presented a stellar and humorous speech and awarded it to our Fleet Captain Bram Arnold, but not before announcing 3 other possible contenders for the award. Bram's graceful and unexpected acceptance speech was best in show.

Our lunch provided by Leilani's Cafe in Pacific Beach was delightful and tasty. We had all our Staff Commodores in attendance pass out champagne in our 60th anniversary commemorative champagne flutes for a toast, (a special thank you to Staff Commodore Bill Edwards). The Navy Band Southwest did a fantastic job with the music. Coronado High School's Navy Jr Reserve Officer Training Corp carried our colors with pride and professionalism.

The club house, patio and bar are looking great. I truly do enjoy and appreciate the camaraderie of this club; we make a great team!

I personally received a lot of praise for Opening Day from those that were attendance and from many of the visiting dignitaries and yacht clubs and I would like to pass that on to you; it is our membership that made our Opening Day such an outstanding event. I have many thank yous to mention...

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VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Vice Commodore
Mike Lewis



Hello from your Vice Commodore! I have a few updates for you below.

Race committee: Race committee training was a great success. Jamie McArthur, a state certified PRO (Primary Race Officer) at club level provided the training. There were 8 or 9 people signed up but we had 13 show up which was fantastic. There were a few questions and everybody seem to get involved and enjoy the training. It was a great turnout. You can still volunteer for race committee! If interested, please reach out to me via email. Vicecommodore@nycsd.club

Quicker Tarantino Race: The Navy Yacht Club San Diego annual race Quicker Tarantino is done out of remembrance for our founders. We had a total of 6 boats in this year's race. There were 3 in the racing class (spinnaker) and 3 in the cruiser class (non-spinnaker). There was good wind and everybody racing seem to have a fun time. Great race!

Beer Can races: Every Wednesday we have the Beer Can Races that are coming up, starting the 17th of April and running through to the 14th of August. This is a good time for those who have not experienced racing to come out and possibly get on one of the racing boats. It's also a fun opportunity to socialize with other club members and enjoy the patio.

REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Rear Commodore
Joe Torres



First, I would like to thank everyone who has provided advice and guidance to me in the past couple of months. Needless to say we've started our season with a bang. Our opening day was a blast, not only for our members, but for our guests as well. I have received several emails and comments on the camaraderie our club members exhibited on opening day. Thank you to all our members who made this possible.

Second, a reminder that we all are stewards of this great water resource we are so lucky to have. The Division of Boating and Waterways conducts a program called the California Dockwalker. This program provides a one-on-one outreach to increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience while helping to preserve the water quality.

Dockwalkers are volunteers who may contact you, harborside, to provide information on water pollution control and prevention. They will also ask you to fill out a nine-question survey, regarding your water pollution knowledge. The survey helps to identify gaps in environmental knowledge and better target future education efforts.

In appreciation for taking the survey, Dockwalkers will provide you with a California Boater Kit. Materials found in the Kit include both publications and resources, such as oil absorbents, fuel bib, "ABCs of California Boating", "Environmental Boating Laws Every Recreational Boater Should Know", "Boating Clean and Green" Binder Card, and depending on the region corresponding tide books, clean boating maps, and/or additional region-specific educational literature. The Kit and its components were specifically designed to prompt boaters to act and implement at least one of the Program's recommended best management practices.

COMMODORE'S HALYARD CONTINUED...

There was so much behind the scene work that went on to make Opening Day a success. Here are some of the highlights I want to recognize and say thank you:

- Bram Arnold for replacing the pin rail on the flag pole.
- Curt Snyder for painting the deck and replacing the deck board.
- Bram and Chris Burrows replacing the building skirting.
- Joe and Aida Torres for obtaining and maintaining our supplies, ensuring the bar was well stocked.
- Joy Vinson for repainting all the Tiki heads along the bar, and Chuck Vinson for removing and reinstalling all of them.
- Rick Vetter repairing the porch railing.
- Aida Torres, Sherry Arnold, and Sandra Stengel for making the center pieces.
- Lois Wasson-Mandel for the flower arrangements and taking pictures during the event.
- Sherry for making Brownies.
- Penni McNicholl for making cookies and setting up the decorations around the bar.
- Tim Stengel and Rick for taking care of the trophies and the cake.
- Mike Lewis for getting the programs out even with me changing things daily.
- Ty Keith for providing the sword and supporting me with back up suggestions.
- All the champagne flute washers Aida, Penni, Sandra, Joe, Bram, Rick and Chris. This was a last minute unexpected chore, in which you all jumped in and took care of.
- The entire cleanup crew, waiting for everything to dry out. Rick and Chris along with Joe, Tim, Penni, Sandra and Aida.
- Joe and Aida drying all the club's linens late into Sunday evening.

Your hard work was clearly noticed by all that attended, setting the bar high for all other club's Opening Days!

NYCSD Beer Can Racing

Wednesday Night Racing (Beer Cans) is upon us! It consists of three series (Spring, Summer, and Fall) with six races each for a total of eighteen races beginning April 17, 2024. For additional information please go to: www.nycsd.club where you will be able to sign up.

NAME	DATE	Day of the Week	Series
Wed Night Regatta	17 April	Wednesday	1/18 Spring
Wed Night Regatta	24 April	Wednesday	2/18 Spring
Wed Night Regatta	1 May	Wednesday	3/18 Spring
Wed Night Regatta	8 May	Wednesday	4/18 Spring
Wed Night Regatta	15 May	Wednesday	5/18 Spring
Wed Night Regatta	22 May	Wednesday	6/18 Spring
Wed Night Regatta	29 May	Wednesday	7/18 Summer
Wed Night Regatta	5 June	Wednesday	8/18 Summer
Wed Night Regatta	12 June	Wednesday	9/18 Summer
Wed Night Regatta	19 June	Wednesday	10/18 Summer
Wed Night Regatta	26 June	Wednesday	11/18 Summer
Wed Night Regatta	3 July	Wednesday	12/18 Summer
Wed Night Regatta	10 July	Wednesday	13/18 Fall
Wed Night Regatta	17 July	Wednesday	14/18 Fall



NYCSD 2024 Calendar

April

15 Mon Tax Day

17 Wed Spring Series 1/18 - 5:15pm

24 Wed Spring Series 2/18- 5:15pm

May

1 Wed Spring Series 3/18 - 5:15pm

5 Fri Cinco De Mayo

7 Tues NYCSD Board Meeting 6:00pm

8 Wed Spring Series 4/18 - 5:15pm

12 Sun Mother's Day

15 Wed Spring Series 5/18 - 5:15pm

**18 Sat General Membership Meeting
and BBQ - NYCSD Patio 1:00pm**

22 Wed Spring Series 6/18 - 5:15pm

27 Mon Memorial Day holiday

29 Wed Summer Series 7/18 - 5:15pm

June

4 Tue NYCSD Board Meeting 6:00pm

5 Wed Summer Series 8/18 - 5:15

12 Wed Summer Series 9/18 - 5:15pm

16 Sun Father's Day

19 Wed Juneteenth holiday
Summer Series 10/18 - 5:15pm

**21-23 Fri-Sun Big Boat Raft Up #1
Glorietta Bay**

26 Wed Summer Series 11/18 - 5:15pm

July

3 Wed Summer Series 12/18 - 5:15

**4 Thurs Independence Day holiday-
Patio will be open all day for members
to enjoy**

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 BBQ following Race
NYCSD Patio**

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

Beware of the Frigate Bird

Frigate birds in and of themselves are not a threat to one's well-being — day or night. However, the same cannot be said for their threat to one's masthead instruments (i.e., wind indicator). Frigate birds rest by perching on something above the water; a sailboat mast top is one such option. Since they are large birds (7+ foot wingspan), they can destroy a wind indicator in the process of landing on the mast top. I like my wind indicator and rely on it. Thus, frigate birds are to be repelled by any means available.

For some reason, they seem to prefer nighttime; I can't remember this problem occurring during the day. This is a blessing in disguise since darkness limits their depth perception for making a "safe landing." A flicker in my peripheral vision at night triggers my "frigate bird attack" response. Gazing at the mast top, I confirm the presence of said attacker that is "yanking and banking" to make a landing. Fortunately, the degree of yaw at the mast top is a complicating factor and requires numerous "missed approaches."

My "secret weapon" for repelling frigate bird attacks is a very bright LED flashlight with a strobe feature. Aiming the flashlight at the mast top and selecting "strobe flashing" creates the needed deterrent — visual disorientation. If you can imagine the effect of a strobe light in a disco, you get the idea. Needless to say, about 15 or 20 minutes of missed approaches is enough to get the frigate bird to change its mind and go on its way. The score is one for me (preservation of my wind indicator) and zero for the frigate bird.

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



**2024 NYCSD Big Boat Raft-Up Schedule
Submitted by Port Captain Curt Snyder
(Your Big Boat Raft-Up Coordinator):**

Big Boat Raft-Ups are back!!!

Raft-Ups are another great opportunity to use your boat and enjoy the comraderie of other NYCSD members. If you don't have a boat, stop by on your paddle board, kayak, inflatable, or whatever you may have. Or, call me and we can pick you up from the beach. The more the merrier!

We have four Raft-Ups scheduled:

- June 21-23 in Glorietta Bay
- July 26-28 in La Playa
- August 9-11 in La Playa
- September 27-29 in Coronado Cays basin (no reservation required)

Make your reservations at this link: <http://reservations.portofsandiego.org/boating/>

It is easy, even I did it. If this is your first time you will need to establish a login. If you have a login just make your reservations. Make you reservation early as there are limited reservations available. If you are just even considering making the Raft-Up, make the reservation, you can always cancel later.

At the Raft-Up itself, we usually get the center boat anchored about 1200 or before on the Friday, then boats can come alongside. We normally break up around noon on Sunday. It really is a good time enjoy sunny San Diego, the bay, and good friends (or make new friends).

If you have any questions and if you plan to attend, please contact me at cesnyder@hotmail.com or 619-892-2084

Curt Snyder

Port Captain

Navy Yacht Club San Diego's 60th Opening Day



Your NYCSD 2024 Bridge and Board



Reception Committee: Julianne Hunt and Aimee Smitherman



Staff Commodores Jeni Lench and Rick Lench



Director John Lally, Port Captain Curt Snyder, Secretary Penni McNicholl, Rear Commodore Joe Torres, and Vice Commodore Mike Lewis



NYCSD's most coveted award: The Muddy Rudder
Port Captain Curt Snyder, Commodore Jeff McNicholl, and Award Recipient Fleet Captain Bram Arnold



Fleet Captain Bram Arnold with a historic, eloquent, persuasive, but ultimately unsuccessful rebuttal to his win.



Rear Commodore Joe Torres and Director Aida Torres



Staff Commodores Blanche Gunther and Jeni Lench



Commodore Jeff McNicholl





Staff Commodore Evan Piritz



Staff Commodore Evan Piritz and Yvonne Piritz



Staff Commodore Peter Hunt



Staff Commodores Jeni Lench, Peter Hunt, and Bill Edwards



Staff Commodores Ty Keith and Bill Edwards



