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# the Wind Word

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Sunday	12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>	
Wed – Sat	12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

Ahoy BYC Members,

First off I guess we need to say that some members felt that our last Editors letter was offensive and that we are sorry if it hurt your feelings. It was not our intent to ruffle feathers but rather was an observation of the times we are living in. I hope people at some time will calm down and not continually see things as offensive and political issues in everything. I promise that if we make a political statement it will be very evident to all. This was not and we have no plans of doing so.

Well, California, along with many other states, is back to tightening down our social interactions, even to the point that we missed our Benicia parade and fireworks for the 4th of July. One of many things we have missed due to the Corona Virus. Looking for a vaccine soon.

We hope everyone is staying safe and doing some of those things around the house that usually we seem to never get around to. We are all anxious to get back to our “new normal” that will allow us again to more closely interact with other members and feel comfortable doing so.

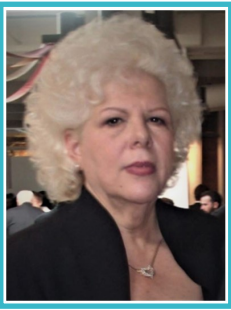
Hope you and your family are all healthy and safe.



Editors: John & Vicki 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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Commodore Pat Bowers

# *From the Helm*



As of this writing we have once again revamped the club so that we can remain open for dining. Dining and, of course, beverages are now available on the lower deck. I had planned to open the deck earlier this year to help accommodate those of us who have trouble navigating the stairs to the Norton Lounge and to expand our seating. As you know, we can only have outside dining at this time and the lower deck has become very popular – a friendly, relaxing environment where you can enjoy good food, drinks along with friends and family and still keep all COVID-19 precautions. If you haven't tried it yet, its popularity is growing daily and it will be kept open when we can resume in-door dining.

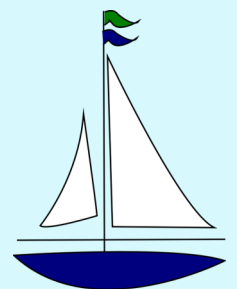
We are weathering the storm and do pray that this pandemic will recede and we can once again freely enjoy our everyday lives. In the meantime, we are in this together.

As we grow more weary of the situation, opinions are strong. We all have our own beliefs, and I encourage you to be respect other's opinions and feelings. To that end the Board has voted that the club is a social environment, not an environment of contention especially with politics as they are today. The Board also voted to sanction members who post derogatory, negative and/or inflammatory comments about the BYC, its members, etc., as part of their personal social media (i.e., Face Book, etc.).

On a lighter note, there will be a Jazz Cup this year – the race that is! At this time, we are not planning many of the associated activities we have had in the past due to the pandemic situation. If, we find ourselves in a better position with the pandemic and the government allows broader gatherings prior to the race, we will find ways (music, food, etc.) to celebrate at the BYC.

Please, once again, I encourage you to support the BYC, support our staff and volunteer where you can.

Again, thank you to all who have worked so hard to keep things running smoothly through their volunteering and participation.



# Happy Birthday!

TOM	GIERYNG	8/1			
GREG	JOHNSON	8/1	ANTONIO	RUIZ, SR	8/18
AMANDA	NIELSEN	8/1	DAVID	STELLATO	8/18
RICK	LOVE	8/3	PAUL	DUFRESNE	8/19
EVE	NORMAN	8/7	LORIE	CAMPBELL	8/20
GAYLE	WAYNE	8/9	DESIREE	DILLON	8/20
BARBARA	ROMANO	8/12	DEBORAH	SELMAN	8/22
ANDREW	LOTT	8/14	STEPHEN	WHEET	8/22
MATTHEW	NATTENBERG	8/14	DEE	DOUGLAS	8/24
GAIL	TEMPLE	8/14	KAREN	LOTT	8/25
ASSUNSAO	HANLEY	8/15	MATT	IMEL	8/26
ROBERT	KNOBLOCH	8/16	DON	RADIGAN	8/26
ARMAND	SEGUIN	8/16	KAREN	LOVE	8/27
ROGER	WILLIAMS	8/16	CHRIS	GREEN	8/28
NATALIE	BOLTZ	8/17	MARY JULIA	KLIMENKO DECKER	8/28
PAT	BRIGHTON	8/17	JOY	MARTIN	8/29
CAROL	BRIGHTWELL	8/17	DURELL	NORMANDIN	8/30

**IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO STEP UP AND RUN** for one of the Board of Directors' positions this year. **Applications are due September 4th.**

**Positions available are:**

- **Commodore (must have served as a BYC Flag Officer this year to qualify)**
  - **Vice Commodore**
    - **Rear Commodore**
      - **Secretary**
        - **Treasurer**
- **Director (two Director positions will be elected)**



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## Hats Off to Our Members!

### A Big THANK YOU Goes Out ...

- To all of you who were loyal, and continue to be supportive to BYC over the last few months!
- To the 90% of you who paid your dues promptly even during a time of economic hardship and uncertainty! (We know the rest will do also when able.)
- To those who donated financial assistance over and above in a time of struggle!
- To those who have been patient as our Club leaders worked their way through a myriad of regulations (which kept changing) and a long to-do list of chores in order to open back up!
- To all those who have volunteered as hosts, dishwashers, busboys, sanitizers, and other roles to give assistance to the staff we were able to bring back.
- To all who have been kind to, and thoughtful and respectful of, their fellow members while we were closed—and after we opened!
- To those who have cleverly organized some continuing Club activities in line with the restrictions!
- To those who continued to speak positively about BYC and recommend their friends for membership when we were not able to have our Open House!

In a time of stress on us all and difference of opinions, we thank you for your continuing patience and support. —Kathy Monroe, Membership Chair

The Board voted to extend the Incentives for new members through December 31. We will waive the \$75 application fee for all the new membership materials, the quarter in which the application is approved will be free, and the application dues will apply to the next quarter after induction.

Those who recommend a new member and whose signature appears on the back of the application will receive a \$50 credit to their house account immediately after induction. Applications are in the office, Norton Lounge and on the website.

—Kathy Monroe, Membership Chair



Spread the Word!

## “Opening Day on the Strait—2020” Raffle Winners

The Raffle Committee wishes to thank all our members who participated in this year’s Opening Day raffle. As a result of your tremendous support, this year’s raffle was a great success. We could not have done it without you. Again, my sincerest thanks to those of you who participated. I also want to thank our members who donated gift certificates and gift trays for the raffle. As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### This year’s winners of our raffle are:

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Randy Norman       | \$300.00   |
| 2. Jim/Wendy Peterson | \$200.00   |
| 3. Bob Cates          | \$100.00   |
| 4. Jackie Werblow     | \$ 50.00 BYC credit  |
| 5. Brook Seymour      | \$ 50.00 BYC credit  |
| 6. Gerald McKay       | \$ 50.00 BYC credit  |
| 7. Evelyn Auresan     | “Into the Wild” tray/bowl/napkins/tumbler + wine donated by Sharon & Jim McPherson |
| 8. Tom Welsh          | Nautical Tray and Salad Bowl with salad dressings donated by Susan Garske          |
| 9. Dave Allasia       | Red and White Wine with napkins donated by Mark Campbell                           |
| 10. Ralph Aguilar     | Bottle of Red and Bottle of White Wine donated by Pat Bowers                       |
| 11. Pat Brighton      | “Fun in the Sun” donated by Sharon, Jim McPherson & Mark Campbell                  |
| 12. Kathy Berry       | Martini Set donated by Christine & Joe Machado                                     |
| 13. Carol Kennedy     | “Happy Birthday” America donated by Sharon, Jim McPherson & Mark Campbell          |
| 14. Beverly Conolly   | Red Wine and \$40.00 in Benicia Bucks donated by Andy Zinkevich & Kathy Monroe     |
| 15. Margo Campbell    | Cheese/knife set, wine, napkins with platter from Williams Sonoma                  |
| 16. Carol Kennedy     | “Seas the Day” Red/White Wine, picture frames, star hangers donated by Janet Booth |



Susan Garske  
Staff Commodore/  
Raffle Committee Chair



**FINISH AT BYC**

**BE**

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**JAZZ CUP**

**SEPTEMBER 5th**

**100+ BOATS**



# Sort of Opening Day 2020

Submitted by Andy Zinkevich

BYC Opening Day 2020 was not like many others we have become accustomed to. Like several other events around town, the COVID-19 virus put a damper on our plans. It was “sort of like” opening day. At the beginning we had a committee of dozens working on bands, PA systems, banners, advertising, inviting vendors and dignitaries, permits, security and a raft of other things that have become traditional on Opening Day. It was originally going to be held on April 18th. At first we postponed it until June 20th, and could

have postponed again, but then it really wouldn't be opening day anymore ... would it?



Many planned activities had to be postponed indefinitely, but two things we could do were to

hold the raffle and the blessing of the fleet. *Thanks to Martina Wolter for the pictures.*

Angela Grigas organized the blessing of the fleet in cooperation with Benicia Marina's John Ash and Ryan Opfer. It would be more accurate to say that Angela organized and reorganized it as the situation changed. By necessity Angela showed a lot of creativity and ingenuity. As it happened, Angela got Pastor Larry Davis from Northgate to preside. She commandeered a small boat and she and Larry went around all of the docks in the Marina. For the preregistered boats there were certificates and rose petals. *Thanks Angela and company.*



Susan Garske organized the raffle. There is a lot to do to make the raffle happen ... donations to be collected, a tracking system to be devised, tickets to be sold, and a myriad of other details. Susan and Christine pulled everything together and orchestrated the drawing. Sam Carr pulled the winning tickets and names were recorded for later prize distribution. This was a successful fundraiser for the club at a time when we really needed the cash, and members got more value than they put in because of the donated prizes worth hundreds. *Thanks again Susan.*





**SAVE THESE DATES THIS YEAR!**



# BYC 2020 Don't Miss Events

Sept	4-7	BYC Cruise Out—Napa
	<b>5</b>	<b>JAZZ CUP RACE</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>JAZZ CUP BREAKFAST</b>
	19	CA Coastal Clean-Up Day
	19	Cruise In—Stockton (10 boats)
	<b>25-26</b>	<b>BYC Parking Lot Drop-Off &amp; Sale</b>
Oct	<b>3</b>	<b>BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party</b>
	9-18	<b>BYC Harvest CRUISE—Pat Bowers/ Paul Brighton</b>
	9-11	Cruise In—Emeryville (10 boats)
	17	Sailors Award Banquet
	<b>31</b>	<b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b>

Nov	6-8	<del>BYC Cruise Out—Corinthian/Rusty &amp; Kathy Mayes</del>
	7	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	10	Marine's Memorial Birthday Breakfast
	<b>11</b>	<b>Veterans Day—BYC Spaghetti Feed</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>Change of Watch</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING—BYC Potluck Dinner</b>
Dec	<b>3</b>	<b>BYC Christmas Tree Decorating Party</b>
	5	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	<b>13</b>	<b>BYC Children's Christmas Party</b>
	19	BYC CHRISTMAS PARTY
	<b>24-25</b>	<b>Christmas—BYC CLOSED</b>
	<b>31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve PARTY</b>

## BYC 2020 Cruise-IN Schedule

DATE	YACHT CLUB	BOATS
August 7-9	Discovery Bay	20
September 19	Stockton	10
October 9-11	Emeryville	10

## BYC 2020 Cruise-OUT Schedule

DATE	YACHT CLUB
September	Napa
October 9-11	Harvest Cruise
November	Corinthian



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>PENDING FURTHER NOTICE</u></b>						1 <u>1ST SAT WORK PARTY</u>  <u>SAIL BENICIA</u> 
2 BYC CLOSED	3 BYC CLOSED	4 BYC CLOSED	5	6  RACES	7 <i>Cruise-In Discovery Bay 7-9</i>	8
9 BYC CLOSED	10 BYC CLOSED	11  BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm  BYC CLOSED	12	13  RACES	14	15 <u>BYC HAWAIIAN LUAU</u> 
16 BYC CLOSED  <u>JAWS</u> 	17 BYC CLOSED	18 BYC CLOSED	19  BYC General Membership Meeting	20  RACES	21	22
23 BYC CLOSED  30 BYC CLOSED	24 BYC CLOSED  31 BYC CLOSED	25 BYC CLOSED	26	27  RACES	28	29



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