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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Norton Lounge 1pm-5pm (Bar &amp; Potluck)</b>

## Ahoy BYC Members,

Our sail racing season is underway every Thursday evening! Come down to watch these beautiful boats compete—it's a wonderful opportunity to see our members challenge each others' skills and tactics.

### Opening Day on the Strait May 14 includes the **Blessing of Fleet & Decorated Boat Parade**

#### Prizes

**Best Sailboat-** \$100 & gift basket  
**Best Powerboat-** \$100 & gift basket  
**Best Overall-** Free months slip (up to \$500!) & gift basket

Sign up now! Contact Angela @ 707-208-2207 for more information and application

Enjoy our wonderful weather! Come down and spend time with friends and family at our beautiful Club on the harbor. Take advantage of your membership today.



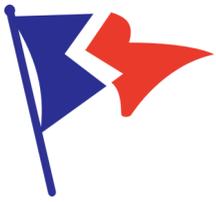
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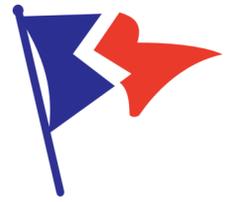
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# **FROM THE HELM**



**On May 14** we will have **our first real Opening Day on the Strait**

**since 2019!** With a theme of ***Living is Great on the Strait***, Vice Commodore Dena Stults has been hard at work, planning and organizing with the team for months. Don't miss it—should be a fun day.

Current members who joined since our last regular opening in April 2019 include 168 people from 96 memberships, and we hope they all join us as we are all in for a treat this Opening Day. We start in the morning with vendors lining the marina. There is a boat parade, there are three bands, the public is invited, there are kids' games, the ship store moves outside, the Coast Guard Auxiliary comes, we'll have the Blessing of the Fleet, and more fun things that I neglected to mention or haven't been added to the agenda yet. This is a real showcase for our Club. Please come, welcome your neighbors, and if you can, please help—find a spot to sign up in the volunteer display near the fireplace in the Norton Lounge.

**BYC is opening in a lot of ways.** It was only 10 weeks ago that our kitchen was closed due to staff out with COVID, with volunteers serving, and our manager bringing in pizza so we could have lunch. We had a good month in March and should be able to start putting some money aside to enable much need facility repairs. Our staff is mostly new, and we have a lot of new members. I have witnessed what I would describe as growing pains, as we learn all over again what the culture of the Club is about.

Thank you to our long-time members who regularly remind us of the things that we used to do that are worth doing again. Thank you to all who come up with ideas for things that we have not done before and, even better, thanks to those who come up with ways to make ideas happen.

Remember, all members are owners. Please help where you can.

Please be patient with the staff and with each other.

Hope to see you around the Club.

May your boat ride and your ride through life be smooth.



**Commodore  
Andy Zinkevich**

# Happy Birthday

NANCY	WAIANEN	5/1	MARK	CONNERS	5/18
MAL	JESTER	5/2	DEREK	SCHULZ	5/18
BEN	RIFKIN	5/2	COREY	SCHULZ	5/18
HENRIETTA	RUIZ, SR	5/3	GERALD	MC KAY	5/19
BOB	HALL	5/4	TAMMY	REIMER	5/19
DONNA	CHAPMAN	5/6	CHAD	HUMMEL	5/20
STEPHANIE	MARRONE	5/6	MICHELLE	KERR	5/21
VIKKI	TAYLOR	5/8	RAWAN	GARFEH MALOUF	5/22
MONICA	GRISWOLD	5/9	CYNTHIA	HILL	5/23
CHERYL	KLEINSCHMIDT	5/9	CINDY	TOSCH	5/23
JAMES	ECKHARDT	5/10	JOE	GARSKE JR	5/24
SHARON	STEWART	5/10	TARYN	SHAWSTAD	5/24
SHUN	TYSON	5/10	JACQUELINE	VULLIERME	5/24
RONALD	JACKSON	5/11	EILEEN	WEST	5/24
TONY	MC INTOSH	5/11	CAROL	KENNEDY	5/26
MARY ANNE	BRANCH	5/12	JOEY	LEGGITT	5/26
TOM	FOOTE	5/12	SAM	CARR	5/27
ALEX	SCHAUFFERT	5/12	THERESA	PATTERSON	5/27
JULIE	THOMAS	5/12	JOHN	POTTER	5/27
SAM	BRENES	5/13	ALAN	ZADA	5/27
ANDREW	SWANSON	5/13	ROBERT	FAY	5/28
ROBERT	RITTER	5/15	TERRY	WIEGNER	5/28
RENEE	AMARO	5/16	NANCY	MATHEWS	5/29
CLARA	NICOLL	5/16	LINDA	PURDY	5/29
ANITA	GLIDEWELL	5/17	TODD	WATSON	5/29
WAYNE	MC INTOSH	5/17	MITCHELL	KESSLER	5/30
JUDE	POTTER	5/17	DUNIA	POSWAL	5/30
PASCHAL	SMITH	5/17	KEN	HANLEY	5/31
LISA	ZULLI	5/17	TIM	ROSE	5/31

Photos are of Steve Dale and the recovered race buoy also known as the Bayles Mark. The marker was ripped up by emergency procedures during the April Valero dock fire and recovery efforts.



Per Steve: “We were heading back to the marina, after a day sailing the Strait with family. As we passed Point Benicia, dodging debris from the fire—we noticed the Bayles Mark floating un-tethered near Point Benicia. I called Commodore Andy Zinkevich who met me at the guest dock, and we took the RIB to the rescue.”



Thank you to the rescuers!

**Stephen Dale & Andy Zinkevich**



## **WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS**

**Lee Sherwood & Annie Felldin (shown)**

**Lorissa & Claudio Bergamin**

**Don & Victoria Musante**

**Fred & Mittie Railsback**

**Beth Roens & David Ruggiero**





# 2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE



Month	Dates	Destination	Cruise Director(s)
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)	21-29	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	

## 2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

May 20-22 • Solano (6 boats)  
 May 27-29 • Ballena Bay (8 boats)  
 June 17-19 • Sausalito (10 boats)  
 June 24-26 • Marin (8 boats)  
 July 2-4 • Berkeley (6 boats)  
 July 15-17 • Oakland (16 boats)  
 July 24 • Club Nautique (8 boats)  
 July 29-31 • Emeryville (9 boats)  
 August 11-14 • Delta Marina (12 boats)



August 19-21 • Napa (10 boats)  
 September 9-11 • Sequoia (10 boats)  
 September 16-18 • Discovery Bay (10 boats)  
 September 20-21 • Caliente (10 boats)  
 October 5-6 • Corinthian (12 boats)  
 November 24-27 • Richmond (12 boats)

### May 7 "First Saturday Clean-up" Before Opening Day—We Need You!

There is still a long list of things to do to have our Club's curb appeal ready for members and guests. If you like to paint, are challenged with mysteries in irrigation systems, love grooming seasoned landscape (gardening), enjoy having the upper hand with weeds, need to exercise off a few calories, or just have expertise in giving advice, **join us anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 to put that extra shine on the building and property.** We have tools and supplies, but if you have a special shovel, a brush that always does a better job, or a favorite pair of clippers, please bring them along. A fresh load of wood shavings will be ready to dress up planter areas. An extra wheel barrel or two to help distribute those chips will also be great. Also, if you've seen something that needs attention, and you just know you're the one to take care of it, let me know before our first Saturday workday, so we can make sure we have the appropriate supplies or parts needed to take care of the task.

Whether you're bringing your labor or your opinions, **please join us on the morning of May 7.** We'll have coffee and donuts to help with that extra boost of productive energy. See you then.

—Randy Norman, House Chair

# Petaluma Cruise-Out March 18-20



Weather was fantastic ... sunny and warm with blue sky on Friday, a few showers on Saturday morning giving way to sun and blue sky followed by a sunny, warm and blue sky day on Sunday. We docked in the center of Petaluma with great access to all the town has to offer. Met the Petaluma Yacht Club Commodore, who joined the boat and land cruisers Friday evening at McNear's Saloon & Dining House, which offers a modern twist on the traditional Irish pub, taking inspiration from classic American dishes, a short walk from the dock. On Saturday the cruisers enjoyed a specialty spirit tasting, hosted by Sonoma Coast Spirits. That evening we enjoyed a traditional Italian dinner at Volpi's, also a short walk from the dock.





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Watch for e-blast updates  
& join the celebrations!

May 5

**Cinco de Mayo**



May 8  
**Happy**  
**Mother's**  
**Day**



Are you a party planner at heart?  
Help BYC with celebrations!

The Entertainment Chair position is OPEN.  
Email [info@beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:info@beniciayachtclub.org) for info!



**2022 First Saturday**  
**MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP**

Maintain Curb Appeal  
Planned Projects  
General Restoration  
Landscape Upkeep  
8:00 to 11:00 am  
The first Saturday of  
each month

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# MAY 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b> 1-5 pm	2 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b> <b><u>MON &amp; TUES</u></b>	3	4 Trivia 6pm	5 <b>Cinco De Mayo</b> 	6	7 <b>BYC Member Work Day 8-11am</b> <b>WE NEED YOU!</b> 
8 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE <b>MOTHER'S DAY!</b> <b>BRUNCH</b> 1:00 to 5:00 	9 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	10 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>  BYC  BOD Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Trivia 6pm	12 <b>Sailing Races</b> 	13	14 <b>BYC OPENING DAY!</b> 10:00 to 10:00 
15 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b> 1-5 pm	16 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	17 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	18 Trivia 6pm  BYC  Member Meeting 7:00pm	19 <b>Sailing Races</b> 	20	21
22 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b>	23 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	24 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	25 Trivia 6pm	26 <b>Sailing Races</b> 	27	28
29 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b>	30 <b><u>MEMORIAL DAY</u></b>  <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	31 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>				

# Opening Day on the Strait



**Presented by**

**Benicia Yacht Club & Benicia Marina**

**SATURDAY, MAY 14th**

**10AM TO 10PM**

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