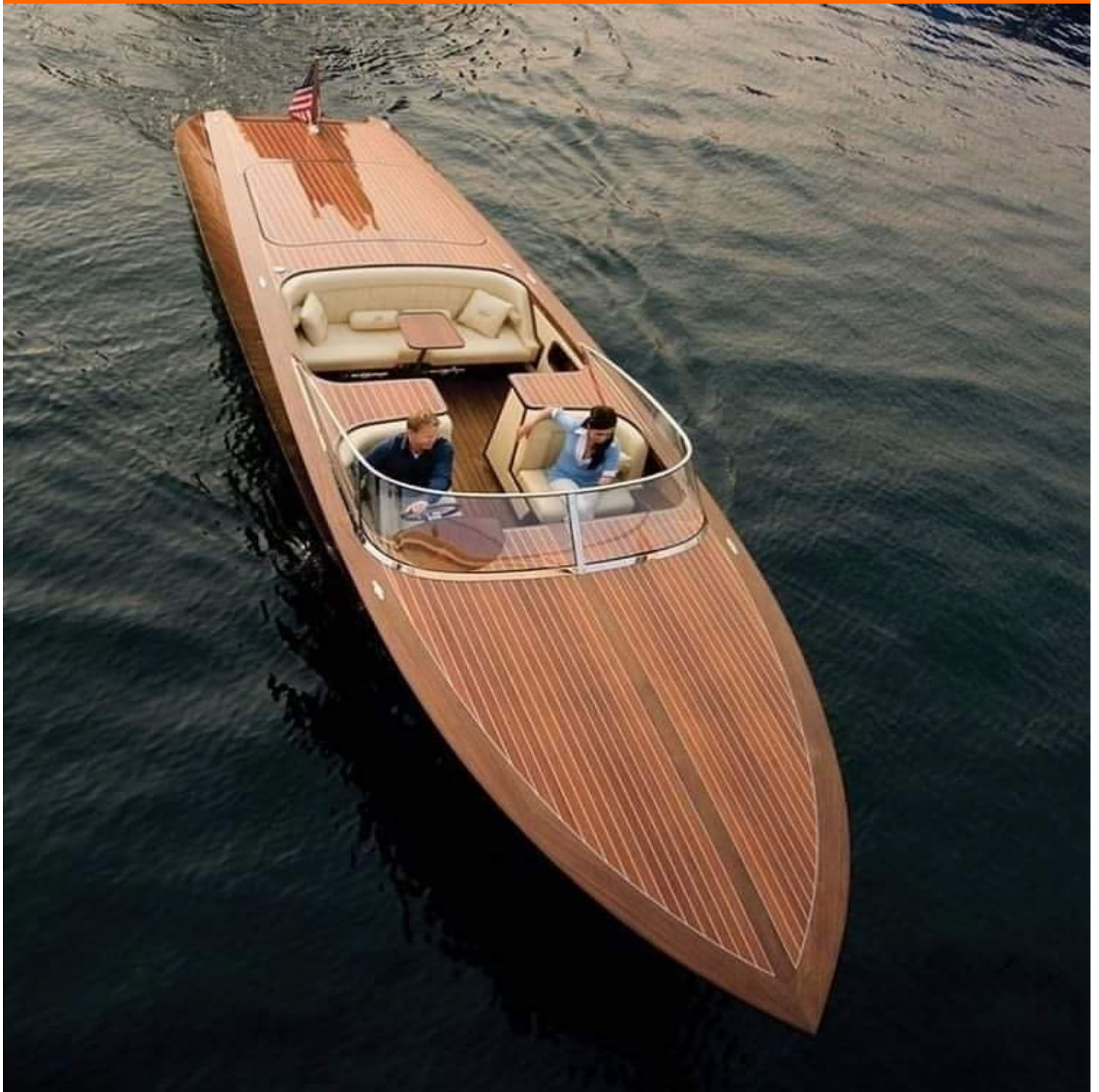




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Ahoy BYC Members,

On August 12-13 in Homewood, the Tahoe Yacht Club is hosting the Lake Tahoe *Concours d'Elegance*, North America's premier wooden boat show, celebrating Chris-Craft's 100th Anniversary. Renowned as a showcase of some of the most well-preserved and restored wooden boats in the world, the show is unrivaled in its exhibition and preservation of maritime tradition. More than 60 pristine wooden boats will be on display. If you get the chance, don't miss it!

As this beautiful summer continues, join us at the Club for drinks, events, meals and music, happening here on a regular basis. The more you come to the Club, the more new experiences and new friends you will have.

SAVE-the-DATE Sept. 3 for our annual JAZZ CUP race that we help sponsor. The races end at BYC—all 100+ boats! We are open to the public and it is one of our biggest days of the year. Lots of food, people, music, vendors and more—it's a celebration! Don't Miss It!



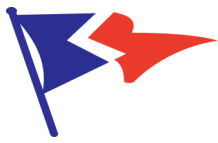
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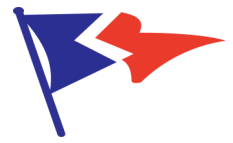
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FROM THE HELM



If I were in charge, I would ...

What would you do if you were in charge? Here's your chance to make your voice heard! Mid-summer means it is time to line up next year's Board of Directors. Won't you please consider it? Here are some reasons why:

1. **You—and all members of BYC—are owners of the Club.** Ownership decisions are needed in the coming years to upgrade our facilities, keep our finances in order and generally to move the Club in a positive direction.
2. The Board of Directors **determines the house rules** of the Club in accordance with our bylaws. Rules need review to keep them up to date.
3. **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.
4. Some time is involved, but not that much.
5. You get a special gold name tag :-)
6. **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members, as you bring your experience and perhaps a particular skill set to the Club.
7. Being on the Board is a **good opportunity to know what is going on and to get to know others** in the Club better.

The nominating committee is led by Staff Commodore Pat Bowers. **If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Pat or another Board member by August 31.**

We can help with questions as well as information on the process.

Special thanks to: Tim Rose, Derith Lutz, Bob Hall, Fred Gibson, Randy Norman, Steve Dale, the Autz brothers, and the youth sailing support team for making Youth Sailing happen this year. Thanks to Maria Saulsbury, Dena Stults, Shun Tyson, Sonny Jones, Mark Campbell, Shaula Patchett, and Matt and Nancy Chertkow for stepping up to help with the July Open House. Thanks Janet and James for donating. Thank you, First Saturday volunteers – the dedicated staff of BYC - the Board of Directors - Committee Chairs - Committee Members – Anyone who volunteered and should have been thanked that was missed!

Hope to see you at the Club soon! May your boat ride and your ride through life be smooth.

PLEASE NOTE:

August 7: Dockside Boat Tour cancelled

August 13: BBQ on Deck Day! (no regular food service)

**Commodore
Andy Zinkevich**



Happy Birthday

TOM	GIERYNG	8/1		PAUL	DUFRESNE	8/19
ROBERT "BOB"	CHATTIN	8/2		LORIE	CAMPBELL	8/20
RICK	LOVE	8/3		LESLEY	HOLTAWAY-POND	8/22
IRENE	CHANDLER	8/4		AUGUSTINE "GUS"	OKELLO	8/22
KIRSTEN	SCHULTZ	8/4		STEPHEN	WHEET	8/22
EVE	NORMAN	8/7		SHANKAR "SHAN"	BHATTACHARYA	8/23
RANDALL LEE	SHERWOOD	8/7		ANDREW	INKS	8/23
ELANA	SISSONS	8/9		JOELLE	PUCAN	8/23
BARBARA	ROMANO	8/12		DEE	DOUGLAS	8/24
SUSAN "SUE"	BITTNER	8/14		JORDAN	ZARAGOZA	8/24
KRISS	KASTL	8/14		KAREN	LOTT	8/25
ANDREW	LOTT	8/14		MATT	IMEL	8/26
MATTHEW	NATTENBERG	8/14		DON	RADIGAN	8/26
SERGE	POND	8/14		SALLY K.	CALLAHAN	8/27
KAYLA "KAY"	GREEN	8/15		BECCA	HOLT	8/27
ASSUNSAO	HANLEY	8/15		KAREN	LOVE	8/27
RAUL	ARANOVICH	8/16		VINCENT "VINCE"	CHANDLER	8/28
ARMAND	SEGUIN	8/16		MARY JULIA	KLIMENKO DECKER	8/28
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ROGER	WILLIAMS	8/16		JOY	MARTIN	8/29
NATALIE	BOLTZ	8/17		DURELL	NORMANDIN	8/30
PAT	BRIGHTON	8/17		MIKE	HILL	8/31
DAVID	STELLATO	8/18		TERENCE	VALLELY	8/31

ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB CRUISE-OUT REPORT

We spent Father's Day weekend, June 17-19, at the St Francis Yacht Club (StFYC) Marina. This is indeed one of everyone's top favorite cruising destinations. Its magnificent setting is the most beautiful in the SF Bay. Our fellow cruisers were aboard *Lega Sea*, *Freedom*, *Karma*, *SeaRenity*, *Only Once* and us on *Irish Port*. *Karma* and *Irish Port* arrived on Thursday, *Lega Sea*, *SeaRenity* and *Freedom* arrived on Friday, and *Only Once* on Saturday.

Except for strong wind at times, throughout the weekend we had clear skies and fair temps for what's expected in SF at this time of the year. On Friday evening six land-cruisers joined



our group for cocktails and dinner. We met at the StFYC Bar for cocktails at 5:00pm. Everyone looked impressive: the men wore dinner jackets and the ladies looked gorgeous. The menu for Friday's dinner was a pretty lavish Seafood Buffet offering quite a variety of

appetizers, salads, soup and first courses including crab legs, shrimp, oysters, and so on. The variety of fish entrées was abundant and delicious as well, including a delightful sushi bar. To top off our meal, a spread of heavenly desserts was too enticing to pass up, therefore we had to make room somehow to taste some.

On a side note, I must mention that the StFYC hosted a 3-day regatta for young teens, with a fleet of about 80 boats. This regatta provided a striking view of the SF Bay



throughout the weekend! The beauty of the Golden Gate Bridge in the background and all these tiny small boats scattered all over—with their white sails flapping around—was captivating to watch.

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Saturday arrived with stunning clear blue skies and fairly warm temps, though it was unfortunate that the strong wind picked up and prevented our planned 2pm social hour from taking place. Right around our 5pm cocktail hour, we were joined by



16 fellow BYC members who land-cruised with the sole purpose of having dinner and a good time. Quite a turn-out that night as our BYC group consisted of 28 diners! We all started our evening at the StFYC Bar, and once again, everyone's attire was commendable. Cocktails bubbled, introductions were made and new friendships emerged. The laughter and expressions of cheer were a testament to everyone enjoying themselves.



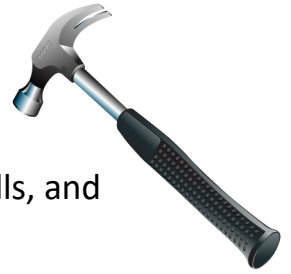
At 6:30pm we all proceeded to the dining room. Our dinner consisted of three courses, with a choice of first, entrée and dessert. Over the course of our two-hour meal, we talked, laughed and made new connections. Also on a good ending note, everyone seemed to have positive remarks in regards to their dinner.

On Sunday morning everyone departed back to their home port except for *Irish Port*—we stayed until Tuesday. I'm comfortable stating that all cruisers, by land and water, were in great spirits and had a grand time—the pictures and memories will testify to that.

Ken and I thank all participants, and we look forward to many more fun cruises in the future!

—Assunsao and Ken Hanley

BYC Facility Renovation Update



In July we continued to follow up on our priority projects, namely:

- repainting and repair of siding on selected exterior walls, and
- the Regatta Room HVAC project.

We got bids on both projects. The good news: we believe we have identified contractors who we can work with for these and other projects. The bad news: it doesn't look like we can do both projects as planned without borrowing. However, we continue to try to avoid borrowing.

We can do a limited siding project with the cash we have and a promised donation of siding. We are trying to see if we can do a limited HVAC project to avoid borrowing at this time.

Thanks to all for your input and support. Andy Zinkevich for the Capital Expenditure Steering Committee: Bob Bohnet, Brian West, Dan Demmon, Matt Nattenberg, Noble Griswold, Pat Bowers, Randy Norman, Steve Stults, Susan Garske

HEADED TO ALASKA!

On Saturday, June 25 at approximately 2:30pm, Chad Hummel, Tom Kvech and Robert Cates left Benicia headed north towards Alaska. About 28 hours later they pulled in to Coos Bay Oregon. The next morning they gassed up and left approximately 9:30am. After 26 hours and a rough night, they pulled into Gray Harbor and docked in Westport. There they ate some great meals



and took some good photos and spent the next day since it was too rough to leave. Thursday morning they hit it out following the fish in fleet headed to the Puget Sound. Then 18 hours later they pulled in to little Lopez Island, where they had dinner and spent the night. The next morning they left shortly after dawn and headed to Bellingham Washington, where they pulled in,



fueled up and docked. Robert and Tom flew out that afternoon about 2pm. And Chad's girlfriend Lesa flew in that evening. Now they're headed north—to Ketchikan, Alaska!

THE SAILING

With Race Chair, Rear Commodore, Capt. Dan Carnahan



Thursday "Beer Can" Series

We're sailing every Thursday evening, and loving it! Most of the days, the wind has been wonderfully strong, and that gives us exciting rides. Several skippers are now racing their boats, and several more are getting their boats and crew organized to join soon. If you own a sailboat (keelboat) and would like to join, but not quite ready to be in the competition, we have a division called the "Aloha Fleet", especially for you, for getting out of the slip and the sails hoisted, and having fun on a regular schedule. Try it!

Our race results are posted every week on our racing page (see below), and soon, all the videos too!

Upcoming Events!

Fri Aug 12: Moonlight Race
Sat Aug 20: Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
Sat Aug 27: Singlehand/Doublehand #5
Sat Sep 3: Jazz Cup

Contact Info: Dan Carnahan, race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org
<https://www.regatta-fest.com/benicia-yacht-club/>

Get Involved!

If you're curious about what's going on in the sailing scene here in Benicia, we are putting together a wealth of information for you.

Have questions? How do I get involved? Where are the best places to watch? How do I listen to the radio communications? How can I find what the schedules and courses are?

Go to the racing information website shown at the bottom of this page!

If you'd like information about learning to sail, contact Captain Dan at his website, captaindan.com.





2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE



Month	Dates	Destination	Cruise Director(s)
August (revised Summer Cruise—NOTE: RV sites available)	3-7	Pittsburg Yacht Club Delta Marina in Rio Vista	Stephen Dale
September (Labor Day)	2-5	Encinal Yacht Club	Steve Penny
October (Harvest Cruise)	21-29	Richmond Sausalito (Schoonmaker) Oakland Yacht Club	Commodore Andre Zinkevich & Brian West
November	11-13	Napa Valley Yacht Club	Rhonda Shea
November or December		Cruisers' Planning Meeting	



2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

August 11-14 • Delta Marina (12 boats)

August 19-21 • Napa (10 boats)

September 9-11 • Sequoia (10 boats)

September 16-18 • Discovery Bay (10 boats)

September 20-21 • Caliente (10 boats)

October 5-6 • Corinthian (12 boats)

November 24-27 • Richmond (12 boats)



2022 Vallejo Yacht Club Bluewater Cruise September 9-18

The 2022 Vallejo Yacht Club Bluewater Cruise has undergone renovation due to logistics problems down the coast. As a result, we will be sailing to and around Monterey Bay as we have done in the past. The cruise will start September 9, a week later, and be extended until September 18 (only 4 extra days).

Schoonmaker • Pillar Point • Santa Cruz • Monterey • Moss Land • Elkhorn YC

Please let me know if you are interested! Noble Brown—707-480-8465—berneb@jps.net

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>CLOSED</u>	2 <u>CLOSED</u>	3 Trivia 6pm <u>BYC</u> <u>Summer</u> <u>Cruise-Out</u> 3-7	4 Sailing Races 	5	6 <u>BYC</u>  <u>Members</u> <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Work Day 8-11</u> 6:30pm Kyle Turner (Norton Lounge) 
7 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm Dockside Boat Tour— CANCELLED	8 <u>CLOSED</u>	9 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 7pm 	10 Trivia 6pm	11 NO Sailing Races	12 <u>Cruise-In</u> Delta Marina 12-14 Moon- light Race	13 <u>BBQ on Deck</u> <u>Day!</u> (no regular food service) 6:30pm Cole Panther (Norton Lounge)
14 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	15 <u>CLOSED</u>	16 <u>CLOSED</u>	17 Trivia 6pm BYC  Member Meeting 7pm	18 Sailing Races 	19 <u>Cruise-In</u> Napa 19-21	20 Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
21 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	22 <u>CLOSED</u>	23 <u>CLOSED</u>	24 Trivia 6pm	25 Sailing Races 	26	27 Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #5 6:30pm Punk Night (Norton Lounge)
28 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	29 <u>CLOSED</u>	30 <u>CLOSED</u>	31 Trivia 6pm	1 2 SAVE THE DATE! JAZZ CUP IS SEPT. 3! 		