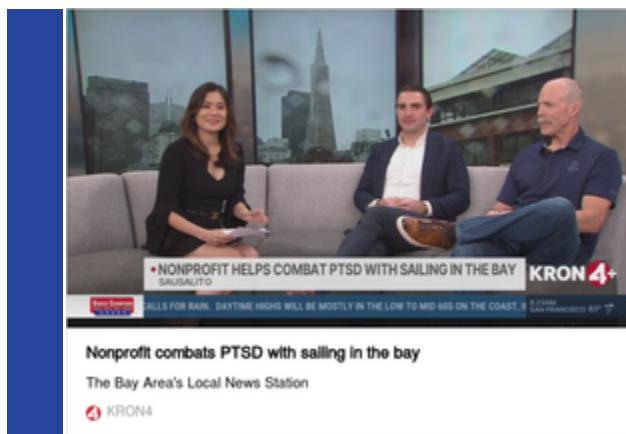


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VetsBoats Foundation Newsletter



VetsBoats on KRON-4!

Board Members Tony Maffei and Matt Goettelman joined KRON-4 to discuss the impact VetsBoats has on Bay Area Veterans and the exciting path ahead. Link:

<https://www.kron4.com/video/nonprofit-combats-ptsd-with-sailing-in-the-bay/11369704/>

Clover Update

The engine installation phase will soon be complete thanks to our friends and Partners at the Tahoe Maritime Foundation. Thank you!

Our goal is to reach as many Veterans as possible and Clover will enable us to achieve that.

Please consider supporting our cause: <https://www.vetsboats.org/>

A letter from our Founder, Terry Moran



Dear VetsBoats Community,

I want to thank everyone for their steadfast support as we continue to build upon a successful 2025 and step into a pivotal year for the organization. We will begin 2026 with some exciting developments that reflect how far this community has come together.

We hosted our annual Board Meeting aboard the USS Hornet, bringing directors, advisors, and partners together in one place to align on the next phase of growth and governance.

We welcomed several of our crucial partners and supporters for a mixer on board; the conversations that night helped set the tone for a year focused on collaboration, national reach, and deeper impact. A few photos from the event are on the next page.

Clover continues to move steadily toward her role as our national flagship. Thanks to our supporters and our restoration team, the engine installation phase is nearly complete, with 2026 work focused on making the deck watertight, finishing the pilothouse, and bringing AC/DC systems online so Clover can begin powered operations on San Francisco Bay. Every donation, volunteer hour, and in-kind gift gets us closer to seeing Clover underway and traveling to visit chapters across the country.

In late 2025, we formally opened our first Cape Cod chapter through SailingForVeterans.org and launched our Ohio chapter in partnership with the Salvation Navy and Indian Lake Yacht Club, extending our 16-vessel fleet and healing sails from California to New England and the Midwest. In 2025 we completed 28 outings reaching more than 620 veterans and family members, with over 95% reporting improved morale and stronger peer connections—proof that the model works and is ready to scale.

I would like to thank our Board, advisors, and early chapter leaders—including the teams in Cape Cod and Ohio—for their contributions in making this a reality, as well as the many donors and sponsors who have invested in building a sustainable, low-cost-per-participant model that keeps every sail free to veterans. As we look ahead to adding new chapters in the Chesapeake and San Diego, your support will ensure that no veteran has to sail alone, no matter where they live.

Fair winds and following seas,

Terry Moran
Founder, VetsBoats

USS Hornet VetsBoats Mixer-January 30th



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