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the Wind Word

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Ahoy BYC Members,

We hope everyone is doing well and as we see slow improvements in regaining some of our freedoms, we look forward to seeing many more of you at BYC—we are open for business and we miss seeing you!

As spring is here and brighter longer days are now being enjoyed, Vicki and I have purchased a powerboat (we still love sailing too), that will allow us to enjoy BYC, our wonderful downtown and marina area that much more. Hopefully with some more practice and confidence, we will venture away from Amazing Grace's new home base on B Dock to visit new places.

We hope that many members who have not been around BYC in 2020 will now come back to enjoy our beautiful patio area and all the people found here eating, drinking, laughing and enjoying seeing friends again.

PS Hope you enjoy the artwork I did for this month's cover.

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FROM THE HELM



As we welcome April, our surroundings are changing.

We were able to re-open the Regatta Room for dining in addition to our deck dining—making it much easier to enjoy the BYC.

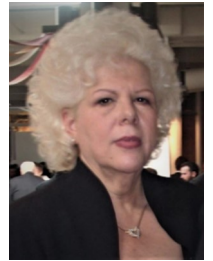
Trivia has moved back to the BYC and is held on Wednesday nights and sailors have begun their Thursday night races.

We are looking at the potential for a blessing of the fleet and planning an Opening Day—we will keep you informed as to progress. Things may not look the same as in the past but we are encouraged by new statistics and potential easing of restrictions.

Please bear with us—it has been a tough 2020 -21 for everyone and we are as anxious as you are to return to life as we knew it.

Youth Sailing will be offered this year—see Derith Lutz and Tim Rose for details.

I do want to thank all of you who supported us this year—it is because of you that we were able to make it through the past year. It is because of you that the Club is able to go forward and grow during the coming days. THANK YOU!



*Pat Bowers
Commodore*

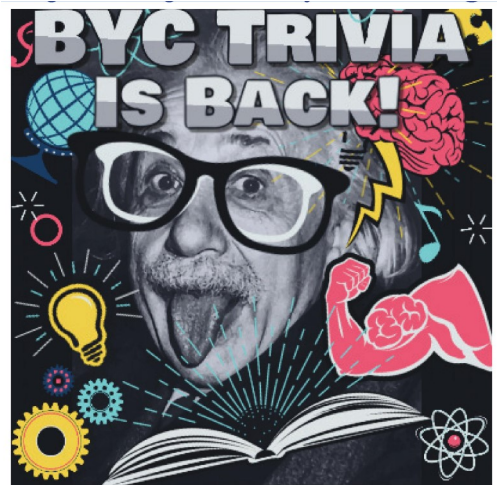
NEW NIGHT FOR BYC TRIVIA

Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Regatta Room

Join the FUN as you strut your trivia knowledge! This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and play on different teams. We are planning an interesting year of competitions, tough questions, fun questions and challenges with PRIZES!

PLUS, you can become a trivia master and ask the questions. Please join us for fun and more information.

*****ONLY BYC FOOD & DRINK ALLOWED*****





BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH

GARY	COVERDALE	4/2	DONNA	DIMMICK	4/17
GREG	KENNEDY	4/2	DON	MURRAY	4/18
RICHARD	BOLTZ	4/3	CONNIE	COUGHLIN	4/19
MICHAEL	BRENNAN	4/3	STACEY	CLANTON	4/21
SUSAN	CRAKOW	4/3	PHIL	JOY	4/21
TIA	MCCORMICK	4/3	KEN	OXMAN	4/21
REGINA	NAGLE	4/3	JAMES	PETERSON	4/23
CHARLES	REED	4/3	GERALD	MARTIN	4/26
MAUREEN	MC INTOSH	4/6	CINDY	REED	4/26
JOE	MACHADO	4/9	GETHSEMANE	MOSS	4/27
BEVERLY	CONLEY	4/10	JEFFREY	TOVER	4/28
JENNIFER	LARGAESPADA	4/10	ROBERT	CATES	4/29
LIONEL	LARGAESPADA	4/14	BRIAN	BARRY	4/30
JOSEPH	RIZZI	4/16			



BYC Winter Series Race

E Ticket participated in a BYC Winter Series race March 15. The weather was amazing and spring-like. Crew was restricted to 2 total people per boat. Mathew Campbell was our able crew. It was his birthday so we celebrated with a small cupcake. Race was surprisingly competitive and challenging. There were 7-8 boats racing. Wind was light and the current strong. Both the wind and current were coming from the east. Course was Start to 21A (9th St) and back, twice around.

This race was a pursuit race with the slower-rated boats starting first. All the boats reached the 21A mark ahead of us. The ebb current was around 3 knots at this mark and most boats had difficulty making a quick rounding. We were able to make a close rounding and a smooth tack and squeeze by *Warwhoop* to move up to 2nd position. *Sail La Vie* still had a comfortable lead. We were now heading back to the Benicia Marina entrance area, resulting in the wind and current being in our face.

We slowly sailed the shallow waters for current relief and were making steady progress. As we rounded First St island, we stayed as close as we dared to the island to avoid the current. Then we felt it ... the bump of the ground beneath the water on our keel and then on our rudder. We were stuck—firmly wedged into the rocks in about 4 feet of water. Both the keel and the rudder of *E ticket* were stuck.

Matt and I tried all the tricks to get off the rocks. We back-winded the jib, rocked the boat side-to-side, shifted our weight to various areas on the boat. Finally, in a last ditch effort, we both went to the bow, counted to three and jumped together in hopes of lifting the rudder off the ground. This worked perfectly, *E Ticket* broke free and we were back in the race. During this time, *Warwhoop* had passed us and *Sail La Vie* was still ahead. We were able to stay in the shallows and wind to make it to the top mark—and ultimately win the race!

Thanks, Matt, for all the excellent work and great attitude. Thanks to our competitors who kept it exciting!

Submitted by: Noble Griswold

Cruise-In Schedule

April 16-17 San Francisco 10 boats

May 21-23 Solano 10 boats

May 27-29 Club Nautique 8 boats

June 11-13 Marin 10 boats

June 25-27 Richmond 10 boats

July 3-5 Berkeley 6 boats

July 9-11 Sausalito 10 boats

July 23-25 Emeryville 10 boats

July 30-31 Diablo 13 boats

August 6-8 Discovery Bay 10 boats

August 13-15 Sequoia 10 boats

August 19-22 Delta Marina 10 boats

Sept 14-17 Caliente 10 boats

Sept 17-19 Stockton 8 boats

Oct 9-10 Dos Rios 8 boats



The Essential BoatUS Spring Commissioning Checklist

SPRINGFIELD, Va., March 8, 2021 – Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)) offers its updated [Spring Commissioning Checklist](#) to help boaters start the season right.

Before You Launch

1. Inspect all around the hose clamps for rust and replace as necessary. Double clamp fuel lines and exhaust hoses with marine-rated stainless steel hose clamps. While not technically required, it's wise to double clamp whenever possible on all hoses—especially those below the waterline.
2. Inspect all hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking, and replace any that are faulty. Make sure they fit snugly.
3. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure.
4. Grip the prop (on inboard drive systems) and try moving the shaft up and down and side to side. If it's loose and can be wiggled, the cutless bearing may need to be replaced.
5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent. Operate the wheel or tiller to ensure the steering works correctly. Check the rudder bearing for unusual play or movement.
6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer (if equipped) is not cracked or bent from ice and is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.
8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for correct adjustment. A stuffing box should leak no more than two or three drops each minute when the prop shaft is turning. Check the shaft log hose for deterioration and rusty hose clamps.
9. Inspect, lubricate and exercise seacocks.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. Inspect and test the bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're both working properly. Also inspect the pump's hose.
12. Check stove and remote LPG tanks for loose fittings, leaking hoses and properly functioning shutoff systems. Use the pressure gauge to conduct a leak down test to check for system leaks.
13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafe and wear.
14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.

After the boat is launched, be sure to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

Engines and Fuel Systems

1. Inspect fuel lines, including fuel tank fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with fresh fuel. Clean or replace fuel filters and/or fuel-water separators if not done before winterization.
3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds and risers for corrosion (for inboard-powered and inboard/outboard boats).
4. Charge battery.
5. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Use a wire brush to clean battery terminals, and top off cells with distilled water (if applicable).
6. Inspect the bilge ventilation intake and blower ducting for damage or leaks and run the blower to confirm correct operation. Test engine warnings and alarms.

Engine Outdrives and Outboards

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds); replace if suspect.
2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
3. [Replace anodes/zincs](#) that are more than half wasted. Inspect the outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.
4. [Inspect lower unit oil level and top off as necessary.](#)

Sailboat Rigging

1. Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for “fishhooks” and rust.
2. Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape, and ensure that water is able to freely drain from it. If you suspect the core around a chainplate is damp, remove the chainplate to inspect and make repairs.

Safety

1. Ensure your engine cut-off switch is working properly, and the lanyard is in serviceable condition.
2. Check expiration dates on flares.
3. Inspect fire extinguishers. Replace if more than 12 years from the date of manufacture or if age is unknown. More than 40 million Kidde extinguishers with plastic handles [were recalled](#) on Nov. 2, 2017.
4. Ensure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders and dissolvable “pill” bobbins in auto-inflating models.
5. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
6. Check running lights for operation and spare bulb inventory.
7. [Update paper charts and chartplotter software.](#)
8. Replenish first-aid kit items that may have been used last season or are expired.
9. Check the operation of VHF radio(s) and that the MMSI number is correctly programmed in. ([BoatUS members can obtain a free MMSI number at BoatUS.com/MMSI.](#))
10. Get a free vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons. Find out more at [cgaux.org/vsc](#). With Covid still around, it's a good idea to keep sanitizer and spare masks aboard.



For the Dock

1. In addition to checking its entire length for wear or abrasions, check both ends of the shore power cable connections, as well as the shore power receptacle on the boat, for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.
2. Test ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock, and know how to prevent Electric Shock Drowning.

The Paperwork

1. Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your boat trailer tags.
2. Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. BoatUS provides [free quotes at BoatUS.com/Insurance](#). Provide a copy to your marina or club.
3. Ensure your BoatUS membership is in good standing, and check your [TowBoatUS](#) coverage by logging into [BoatUS.com/Account](#), or join at [BoatUS.com/Membership](#).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 BYC BOD Meeting 7:30 pm 	7 Trivia 6 pm	8 Sail Boat Races 	9	10
11	12	13	14 BYC Member Meeting 7:30 pm 	15 Sail Boat Races 	16	17
18	19	20	21 Trivia 6 pm	22 Sail Boat Races 	23	24
25	26	27	28 Trivia 6 pm	29 Sail Boat Races 	30	