



# Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club New Member Orientation 2025

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# A Message From The Commodore



Dan Murchison

Ahoy and welcome to Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club. As of 2023, our distinguished club proudly commemorated its 50th anniversary.

Your membership promises a multitude of exclusive advantages tailored to enrich the elk experience, irrespective of boat ownership. Throughout the year, members are afforded numerous opportunities to partake in aquatic pursuits alongside their esteemed peers. This includes reciprocal privileges with other esteemed yacht clubs throughout our region and nation.

Furthermore, our altruistic endeavors include support for various charitable causes with charity groups such as Patriots for Paws, Olive Crest, Seeing Eye Dogs for the Blind, Human Options, Beyond Blindness, Costa mesa Shop with a Cop, Newport Beach Jr. Lifeguard Program, our veteran groups, local city and school programs, and more. These activities and fundraising initiatives afford members the privilege of volunteering and contributing meaningfully.

We cordially extend an invitation to join us on the third Saturday of each month for our Yacht Club meeting, featuring engaging raffles and lively discussions concerning upcoming events. Following the meeting, a delightful barbecue lunch is served, with all proceeds dedicated to the lodge's fundraising efforts. Members are strongly encouraged to actively participate and integrate into our close-knit community.

Our comprehensive new member orientation presentation has been meticulously crafted to apprise you of the exciting activities that await you as a valued member of the Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to greet you and extend a warm welcome to our esteemed establishment.

# The Benefits of Membership

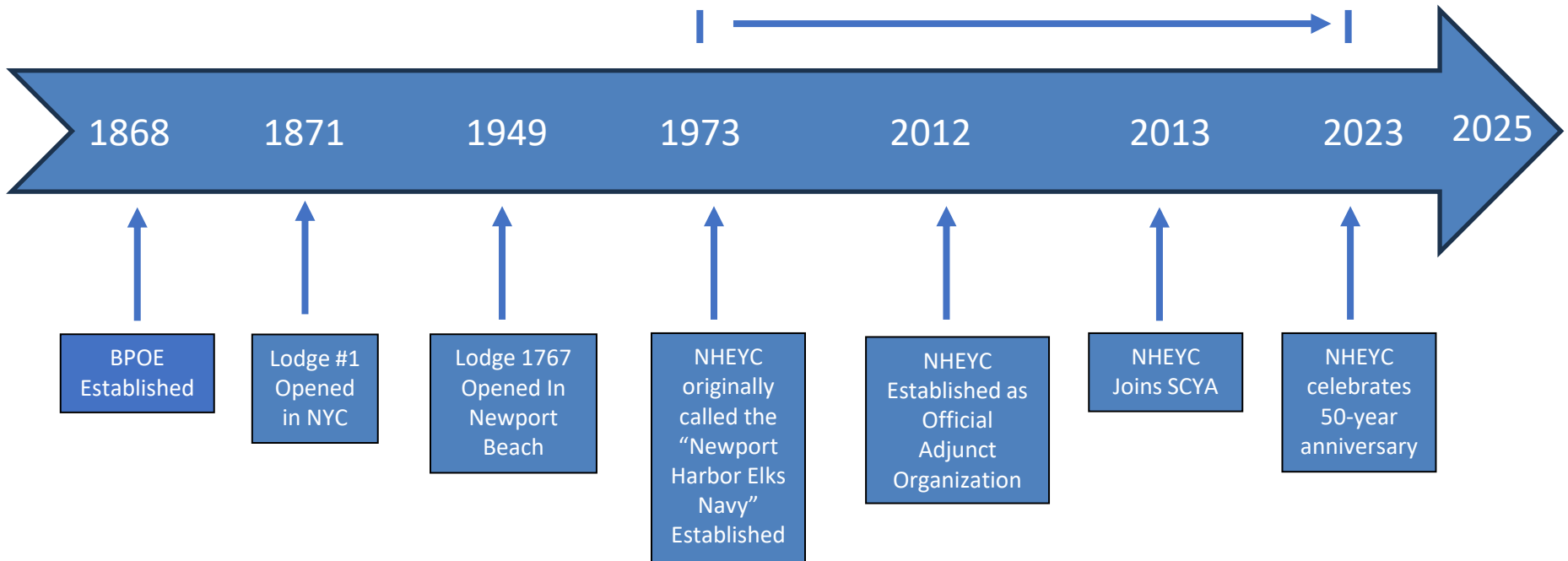
- Expand your experiences as an ELK.
- Reinforce your beliefs and the purpose of being an ELK.
- Gain appreciation for Yachting routines, protocols, and practices.
- Meeting and interaction with like minded Elk members interested in boating.
- Opportunities to participate in fund raising events throughout the year and to support of our efforts to local charities.
- Opportunities to participate in the Leadership of the NHEYC.
- Opportunities to volunteer at all NHEYC events.
- Making new Elk friends.
- Availability to visit local and out of area Yacht Clubs.

# 2025 NHEYC Officers *aka* The Bridge

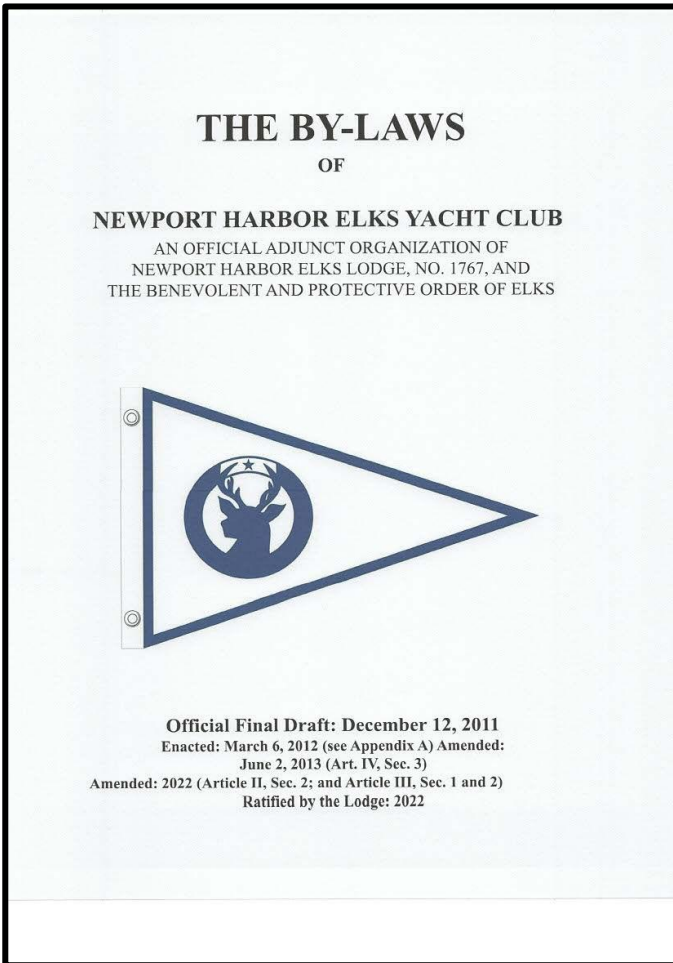
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# Timeline Of The History Of The NHEYC

Our 50 Year History began in 1973




# Our By-Laws



- The purpose of By-Laws is to establish the set of rules that govern our Yacht Club's internal operations with Bridge members.
- The NHEYC is recognized by Newport Harbor Lodge as an official adjunct organization (together with the Nauti-Gals Auxiliary).
- You will be provided of copy of our By-Laws.

# FAQs about the NHEYC




**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**  
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**1. Question:**  
What is the Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club (NHEYC)?

**Answer:**  
The NHEYC is a non-political, non-sectarian Official Adjunct organization of the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge 1767 and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Yacht Club is celebrating our 50-year anniversary in 2023.

The NHEYC is a recognized member of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) which is a regional recreational boating organization that services yacht clubs in our area. The SCYA provides support and promotion of recreational amateur boating in our area.

The NHEYC has a Burgee or organization flag pictured below and our club follows generally accepted yachting protocols in our organization. The Club is governed by a volunteer group of 12 officers, called "The Bridge", that are elected annually by our members. There are several other Standing Committees that help run the club activities.



**2. Question:**  
What are the membership requirements and procedures to join?

**Answer:**  
Only Members and Associate Members of Lodge 1767 are eligible to join the NHEYC. Members of other Elks Lodges are required to become Associate Members of Lodge 1767 to become eligible. A formal application document has been developed for the membership application procedure. The New Member dues are \$70.00 for the first year and \$60.00 for Renewal. All dues are payable by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no other monthly fees. You can pay your dues online at <https://newportelks.com/yachtclubdues>.

Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club  
3456 Via Oporto, Newport Beach, CA 92663  
Telephone (949)673-6110  
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- Compilation of 18 of the most frequency asked questions.
- You have been provided a copy of the most recent FAQ's.



# Our Ship's Store

Available from the Quartermaster during each monthly meeting



# Monthly Communication



*The Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club*

The NHEYC is the only Nauti-Gals organization of Newport Harbor Elks Lodge #1767. Membership in the Yacht Club is open to all Lodge Members, and regular meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11am. Please come join us and find out what we're all about!

**SIGNAL FROM THE BRIDGE**  
Michelle Bleeker

Greetings to all Elk members! As the newly appointed Commodore, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be in this role. I am honored to serve you this year and I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming year and the charitable events in which we will participate in. I am pleased to announce the launch of the yacht club's website [www.nheyc1767.com](http://www.nheyc1767.com). Please take a moment to visit the site, where you can access our calendar and reciprocal list, as well as learn more about the club's events. You can also sign up for the yacht club easily with a link provided on this website.

This month, we had the honor of presenting a substantial donation to the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard program and hosting Brian O'Rourke as our guest speaker in January. Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming events, including the Commodore's Ball on the 24th and Opening Day on March 10.

I encourage you to join us for these occasions and the many more that lie ahead. We have several compelling charitable initiatives on the horizon and hope you will become involved in our yacht club community.

Michelle Bleeker  
NHEYC Commodore  
[commodore@newportelks.com](mailto:commodore@newportelks.com)

**NAUTI GALS CORNER**  
Joanne Sarria, President

Hello from the Nauti-Gals Auxiliary – February 2024

I am happy to say that the Nauti-Gals have jumped into 2024 and have already participated in some exciting, fun, and productive auxiliary activities. We are excited to announce that we welcomed Carolyn Gould, Barbara Groff and Karen White to the auxiliary at our January meeting!

We held our first social luncheon for the year, and it was well attended by 30 Nauti-Gals and guests! Thanks go to Tami Stancil for making the arrangements for this fun January luncheon!

We have also been busy, working with Vice Commodore, Dan Murchison. Together we are designing the decorations and planning the details for the upcoming Commodore's Ball which will honor Commodore Michelle Bleeker and the 2024 Yacht Club Bridge. In addition, the Nauti-Gals have plans to host a Luau fundraiser in April and the QuarterMania fundraiser in June. Details to follow!

If you are interested in making new Elk friends and participating in our fun and productive activities, come join us! We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10am.

Joanne Sarria, Nauti-Gals President

**Yacht Club Schedule for 2023(times & dates could change):**

Feb 17th - Yacht Club Meeting	Mar 10th - NHEYC Opening Day	April 20th - Yacht Club Meeting
Feb 17th - Commodore's Ball	Mar 16th - Yacht Club Meeting	May 18th - Yacht Club Meeting

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- Look for the “Signal from the Bridge” in each month’s **Harbor Light** to keep up to date on all Yacht Club events
- Watch your e-mail for blasts about current events and check our web site: [www.nheyc1767.com](http://www.nheyc1767.com)

# Attending Our Monthly Meetings



- Yacht Club(11:00AM) and Nauti-Gals(10:00AM) meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

# Getting Involved-Club Events

## Annual Commodore's Ball

NEWPORT HARBOR ELKS YACHT CLUB  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

EVERYONE IS INVITED

# 2025 COMMODORE'S BALL

HONORING COMMODORE :  
**DAN MURCHISON**  
FIRST MATE: SUSAN PANATTONI  
AND OUR 2025 YACHT CLUB BRIDGE OFFICERS

ENTRY FEE \$65  
FREE VALET PARKING  
NO HOST BAR  
ENTERTAINMENT-DJ DEVILLE  
HAWAIIAN FOOD SERVED BUFFET STYLE  
DRESS CODE: FINEST HAWAIIAN  
RSVP BY: FEBRUARY 17TH

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**  
**6PM-10PM**

WWW.NEWPORTELKS.COM/COMMODORESBALL  
FOOD COST: \$25



# Getting Involved-Club Events

## Yacht Club Opening Day



**2024**  
Sunday, March 10th



**Save the date**  
**March 8, 2025**

**NEWPORT HARBOR ELKS YACHT CLUB**  
**OPENING DAY**

Registration and Brunch 11am - Brunch \$12  
Opening Day Ceremonies 1pm

**OPEN TO ALL YACHT CLUB MEMBERS,  
ELKS AND THEIR GUEST**

Please RSVP to Commodore Michelle Bleeker  
[commodore@newportelks.com](mailto:commodore@newportelks.com)  
[www.nheyc1767.com](http://www.nheyc1767.com)



# Getting Involved-Fund Raising Club Events

## Rubber Duck Race-A Huge Fund Raiser



Watch for  
2025  
Dates



# Getting Involved-Club Events



***Annual Bus  
Trip to other  
Elk Lodges***

Watch for  
2025  
Dates



# Getting Involved-Fund Raising Club Events



Watch for  
2025  
Dates

**Duffy Harbor Cruise and Duffy Rally/Poker Run-Getting our non-boat owners on the water**



# Getting Involved-Fund Raising Club Events

## Chili Cookoff

Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club  
Chili Cook Off 2024  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 12-2PM!



Only \$15 per person includes BBQ Lunch



[www.newportelks.com/chili](http://www.newportelks.com/chili)

**USE YOUR TASTEBUDS FOR THE RIGHT CAUSE**  
Taste the best chili our members have to offer, a portion of the proceeds benefit Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**LIVE BAND**      **Want to compete?**      **LIVE BAND**  
Contact Karen Allison at  
714-809-2417 (text preferred) or  
kj.gallivanter@sbcglobal.net.  
Limited to 15 competitors

Prizes Include:

- Judges Choice 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Peoples Choice
- Best Presentation
- Most Enthusiastic



# Getting Involved-Fund Raising Club Events

## Wreath Raffle

- Six wreaths decorated by Elk Committee groups to raise money for local charities
- Each wreath is theme decorated
- Each wreath has list of gifts donated by our members



Watch for  
2025  
Dates

Wreath  
Raffle

Motorcycle Club  
PER.  
Dec 21st

\$1 each  
\$5 for 6 Tickets  
\$10 for 14 Tickets  
\$20 for 30 Tickets  
\$100 for 200 Tickets

NEWPORT HARBOR HOLIDAY WREATH & GIFTS RAFFLE  
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN  
TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT LODGE OR ONLINE  
[WWW.NEWPORTELKS.COM/WREATHRAFFLE](http://WWW.NEWPORTELKS.COM/WREATHRAFFLE)  
PROCEEDS GO TO LODGE CHARITIES

# Getting Involved-Club Events

Newport Harbor Elks  
YACHT CLUB

*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARTY**

Live Band **6** Prizes  
**DEC**

**HARBORSIDE GRAND BALLROOM**  
NO HOST BAR | ENTRY \$75 | FROM 5:30PM  
400 Main St., Newport Beach, CA 92661  
<http://www.newportelks.com/holidayparty>



Watch for  
2025  
Dates



# The Nauti-Gals-the NHEYC Auxiliary



- The NHEYC has recognized the Nauti-Gals as the Ladies Auxiliary of our Club.
- The Nauti-Gals work side by side with the NHEYC to support their events by volunteering to help organize, decorate, and/or lend help wherever needed to make yacht club events a success.
- The Nauti-Gals also plan and host fundraising events (which are open to all Lodge members) with the profits going to charities in the area.
- The Nauti-Gals also enjoy the camaraderie formed through being a member of this auxiliary. The Nauti-Gals meet monthly, on the third Saturday of each month, at 10:00AM before the NHEYC general membership meeting.
- And, since they are a social group, they also get together monthly for no-host luncheons, annually for their Holiday dinner party and for any other reason that is of interest to them

# The Nauti-Gals-the NHEYC Auxiliary



*Annual Fundraiser-Luau*

*Annual Fundraiser-Quartermania*

Watch for  
2025  
Dates



*Holiday Party*

# Reciprocal Benefits with Other Yacht Clubs



The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) is a regional recreational yachting and boating organization that services amateur yacht clubs, sailing clubs and power boat groups. SCYA is a non-profit California corporation supporting boating groups and clubs from Santa Barbara to San Diego, and inland to Nevada on the Colorado River, and north to Laughlin, Arizona.



The Yachting Club of America Courtesy Card is an exciting new perk of your NHEYC membership as it opens up approximately 500 Yacht Clubs for you to visit across the country. Be sure to follow the instructions below and always call ahead and plan your visit.

## ***Important note:***

- NHEYC is an Associate Member of SCYA
- Reciprocal privileges are available at several Orange and Los Angeles County Yacht Clubs-see our web site [www.nheyc1767.com](http://www.nheyc1767.com)
- Entry could be available in out of state and international Yacht Clubs
- Entry is NOT Guaranteed and always call ahead
- Wear your name badge
- Always thank the staff!

# Support Our Money Matching Campaign

**MONEY MATCHING FUNDRAISER FOR THE BUILDING FUND!**

The Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club (NHEYC) announced on 10/8/24 that its membership has approved and committed up to \$25,000 to the Building Fund for the remodeling of our NEWPORT Lodge. The donation campaign is a commitment for a dollar for a dollar match of the individual contributions made by any Newport Harbor 1767 member or associate member up to \$25,000

Kickoff-11/1/24

Ends 3/31/25 or when the Lodge members donations reach \$25,000.

Donations are not tax deductible.

Make your check out to: **NEWPORT HARBOR ELKS LODGE**

Use the QR Code below to donate by credit card (handling fees apply)

Your Donation is Doubled!

[www.newportelks.com/buildingfund](http://www.newportelks.com/buildingfund) **NEWPORT HARBOR ELKS 1767**

**MONEY MATCHING FUNDRAISER FOR THE BUILDING FUND!**

**JOIN OUR FUND RAISER FOR THE BUILDING FUND FOR EVERY DOLLOR THAT IS DONATED THE NEWPORT HARBOR ELKS YACHT CLUB WILL MACH UP, TO \$25,000**

TO DONATE GO TO [www.newportelks.com/buildingfund](http://www.newportelks.com/buildingfund)

# Renewal Of Your Yacht Club Membership

**What:** Your 2025-2026 NHEYC renewal

**When:** Available beginning April 1, 2025

**You need:** Your 2025-2026 1767 Lodge Membership or Associate Membership card

**How to Renew:** Submit renewal application with dues by mail, in-person at the Lodge, or electronically with a copy of your new 2025-2026 1767 Lodge Card or Associate Membership Card.

**On-Line: Available Soon!**



# Summary



**WELCOME !**  
**Dan Murchison, Commodore**