

the Wind Word

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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-8pm (Wed) Noon-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Ahoy BYC!

Spring is upon us! Hope all your vessels are ship-shape and ready for fun on the water. The gun goes off to start our Thursday Night Beer Can Sail Races at 1800 hours April 4. Cruise-Ins and Cruise-Outs start in earnest in May—please sign up ASAP as slips are first-come, first-served.

OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT is coming up fast on May 18. PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER with Brian West ASAP. This is not only a fun event but also a further introduction to the community (hopefully enticing new members!).

Special thanks to our departing director, Kathleen Jones. And a warm welcome to Susan Bittner, who will serve out Kathleen's term. To all the others who reached out to be considered for the position, thank you so much for stepping up! We encourage you to run for open board positions in October.

Meanwhile, we welcome ALL MEMBERS to VOLUNTEER!



Editors Vicki & John Garcia

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From the Helm



Hello everyone,

Our Crab Feed March 2 was great fun! Many thanks to Angela Grigas, Steve Stults, Kymberly Brady, Kathleen Jones and Joni Palacios for stepping up as volunteers.

What a great band we had for our St. Patrick's Day celebration March 16. And our Easter Brunch never disappoints. A very big thank you to Susan Linn for using her connections to get the Easter bunny to visit the Club as well as arranging our annual egg hunt. You are a good egg, Susan!

On April 4 we welcome back Thursday Night Beer Can sail racing on the strait and after-partying at the Club. We so appreciate the nicer weather—perfect for taking in the view from our back deck with your favorite cocktail.

I want to express how valuable good volunteers are to BYC—no nonprofit can function without them. They play an active role in implementing and managing tasks such as events (including decorating), racing, building and landscape maintenance, etc. Volunteers are undoubtedly the most valuable asset we have, and they are YOU, our members. Please consider volunteering for any of our upcoming events such as Opening Day on the Strait May 18 (we need all hands on deck!) as well as the summer concert themed events posted on our website. Speaking of our website, Brian Barry, known to his friends as the Sheriff, does an amazing job with our site. Thanks, Sheriff!

Look for changes in the Norton Lounge as we are in the process of lowering our cable bill by switching to streaming. Big thanks to our Tech Guru Stephen Wheet and Randy Norman for spearheading this project, and Richard Boehm who instigated it.

If you have not already paid your assessment, please do so as soon as possible so we can keep moving on Club improvements. If you have already paid, THANK YOU! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Don't forget—Lunch Time Happy Hour featuring well drinks, house wine and bottled beer for \$5 ends May 1—come on down to the Club!

Fair winds and following seas—

**Commodore
Dena Stults**





BONNIE	SILVERIA	4/2	MARTHA	LEAR	4/17
TIA	MCCORMICK	4/3	LORI	LOWREY	4/17
CHARLES	REED	4/3	DON	MURRAY	4/18
MAUREEN	MCINTOSH	4/6	PHIL	JOY	4/21
BECKY	JAMES	4/8	KEN	OXMAN	4/21
STEVE	MARLOWE	4/8	JAMES	PETERSON	4/23
BEVERLY	CONLEY	4/10	GARY B.	CALLAHAN	4/24
JENNIFER	LARGAESPADA	4/10	KYMBERLI	BRADY	4/26
MONIQUE	MARKER	4/10	GERALD	MARTIN	4/26
MICHAEL	JACOBS	4/11	CINDY	REED	4/26
KATHRYN	RICH	4/12	GETHSEMANE	MOSS	4/27
GREG	CHAVEZ	4/14	ROBERT	CATES	4/29
LIONEL	LARGAESPADA	4/14	LEEANN	CAWLEY	4/29
JOSEPH	RIZZI	4/16			
DONNA	DIMMICK	4/17			

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BYC's Nautica Group - 2024

Activities, Events & Opportunities

The Nautica Group is working in support of Benicia Yacht Club's charter to share and promote information and resources for water education and activities for members and community. Please contact Randy Norman with additional opportunities or for more information:

randydnorman@msn.com

Thursday April 4

Thursday Night Beer Can

Series Begins!

Race #1—first gun 1800 hrs



BYC VOLUNTEER DAY

Many thanks to the Members who attended Volunteer Day

Saturday March 2, 2024. The Club has a robust schedule of events planned this summer and Member volunteers are needed for each one.

On Sunday afternoon September 29 the Club will be sponsoring an invitation-only appreciation BBQ for those Members who have stepped up this year. The BBQ will feature complimentary food and beverages as well as awards for volunteerism above and beyond. We are rolling out a volunteer section to the Club website so Members can easily see what events are coming up and what types of volunteers are needed. So please plan on helping make the summer of 2024 at BYC something to remember and get on the invite list for the BBQ!





Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule



Generally 3rd weekend of every month • Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board or contact sjpenny5@gmail.com • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!

Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
May (Memorial Day)	24-27	Marin Yacht Club (Marin & Petaluma RV parks nearby) Please sign up ASAP Contact Steve Penny.	Brian West & Steve Penny	brian@westengineers.com sjpenny5@gmail.com
June	21-23	St Francis Yacht Club	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
August (Summer Cruise)	16-19	Delta Marina & RV Park (RV park on-site)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	TBD Schoonmaker Point Marina	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	sjpenny5@gmail.com
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	



SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, May 18, 2024

OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT

SHOW UP & SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT (AND FUN) EVENT!



2024 Cruise-Ins

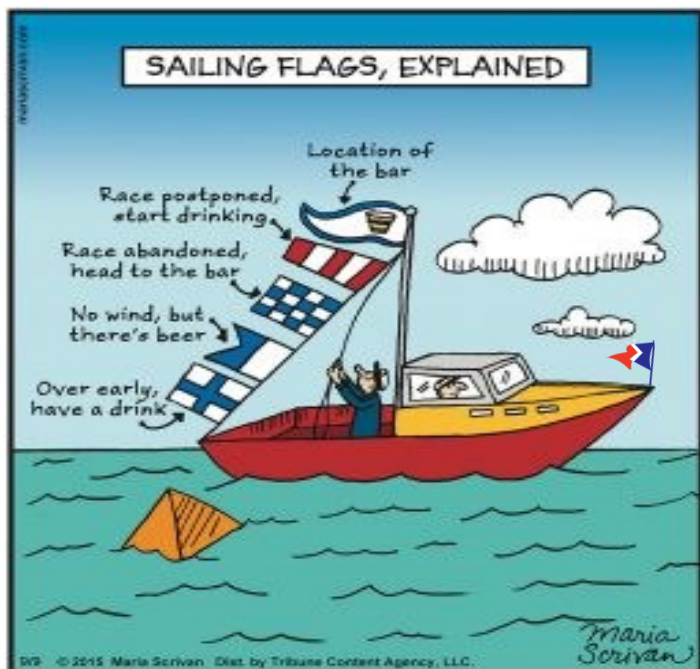
May 16-19	Dos Rios YC	7 boats	July 19-21	South Beach YC	8 boats
MAY 18	OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT		July 25-28	Discovery Bay	18 boats
May 24-26	Club Nautique	12 boats	July 26-28	Emeryville YC	5 boats
June 7-9	Stockton YC	5 boats	August 9-11	Delta Marina YC	8 boats
June 21-23	San Francisco YC	12 boats	August 16-18	Sequoia YC	10 boats
June 28-30	Sausalito YC	10 boats	September 21-22	Stockton YC	10 boats
June 28-30	Carver Club	5 boats	October 2-5	Stockton YC	10 boats

2024 Date	Regatta
April	
Thursday, April 4, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #1
Saturday, April 6, 2024	BYC Wheeler Regatta
Sunday, April 7, 2024	BYC Wheeler Regatta Pursuit Race
Thursday, April 11, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #2
Saturday, April 13, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #1
Thursday, April 18, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #3
Thursday, April 25, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #4
May	
Thursday, May 2, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #5
Saturday, May 4, 2024	YRA Great Vallejo Race
Suanday, May 5, 2024	YRA Great Vallejo Race
Thursday, May 9, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #6
Thursday, May 16, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #7
Saturday, May 18, 2024	BenYC Opening Day on the Strait
Saturday, May 18, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #2
Thursday, May 23, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #8
Thursday, May 30, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #9
June	
Thursday, June 6, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #10
Saturday, June 8, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #3
Saturday, June 8, 2024	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Sunday, June 9, 2024	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Thursday, June 13, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #11
Thursday, June 20, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #12
Saturday, June 22, 2024	BenYC Chasing The Moon Race
Thursday, June 27, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #13



2024 Racing Season

2024 Date	Regatta
July	
Saturday, July 6, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #4
Thursday, July 11, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #14
Thursday, July 18, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #15
Thursday, July 25, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #16
Saturday, July 27, 2024	BenYC Light House Race
Saturday, July 27, 2024	YRA Encinal Regatta
August	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #17
Thursday, August 8, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #18
Saturday, August 10, 2024	BenYC Sail Benicia
Thursday, August 15, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #19
Saturday, August 17, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #5
Thursday, August 22, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #20
Saturday, August 24, 2024	BenYC Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
Thursday, August 29, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #21
Saturday, August 31, 2024	BenYC/SBYC Jazz Cup
September	
Thursday, September 5, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #22
Thursday, September 12, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #23
Saturday, September 14, 2024	BenYC/VYC Carquinez Challenge
Thursday, September 19, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #24
Saturday, September 21, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #6
Thursday, September 26, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #25
October/November/December	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	BenYC Champions Race
Saturday, October 26, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Fleet Race
Sunday, October 27, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race
Saturday, November 9, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1
Saturday, December 14, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #2





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CLOSED April Fool's Day	2 CLOSED	3 Trivia 6pm	4 1ST Beer Can Sail Boat Race 6pm 	5	6 Members Work Day! 8-11am BYC Wheeler Regatta <u>PICYA LUNCHEON</u>
7 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> BYC Wheeler Regatta Pursuit Race	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED <u>BYC BOD Meeting</u> 6pm	10 Trivia 6pm	11 Sail Races 	12	13 BenYC Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #1
14 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	15 CLOSED <u>TAX DAY!</u>	16 CLOSED	17 <u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING</u> 7pm Trivia 6pm	18 Sail Races 	19 	20
21 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	22 CLOSED EARTH DAY PASSOVER BEGINS	23 CLOSED	24 Trivia 6pm	25 Sail Races 	26	27
28 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED PASSOVER ENDS				