



# *the Wind Word*

**FEBRUARY 2024**



# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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## 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!

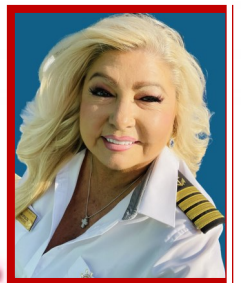
Our fearless sailboat racers are braving the cold in the [Frostbite Series races](#)—thanks Steve Corwin, your enthusiasm is infectious! We have a [new Port Captain, Richard Boehm](#)—thank you Richard. Speaking of Richard, he has looked into our Comcast bill and is trying to reduce our rates and has 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





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

The background of the entire poster is a dense pattern of colorful handprints in various sizes and colors, including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The text is overlaid on this pattern.

# **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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:martinawolter1@gmail.com">martinawolter1@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:deadboltlocks@comcast.net">deadboltlocks@comcast.net</a>
March	22-24	Corinthian Yacht Club	Armand & Cynthia Seguin	<a href="mailto:armand.seguin11@gmail.com">armand.seguin11@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:stokalo2u@gmail.com">stokalo2u@gmail.com</a>
May (Memorial Day)	24-27	Marin Yacht Club (Marin & Petaluma RV parks nearby)	Brian West & Steve Penny	<a href="mailto:brian@westengineers.com">brian@westengineers.com</a> <a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
June	21-23	St Francis Yacht Club	Brian West	<a href="mailto:brian@westengineers.com">brian@westengineers.com</a>
August (Summer Cruise)	16-19	Delta Marina & RV Park (RV park on-site)	Steve Penny	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	TBD Schoonmaker Point Marina	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
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](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](mailto: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](mailto:BeniciaYachtclubRacing@gmail.com)

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

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





# FEBRUARY 2024

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 <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	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  Karaoke	17
18 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	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 <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	26 <u>CLOSED</u>	27 <u>CLOSED</u>	28 Trivia 6pm	29 LEAP DAY!		

## John Wright Frostbite Series

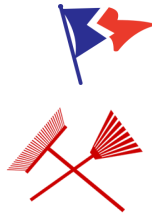
The Frostbite Sailing Regatta continues on one Saturday each month in the waters off of the City of Benicia. The series consists of five races: Nov. 11, 2023; Dec. 9, 2023; Jan. 13, 2024; Feb. 10, 2024; and March 9, 2024. For more info, please contact Race Chair Steve Corwin at 415.238.3977 or beniciayachtclubracing@gmail.com.



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