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# *the Wind Word*

The Official Publication of The Benicia Yacht Club—Founded In 1977





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**12:00 noon – 8:00 pm**

Ahoy BYC Members,

First off I want to thank my mom for being the first one to point out that our October issue did not have our BYC burgee on its cover. She enjoys reading about what has been going on at the Club and is now up for the position of editor if Vicki decides to stop.

I also want to take this time to thank Pat Bowers, our Commodore, for being our Club leader and enduring my comments, sometimes harsh, and the job she did throughout this tough time to keep our Club afloat. Thank you also to the other board members I had the pleasure to work with and to debate important Club issues with during my two years as a Director on the BYC Board. Many thanks as well to the new board members for stepping up and running for a position. Our Club depends on its volunteers to make it function and your dedication and time given to the board is appreciated by all. It's not always a fun or glamorous job, and sometimes your position may tweak others, but you are the one that stood up for the position, so thank you.

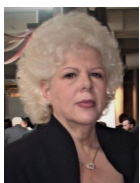
Good Luck to our new Board of Directors.

Editors: Vicki & John Garcia



Submittals to Wind Word-due by 15th of month by 5:00 pm-will appear in one of the two following monthly issues.

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Pat Bowers  
Commodore

# FROM THE HELM



**Happy November!**

**Hope this finds you well and safe!**

First—**our Sailors had a great “season”**—shortened by Covid but in the end, everyone enjoyed the races and also the dinner to celebrate their successes (and losses)—and now for the Frost Bite Races!!!

Second—By the time you read this, we will have **added a new member to our staff** who will be responsible for cleaning, bussing and dishwashing. Yes—our wonderful volunteer, **Mark Connors**, is going to get a well-deserved rest from the dish room. We can’t thank him enough for all he has done in support of the BYC.

Third—**You have also voted for a new Board of Directors.** Directors Bob Cates and John Garcia—we want to thank you for all you have done in support of the Club. Bob and John have been there to help out around the Club and, as you know, John & Vicki Garcia have done a wonderful job on our *Wind Word* newsletter. Thank you both for your service to the BYC.

**New members to the board are: Gail Temple, Treasurer; Marcia Wisgirda, Secretary; Brian West and Scott Newell, Directors.** Please welcome them. Remember, Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the Month and General Membership meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Regatta Room—we hope to see you at these meetings.

We are looking into a few things going forward. First, updating our website and implementing an online reservation system. As we go forward, we will continue to look for opportunities to engage members in concert with Covid guidelines and our finances.

We appreciate your support and encourage you to try some of Chef Carlos’ Specials—he is cooking up new ideas and we are working on a fall/winter menu.

**Hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving!**

**SEE YOU AT THE BYC!!!**







## **Benicia Yacht Club and Cub Scout Pack 108** **Support Coastal Cleanup on September 19**

We had four very hard-working people from the Benicia Yacht Club participate in Coastal Cleanup Month 2020 on September 19—three pickers and one person directing traffic. We worked the marina, the tidal area south of the marina between the 5th street dock and the marina entrance, and the marina green. We were fortunate to have a very low tide so we were able to work the shoreline and retrieved debris that normally could not be reached. We collected a lot of plastics—food containers, bottles, plant containers and toys—along with the expected trash items. Between the three of us, we collected 8 bags in about 2-1/2 hours and as the picture shows, also a tire and wheel. My best guess is that we had 100+ pounds between us, although when I completed the CleanSwell app for BYC the estimate came out less.

And as you saw when you came by on Saturday, we were joined at noon by the equally hard-working (evidenced by dirty tennis shoes and rubber boots) Cub Scout Pack 108—17 eager scouts and scout leaders. Hopefully they reported their result to the app but they did say they had worked the end of First Street and had collected one whole bag of cigarette butts. They also collected a goodly number of salt and pepper packets, presumably from the local restaurants in that area.

Please find pictures below and thanks again for your support. Some deserving people went home with t-shirts. Please join us as we look forward to next year.

**Randy Norman**  
**Benicia Yacht Club**  
**House Chair**





# Welcome

NEWEST BYC MEMBERS



**Lara Ireland & Brad Prodger**

On September 30, 2020 our family member  
Herman L. Brinkman



will miss  
him very  
much.  
R.I.P.

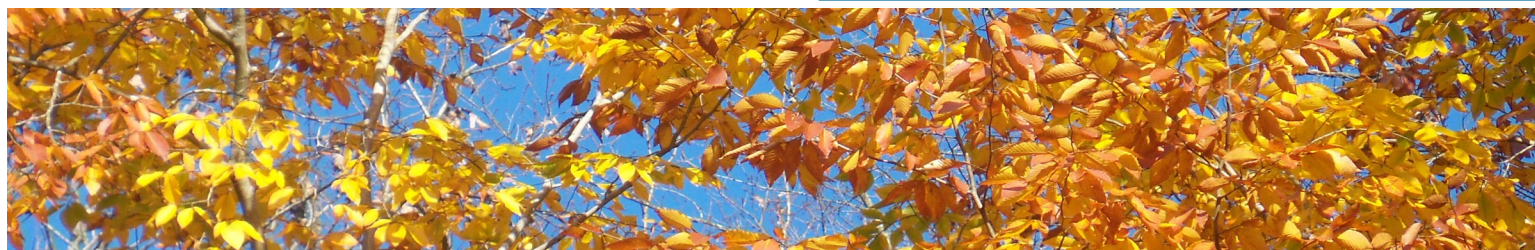
April 3, 1940 —  
September 30, 2020



**Herman Louis Brinkman**

## SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC	3	BYC Christmas Tree Decorating Party
	5	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	13	BYC Children's Christmas Party
	19	BYC CHRISTMAS PARTY
	24-25	Christmas—BYC CLOSED
	31	New Year's Eve PARTY



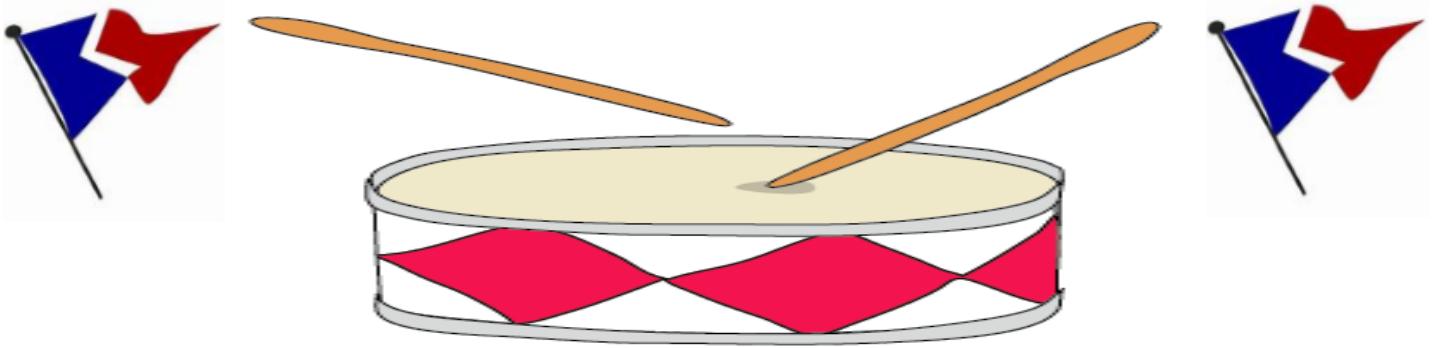
**Thank You, Members!!** Because of you, we've continued to operate in the black over the last few months with your dues payments and your restaurant support despite these trying times. Our leadership has worked hard to operate both indoor and outdoor seating, providing a safe and comfortable venue and following all Covid 19 regulations. Our menu has received some rave reviews, and the restaurant income has increased for the fourth month in a row!

A successful sailing season has concluded, although there will be monthly events in the cooler weather. Trivia Tuesdays are still online and open to new participants. If you have an idea for other events to be hosted on our BYC Zoom site, please let us know. When Solano County moves into the Orange tier, more possibilities will be realized, always with our members' health and safety in mind. Meantime, it is so good to see all of you, not only those who come to our dinners, but also those of you who drop by the Club during the uncrowded times, any Wednesday through Saturday after 12 noon.

There are still no application or initiation fees for new members, so encourage your friends to join us now!  
The membership line is 707-297-6606.

—Kathy Monroe Membership Chair

# AND THE WINNERS ARE ...



## YOUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Commodore—Pat Bowers**

**Vice Commodore—Andy Zinkevich**

**Rear Commodore—Dan Demmon**


**Secretary—Marcia Wisgirda**

**Treasurer—Gail Temple**

**Director—Brian West**

**Director—Scott Newell**



GERALD	COSTA	11/1	BROOK	SEYMOUR	11/11
KAY	JAEGER	11/1	JOHN	GARCIA	11/12
PAM	MARTIN	11/1	RACHEL	O'SHEA	11/12
MICHAEL	ALLEN	11/3	MACK	WILLIAMS	11/15
STEPHEN	DALE	11/3	ANDY	ZINKEVICH	11/15
JUDY	GOODE	11/3	ROBERT	DUBOIS	11/16
CURTIS	HOFFMAN	11/3	SARAH	GREBE	11/17
ROCHELLE	SHERLOCK	11/3	RYAN	OPFER	11/17
NANCY	CHUDNOFSKY	11/4	CYNTHIA	GILLETTE	11/19
LILLIAN	GARCIA	11/4	WILLIAM	WEEMAN, III	11/19
BRYAN	PRINCE	11/4	COLLEEN	MCKINNEY	11/22
NICK	GREBE	11/6	ROSS	OXMAN	11/22
LETTY	THOMAS	11/7	PHYLLIS	RITTER	11/29
GARY	JOHNSON	11/11	MARTINA	WOLTER	11/29
RON	JONES	11/11	ROGER	RUUD	11/30
			JUDITH	SURRATT	11/30



## **BYC Staff Appreciation**

### **Meet Our Accountant, Andy Ahn**

Andy was born in South Korea, but grew up in three countries. He went to elementary school in China, middle school in India, and high school in New Zealand. Andy speaks Korean, Chinese and English.

He is married to Monica, and they are expecting their first child, a boy, in January. Their honeymoon took them to 16 countries, from Vietnam to Iceland (Finland was his favorite). Ask him about it some-time.

Andy loves to travel, and is a private pilot. He is also in the Air Force Reserve in the civil engineers squadron.

Andy has been with us for 8 months, and loves working for BYC. He especially likes the people. He would like our members to know that he is an IRS Enrolled Agent, and would love to help members with any of their tax issues. You can email him at [accounting@beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:accounting@beniciayachtclub.org)

Thank you, Andy, for all you do for the Club.



## **BYC Member Appreciation** **Bob Bowers**

Introducing the Master Blaster of Emails, Mr. Robert Bowers.

Bob grew up in view of the New York City skyline in Harrison, New Jersey. Bob is married to our commodore, Pat Bowers, and has a daughter named Valerie, a son-in-law named Andy, and two grandchildren, Lola and Archie.

Bob was in the Navy, where he was a Radioman 2nd Class Petty Officer on an LST, a Landing Ship Tank, called the Traverse County.

He patrolled the Mediterranean and Caribbean seas, then he married Pat. Then he became a global programmer and financial analyst for AT&T.

Bob enjoys playing with his grandchildren, reading and gardening. (You ought to see his legendary tomatoes!) Bob was a member of MENSA, and has been a contributing member of the winning BYC trivia team against the Rellik for the last two years.

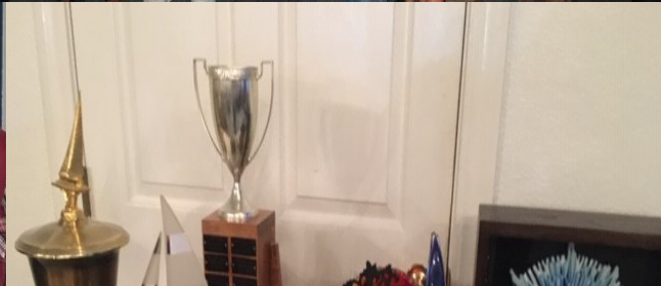
Bob has been a member of BYC for 5-1/2 years. He likes the people, the food and especially the live music at the Club.

Thank you, Bob, for all the blast emails keeping us all informed.





# Thursday Night Sail Boat Race Awards Dinner







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# NOVEMBER 2020

Watch for calendar updates on byc website and on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  <b><u>PENDING FURTHER NOTICE</u></b>	2	3	4	5	6	7  1st Saturday Work Party!!!! 
8 BYC CLOSED	9 BYC CLOSED	10  BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm  Marine's Memorial Birthday Breakfast	11  BYC Veterans Day Spaghetti Feed 	12	13	14
15 BYC CLOSED	16 BYC CLOSED	17 BYC CLOSED	18  BYC General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20	21  Change of Watch 
22 BYC CLOSED	23 BYC CLOSED	24 BYC CLOSED	25	26 THANKSGIVING 	27	28
29 BYC CLOSED	30 BYC CLOSED					