

# *the Wind Word*

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Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

## AHOY BYC!

Time to celebrate! **OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT** happens Saturday, May 18, co-sponsored by BYC and the Benicia Marina.

This super fun day includes the Blessing of the Fleet—the best way to start your boating season. We'll feature three bands, kids' games, vendor booths, plenty of food and drink AND *NEW this year*: scenic tours offered by the Red & White Fleet!

BYC will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC on this rare occasion and we hope to gain many new members. Please come and warmly welcome all newcomers—show off your BYC spirit!

We will need all hands on deck to produce this fun event—PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, even for a few hours. Contact Brian West ASAP.

Don't miss it! Come on down and bring your friends and family.

Thanks, and see you there!

Editors Vicki & John Garcia



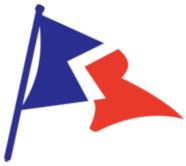
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# FROM the HELM



Hello everyone,

Our Easter Brunch was a delicious success! I want to thank Eve & Randy Norman and Susan Bittner for the beautiful decorations and set up. I thank Susan Linn, Judy Stevens and Jake from the Benicia Marina for the Easter Bunny and all the candy eggs. Thank you also to Carlos' family for the delicious food and Cheyenne and Alex for everything else. We are so blessed to have such dedicated staff. In addition, thank you to Stephen Wheet and Randy Norman for changing BYC from cable TV to streaming, which saves us more than \$200 per month.

As you read this we are gearing up for our annual **OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT event May 18. PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP** at least for a few hours as it really does take a village and we need all hands on deck. Watch for the signup sheet or contact Brian West directly. We will be **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and will feature 3 bands (Tune Riders at 12, Two Trackin' at 3:30, Strange Brew at 7), kids' games, vendor booths plus drinks and food AND, NEW this year, scenic boat tours offered by the Red & White Fleet! Make sure you sign up for the Blessing of the Fleet—a good way to start your boating season. It will be a really fun day, bring your family and all your friends!

**Opening Day typically brings in a batch of new members.** The first interactions at our Club make a long-lasting impression on a new member and provide the foundation for us to build relationships that continue for years to come.

Our new members will begin forming their opinion about the value of our Club the minute they submit their application, so the way we welcome them is critically important. We need to get our new members off on the right foot. **Please introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcome.**

One of the things I talk about to new members is our events we have throughout the year. If they are a single person I like to assure them that they can be comfortable attending our events alone. We are a family and a place where everyone knows your name. In addition to special events, members always have a place to go to celebrate all the major holidays such as Easter, July 4, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve with us, your BYC family.

Fair winds and following seas,

Commodore  
Dena Stults





MAL	JESTER	5/2	LISA	ZULLI	5/17
TONY	MACHADO	5/3	MARK	CONNERS	5/18
BOB	HALL	5/4	GERALD	MCKAY	5/19
CANDY	BURROWS	5/5	TAMMY	RIEMER	5/19
RITA	ROSENTHAL	5/5	CHAD	HUMMEL	5/20
STEPHANIE	MARRONE	5/6	MICHELLE	KERR	5/21
HEIDI	MIDDLETON	5/6	CYNTHIA	HILL	5/23
VIKKI	TAYLOR	5/8	LINDSEY	SWIFT	5/23
MONICA	GRISWOLD	5/9	CINDY	TOSCH	5/23
CHERYL	KLEINSCHMIDT	5/9	JIM	VERRETT	5/23
SUZANNE	CASTLEMAN	5/11	JOE	GARSKE JR	5/24
TONY	MCINTOSH	5/11	TARYN	SHAWSTAD	5/24
MARY ANNE	BRANCH	5/12	JACQUELINE	VULLIERME	5/24
LORI	NOTT	5/12	EILEEN	WEST	5/24
GINNY	PROSSER	5/12	JOEY	LEGGITT	5/26
SAM	BRENES	5/13	TERESA	BADGER	5/27
DREW	SWANSON	5/13	SAM	CARR	5/27
ROBERT	RITTER	5/15	BARBARA	POPE	5/29
RENEE	AMARO	5/16	TODD	WATSON	5/29
CLARA	NICOLL	5/16	MITCHELL	KESSLER	5/30
WAYNE	MCINTOSH	5/17	KEN	HANLEY	5/31
PASCHAL	SMITH	5/17	TIM	ROSE	5/31

Benicia Yacht Club and Benicia Marina present

# OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT



**MAY 18**  
10am - 10pm

**Vendors**  
**Live Music**  
**Food &  
Drink**

**OPEN TO  
THE  
PUBLIC**

**10am**  
vendor booths open  
kids games begin  
beer tent opens

**11:30am**  
welcoming remarks  
Boy Scouts flag raising  
national anthem  
guest speaker  
lunch begins

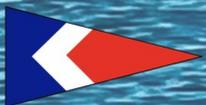
**12pm**  
Tune Riders Band  
back deck

*Don't be late to the strait*  
Scenic Boat tours by the Red & White Fleet

**12:30pm**  
boat parade  
blessing of the fleet  
3pm kids games end

**3:30pm**  
Two Trackin Band  
**5pm**  
dinner begins  
vendor booths close

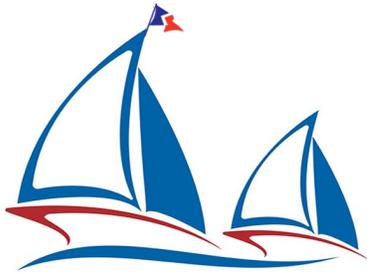
**7pm**  
Strange Brew Band  
dancing in the  
Norton Lounge



**Benicia Yacht Club**  
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**DON'T MISS THE SCENIC BOAT TOURS BY THE RED & WHITE FLEET!**



# 2024 Racing Season



2024 Date	Regatta
<b>May</b>	
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
<b>June</b>	
Thursday, June 6, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #10
Saturday, June 8, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #3
Saturday, June 8, 2024	SSC/RVC Delta Ditch Run
Sunday, June 9, 2024	SSC/RVC 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
<b>July</b>	
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
<b>August</b>	
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
<b>September</b>	
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
<b>October/November/December</b>	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	BenYC Champions Race
Saturday, October 26, 2024	RVC Great Pumpkin Fleet Race
Sunday, October 27, 2024	RVC 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


  
**Saturday,**  
**May 18, 2024**  
**OPENING DAY ON**  
**THE STRAIT**  
**PLEASE SHOW UP & SUPPORT THIS**  
**IMPORTANT (AND FUN) EVENT!**  
**Contact Brian West to VOLUNTEER**



# 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](mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com) • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!



Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
May (Memorial Day)	24-27	Marin Yacht Club (Marin & Petaluma RV parks nearby) <b>PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP</b>	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	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	sjpenny5@gmail.com
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

## ATTENTION JUNE CRUISERS

The **June 20-23 cruise out to the St. Francis YC** is fast approaching. If you have cruised in before you know dock space is limited. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Norton Lounge on May 22. It's first-come, first-served for dock space, so if you plan on boating in let me know if you can't make it to the Club to sign up. There is no limit on land cruisers, so if you are looking forward to the famous St Francis YC Friday night seafood buffet there will be a separate sign up for that. I will need a land-cruiser head count by about June 18. Thanks!  
—Brian West, Cruise Out Coordinator

## 2024 Cruise-Ins

May 16-19	Dos Rios YC	7 boats	July 19-21	South Beach YC	8 boats
<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT</b>		July 25-28	Discovery Bay	18 boats
May 24-26	Club Nautique	12 boats	July 26-28	Emeryville YC	5 boats
June 7-9	Stockton YC	5 boats	August 9-11	Delta Marina YC	8 boats
June 21-23	San Francisco YC	12 boats	August 16-18	Sequoia YC	10 boats
June 28-30	Sausalito YC	10 boats	September 21-22	Stockton YC	10 boats
June 28-30	Carver Club	5 boats	October 2-5	Stockton YC	10 boats



# MAY 2024

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trivia 6pm	2 Sail Boat Race 6pm 	3	4 Members Work Day! 8-11am   YRA Great Vallejo Race
5 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY YRA Great Vallejo Race 	6 <b>CLOSED</b>	7 <b>CLOSED</b>	8 Trivia 6pm	9 Sail Races 	10	11
12 HAPPY Mother's DAY 	13 <b>CLOSED</b>	14 <b>CLOSED</b> BYC BOD Meeting 6pm 	15 Trivia-6 BYC  MEMBERS MEETING 7pm	16 Sail Races  Cruise-In Dos Rios 16-19	17  	18  <b>BYC</b> <b>OPENING DAY</b> <b>ON THE STRAIT!!</b>  <u>BenYC Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #2</u>
19 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	20 <b>CLOSED</b>	21 <b>CLOSED</b>	22 Trivia 6pm	23 Sail Races  Cruise-In Club Nautique 24-26	24 <b>Cruise-Out</b> Marin YC 24-27	25
26 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	27 <b>CLOSED</b> memorial DAY 	28 <b>CLOSED</b>	29 Trivia 6pm	30 Sail Races 	31	ADVERTISE IN THE WIND WORD  info@benicia yachtclub.org



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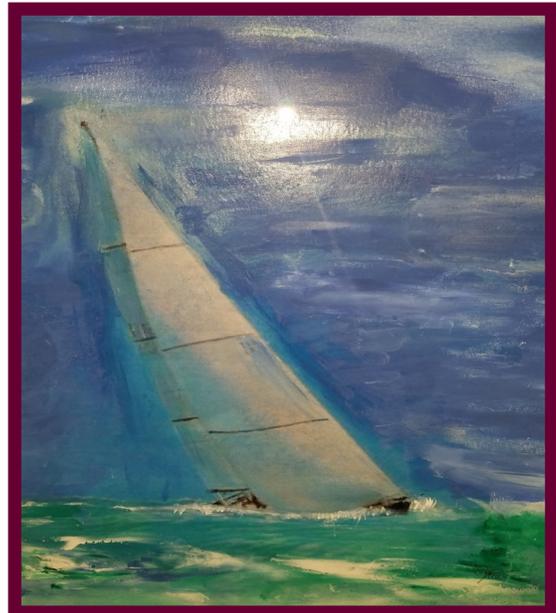
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