



the Wind Word

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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Membership	Option 3
Accounting	Option 4
OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
CLUB/FOOD	<i>Hours subject to fluctuation</i>
	<i>Last Order from Kitchen 8pm</i>
Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-8pm (Wed) Noon-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Happy Valentine's!

Hope you are having a great year so far.

We had a busy 2023 at BYC and are looking to match or outdo the fun in 2024. We look forward to the following events—it is your showing up and participating that makes them so much more fun and a success for the Club and all the volunteers who give their time and energy to make them happen.

Save these dates for these fun theme days at BYC Regatta Room between 3 - 7pm.

***Brit Day—Saturday, June 15**

***Country Western Day—Saturday, July 13**

***Classic Rock Day—Saturday, September 14**

See you there!

Editors Vicki & John Garcia



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From the Helm

Hello everyone,

Here we are in February already. We have a few things on the calendar this month. We have a [Blood Drive on February 3](#) from 9am to 2pm—please donate to this great cause if you are able. We have our [Super Bowl Potluck February 11](#), which is always fun whether your team is playing or not. There will be a [Sweethearts Special Dinner on Valentine's Day February 14](#). We are also plugging into our calendar some fun days that were successful last year, like our daytime concert series that will include [Brit Day on June 15](#), [Country Western Day on July 13](#) and a [Classic Rock Day September 14](#). I am in the hunt for a Yacht Rock band and a Motown Band.

Volunteerism is way down, so our Vice Commodore Brian West came up with a great idea. We will hold a [Volunteer Fair on March 2](#) from 9am -12pm where you can sign up in advance for everything from Events, Opening Day, Jazz Cup, Decorating, Youth Sailing and more! Donuts and coffee will be served; volunteers who help out will be invited to an [end of summer BBQ](#) to celebrate your commitment to our Club. Please join us—everyone can spare a few hours to support our volunteer team!

Our fearless sailboat racers are braving the cold in the [Frostbite Series races](#)—thanks Steve Corwin, your enthusiasm is infectious! We have a [new Port Captain, Richard Boehm](#)—thank you Richard. Speaking of Richard, he has looked into our Comcast bill and is trying to reduce our rates and has replaced our phones. Randy Norman and Stephen Wheet are working together to lower our bill by streaming rather than paying for cable tv.

We have only received around half of our assessment money. We need that to be paid in full before we can even start work. [If you haven't paid your assessment yet please get it in as soon as possible—you are not considered a member in good standing if you haven't paid it.](#)

Our comment box usually contains complaints, so I was so pleased to get a nice hand-drawn piece of art with some love in it from a young Jackson Kozlik, that made my day! The comment box isn't just for complaints, compliments are really nice to get, too.

Fair winds and following seas,

Commodore
Dena Stults





ANDY	KLEIMAN	2/2		PATRICIA	BOWERS	2/14
KAREN	WATSON	2/3		TED	MIDDLETON	2/14
MARK	KELLER	2/4		STEPHEN	STULTS	2/14
NANCY	FORREST	2/5		EDWARD	PERZ	2/17
SUSAN	WHEET	2/5		PRISCILLA	ALLEN	2/18
JOHN	BADGER	2/8		MARIA	SAULSBURY	2/18
JEAN	NADOLNE	2/8		PEGGY	CULLIVAN	2/21
TERRI	DALE	2/9		LYNN	CHAVEZ	2/26
CARLTON	LEAR	2/10		CORT	ROUNDS	2/26
RANDY	TROMMER	2/10		STEVE	GILLILAND	2/28
ROBYN	BOLTZ	2/13		GERALD	MCKAY JR	2/28
SHARON	BLINCOW	2/14		RHONDA	SHEA	2/28

The background of the entire poster is a dense pattern of colorful handprints in various colors including red, blue, green, yellow, orange, and purple. Two large, horizontal brushstroke-style banners are overlaid on the top half of the image. The top banner is yellow and contains the text 'WE NEED' in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. The bottom banner is orange and contains the text 'YOUR HELP' in the same large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters.

WE NEED

YOUR HELP

Please come to a

Volunteer Fair

March 2, 2024 - 9am-12pm

Coffee and donuts will be provided by the club

Sign up to volunteer for this years events at the club. Everyone who signs up to volunteer gets invited to the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at the end of summer.

Tables will be available to sign up for different things, such as Opening Day, Entertainment, Membership, Youth Sailing, Jazz Cup, Octoberfest, decorating, etc.

We count on you to make our club a fun place for us all.



Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule



Generally 3rd weekend of every month

Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board or contact sjpenny5@gmail.com

Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!

Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
February	16-18	Napa Yacht Club (Elks, Expo & Skyline RV parks nearby)	Martina Wolter & Gary Johnson	martinawolter1@gmail.com deadboltlocks@comcast.net
March	22-24	Corinthian Yacht Club	Armand & Cynthia Seguin	armand.seguin11@gmail.com stokalo2u@gmail.com
May (Memorial Day)	24-27	Marin Yacht Club (Marin & Petaluma RV parks nearby)	Brian West & Steve Penny	brian@westengineers.com sjpenny5@gmail.com
June	21-23	St Francis Yacht Club	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
August (Summer Cruise)	16-19	Delta Marina & RV Park (RV park on-site)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	TBD Schoonmaker Point Marina	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	sjpenny5@gmail.com
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT—2024

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Join us on March 2 for the **VOLUNTEER FAIR** so you can sign up early to **SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT (AND FUN) EVENT!**



NEW PORT CAPTAIN

Many thanks to Richard Boehm, who has stepped up to fill our Port Captain position. Please give him your support. We're sure he'll do a fabulous job!

2024 Cruise-Ins

February 16-18—Vallejo Yacht Club
Number of boats TBD
(More dates to be announced)

2024 Racing Season is On!

The Bay Area sailing scene is set to sizzle in 2024 with a packed calendar of over 950 racing events! Over 35 of these exhilarating competitions will unfold right on our doorstep, the iconic Carquinez Strait. This thrilling news comes from the Yacht Racing Association of the Bay Area, headquartered in our very own Benicia (see the following link to view all Northern California Races https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=yraofsfbay@gmail.com&ctz=America/Los_Angeles&pli=1).



Photo by Adolfo Pancho Munoz

Building on the momentum of 2023, which saw numerous races across the Bay and even extending down the scenic coast, this year promises even more adrenaline-pumping action on the water. Get ready to join and witness a spectacle of billowing sails and masterful maneuvering as passionate sailors harness the wind and currents in their quest for victory.

Our BYC keystone Regatta the Thursday Night Beer Can Series will be held on Thursday evenings from April through September. This year 24 races are scheduled in a two-half season format culminating with a championship race in September amongst the winners. And of course, the Jazz Cup in its 36th year and known as the “premier 26-mile downwind race on the Bay” will be held at the end of August for which we host the finish-line and post-race celebrations.

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BYC's Nautica Group - 2024 Activities, Events & Opportunities

The Nautica Group is working in support of Benicia Yacht Club's charter to share and promote information and resources for water education and activities for members and community. Please contact Randy Norman with additional opportunities or for more information - randydnorman@msn.com

- Nautica Group Meeting – Jan. 27, 9:30am at BYC
- Nautica Group Meeting – Feb. 17, 9:30am at BYC
- Benicia Yacht Club Racing Season
- BYC Fleet & Storage Maintenance Days
- BYC's Cruise-out Schedule
- Youth Sailing
- Opening Day on the Strait – May 18**
- Chase the Moon Pre-race Event – June 22
- July Torchlight Parade
- Project Allegory – the Sailboat as Art: A Celebration of Benicia's History program
- Matthew Turner ship/Call of the Sea opportunity
- Jazz Cup – Labor Day weekend**
- Coastal Cleanup – September 21
- Float Your Boat days
- San Francisco Sailing Science Center
- Western Flyer Fdn opportunity
- Bay Area Sea Kayakers
- Solano Rowing Club
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Events



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2024 Racing Season is On!

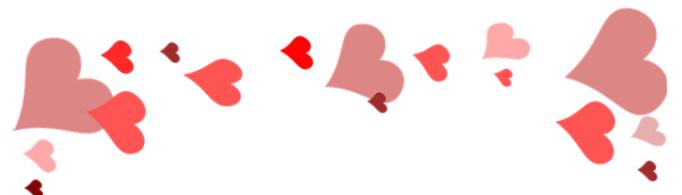
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Whether you're a seasoned racer or simply a fan of maritime beauty, there's something for everyone to enjoy on the racing scene this year. Stay tuned for more details on specific events and opportunities! Check out our continuous upgrades to our newly designed Racing page on our Club website <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> thanks to Brian Barry.

If you would like to race your boat or crew on another boat reach out to Steve Corwin, BYC Race Chair to see how you can participate BeniciaYachtclubRacing@gmail.com

2024 Date	Regatta
January/February/March	
Saturday, February 10, 2024	BenYC 2023-2024 Frost Bite Series #4 Sweet Heart Race
Saturday, March 9, 2024	BenYC 2023-2024 Frost Bite Series #5
Saturday, March 9, 2024	RYC Big Daddy Fleet Racing
Sunday, March 10, 2024	RYC Big Daddy Pursuit Race
April	
Thursday, April 4, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #1
Saturday, April 6, 2024	BYC Wheeler Regatta
Sunday, April 7, 2024	BYC Wheeler Regatta Pursuit Race
Thursday, April 11, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #2
Saturday, April 13, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #1
Thursday, April 18, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #3
Thursday, April 25, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #4
May	
Thursday, May 2, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #5
Saturday, May 4, 2024	YRA Great Vallejo Race
Sunday, May 5, 2024	YRA Great Vallejo Race
Thursday, May 9, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #6
Thursday, May 16, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #7
Saturday, May 18, 2024	BenYC Opening Day on the Strait
Saturday, May 18, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #2
Thursday, May 23, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #8
Thursday, May 30, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #9
June	
Thursday, June 6, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #10
Saturday, June 8, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #3
Saturday, June 8, 2024	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Sunday, June 9, 2024	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Thursday, June 13, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #11
Thursday, June 20, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #12
Saturday, June 22, 2024	BenYC Chasing The Moon Race
Thursday, June 27, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #13

2024 Date	Regatta
July	
Saturday, July 6, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #4
Thursday, July 11, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #14
Thursday, July 18, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #15
Thursday, July 25, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #16
Saturday, July 27, 2024	BenYC Light House Race
Saturday, July 27, 2024	YRA Encinal Regatta
August	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #17
Thursday, August 8, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #18
Saturday, August 10, 2024	BenYC Sail Benicia
Thursday, August 15, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #19
Saturday, August 17, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #5
Thursday, August 22, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #20
Saturday, August 24, 2024	BenYC Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
Thursday, August 29, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #21
Saturday, August 31, 2024	BenYC/SBYC Jazz Cup
September	
Thursday, September 5, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #22
Thursday, September 12, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #23
Saturday, September 14, 2024	BenYC/VYC Carquinez Challenge
Thursday, September 19, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #24
Saturday, September 21, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #6
Thursday, September 26, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #25
October/November/December	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	BenYC Champions Race
Saturday, October 26, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Fleet Race
Sunday, October 27, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race
Saturday, November 9, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1
Saturday, December 14, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #2





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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <u>Groundhog Day</u>	3 <u>BYC VOLUNTEER WORK DAY</u>
4 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	5 <u>CLOSED</u>	6 <u>CLOSED</u>	7 Trivia 6pm	8 	9	10 Frostbite Race #4 Sweet Heart Race
11 SUPER BOWL	12 <u>CLOSED</u> <u>Lincoln's Birthday</u>	13 <u>CLOSED</u> <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u>	14 Trivia 6pm Valentine's Day	15	16 <u>Cruise-Out</u> Napa 16-18 	17
18 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	19 <u>Presidents' Day</u> <u>Washington's Birthday</u>	20 <u>CLOSED</u>	21 Trivia 6pm <u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u> 	22	23	24
25 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	26 <u>CLOSED</u>	27 <u>CLOSED</u>	28 Trivia 6pm	29 LEAP DAY!		

John Wright Frostbite Series

The Frostbite Sailing Regatta continues on one Saturday each month in the waters off of the City of Benicia. The series consists of five races: Nov. 11, 2023; Dec. 9, 2023; Jan. 13, 2024; Feb. 10, 2024; and March 9, 2024. For more info, please contact Race Chair Steve Corwin at 415.238.3977 or beniciayachtclubracing@gmail.com.



- Maintain Curb Appeal
- General Restoration
- Landscape Upkeep
- Planned Projects

8:00am to 11:00am

First Saturday of each month



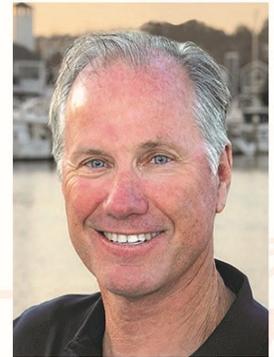
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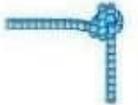
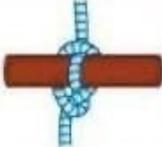
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Thief Knot	Marlinspike Hitch	Handcuff Knot	Scaffold Knot