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# *the Wind Word*



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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
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Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: noon-9pm
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Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)
*Groups of 15 or more can be accommodated for lunch with at least 1 week's advanced notification & reservation.	

## BYC Members,

August is here and we have a lot going on this month at our Club. Mark your calendar!

## SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, August 16

Dueling Pianos Dinner Show

Saturday, August 30

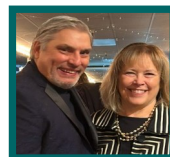
**JAZZ CUP SAIL RACE**

**Open to the Public**

BYC Board of Directors elections are coming up fast and we hope you, as a BYC owner, will consider running for office. Deadline for signup is August 31. Serving on the board is a great way to actively contribute to BYC's future direction (see pg 5).

**WE NEED YOU!**

Editors: Vicki & John Garcia



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# FR M THE HELM

July was a busy, fun month. It all got started with BYC participating in Benicia's Torchlight Parade on July 3. Many thanks go out to Eve & Randy Norman for decorating and pulling our float; Stephen & Terri Dale, Joan Westerman & Marie Alex for walking alongside; and Jackson & Presley for riding in the float. We represented well. The city's Fourth of July fireworks show was amazing. And the weather was perfect for both events.

Then we had the BYC's *Tommy's Luau* July 19. What a great evening! Hawaiian music, Hawaiian hula show, and a great Hawaiian feast prepared by our Chef Carlos. As the city ended the month with their Waterfront Rocks Festival, we finished off that weekend by getting off our feet at the Club with a Sunday Funday Afternoon and music from Two Tracking.

Watch for flyers and info on the **Modern Dueling Pianos Dinner Show** Saturday, August 16. If you haven't been to a show like this, then you will not want to miss this. So much fun! I'll work with Carlos on choosing a dinner special for the evening.

August should bring warm days and fair winds for our Sail Racers. And ...

## **LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, JAZZ CUP!**

Join us Saturday, August 30, for the 37th Annual Jazz Cup Regatta, a 25-mile downwind sail race from San Francisco to Benicia Yacht Club. This is always a great day at our Club as we greet the sailors as well as the public with food and music all day. And the beautiful sight of many, many colorful sailboats coming into the marina is something you should not miss!

Rear Commodore Joe Kallios is spearheading Jazz Cup for us. This event will require you members to step up and volunteer some time to pull this off.

As we get closer to this event, opportunities will open up to help.

Joe and the Club will appreciate anything you can help with.



**BYC RACERS, BRING THE  
TROPHY HOME  
WHERE IT BELONGS!**

*Bob Bohnet  
BYC Commodore*





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JOANNE	EPPERSON	8/1	MARK	DUANE	8/16
TOM	GIERYNG	8/1	ARMAND	SEGUIN	8/16
BOB	CHATTIN	8/2	NATALIE	BOLTZ KELLER	8/17
DOUG	YAMAWAKI	8/2	DAVID	STELLATO	8/18
IRENE	CHANDLER	8/4	HEATHER	COOPER	8/19
EVE	NORMAN	8/7	DENISE	DUANE	8/19
TRINA	ROBERTS	8/7	LORIE	CAMPBELL	8/20
RANDALL LEE	SHERWOOD	8/7	LESLEY	HOLTAWAY-POND	8/22
STUART	MAHLER	8/9	PHILLIP	SMITH	8/24
GARY	PETERSEN	8/9	KAREN	LOTT	8/25
MARK	GRAHAM	8/10	MATT	IMEL	8/26
HELEN	KENNEDY-LAZAR	8/10	BECKY	JAMES	8/26
LAURIE	BERBERICH	8/11	SALLY K.	CALLAHAN	8/27
SUE	BITTNER	8/14	DANIEL	DORCE	8/27
KRISS	KASTL	8/14	VINCE	CHANDLER	8/28
ANDREW	LOTT	8/14	MARY JULIA	KLIMENKO DECKER	8/28
MATTHEW	NATTENBERG	8/14	DENNIS	LUCHAY	8/28
SERGE	POND	8/14	JOY	MARTIN	8/29
ASSUNSAO	HANLEY	8/15	DURELL	NORMANDIN	8/30
BRENDA	CRABTREE	8/16			



# **Election 2025 – Benicia Yacht Club Needs You!!**

## **\*\* Candidate Nominating Committee and Board Openings \*\***

**Calling all fellow Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) Owners!**

**Members of BYC share ownership and oversight of the Club and facilities.**

Believe it or not, it's already that time of year when BYC starts the process to establish next year's nominations for the Board of Directors and Flag Officers. Aside from two of the four Director positions, all other positions will be open in this year's election: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. **We are now looking for interested Board candidates as well as people willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2025.**

### **BYC Bylaws Specify How Our Elections Take Place**

By August 23 a Nominating Committee will be formed by final approval from the current Board of Directors. This committee will solicit applicants for each open Board position, verify applicant eligibility and qualifications, interview the applicants, and develop the final election slate. Nominations can also be made by petition. The Nominating Committee will be led by me as Junior Staff Commodore in accordance with the bylaws.

The election takes place in October, but the Nominating Committee must make its report by the September Board Meeting (Sept. 9) so ballots can be prepared and mailed out and so candidates' statements can make it into the October *Wind Word* newsletter.

### **THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS IS THE END OF AUGUST**

#### **AS A CLUB OWNER, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING BECAUSE:**

1. **Your opinion matters.** If you leave governance of the Club to others, you risk losing a very important right that you have—the right to decide. Your opinion is as worthy as any other member's view and a variety of opinions being heard by the Board strengthens the Club.
2. **Ownership decisions are needed to keep our finances in order** and to move the Club in a positive direction.
3. **The Board of Directors determines the house rules of the Club** in accordance with our bylaws. Rules need reviewing to keep them up to date.
4. **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members.
5. **Being on the Board is a good opportunity to know what is going on** and to get to know others in the Club better.
6. **You get a special name tag and can wear a uniform** at meetings and on special occasions.

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or being a candidate for a Board position, please contact me right away. I can be reached via text or call at 707-208-4498 or by e-mail at [denastults@gmail.com](mailto:denastults@gmail.com). If you are not sure or just have questions about the details, feel free to call.

Many thanks,  
Dena Stults, Junior Staff Commodore



**COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT BYC!**

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



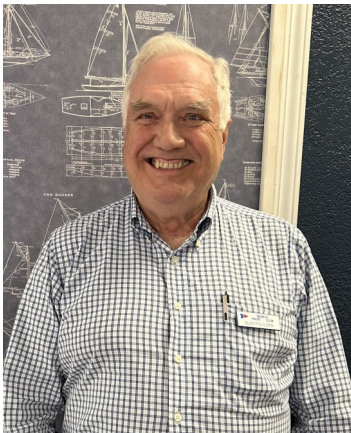
**Robert Chedsey &  
Susan Frost**



**Jill Graham  
(Mark not pictured)**



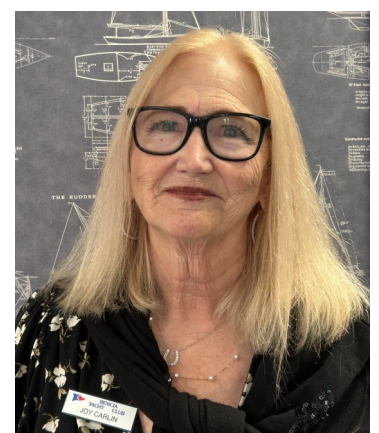
**Nancy Shopay  
(Vickie Devlin not pictured)**



**Alex Poulsen**



**Zack & Kelsey Borglin**



**Joy Carlin**

## NEW MEMBERS NOT SHOWN

*Steve & Sherri Brenner, Chris & Cassie Cole, L.A. Murray & Trina Roberts, David & Ryan Mladnich,  
Mark Silvia, Gary & Donna Petersen, Larry Miller & Jenn Negrete, Ketty Fedigan & Dee Patel*



## BYC JAZZ CUP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

2-10 pm OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



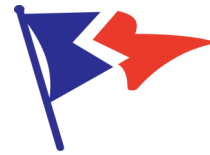




## 2025 Cruise-Ins



August 1-3	Sequoia	10 boats
August 8-10	Napa	10 boats
August 15-17	San Jose Sailing Club	5 boats
August 29-30	Marina West	6 boats
September 12-14	Marin	8 boats
September 19-21	Caliente Isle	7 boats
September 26-28	San Joaquin	10 boats
October 1-3	Corinthian	8 boats
October 24-26	Dos Rios	5 boats



**AUGUST 16**

**DUELING PIANOS**  
**DINNER SHOW**  
**6-9 pm**



## **ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB CRUISE-OUT—JUNE 20-22**



***On June 20*** the annual BYC cruise-out to the St. Francis Yacht Club (SFYC) got going, with fair sailing down the Bay, until we reached Alcatraz Island, when a brisk westerly wind kicked up and made docking at the St. Francis an adventure. Eventually, all five BYC boats made it to the docks with no fatalities, injuries or property damage and a few tall stories to tell! Another two boats arrived Saturday for a total of seven. (Of course, weather on Saturday was gorgeous, no docking problems at all.)



Friday evening we were joined by some land cruisers for the renowned St. Francis seafood buffet. Then on Saturday we were entertained by a wind-surfing competition hosted by the SFYC. At our evening dinner we were joined by more land cruisers for a total of 30 BYC Members enjoying the SFYC cuisine.

Sunday the weather was again favorable and the sail back to Benicia delightful.

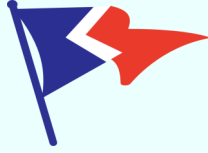
At this time, I have not been contacted by anyone interested in organizing a cruise-out for August or September. Unless someone steps up, the only other BYC cruise-out in 2025 will be the Harvest Cruise in October. Please give me a call or email if you'd like to host August or September. Thank you!

—Brian West, BYC Fleet Captain



## 2025 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP

- Maintain Curb Appeal
  - General Restoration
- Landscape Upkeep
  - Planned Projects



8:00am to 11:00am

First Saturday of each month

## Advertise in the Wind Word

Ad Size	Month	Year
2" x 2"	\$20	\$220
Business Card	\$25	\$275
1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
1/2 pg	\$85	\$935
<a href="mailto:info@beniciayachtclub.org">info@beniciayachtclub.org</a>		



## BYC LUNCH-TIME HAPPY HOUR EXTENDED INDEFINITELY!

Come hang out for a no-stress lunch—Happy Hour runs from 12-3, Wed-Sat.\*  
Enjoy \$5.00 well drinks with your lunch (beer, wine or cocktail).

*\*Excludes during special events*



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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website & on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Watch e-blasts for UPDATES</b></p>	 <p><b>JAZZ CUP AUG. 30</b></p>			<p><b>1</b> <u>Cruise-In</u> Sequoia 8/1-3</p>	<p><b>2</b> <u>BYC Members Work Day!</u></p> 	
<p><b>3 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b>  1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Trivia 6pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p><b>8</b> <u>Cruise-In</u> Napa 8/8-10</p>	<p><b>9</b> Chasing the Moon Sail Race</p> 
<p><b>10 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b>  1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u></p> 	<p><b>13</b> Trivia 6pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p><b>15</b> <u>Cruise-In</u> San Jose Sailing Club 8/15-17</p>	<p><b>16</b> Dinner Show</p> 
<p><b>17 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b>  1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Trivia 6pm</p>  <p><u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u></p>	<p><b>21</b> Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b>  31</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Trivia 6pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p><b>29</b> <u>Cruise-In</u> Marina West 8/29-30</p>	<p><b>30 JAZZ CUP</b></p>  <p><b>OPEN HOUSE</b></p>