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the Wind Word

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

March has blown in rather gently this year—it's almost Spring (March 20)! BYC cruisers are taking advantage of the mild weather to head out to Loch Lomond March 6 for some fun, and Oakland cruisers are coming to BYC March 26. At BYC, we'll have fun, too, at our St. Patrick's Day celebration—you know, everyone's Irish on March 17!

Spring cleaning is an American tradition we also celebrate at BYC. Please help out March 7 for our regular Member Work Party (happens first Saturday of every month). And don't miss the Ship Locker Clean-Up Swap Meet on March 28.

Chefs Scott & Carlos are planning some yummy Friday Night Specials (see pg 4)—try them out.

And don't forget—Daylight Savings Time March 8!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Editors

Vicki & John Garcia



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From the Helm

We are quickly heading into Spring and our **Opening Day on the Strait—**

Saturday, April 18—please mark the date, volunteer where you can, bring friends, neighbors and family and above all enjoy the great day that is being planned. Vendors, children's games, blessing of the fleet, live music and great food, raffle and more—see you there!!

A big thank you to all who participated in the **BYC Crab Feed Dessert Silent Auction**—so many beautiful desserts of all types, and everything from Jack Daniels to cordials. Your contributions were greatly appreciated and an **amazing \$1,685 was raised** for the BYC! Also, thanks so much to Sharon McPherson and Christine Machado for putting it all together!

The **Crab Feed was a big success**, thanks to Jay Stewart for arranging for it and picking up that terrific crab—plenty to eat, drink and totally enjoy!! Thanks also to the BYC team who helped out—great service and great pasta and salad!

Heading into March we have a **Cruise-Out to Loch Lomond from March 6 to 8**. If you're interested, there is a signup sheet in the Norton Lounge. And ahoy Land Cruisers—please join in the fun! For more info, contact Rusty Mayes (rusty@avispec.com), our Cruise Director.

Also on tap, the **St. Patrick's Day Buffet Dinner on Tuesday, March 17**. Join us for our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage buffet with traditional Irish accompaniments!

You will soon notice a change in the Norton Lounge—**new bar stools!** Many thanks to Monday Night Football and Galen and Kay Jaeger, as well as Corey Schulz and the BYC members who donated.

Thursday night is Movie Night at the BYC, so come in, enjoy a drink and some food and view your favorite flicks on the big screen. Watch for movie announcements on our weekly e-blasts.

We also now have a **baby grand piano in the Regatta Room!** We hope we have some talented members to entertain us. Look for some fun ideas for Saturday nights!

We'll start **lunch service on the lower deck in April, and add dinner, too, in May**—a great way to enjoy the scenery and relax with family and friends. Service will continue in the Norton Lounge as usual. The lower deck will be open for dining on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Friday, and Saturdays.

A big thank you to our volunteers, we can't do it without you! We are **looking for more volunteers** to join in the first Saturday clean up, and **also need someone with a good accounting background** for the audit committee. We have numerous house items that we need to accomplish—please contact Randy Norman if you can contribute with time and/or talent.

Please note that the **House Rules have been updated**—please pick up a copy in the BYC Office (open 11am to 3pm Tue-Fri). They are also posted in the Norton Lounge.

Also a reminder, **please wear your name tag when at the BYC**—thanks!

See you at the BYC!! It's a great place to be!

Commodore Pat Bowers



Don't Miss MARCH Events at BYC

Watch for updates, times and/or changes at Beniciayachtclub.org and on e-Blasts

- MARCH 6-8** **BYC Cruise-Out - Loch Lomond**
- MARCH 7** **BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party**
- MARCH 17** **St. Patrick's Day Buffet**
- MARCH 28** **Ship Locker Clean Up Swap Meet (8-3)**



Happy Birthday



MARK	AMARO	3/2		GERRY SUE	FAIT	3/11		GEORGE	CORRIGAN	3/21
BARBARA	HENRETTY	3/2		CYNTHIA	HEWITT	3/11		RICHARD	JACKSON	3/22
SUSAN	O'NEILL	3/2		STEPHEN	PENNY	3/13		DAVEY	CHAPMAN	3/23
KRISTINE	HOFFMAN	3/3		CAROL	STERKEL	3/13		DAVID	NICHOLAS	3/23
WENDY	PETERSON	3/3		CASSIE	ECKHARDT	3/14		DAVID	BOWDEN	3/25
COSIMA	CARNAHAN	3/5		JIM	HENDERSON	3/14		DANIEL	DEMMON	3/25
KATHY	MONROE	3/5		MICHAEL	REED	3/14		MARTY	DIEFENBACH	3/25
RANDI	SCHALET	3/5		LARRY	BIENATI	3/15		GREGORY	CRAKOW	3/27
MELISSA	MONTOYA DEMMON	3/7		ELBA	HENDERSON	3/15		ROSS	MOSBARGER	3/27
MICHELE	NOLAN	3/7		MARK	CONNERS	3/16		RON	TOSCH	3/27
ELIZABETH	HAYGOOD	3/8		DELENA	DARNELL	3/16		CAROL	FISCHER	3/29
KATHLEEN	LEMKE	3/8		CHRISTINE	BARA	3/17		DAVID	WHITE	3/30
LETICIA	DE LA CRUZ SALAS NATTENBERG	3/10		ROBERT	HEDRICK	3/18		LISA	BRENES	3/31
				PAUL	BRIGHTON	3/20				

Friday Night Specials at BYC!

- March 6**—Swordfish with Mashed Potatoes, Baby Carrots, with White Wine Beurre Blanc
- March 13**—Italian Chicken with Angel Hair Pasta and Artichoke Hearts
- March 20**—Bay Scallops with Bok Choy and Coconut Rice
- March 27**—Flat Iron Steak with Red Roasted Potatoes and Asparagus





Benicia Yacht Club Opening Day on the Strait 2020

Saturday, April 18th

Come join us for **Fun Days by the Bay, a free event open to the community!**

The Diablo Concert Band kicks off Opening Ceremonies at 11:30 am, followed by a 2:00 pm Blessing of the Fleet and Decorated Boat Parade. Vendors and arts and crafts booths are open along the Marina from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Kids activities will be running concurrently. Special lunch items and buffet dinner are available for purchase.

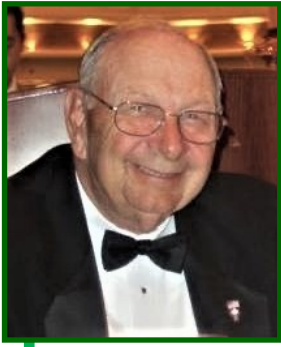
Signature drinks will be available from noon until 11:00 pm. Live dance bands will be performing from the afternoon until late evening. **Tell your friends and family—don't miss it!**

BYC 2020 Cruise-OUT Schedule

DATE	YACHT CLUB
March 6-8	Loch Lomond
April 3-5	Richmond
May 22-25	Marin
June 5-7	Emery Cove
July 10-12	St. Francis
July 31-August 9	Summer Cruise Out
September 4-7	Napa
October 9-18	Harvest Cruise
November 6-8	Corinthian

BYC 2020 Cruise-IN Schedule

DATE	YACHT CLUB	BOATS
March 26-29	Oakland	10
May 2-3	San Francisco	10
June 5-7	Solano	15
June 26-28	Richmond	10
July 3-5	Berkeley	6
July 3-5	Ballena	8
July 10-12	Sausalito	10
July 17-19	Marin	10
July 24-26	Emeryville	10
July 31-August 2	Sequoia	10
August 7-9	Discovery Bay	20
September 19	Stockton	10
October 9-11	Emeryville	10



Paul Brighton BYC Member No. 574

We moved from Concord, MA in Sept 1991 to Benicia.

We have five children but only one came with us—Michell—who was in high school. The other children were out of college and on their own. My wife Pat and I have been married 58 years. We have 10 grandchildren in

Massachusetts, and have had a summer home on Cape Cod for 53 years, where we've been lucky to watch our children and grandchildren grow up. They all like boating.

I served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1959 to 1966. I owned a Data Processing Service Company in MA that had a Navy contract for many years with the eight public shipyards and Mare Island was one of them. When I sold that business, I was asked to be the president of a data processing service company in Vallejo. We liked the city of Benicia and moved here. We joined the Benicia Yacht Club in October 1991, as we had belonged to a Yacht Club in MA. I was picked immediately to be on the membership committee and put to work. Then I moved from Director to Rear Commodore to Vice Commodore to Commodore in 1997. We bought our boat, a 35' trawler *Fantasy* in 1992 and still have it.

I retired in 2006 and still belong to many organizations: the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sons in Retirement, Benicia Lions, Noble Island Yacht Group, The Grove Townhouse Association, The Order of The Blue Gavel, The Good Guys, and The Knights of Columbus.

I have always had boats in my family, starting with my father and grandfather. We have gone on many cruise-outs over the years with BYC and have gotten to know many members as extended family. I have traveled to many countries and enjoyed five ship cruises with Pat. I have always felt lucky to have Pat as my wife and partner, and for having a great family and living in a great country. I will always be grateful for the Charter Members who started BYC and all the hard work they put into it.

Paul Brighton
Staff Commodore/Safety & Protocol Officer



Membership Dues Owed - The BYC Board is considering publishing a monthly list of members who are past due on paying their quarterly dues. **Please pay your dues today!**

Having an Event at BYC?- Please submit your budget to the BYC Board of Directors **60 days** prior to the event. Questions? Contact Faye Carlisle at 925-200-6197.



PLEASE - Wear your name tag—helps new members and old alike.



SAVE THESE DATES THIS YEAR!

BYC 2020 Don't Miss Events



April	2	Sail Boat Races Begin—Thursdays
	3-5	BYC Cruise Out—Richmond YC/Penny's
	4	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	12	EASTER - BYC Brunch Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny
	18	BYC Opening Day Open To Public
May	2	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	2-3	Cruise In—San Francisco (10 boats)
	10	Mother's Day Jazz Brunch
	22-25	BYC Cruise Out—Marin YC/Sean Conner
	25	Memorial Day
June	6	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	5-7	BYC Cruise Out—Emery Cove/Penny's
	5-7	Cruise In—Solano (15 boats)
	21	Father's Day BBQ & Music
	26-28	Cruise In—Richmond (10 boats)
	27	Shipwreck Ball
July	3	OPEN HOUSE (Special Menu/Band)
	3-5	Cruise In—Berkeley (6 boats) Cruise In—Ballena (8 boats)
	4	BYC 4th of July Dock Party
	10-12	BYC Cruise Out—St. Francis /Bob Bohnet ?
	10-12	Cruise In—Sausalito (10 boats)
	17-19	Cruise In—Marin (10 boats)
	24-26	Cruise In—Emeryville (10 boats)
	25	LOBSTER FEED
	31-2	Cruise In—Sequoia (10 boats)
	31-9	BYC Summer Cruise Out -Janet Booth/Andy Z.

Aug	1	Sail Benicia
	1	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	7-9	Cruise In—Discovery Bay (20 boats)
	15	BYC HAWAIIAN LUAU
	16	JAWS
Sept	4-7	BYC Cruise Out—Napa
	5	JAZZ CUP – OPEN TO PUBLIC
	6	JAZZ CUP BREAKFAST
	19	CA Coastal Clean-Up Day
	19	Cruise In—Stockton (10 boats)
	25-26	BYC Parking Lot Drop-Off & Garage Sale
Oct	3	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	9-18	BYC Harvest CRUISE-Pat Bowers/Paul Brighton
	9-11	Cruise In—Emeryville (10 boats)
	17	Sailors Award Banquet
	31	HALLOWEEN PARTY
Nov	6-8	BYC Cruise Out-Corinthian/Rusty&Kathy Mayes
	7	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	10	Marine's Memorial Birthday Breakfast
	11	Veterans Day—BYC Spaghetti Feed
	21	Change of Watch
	26	THANKSGIVING—BYC Potluck Dinner
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





Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

YOUR MESSAGE HERE!

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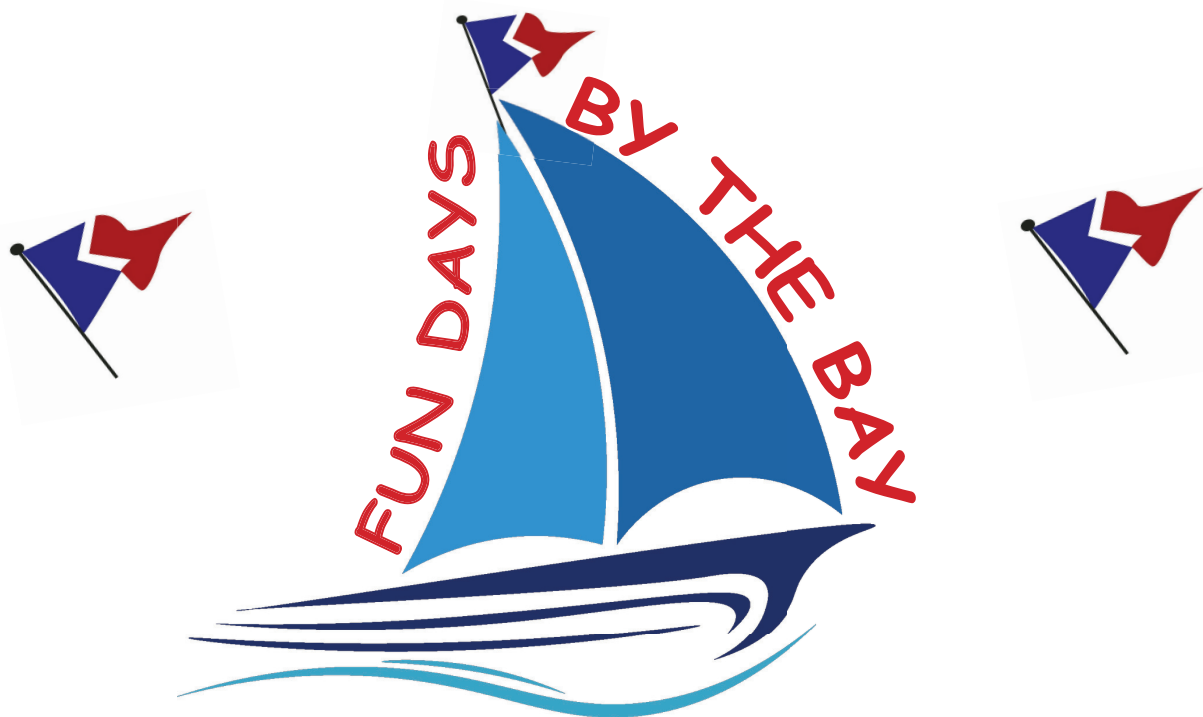


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WATCH FOR CALENDAR UPDATES ON BYC WEBSITE AND E-BLASTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BYC CLOSED	3 Trivia Nite Potluck 6:00 pm Questions 6:30 pm	4 International WED. Menu	5	6 1st Friday Happy Hour Cruise-Out Loch Lomond	7 1st Saturday Member Work Party!
8	9 BYC CLOSED	10 Trivia BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm 	11 International WED. Menu	12	13	14
15	16 BYC CLOSED	17 Trivia  St. Patrick's Day Special Buffet Regatta Room	18 BYC General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm 	19	20	21
22	23 BYC CLOSED	24 Trivia Nite Potluck 6:00 pm Questions 6:30 pm	25 International WED. Menu	26 Cruise-In Oakland	27	28 BYC Ship's Locker Clean-Out Swap Meet 8:00 am-3:00 pm Space Rental \$20 for Members / \$25 for non- Members Contact Randy Norman
29	30 BYC CLOSED	31 Trivia Nite Potluck 6:00 pm Questions 6:30 pm				



Benicia Yacht Club Opening Day Saturday April 18th

The Public is Invited!

Schedule of Events:

10am - Arts & Crafts Booths Open on Marina Green

11am - 3pm Lunch and Beverages Available

11:30am Diablo Regional Concert Band

12:00 NOON Opening Ceremonies

Flag Ceremony Boy Scout Troop & National Anthem by Goldie Pierce

SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR JOINING BYC

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE/PRIZES/CHILDRENS GAMES

2:00pm Blessing of the Fleet & Decorated Boat Parade

2:30 – 5:30pm – Music – Crosstown 5 (lower deck)

5:30- 8:00pm – Buffet Dinner Regatta Room (downstairs)

6:30 – 10:30pm – Music – Fog City Swampers (Norton Lounge)