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Ahoy BYC ,

Well, we are “marching” into this year quickly, so this month go get your Irish on at BYC!

With the wonderful weather, all the events happening at BYC and new extended hours, we hope you are spending time at BYC with friends and are meeting some of our many new members. If you see someone you don't know, please introduce yourself.

We hope you'll sign up for one of our volunteer committees—a great way to get to know fellow members as you contribute to our Club's ongoing success.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



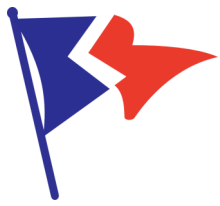
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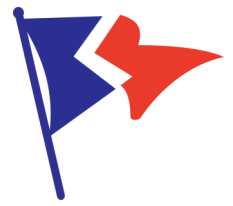
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FROM THE HELM



In my last few “From the Helm” articles I have mentioned volunteers frequently. As membership chair Kathy Monroe points out to new members, **our Club—even though we have staff—is run by volunteer power.**

Due to the Covid-19 virus, in March of 2020 we had to close and were forced to cut back from a staff of 15 down to 1. We reopened in June and brought back Carlos, Jeannie and Mya to join Andy Ahn. Even though we were severely limited by regulations in the service we could provide, we often found ourselves short-handed. **Volunteers picked up the slack big time.** Mark Connors was our dishwasher. Angela Grigas took reservations, was often the busser server and whatever else needed to be done. Pat Bowers managed the Club. Anything that needed to be fixed was fixed by a growing crew of house volunteers backing up Randy Norman and Richard Boltz.

By October 2020 we had dropped from more than 200 memberships pre-pandemic down to 158. I am happy to report that thanks to folks doing a lot of hard work, **we are now up to 214 memberships** (and most memberships include 2 people). As I write this Kathy is signing up our 400th active member. We are now up to 9 employees and are actively working to recruit more.

Our **food service is now upstairs and downstairs** and **we are renting out the facility again.** With the mask mandate going away in mid-February, people are coming back to the Club more regularly so **we can be open more hours.** And with the weather getting better and the sailing season getting into full swing, Club use should keep growing.

All this gets me back to volunteers. The Board and our committee chairs, listed on page 2, make up more than 20 dedicated volunteers. I thought that maybe I should list others, but I realized that it would amount to a total of 48 or more. **Thanks to all who help! Those who volunteer get something out of it, too:**

A place to use your talents

A way of meeting new people

A sense of accomplishment helping the Club succeed

Camaraderie working with friends

There are lots of volunteer opportunities out there so you can follow your interests and join in the fun. Contact me or Vice Commodore Dena Stults, or any of the committee heads on page 2 at info@beniciayachtclub.org to talk about the volunteer opportunities available.



Hope to see you around the Club—
May your boat ride through life be smooth!

**Commodore
Andy Zinkevich**





MARK	AMARO	3/2	DELENA	DARNELL	3/16
ROB	FORREST	3/2	CHRISTINE	BARA	3/17
BARBARA	HENRETTY	3/2	ROBERT	HEDRICK	3/18
KRISTINE	HOFFMAN	3/3	KIM	LEAMAN	3/18
WENDY	PETERSON	3/3	RON	DODSON	3/19
COSIMA	CARNAHAN	3/5	PAUL	BRIGHTON	3/20
STEVEN	CORWIN	3/5	RICHARD	JACKSON	3/22
KATHY	MONROE	3/5	DAVEY	CHAPMAN	3/23
TERRI	CANEPA	3/7	DAVID	NICHOLAS	3/23
MELISSA	DEMMON	3/7	DAVID	BOWDEN	3/25
MICHELE	NOLAN	3/7	DANIEL	DEMMON	3/25
ELIZABETH	HAYGOOD	3/8	MARTY	DIEFENBACH	3/25
KATHLEEN	LEMKE	3/8	JEFF	HALL	3/25
LETICIA	DE LA CRUZ SALAS NATTENBERG	3/10	SHANNON	PERNELL	3/25
CAMERON	SAUNDERS	3/12	ROSS	MOSBARGER	3/27
STEPHEN	PENNY	3/13	RON	TOSCH	3/27
CAROL	STERKEL	3/13	CAROL	FISCHER	3/29
MICHAEL	REED	3/14	LISA	BRENES	3/31

2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE



A sign-up sheet will be posted for each Cruise-out on the bulletin board in the Norton Lounge four (4) weeks before the cruise. Cruise-out berths are first-come, first-served. Will try to accommodate everyone. Land cruisers are welcome.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist as a cruise director, please contact Fleet Captain Steve Penny, info@beniciayachtclub.org or 707-741-8491.

Suggestions welcome.

Please submit photos of your boat, with name of boat, owners and size to Steve Penny.

Month	Dates	Destination	Cruise Director(s)
March	18-20	Petaluma Yacht Club	Steve Penny
April	15-17	Pittsburg Yacht Club	Paul Brighton
May (Memorial Day)	27-30	Marin Yacht Club	Bob Bohnet & Sean Conner
June	17-19	St Francis Yacht Club	Ken Hanley & Assunsao Hanley
July	15-17	Solano Yacht Club	Nancy Forrest
August (Summer Cruise)	6-16	Pittsburg Yacht Club, Delta Marina @ Rio Vista Grindstone Joe's	Fred Gibson, Stephen Dale & Theron Jones
September (Labor Day)	2-5	Encinal Yacht Club	Steve Penny
October (Harvest Cruise)	15-25	Schoonmaker St Francis Yacht Club Ballena Bay Oakland Yacht Club	Commodore Andre Zinkevich & Brian West
November	11-13	Napa Valley Yacht Club	Rhonda Shea
November or December		Cruisers' Planning Meeting	



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BYC Boaters

The Coast Guard has changed rules concerning Fire Extinguishers, going into effect April 2022. The main change is that they can't be over 12 years old; check the date on the bottom.



For more info: <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/fire-extinguisher-faq.php>

For those who are keeping track of whose bow is ahead of whose, here is a summary of the series, so far:

BYC 2021-2022 Winter "Frostbite" Series Results to Date

Saturday 11-13-2021 Race #1 (Ran out of wind)

DNF Quila

DNF Sail la Vie (Fire aboard during race)

DNF Warwhoop

Saturday 12-11-2021 Race #2 (Ran out of not enough shallow)

DNF E-Ticket (Found mud)

DNF Quila (Found mud)

DNF Sail la Vie (21A: "Ye shall not pass")

DNF Serene (Swept by torrential ebb)

DNF Warwhoop (Found mud)

Saturday 1-8-2022 Race #3

1 Warwhoop

2 Quila

3 Sandpiper

DNF E-Ticket (Used the keel as depth gauge)

DNF Playpen II (Keel as depth gauge is very accurate)

Saturday 2-12-2022 Race #4 (Sweetheart's)

TBD – final results not yet available at printing

Saturday 3-12-2022 Race #5

TBD

Ahoy Scallywags!



2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

April 8-10 • Dos Rios (6 boats)

April 16-17 • Sierra Point (6 boats)

April 29-May 1 • San Francisco (14 boats)

May 27-29 • Club Nautique mixed clubs (8 boats)

June 17-19 • Sausalito (10 boats)

June 24-26 • Marin (8 boats)

July 15-17 • Oakland (16 boats)

July 29-31 • Emeryville (9 boats)

August 11-14 • Delta Marina (12 boats)

August 19-21 • Napa (10 boats)

September 16-18 • Discovery Bay (10 boats)

September 20-21 • Caliente (10 boats)

November 24-27 • Richmond (12 boats)



THE SAILING

With Race Chair, Rear Commodore, Capt. Dan Carnahan



Winter "Frostbite" Series

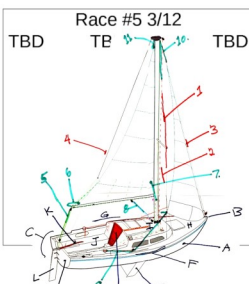
Our Winter Racing Season includes five races, one each month from November through March. From reading the standings, below, you can see that we've had problems simply finishing the courses. The wind has been consistently very light. We're hoping for wind next month!

Race #1 11/13		
Quila	John Dillow	DNF
Sail la Vie	Dan Carnahan	DNF
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	DNF

Race #2 12/11		
E-Ticket	Noble Griswold	DNF
Quila	John Dillow	DNF
Sail la Vie	Dan Carnahan	DNF
Serene	Dennis Luchay	DNF
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	DNF

Race #3 1/8		
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	1 st
Quila	John Dillow	2 nd
Sandpiper	Larry Nelson	3 rd
E-Ticket	Noble Griswold	DNF
Playpen II	Steve Dale	DNF

Race #4 2/12		
Playpen II	Steve Dale	DNF
Quila	John Dillow	DNF
Sandpiper	Larry Nelson	DNF
True Norse	Mitch Kessler	DNF
Warwhoop	Chuck Hooper	DNF



Get Involved!

If you're curious about what's going on in the sailing scene here in Benicia, we are putting together a wealth of information for you.

Have questions? How do I get involved? Where are the best places to watch? How do I listen to the radio communications? How can I find what the schedules and courses are?

Go to the racing information website shown at the bottom of this page!

If you'd like information about learning to sail, contact Captain Dan at his website, captaindan.com.

Upcoming Events!

Sat Mar 12: Winter Race #5
Thu Mar 31: Regular Season Kick-Off Party
Tue Apr 5: New Skipper and Sailor Orientation
Thu Apr 7: Regular Season Race #1

New Skipper and Sailor Orientation

Tuesday April 5 7:00-8:00 PM

Here's your chance to hear in person about getting involved! Captain Dan will lay out all of the details about the racing for any of the skippers and new sailors.

Photo by Steve Dale

Contact Info: Dan Carnahan, race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org
<https://www.regatta-fest.com/benicia-yacht-club/>





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>CLOSED</u> <u>MON</u> <u>& TUES</u>	1	2 Trivia 6pm	3	4	5 BYC Member Work Day 8-11am 
6 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	7 <u>CLOSED</u>	8 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm 	9 Trivia 6pm	10	11	12 Frostbite Sail Races #5 
13 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	14 <u>CLOSED</u>	15 <u>CLOSED</u>	16 Trivia 6pm BYC Member Meeting 7:00pm 	17 St. Patrick's Day! 	18 <u>BYC Cruise- Out</u> Petaluma 18-20	19 St. Patrick's Day Dinner! 
20 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	21 <u>CLOSED</u>	22 <u>CLOSED</u>	23 Trivia 6pm	24	25	26
27 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	28 <u>CLOSED</u>				 Everyone's Irish On March 17th.	