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2021 NYCSD Board Installed - COVID Style

On 21 November, a small group of NYCSD members gathered to receive the Oath of Office as governing Bridge and Board of Navy Yacht Club San Diego for the 2020-2021 yachting year. Due to the pandemic, the Fiddler's Cove clubhouse was unavailable, and in truth, this would have been the weekend of our dinner dance Commodore's Ball!

Following all aspects of the county's health order, members were sworn in outdoors by Staff Commodore Bill Edwards, received their flags and uniform insignia and toasted each other with sparkling apple juice. Quite a switch but soooo 2020!

Meetings will continue on Zoom for the duration and the Bridge and Board will continue to support racing with a pivot to other events as allowed. Stay well, everyone.



COMMODORE'S HALYARD



**Commodore
Robert Howdyshell**



Hello NYCSD Members

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am from Michigan, went to Central Michigan University for a Liberal Arts degree with majors in Biology and Math. Due to a motorcycle accident I couldn't pass the physical when drafted during my senior year, so after graduation I continued my studies at Central Michigan.

A year later the Army came calling again so I volunteered for the Navy and requested a year delayed entry. I was able to accomplish my Masters in Math and four days after graduation I was on the way to Newport, Rhode Island for Officer Candidate School (OCS).

After OCS I attended Naval Supply Officer's School in Athens, Georgia. After graduation from Naval Supply Officer's School, I served on the USS Dubuque (LPD-8) homeported in San Diego. During that assignment we made a couple trips to Vietnam to support the effort. After USS Dubuque I transferred to NAS Cecil Field, which was one of the Navy's master jet bases. Following that assignment, I was assigned as the Chief Naval Advisor to the Imperial Iranian Navy in Khorramshahr, Iran. I should have known when they told me they would send me seven first run movies every week that things might be a little isolated. As a result of that assignment I was assigned as the Iranian Project Officer at the Naval International Logistic Office in Bayonne, New Jersey. From there I went to Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA obtaining a Master in Acquisition Management. Next was back to sea on USS Fox (CG-33) highlighted by being the Flag Ship during the Iranian Hostage event. Following that was a payback tour as the Executive Officer at Navy Regional Contracting Center, Philadelphia, PA. The highlight of this tour was personally buying the steel for the USS Midway's overhaul in Japan. Finally, it was back to sea on USS Okinawa (LPH-3) during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. We departed a few days after my son's first birthday and I just made it home for his second birthday. It was a long deployment. My last two assignments in the Navy were Commander Defense Plant Representative Office, General Dynamics, Pomona and Commander Defense Contract Management Area Operations, San Diego.

Subsequent to my Navy career I worked for the County of Riverside as their Purchasing and Fleet Services Director. Some of my outside activities were, President of the Library Board of Trustees,

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I am married to Frances Howdyshell for 34 years and we have two sons. One is living in Florida and is in the Building Industry and the other son is living in Rialto, CA and works for Inland Empire Health. December 3rd we became proud grandparents of our second grandchild.

My sailing experience started with racing and sailing on the Great Lakes in the 60's. When I was later transferred to NAS Cecil Field, Florida, I purchased a 37' Islander. After assignments to Iran, Bayonne, then to the West Coast, I decided owning a boat in Florida didn't make much sense. After many more transfers and family obligations, sailing was less of a priority. The beauty of retirement; you get to decide where you live and not continually be concerned about a detailer picking your next destination.

We chose to move to Coronado five years ago. We first purchased a Duffy ("TIME OUT"), then we purchased a Bénéteau 361 ("LIBERTÉ") and very much enjoy spending as much time as possible on the water.

In addition to boating, I have always enjoyed snow skiing and riding motorcycles. We continue to have a cabin in Big Bear Lake and enjoy getting to the mountains whenever possible.

As your incoming Commodore, I am looking forward to a great year at the Yacht Club. I am grateful for the Bridge and Board members who have stepped forward to do the work necessary, as volunteers, to keep the Club running and moving forward. I am also thankful for the many members who volunteer their time and expertise to keep us operational.

First and foremost, whatever we do during these trying times, we want to be safe and stay healthy. If there are any Club members, who need some assistance, please call, email or text me.

The Club will continue to do our monthly meetings via Zoom. We have published a full race schedule for next year and will adjust how those races are conducted and schedule social events as time goes on and restrictions are lifted. We will remain flexible, so I encourage frequent Navy Yacht Club Website visits to stay informed.

I feel a deep sense of gratitude as I see new members joining and renewals at a significant level. Please stay with us and it will not be long until we can gather socially at the Club again.

--Commodore
Robert Howdyshell



**Vice Commodore
Jerrod Jones**



VICE COMMODORE'S HALYARD

Hello Sailors,

My name is Jerrod Jones and I am honored to have been elected as your 2021 Vice Commodore. I love this amazing club and I have a goal to grow it quite a bit over the next two years.

I'm a Marine Corps Veteran with two combat deployments in Iraq. Don't hold it against me, I do love the Navy.

My love of the water started at a young age, taking boats out on the lake. After my time in the Marines, I started sailing in Long Beach.

I moved to San Diego 2 years ago to expand my real estate business. I enjoy working with military and veterans, helping them find and sell homes. Our amazing Commodore, Bob Howdyshell introduced me to NYCSD. I joined immediately and volunteered to become a director.

2020 has been a rough year for everyone. Your Bridge and Board is doing everything we can to make sure that 2021 will be an eventful year for all of us. The 2021 race schedule is published, and we intend to race this coming year.

--Vice Commodore
Jerrod Jones

REAR COMMODORE'S HALYARD



**Rear Commodore
Ty Keith**



My name is Ty Keith and I'm honored to be serving my first term on the NYCSD board this year. Growing up in Coronado, I first started sailing when I took lessons at Fiddler's Cove around 1976. In high school, I started wind surfing and competed in several regattas in Mission Bay, which led me to join the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron as a member of the windsurfing team. After graduating from the Academy in 1987, I became a Surface Warfare Officer.

For a number of years, I crewed on a boat out of CYC, SINGAPORE SLING. Several years ago I went in with some friends on a boat, SHELDON, a little Capri 22 and joined NYCSD.

SHELDON lives at Fiddler's Cove and I have taken advantage of the downtime from COVID-19 to get caught up on some deferred maintenance. We're a regular participant in the Wednesday night races, and can't wait to get back on the water for the next race season.

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 next race season!

-- Rear Commodore
Ty Keith

NYCSD FALL RACING



The Annual Wednesday Night “Beer Can” Regatta was held on two Saturday’s in November due to COVID restrictions.

Although we did not have a great turn out in number of boats, we sure had two great days on the water.

Thank you VERY much to the Race Committee and chase boat crew of Commodore Bob Howdysshell, Vice Commodore Jerrod Jones, Secretary Joe McFetridge, Fleet Captain Curt Snyder, and the RC Expertise of Lisa Brewer.

The first set of 2 races was on 14 Nov in good winds and sunny skies. Both races in the Racing Class were won by Tiny Bubbles, who, like most races, started with 2 great starts and “never looked back” so to speak. It should be mentioned that they sailed with full crew and even matching Tiny Bubbles Polo shirts while their competition, Ryan and Linda Rogers, on Elusive, sailed with very small crew due to COVID restrictions as Ryan was deploying soon with the Navy and need to keep his “real” ship crew safe. In the second race, at the peak of a very low King tide, Elusive bumped off the bottom right in the middle of the race course and bay (Can you be Muddy Rudder Candidate when it really is not your fault, I think you can) and did not finish the race. Ron was the third boat in the racing class and Bram Arnold sailed the first two races singlehandedly.

In the Cruising Class, both races were won by Director JR Young and Rear Commodore Ty Keith on Sheldon.

The second and final race day was held on 28 Nov and also consisted of 2 races.

Tiny Bubbles again dominated the racing class with 2 more victories, but a great showing by Elusive and Ram.

Two great days on the water resulting in the Fargo Cup being won by Tiny Bubbles in the Racing Class and Sheldon in the Cruising Class. This is the second year in a row for Tiny Bubbles.

Well done to all and THANK YOU RACE COMMITTEE!!

NYCSD FALL RACING PICTURES



Crew of "Tiny Bubbles."

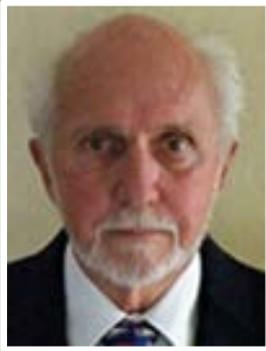
Elusive under sail.



Tiny Bubbles on the downwind



Thank you Race Committee!



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INSTALLATION OF 2021 BRIDGE AND BOARD

I had the pleasure of installing the Navy Yacht Club San Diego (NYCSD) 2021 Bridge and Board on November 22 and attended their first board meeting on December 1.

I am very excited about the New Year that is looming before us. COVID restrictions has made 2020 very challenging for all or the yacht clubs in the San Diego area, to say the least, but our club was especially hard hit because of its location at Fiddlers Cove. I heard many new ideas which will maximize the social interaction, which is the heart of all community associations, which were discussed at the board meeting on December 1. The one I liked the most was to encourage Fiddlers Cove Marina to give custody of the older Catalina 16.5 sail boats to NYCSD. The club members will be responsible for maintaining them and they will be used to create a Junior (youth) Program where seasoned sailors will provide familiarization and supervised sailing experiences for NYCSD members youth. The intent is get them interested in taking lesson from MWR sailing instructors (hopefully at a discount) and go on to more challenging sailing opportunities.

Who knows, this program may be the genesis of a future sailing Olympian? If you would like this idea to become reality, contact your Bridge and Board members and let them know. Maybe you could volunteer to help make it happen.

--Bill Edwards
NYCSD Staff Commodore 2009
Vice Commodore,
San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs

2021 6 Month Calendar

** All dates are tentative and will depend on current COVID restrictions at the time. Please check the website or the NYCS D Facebook page for the most current information.

OPENING DAY - March 7

Quicker/Tarantino - April 3

Wednesday Night Regatta
Spring Series Dates:

April 21 May 12

April 28 May 19

May 5 June 2

Treasurer's Report
FY 2020 - Nov 2020

Operating Funds - 34,761
Capital Funds - 7,700
Total Funds - 42,461

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INSTALLATION PICTURES



Master of Ceremonies Curt Synder welcoming the Bridge and Board.



SDAYC Vice Commodore, Bill Edwards administering the oath of office.



2021 Bridge and Board being sworn in.

Meet Your Directors

Linda Rogers

Hi NYCSA Members!

I am Linda Rogers, one of the current Directors for NYCSA. I got into sailing with my husband as newlyweds back in 2009. We were stationed in Newport, RI and we took the MWR Basic Keelboat course on the Rhodes 19 they have there and we both got our Skipper A and 1st Mate quals. After 6 months there we moved to VA where unfortunately we weren't able to sail at all :(oh how we missed it!

In 2012 we had the good fortune of moving to beautiful, sunny San Diego. Once here, we renewed our sailing bug by taking the second level MWR Skipper B training class allowing us to rent the Capri 22s. If you haven't been out on one they are great little boats.

The MWR told us about NYCSA and mentioned they had Wednesday night racing and it was possible to get on a personally owned sailboat and crew for that boat's skipper for free! So we said sign us up! The next Wednesday we showed up at the white tent where all the skippers meet before the races to go over courses and pick up crew. We just mentioned we were hoping to race and asked if anyone needed help and if they had room for two people. We had a blast our first race and became regulars and we have been hooked ever since. Now I hope to help out the club that has offered so much to us!

See you out on the water,

Linda



Larry Vonier

I graduated from USNA in 1983, and am a classmate and company mate of Pete Hunt. I was a P-3 NFO, serving from 1986-2006 with VP-17 (NAS Barbers Pt, HI), CTF-12 (Pearl Harbor, HI) USS Independence (Yokosuka, Japan) and VP-65 (Reserve P-3 squadron, Pt Mugu, CA). I moved to Laguna Niguel in 1996 and worked at a semiconductor plant until 2001. I retired from the Navy in 2011, and started sailing in 2012 with Pete Hunt on "Tiny Bubbles". I currently work at Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) at the old Fleet ASW Training Center base and have been there since Feb 2005.



J.R. Young

I have been a member of NYCSD since 2015, I am a former Navy Supply Corp Officer and served on USS Lake Champlain. Since then I have mainly worked as a healthcare technology consultant, and I do my best to avoid work and sail more. My main club involvement has been in Wednesday night racing and the Warrior Sailing program which is also part of the annual Veteran's Summer Sports Clinic.



SAILING SYDNEY IN A FAREAST 28R

Greetings fellow Navy Yacht Club members! I hope everyone is faring well through these challenging times. Through it all I have seen incredible displays of strength and solidarity within our yachting community, from Italians imitating sailing on their balconies and in their bathtubs to grassroots fun races being organized on San Diego Bay!

With this in mind, and for your reading enjoyment, I would like to regale you with sailing tales from my journey to Australia during the second half of 2019.

I went to Australia in July 2019 as part of a foreign military sales mobile training team. We were there to assist the Royal Australian Navy's MH-60R Seahawk helicopter program at 725 Squadron onboard HMAS Albatross, the RAN's home of naval aviation. Located 80 miles south of Sydney and nestled between beautiful shorelines and rural farm country to the east, and breathtaking canyons and terrain to the west, Albatross offers rotary wing aircrews incredible sights, challenges, and excitement.

One of my first actions upon reaching Australia was to email and call various yacht clubs in Sydney and put my name and contact information in their available crew lists. I unfortunately missed the midwinter competition but began receiving crewing offers for the spring racing season (remember, the seasons are opposite there!).

I received offers from several Etchells which were very tempting and a few racer/cruisers, but one boat and skipper from Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) really piqued my interest.

Julian contacted me with an offer that I could not turn down: sail on his FarEast 28R in the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club Super 30 Series. First, after a bit of googling I discovered that

the Super 30 series was a handicap series for performance one-design boats and one-off custom race boats. Second, WHAT THE HECK IS A FAREAST 28R?! If you type FarEast 28R into Youtube, you will be rewarded with heart-pounding videos of the fleet in Sweden. I was sold. I told Julian that I was his man. He told me that personal floatation was mandatory. That was the first clue.

The FarEast 28R is a lightweight 28-foot racing sled. Designed by Dutch-South African firm Simonis Voogd and manufactured in China, the 28R is designed from the bottom up to be fast. Best of all, the boat, the fleet, and the class rules are all designed to provide a lower price tag and cost of operation to racing enthusiasts. From stripping away unnecessary gear and simplifying the construction and hardware, to limiting the number of sails that a boat can run throughout an entire regatta (at least in the Australian and New Zealand class) FarEast and its sailors have gone to great lengths to ensure that the competition is kept on the water and away from attritional spending battles.

My first day out on the boat, *Sweeney-Todd*, was quite a rush. Although a member of RSYS, Julian keeps his boat at Greenwich Flying Squadron, a small club in a beautiful inlet northwest of downtown Sydney. The club consists of a picturesque clubhouse/boathouse that juts out from the lush banks of Greenwich. Sailing from GFS to the racing area in the eastern parts of Sydney Harbour was magical in and of itself, passing under the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and past the Sydney Opera House and Fort Dennison among many other points of interest. It was not all sightseeing though, as *Sweeney-Todd* often lived up to her title painted under the name on her hull "Demon of the Fleet." Once trimmed in, she picked up and moved! With strong winds in Sydney Harbour upwind legs were a rush, but downwind legs were pure adrenaline. With the asymmetrical kite flying the boat

began to hum once it topped 13 kts. It took every one of my 220 lbs to fly that kite, and I loved it. My first day we topped 16kts on a downwind.

The best part of sailing with Julian and the *Sweeney-Todd* crew was the camaraderie. The best part of being part of the greater sailing community is the universality of the language, customs, and fellowship among sailors. Julian, an engineer by training, had started a wine company in his “retirement,” and he took good care of us after the races with selections from his collection. The crew was a delightful mix from all corners of the Commonwealth countries and one dirty American rebel (it’s only treason if you lose, right?!). After long Saturdays of racing we would sit out on the deck with some nibbles and wine or beer and watch the boats from other races on the river. One day the wind was gusting to 35 kts, and the race was cancelled. Because we still had several miles to sail back to put the boat away, we pulled into Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron for lunch... and a few pitchers to fortify our courage as we went back out to take on the winds. I don’t think I’ve ever gone that fast upwind under just a #2 headsail!

The culmination of my time racing with *Sweeney-Todd* was the Australian FarEast Nationals held in Pittwater, a bay north of Sydney. The bay runs north-south lengthwise, and is ringed by high hills. The regatta was held at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club at the south end of the bay. Day one of two featured strong winds and intermittent rain squalls. On the final downwind leg of the last race of the day we took a gust so sudden and strong that the boat was blown over immediately despite both the spinnaker and main being released.

Our skipper and one other crew member were instantly thrown overboard. Although the boat was on its side with the spreader about 4 feet off the water and the lower third of the cockpit under water, *Sweeney-Todd* was still making 6+ kts toward a mooring field with a rocky shoreline behind it. Taking the unintentionally abandoned helm, I focused on trying to prevent the boat from turning downwind and catching more wind in the sails, while the two remaining crew members worked furiously to de-power the kite. Unfortunately, both the tackline and the spinnaker halyard had jammed. Finally, they were able to release the halyard enough to put the kite in the water and pull it in with the sheet. We had arrested the boat’s movement about 30 yards from the shore. Luckily our two crew members that went overboard were promptly picked up by a police boat and we all went back to the club nice and wet. Julian was awarded a lifeline stanchion by the race organizers as a humorous prize.

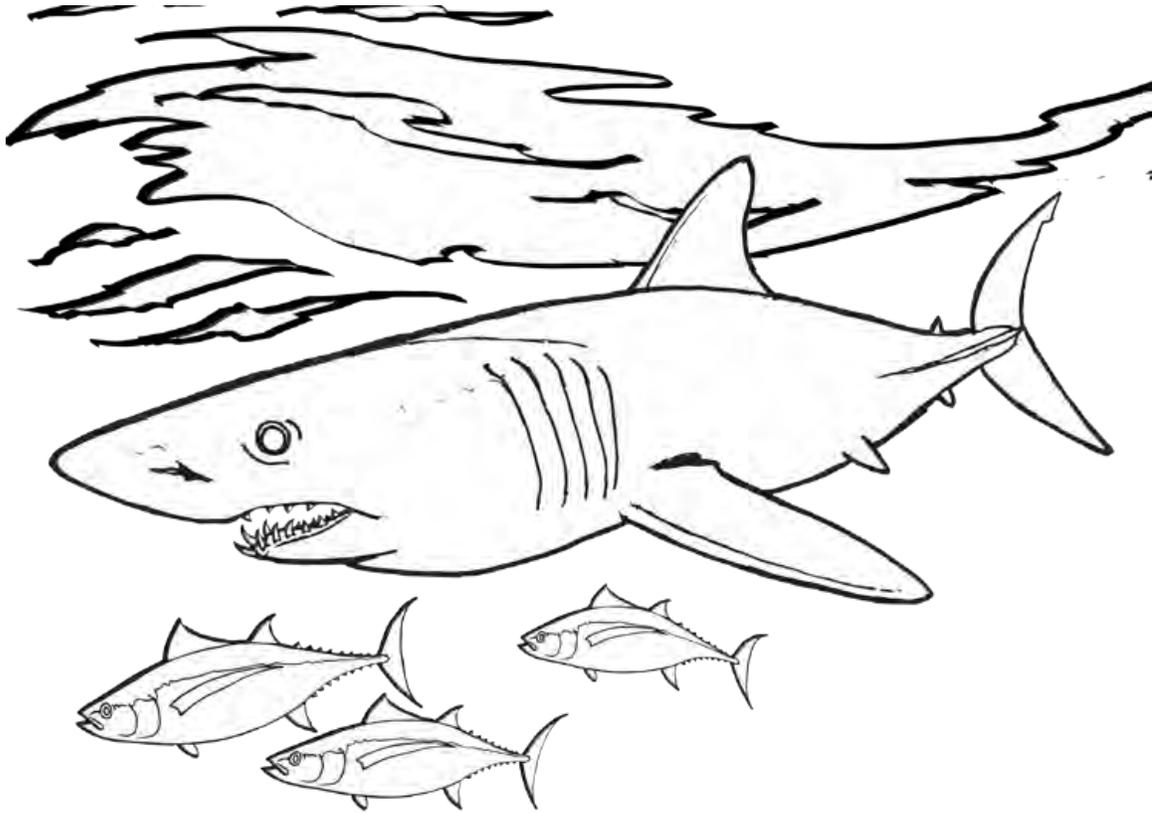
Despite my best efforts, due to scheduling I was unable to sail with the Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association in Sydney or the local military-run sailing club near our base, the Creswell-Albatross Sailing Club. But now I have a new goal for my next trip to Australia!

The opportunity of going to work with the RAN was an experience that I will always hold dear, but the added benefit of having such a great opportunity to sail in a fast boat, with an amazing group of sailors, in one of the world’s greatest sailing venues was unreal. I cannot thank my RAN hosts and Julian and the *Sweeney-Todd* sailing team for the experience of a lifetime.

-- Calder Epes
Staff Commodore



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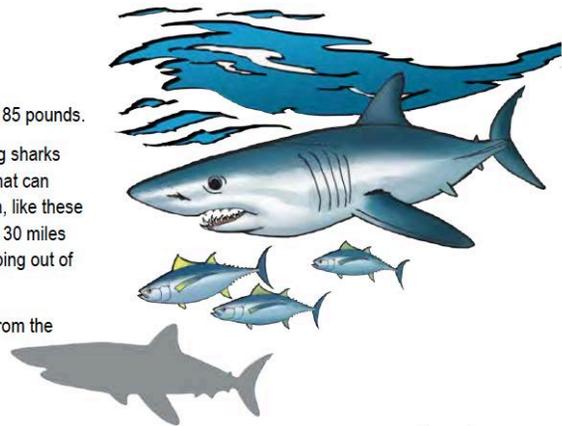


Mako Shark

Average length 7 feet; weight 185 pounds.

Mako sharks are fast swimming sharks and one of the few predators that can swim fast enough to catch tuna, like these albacore. They can swim up to 30 miles per hour and can be seen jumping out of the water.

Mako sharks range in depths from the surface to 490 feet.



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