NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Kim Nicol, Commodore

Ahoy, Fellow Napa Valley Yacht Club Members!

We're cruising through an incredible summer season here at the Napa Valley Yacht Club, and *it's all thanks to YOU*! Here's a look at what we've accomplished together and what's still ahead:

Cruising Season Highlights (So Far!)

We've already logged **five big boat cruise-outs this season**, with four more to go! Our **small boat cruise out/raft-up** was also a HUGE success, with a great turnout and even better memories on the water. This event was so popular, it's definitely an event I hope will continue for years to come!

Opening Day on the River and the **4th of July Parade** were both smashing successes!

A heartfelt thank you to **Don Buresh** for once again blessing our fleet on Opening Day—your words and presence are something we all look forward to and truly cherish every year.

While this year's parade route was a bit shorter than usual, we still cruised downtown in style aboard our festively decorated boats, proudly representing NVYC. It was a picture-perfect day on the Napa River—great weather, great company, and plenty of smiles along the way!

Special thanks to **Jess & Laura Pederson** for representing NVYC in the Downtown Napa 4th of July Parade with their beautifully

decorated boat. If you haven't joined the parade before, we highly encourage you to jump in next year—it's heartwarming to see the excitement on the kids' faces as they wave back, knowing you're waving just to them!

Upcoming Events — Don't Miss Out!

Saturday, July 12: Scavenger Hunt & BBQ

This fan-favorite event returns with clues stretching from the 3rd Street Bridge to the NYC neighborhood! It promises plenty of fun, laughs, and surprises—don't miss it!

July 18–20: St. Francis Yacht Club Cruise-Out

Seafood buffet, bay views, and great company! If you've signed up, get ready for an amazing weekend. Land cruisers are always welcome—if you need a spot aboard, let us know. You'll just need to book a nearby hotel for two nights. If you're looking for a spot aboard a cruiser, let us know!

July 25–26: First-Ever "Cruise-In" to NVYC!

That's right—we're cruising in to our own club!

The dock is secured exclusively for NVYC members. Cruise in Friday for cocktails and dinner, sleep aboard or head home and return the next morning for breakfast Saturday morning. This cruise out is easy for all members to participate in, whether you're cruising, driving, biking or walking! This event was planned with everyone in mind—it's all about bringing our members together to share in the camaraderie, fun, and spirit of being part of NVYC!

More Fun in August!

Aug 23: Small Boat Cruise & Raft-Up

Another adventure is happening August 23rd! Contact **Kurt Stahr** for details and reserve your spot.

Benicia Peddlers Fair Cruise-Out

Always a favorite! Let us know if you'd like to cruise with us. No boat? No problem—we'll help find you a spot (just secure your own hotel).

Aug 11, 6-8pm: USCG Paddle Craft Safety Course

This essential course is designed for paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, and other non-motorized watercraft. Registration is open now—don't miss it! We want everyone safe and confident on the water.

Aug 31: Poker Run & Lunch at the Club

If you missed out last year, here's your chance to join the fun—for those who participated before, you know what a fantastic time it was. **No boat? No problem!** Just let us know if you'd like to join in, and we'll help find you a seat on a boat. Trust me—this event is always a crowd favorite!

Honoring Founding Members Susie & Foster (Fos) Pritchett

As you are all aware, Susie Pritchett recently passed away at the age of 97. Susie and her husband, Foster (Fos) Pritchett, were instrumental in the creation and growth of the Napa Valley Yacht Club. Fos served as our Founding Commodore in 1987, leading with passion, vision, and dedication. He passed away on August 28, 2016, at the age of 89. Because Fos and Susie had moved away from Napa prior to his passing, he never received a traditional Eight Bells Ceremony at the club.

In honor of their incredible contributions, their lasting legacy, and their unending love of boating and each other, we will hold a joint Eight Bells Ceremony for both Susie and Fos **Friday, August 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Napa Valley Yacht Club.**

All members are warmly invited to join us, along with the Pritchett family, as we come together to celebrate and remember Susie and Fos. Commodores and Staff Commodores are respectfully requested to wear their whites as we mark the end of watch for two of our most influential founding members and past commodores.

Marie "Susie" Pritchett, 1928 - 2025

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to **Ned Trippe, Brian Wilson, Mark Crissler**, and our amazing bartenders for keeping our galley and bar running like well-oiled machines! Your hard work, dedication, and countless hours behind the scenes keep us well-fed, refreshed, and smiling. We're truly grateful for all of you!

A big round of appreciation to **Greg and MaryAnn Parker** and our fantastic **Port Captains** for making sure every guest is docked safely and feels like a VIP when they visit NVYC! You are the welcoming faces of our club—and you definitely make us shine. Thank you for all you do!

And of course—a huge *thank you* to ***YOU***, our amazing members and volunteers! **You are the heart and soul of our club.** Your enthusiasm, friendship, and dedication to fun and community are what make the Napa Valley Yacht Club such a truly special place.

I'm honored to serve as your Commodore, and I'm excited for all the great adventures still to come as we cruise into the second half of the year—together.

See you at the club or on the water!

Kim Nicol

Maragarita party Cornhole Champs for 2025!

MARGARITAS WITH THE DEITSES

Rob & Terri had some folks over tfor margaritas on the terrace on July 6th

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Jason Harmon, Rear Commodore

Yachties! Welcome to the peak season at the Yacht Club! We have a calendar full of events and fun things to do. Cruise out season has begun and we currently have two events for the Small Boats in our Napa Navy. Be sure you come along and join the fun!

For those without a boat, we still welcome you on the cruise outs! No reason you can't join us by car, bus, plane, helicopter…just get there and join the fun!! Details for land-cruisers will be included for all cruise-outs!

Note also that we have a new event this year. On July 25th-27th, we will be having a cruise to our own club! Sail in, tie off, and join your fellow yachties in the fun of a cruise-out while close to home! Naturally, you don't need to sail in to partake in the fun!

Building and Grounds

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers for the April Work Party, out building is in good shape for this year's activities. We will strive to keep it that way through the season.

Webmaster

A big thanks to Alan Montague for keeping our website, scheduling, communications, and other electronic tools humming to make our club work. He's also leading the charge for looking for some tools to take us into the future!

Membership

We have had a busy year with membership this year. Please welcome our new members when you see them and give them that warm Napa Valley Yacht Club welcome!

Membership Directories and Cards

Membership Directories and Cards are DONE! We have them at the club for you to grab them at your leisure. If you are unable to pick them up, reach out to me and I will mail it to you.

A big THANK YOU to all the members that step up and help make our club function and make it fun! The smiles, stories, and warm hearts make this club what it is and why we continue to add so many new members!

Jason Harmon

CRUISE-OUTS!

Date	Location	Captain(s)
Jun 20–22	Marin Yacht Club	Jason Harmon
Jul 18-20	St Francis Yacht Club	Sarah and Alan Montague
Jul 25-27	NVYC - our own Club!	
Aug 8–10	Benicia Yacht Club	Avi Strugo
Aug 23	Small Boat Raft Up	Kurt Stahr
Sep 12–14	Delta Cruise out	Nick and Debra Courcoumelis
Oct 10–12	Fleet Week	Mark and Martha Rodman
Nov 7-9	Alameda Yacht Club	Eric and Jennifer Henn

SOME RECENT VISITORS TO OUR DOCK

BottleRockers visited in May

Westpoint Yacht Club visited from Redwood City in June

NVYC BIRTHDAYS

Say happy birthday when you see these folks!

Terry Crisler	July 1
Alan Montague	July 1
John Marshall	July 3
Mark Schmitz	July 3
Jerry Kincannon	July 8
Joe Varozza	July 11
Greg Fuller	July 25
Scott Brown	July 26
Stan Blough	July 27
Debra Courcamelis	Aug 1
Laura Pedersen	Aug 4
Dianne Demattei	Aug 5
Richard Gensel	Aug 6
Nancy Mueller	Aug 12
Suzanne Webster	Aug 20
Kent Kuhlmann	Aug 21
Clayton Kent	Aug 22
Nick Courcamelis	Aug 23
Dinia Paananen	Aug 25
Pam Kincannon	Aug 26
Sally Craig	Aug 27
Greg Parker	Aug 29

BAR REPORT

Happy beginning of Summer Yachties! Your bar captains Brian and I are so proud of our club and you all. The turnout for Cocktails at the Club nights and for our bi-monthly dinners have been incredible.

It really does feel like we are in our own set of "Cheers", where everyone knows your name and welcomes you when you come in the door. We have seen so many of you our members coming in often and bringing guests with you, a sign that the club is happy, healthy and vibrant. It makes us very happy to see so many smiling faces, joyful conversations and laughter each night.

Your Bar Captains are continuing to improve, enhance and upgrade the items you have to enjoy, as well as making the bar a better place for volunteering. Speaking of volunteering, we are so thankful for everyone on the bar team. You all make this place the "Cheers" bar we all experience today.

We have had some new members jump on board the team and if you've thought about being a bartender yourself, now is a great time to get started. The weather is warm, the days are long, and the club is busy. We welcome anyone who wants to learn more about being behind the bar and joining the fun and exciting bar team.

Cheers to you all and to us all having an amazing summer at the club!

Brian & Mark

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarah Montague

Have you been eagerly anticipating another **Nauti-Scavenger hunt**? Well climb aboard Yachties Saturday July 12th --it's ON!

July 9 Get your boat and teams ready and sign up online! That will give our team a few days to prepare your clues, props and talent challenges.

July 12 1:30 PM - The Club opens!

2:00 PM - The Hunt begins!

4:00 PM - The Hunt concludes and we reconvene at NVYC for a yummy BBQ dinner!

Folks without boats please indicate on your sign up if you would like to join a boat and we'll find space for you!

Let's get Nauti!

Sarah

Sally Craig, PICYA Delegate

We are doing great on our COTY points. Our Commodore , Kim, is doing all the right things towards getting our Club the 4-5 star rating. We've done safety checks, community involvement, Opening Day on the River, parades, etc.

We will attend several more Delegate meetings: upcoming are July 7th at Point San Pablo YC and August 4th at San Rafael.

The most Stars we have achieved is 4. Maxine was alive when I got 4 stars as Commodore and she was Sooo happy. Nancy Mueller also got 4 stars as Commodore. Let's hope we make the 5 stars! Maxine will be celebrating in heaven.

Thanks, Sally Craig

Steve and Sally visited the Stockton Yacht Club for the June PICYA Delegates Meeting

OPENING DAY on the RIVER

We opened the season on the river on May 10 with a parade to downtown Napa!

Slow Dance was commandeered for the Day!

Eight Bells

In Memory of Susie and Foster Pritchett

It is with heartfelt sadness that we share the passing of Susie Pritchett, a founding member of the Napa Valley Yacht Club and Commodore in 1999, who passed away peacefully on June 9, 2025, at the age of 97.

Susie and her husband, Foster (Fos) Pritchett, were instrumental in the creation and growth of the Napa Valley Yacht Club. Fos served as our Founding Commodore in 1987, leading with dedication and passion. Fos passed away August 28, 2016 at the age of 89. Because Fos and Susie had moved away from Napa prior to his passing, he never received a traditional Eight Bells Ceremony at the club.

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Fair winds and following seas, Susie and Fos.

RAFT UP

Kurt Stahr led our first raft-up cruise-out to the Oxbow in June!

Independence Day

Join the 2025 Boat Parade as we celebrate July 4th at the Club!

We will have BBQ from Red Rocks for lunch afterward!

Can someone unseat the Fedler's this year??

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For details and/or a free beer contact Alan Montague at 773-459-8942.

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2 Chesapeake Ct	3 / 2 1/2	2077	$1,199,000		
9 Regatta Way	4 / 2 1/2	2129	$1,300,000		
123 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	$1,250,000		
25 Peninsula Ct	3 / 2	1891	$1,350,000		WF
90 S Newport Dr	4 / 2 1/2	2339	$1,795,000	temp off	WF
25 Sea Breeze Ct	3 / 2	1855	$1,425,000		WF
687 Cabot Way	3 / 2	1905	$1,395,000		WF
In Escrow					
763 Kearney Way	3 / 2 1/1	2155	$2,495,000		WF
Sold			Sold Price		
43 Regatta Way	4 / 2 1/2	2077	$1,062,000	2.6.25	
22 Sea Breeze Ct	4 / 2 1/2	2077	$1,349,000	3.28.25	
40 Cove Ct	5 / 2 1/2	2573	$2,596,500	3.17.25	WF
22 Sea Breeze Ct	4 / 2 1/2	2077	$1,349,000	3.28.25	
67 S Newport Dr	3 / 2	1855	$1,310,000	6.16.25	
773 La Salle Way	3 / 2 1/2	2702	$2,490,000	3.28.25	WF
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