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the Wind Word

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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Mon	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 12pm-8pm Norton Lounge: 4pm-8pm (Wed) 4pm-9pm (Thur)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room/Lower Deck: 12pm-9pm Norton Lounge: 4pm-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1pm-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Ahoy BYC ,

Spring is upon us! And with it, more sunlight, flowers, bunnies—and the Beercan Sailing Races! The first race is on April 7—get ready!

We welcome three Cruise-Ins in April—please help make their stay friendly and fun. And don't miss our own Cruise-Out to Pittsburg April 22 (note the new date).

It's wonderful to see folks laughing and enjoying the Club. Be sure to join in the fun and please volunteer when you can.



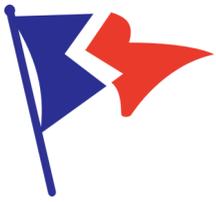
Happy Easter and
Happy Passover!

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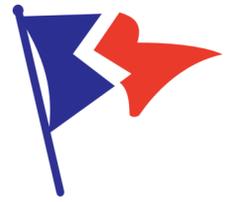
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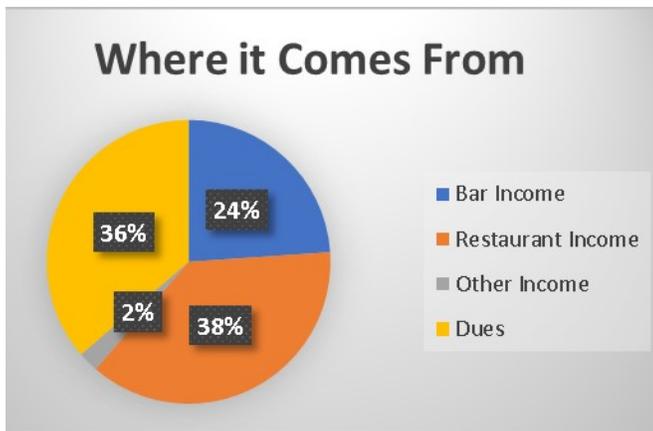
FROM THE HELM



I am frequently asked about Club finances. It is not always easy to follow financial reports, so for the non-financial types I put together some graphs that I hope will help.

A little introduction: Our tax status is important. The Club is a 501(c)(7) organization which means we are a not-for-profit and are exempt from most income taxes. We are not a charitable organization, and we are limited on how much we can earn (15%) from outside sources.

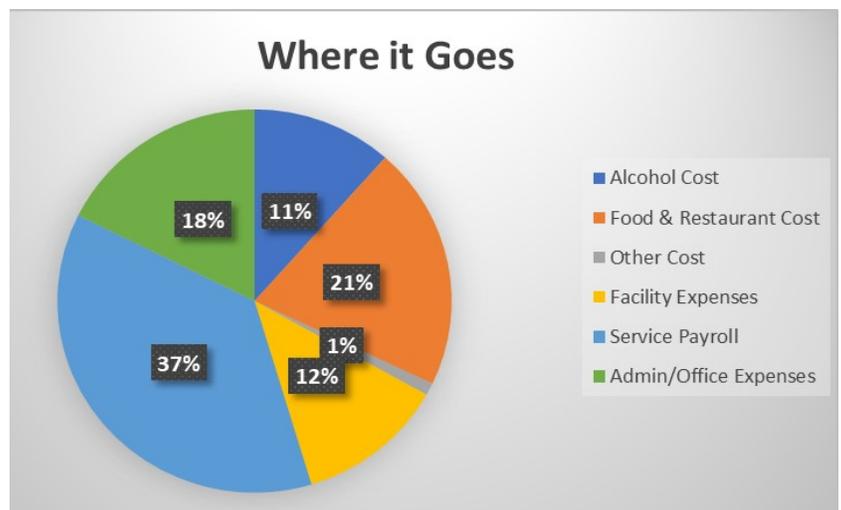
In our current fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) we averaged income and expense of about \$51 thousand per month. We actually took in \$1 thousand per month less than we spent. We need to consider some adjustments.



As you can see on the “Where it Comes From” chart, we have 3 main sources of income. If we are running behind, we can make up for losses by increasing dues or prices. On the other hand, we can reduce expenses. Our Club runs on volunteers who help keep our expenses down.

If we look at the “Where it Goes” chart we can see that so far this year food, alcohol and service payroll are a higher proportion of the pie (69%)

than bar and restaurant income (62%) Not too surprising with the rate of inflation in the cost of food we’ve seen since October.



Since we are behind a bit, the board must think about if it is permanent or temporary and consider other things, like whether we are able to keep up with repairs. So when you hear about food, liquor, or dues going up to keep up with inflation consider that we are

trying to provide the service and break even while leaving a few bucks to maintain the house. Remember that members are the owners too.

Wishing you smooth sailing on the water and through life.

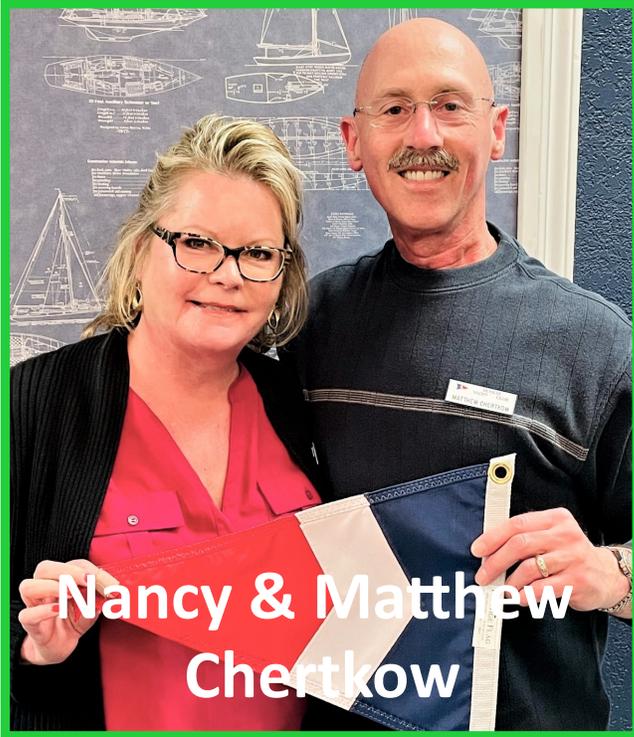
Commodore Andy Zinkevich



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GARY	COVERDALE	4/2	DON	MURRAY	4/18
MICHAEL	LEWIS	4/2	CONNIE	COUGHLIN	4/19
RICHARD	BOLTZ	4/3	KEN	OXMAN	4/21
REGINA	NAGLE	4/3	STACEY	CLANTON	4/21
TIA	MCCORMICK	4/3	PHIL	JOY	4/21
MICHAEL	BRENNAN	4/3	JAMES	PETERSON	4/23
MAUREEN	MC INTOSH	4/6	GARY B.	CALLAHAN	4/24
JOE	MACHADO	4/9	GERALD	MARTIN	4/26
BEVERLY	CONLEY	4/10	KYMBERLI	BRADY	4/26
JENNIFER	LARGAESPADA	4/10	GETHSEMANE	MOSS	4/27
LIONEL	LARGAESPADA	4/14	ROBERT	CATES	4/29
DONNA	DIMMICK	4/17	BRIAN	BARRY	4/30
LORI	LOWREY	4/17			

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Nancy & Matthew
Chertkow**



Vikki Taylor

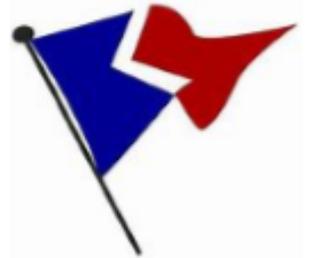
**Other new members inducted in
February (photos not available):**

**Kim Duchene & Terry Wiegner
Paschal Smith**

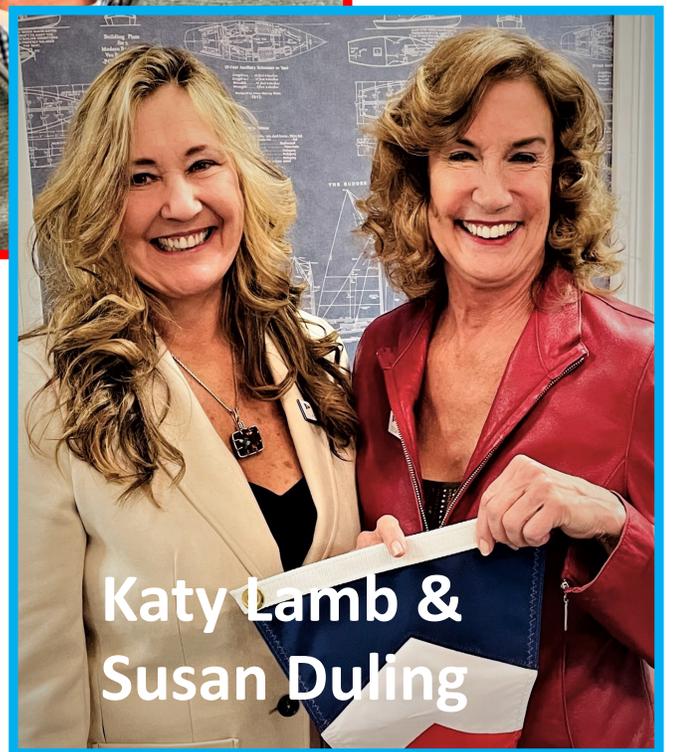
**Tammy Riener & Marina Kopinec
Alex Schauffert**



Jeff Hall



Mary Anne Branch



**Katy Lamb &
Susan Duling**

2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE



A sign-up sheet will be posted for each Cruise-Out on the bulletin board in the Norton Lounge four (4) weeks before the cruise. Cruise-Out berths are first-come, first-served. Will try to accommodate everyone. Land cruisers are welcome.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist as a cruise director, please contact Fleet Captain Steve Penny, info@beniciayachtclub.org or 707-741-8491. Suggestions welcome.

Please submit photos of your boat, with name of boat, owners and size to Steve Penny.

Month	Dates	Destination	Cruise Director(s)
April	22-24*	Pittsburg Yacht Club	Paul Brighton
May (Memorial Day)	27-30	Marin Yacht Club	Bob Bohnet & Sean Conner
June	17-19	St Francis Yacht Club	Ken Hanley & Assunsao Hanley
July	15-17	Solano Yacht Club	Nancy Forrest
August (Summer Cruise)	6-16	Pittsburg Yacht Club Delta Marina @ Rio Vista Grindstone Joe's	Fred Gibson, Stephen Dale & Theron Jones
September (Labor Day)	2-5	Encinal Yacht Club	Steve Penny
October (Harvest Cruise)	21-29*	Schoonmaker St Francis Yacht Club Ballena Bay Oakland Yacht Club	Commodore Andre Zinkevich & Brian West
November	11-13	Napa Valley Yacht Club	Rhonda Shea
November or December		Cruisers' Planning Meeting	*NEW

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SCAM! ALERT!

FINAL NOTICE: USCG CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION EXPIRATION was printed prominently at the top of a letter I received in the mail. Also prominently displayed was an official looking seal and the heading: **VESSEL DOCUMENTATION CENTER**. This letter also

listed my name, home address, boat name and documentation number. Now, all this was a bit confusing to me, since I had already renewed my documentation certificate. An internet site address was listed: www.vesselrenew.us, which, when you bring it up on your screen, displays a photo of a Coast Guard cutter. It turns out the "Vessel Documentation Portal" is a private business masquerading as the USCG. I assume they will actually process your certificate renewal, but at an exorbitant price. I paid \$104 to renew for 5 years. The Vessel Documentation Portal charges \$375. BYC Members who have documented their boats should be aware of this scam when renewal rolls around. —Submitted by Brian West



2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

April 8-10 • Dos Rios (6 boats)

April 16-17 • Sierra Point (6 boats)

April 29-May 1 • San Francisco (14 boats)

May 20-22 • Solano (6 boats)

May 27-29 • Ballena Bay (8 boats)

June 17-19 • Sausalito (10 boats)

June 24-26 • Marin (8 boats)

July 15-17 • Oakland (16 boats)

July 29-31 • Emeryville (9 boats)

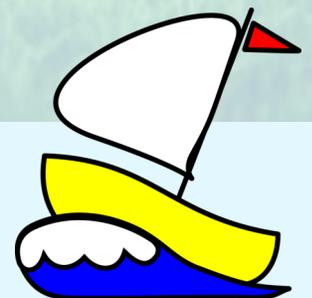
August 11-14 • Delta Marina (12 boats)

August 19-21 • Napa (10 boats)

September 16-18 • Discovery Bay (10 boats)

September 20-21 • Caliente (10 boats)

November 24-27 • Richmond (12 boats)



THE SAILING

With Race Chair, Rear Commodore, Capt. Dan Carnahan



Winter "Frostbite" Series

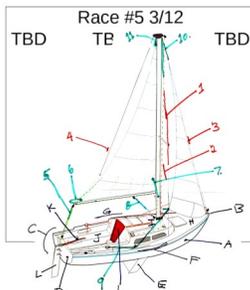
Our Winter Racing Season includes five races, one each month from November through March. From reading the standings, below, you can see that we've had problems simply finishing the courses. The wind has been consistently very light. We're hoping for wind next month!

Race #1 11/13		
Quila	John Dillow	DNF
Sail la Vie	Dan Carnahan	DNF
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	DNF

Race #2 12/11		
E-Ticket	Noble Griswold	DNF
Quila	John Dillow	DNF
Sail la Vie	Dan Carnahan	DNF
Serene	Dennis Luchay	DNF
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	DNF

Race #3 1/8		
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	1 st
Quila	John Dillow	2 nd
Sandpiper	Larry Nelson	3 rd
E-Ticket	Noble Griswold	DNF
Playpen II	Steve Dale	DNF

Race #4 2/12		
Playpen II	Steve Dale	DNF
Quila	John Dillow	DNF
Sandpiper	Larry Nelson	DNF
True Norse	Mitch Kessler	DNF
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	DNF



Race #5 3/12		
TBD	TB	TBD

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.

Upcoming Events!

Sat Mar 12: Winter Race #5
 Thu Mar 31: Regular Season Kick-Off Party
 Tue Apr 5: New Skipper and Sailor Orientation
 Thu Apr 7: Regular Season Race #1

New Skipper and Sailor Orientation

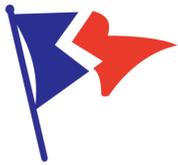
Tuesday April 5 7:00-8:00 PM

Here's your chance to hear in person about getting involved! Captain Dan will lay out all of the details about the racing for any of the skippers and new sailors.

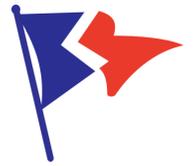


Contact Info: Dan Carnahan, race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org
<https://www.regatta-fest.com/benicia-yacht-club/>

Photo by Steve Dale



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thanks to Steve Stults, project manager, Randy Norman, Bob Bohnet and Mark Conners, who took out the floor in the outdoor men's room stall and replaced it—saving the Club a fortune! You, too, can be an asset to the Club—there are many opportunities. Please volunteer!



FIRST CRUISE-IN A SUCCESS

BYC's first Cruise-In of the year was a resounding success! The Vallejo Yacht Club joined us February 18 for dinner—then danced the night away! Special thanks to BYC's Port Captain Angela Grigas, who always makes these events fun and special. Please welcome our next Cruise-In guests, the Dos Rios Yacht Club, on April 8-10.





Janet Brock Hughes
ARTIST • Water Colors

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HAPPY EASTER!!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>CLOSED</u> <u>MON & TUES</u>				1 April Fool's Day!	2 BYC Member Work Day 8-11 am 
3 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	4 <u>CLOSED</u>	5 <u>CLOSED</u> New Skipper & Sailor Orientation 7-8 pm	6 Trivia 6 pm	7 1st Sail Race of Season! 	8 <u>Cruise-In</u> Dos Rios 8-10	9
10 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	11 <u>CLOSED</u>	12 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 7 pm 	13 Trivia 6 pm	14 Sailboat Races 	15 Passover Begins	16 <u>Cruise-In</u> Sierra Point 16-17
<u>EASTER</u> 	18 <u>CLOSED</u>	19 <u>CLOSED</u>	20 Trivia 6 pm BYC Member Meeting 	21 Sailboat Races 	22 <u>BYC</u> <u>Cruise-Out</u> Pittsburg 22-24	23
24 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	25 <u>CLOSED</u>	26 <u>CLOSED</u>	27 Trivia 6 pm	28 Sailboat Races 	29 <u>Cruise-In</u> San Francisco 29-May 1	30 SAVE THE DATE! OPENING DAY IS MAY 14! 

Opening Day on the Strait



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