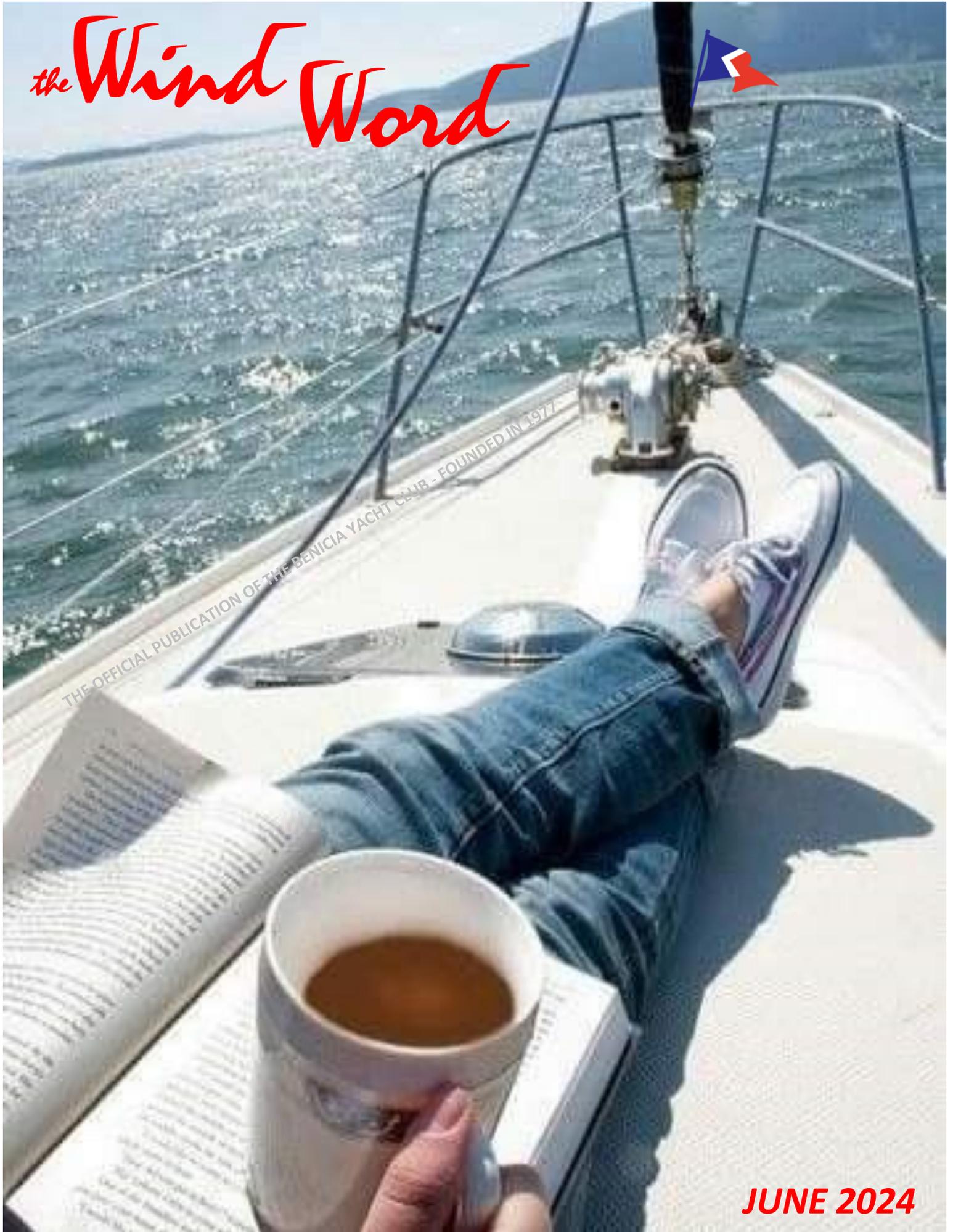


# *the Wind Word*



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**JUNE 2024**



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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
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	<i>Last Food Orders at 7:45pm</i>
Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs*	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: 4pm-8pm (Wed) 4pm-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

\*Groups of 15 or more can be accommodated for lunch with at least 1 week's advanced notification & reservation.

## AHOY BYC!

# DON'T MISS BRIT DAY JUNE 15



Our Summer Concert Series kicks off with awesome cover band *Hey Jude* on a Saturday afternoon. Dress like a Brit—best outfit wins a prize! Join us to rock out from 3pm to 7pm, baby!

Then bring Dad down for a potluck/BBQ on Father's Day June 16.

It's all happening at BYC! Don't miss out on the fun!

**NOTE: BYC NEW HOURS for Wed & Thurs—STARTING JUNE 5 Club will open at 4pm (no lunch served).**



Editors Vicki & John Garcia

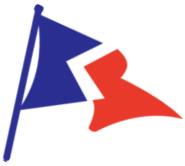
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# FROM the HELM



## Hello Everyone

I want to thank everyone for all the help from our member volunteers for another fun Opening Day on the Strait celebration. We are lucky to have very dedicated and hard-working members in our Club. Brian West organized Opening Day two years in a row as Vice Commodore—thanks Brian. • Our summer concert series kicks off with Brit Day in the Regatta Room on Saturday, June 15 featuring the awesome Beatles cover band, Hey Jude. • We are now streaming instead of paying for cable tv in the Norton Lounge, this will save us a lot of money going forward. If anyone has other cost-saving ideas, our board is happy to hear them. The HVAC system is progressing nicely in the Regatta Room—thank you, Randy Norman. • We are still looking for a new Membership Chair—thank you, Mark Campbell, for his service to the Club. Thank you, Mark Connors and Matt Nattenberg, for the two new 55-inch televisions that they purchased and installed in the Norton Lounge, that was very generous. I would also like to thank Bob Bohnet for buying yet another canopy for our smoking tent. • The weather is perfect to bring friends or family for a nice lunch out on the deck—we take our amazing view for granted sometimes. I look forward to seeing you and your boats out on the Strait enjoying life.

Commodore  
Dena Stults

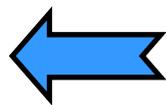


# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>CURT</b>	<b>SUTTER</b>	<b>6/1</b>	<b>ELLA MARIE</b>	<b>KALLIOS</b>	<b>6/15</b>
<b>KATHRYN</b>	<b>DELLAROCA</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>RACHELE</b>	<b>BOHNET</b>	<b>6/16</b>
<b>DAVID</b>	<b>HURDLE</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>EVELYNE</b>	<b>AURENSAN</b>	<b>6/18</b>
<b>TOM</b>	<b>WELSH</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>BRITTNEY</b>	<b>MCGINN</b>	<b>6/18</b>
<b>LAUREL</b>	<b>RAMEY</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>RANDY</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>6/18</b>
<b>NAJLA</b>	<b>SABA</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>HAROLD</b>	<b>DIEHL</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>DENISE</b>	<b>MAHER</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>FRANK</b>	<b>NEGRETTE</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>JORDAN</b>	<b>SIMPSON</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>JOHN</b>	<b>PAULSON</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>DENA</b>	<b>STULTS</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>LORRIE</b>	<b>PAULSON</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>MATTHEW</b>	<b>CHERTKOW</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>ROGER</b>	<b>BLINCOW</b>	<b>6/20</b>
<b>JUDY</b>	<b>STEVENS</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>CATHERINE</b>	<b>ANTHENIEN</b>	<b>6/21</b>
<b>GINA</b>	<b>INKS</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>DON</b>	<b>WOOD</b>	<b>6/22</b>
<b>STEPHEN</b>	<b>CAMDEN</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>ROB</b>	<b>VALDERRAMA</b>	<b>6/23</b>
<b>FRED</b>	<b>GIBSON</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>MICHAEL</b>	<b>RICH</b>	<b>6/24</b>
<b>GINA</b>	<b>CAVALLINI</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>JOAN</b>	<b>WESTERMAN</b>	<b>6/24</b>
<b>MARY</b>	<b>LEMAS</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>DAVE</b>	<b>DIMMICK</b>	<b>6/25</b>
<b>TERRY</b>	<b>HUGHES</b>	<b>6/14</b>	<b>GOLDIE</b>	<b>PIERCE</b>	<b>6/26</b>
<b>HEATHER</b>	<b>TURMAN</b>	<b>6/14</b>	<b>NANCY</b>	<b>ROBERTSON</b>	<b>6/26</b>
<b>ROBERT</b>	<b>BOHNET</b>	<b>6/15</b>	<b>JIM</b>	<b>BABCOCK</b>	<b>6/27</b>
<b>JASON</b>	<b>CROUCH</b>	<b>6/15</b>	<b>VICTOR</b>	<b>PROSSER</b>	<b>6/27</b>

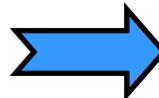


## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Rita Rosenthal &  
Ron McCann

Tim Gessner  
& Lindsey Swift



BENICIA YACHT CLUB PRESENTS



# BRIT DAY



June 15

3-7pm in the Regatta Room

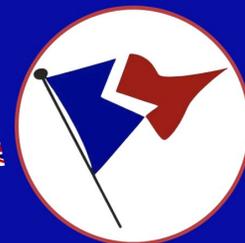
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# Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule

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)
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	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

## 2024 Cruise-Ins

June 2-3	Stockton YC	5 boats	July 3-7	Bellini Bay	10 boats
June 7-9	Stockton YC	5 boats	July 12-14	Encinal	8 boats
June 13-17	Willow Berm	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

# THANK YOU!!

**Mark Conners & Matt Nattenberg**

*for the 2 NEW 55-INCH TV'S in the Norton Lounge*

*Mark bought the tv's and Matt the mounting brackets and they both installed them*

**Melissa Smithcamp**

*for the new replacement acoustic ceiling tiles in the Regatta Room*

**Bob Bohnet**

*for the new replacement walls and ceiling for the smoking tent*

**Maryanne "MJ" Schmidt**

*for stepping in to replace director Heather Turman*

Father's Day

# BBQ

## Potluck

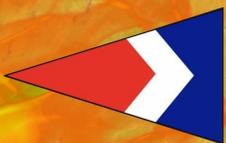


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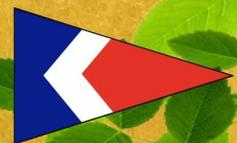
Marky Mark  
will be our  
grillmaster

June 16th 1-5pm

Bring your favorite dish to share



Norton Lounge  
Benicia Yacht Club



## BEER CAN RACE # 5

### A NIGHT OF ADVENTURE ON THE STRAIT

This week we started off with a minus 0.3 tide at 4 pm. The Benicia Marina lacks the proper funds for dredging and is slowly silting up. To ensure that we would not be stuck in our slip by the low tide at race time, many of tonight's competitors, including the *Playpen2*, moved to the gas dock where the depths are a bit deeper. We had quite a raft up of boats at the gas dock, waiting for the tide to rise so we could get to the start line on time.

Bob Hedrick joined us as guest crew this evening, and we had a little talk about assigning duties to each crew member in anticipation of having a good spinnaker run on our downwind legs. At 5:30 pm, the raft up at the gas dock broke up, and we headed out to the Strait to get ready for our 6:10 pm start.

Once we got into the main Strait, we promptly raised the main, and as we were getting ready to head back to the Committee Boat to check in, we got a message that the Coast Guard reported a powerboat was in distress and heading into the rocks off Benicia Point. Sure enough, we looked towards Benicia Point and a power boat named *Strummer* was heading into the rocks, and her passengers were wildly waving, looking for assistance. Since we were the closest boat to *Strummer*, we dropped our sails and went to see what we could do.

Apparently, *Strummer's* engines failed, and she had been set adrift. She managed to drop her anchor, but she was a few feet away from hitting the rocks, and no doubt would have had some serious damage if she drifted any further. Our challenge was that the *Playpen2* only has an 18-horse engine, and we would have to maneuver factoring in the current and wind pushing us into the rocks, and to not run over *Strummer's* anchor line.

I managed to position the *Playpen2* close enough to *Strummer* for my crew to tie her to our bow. Then I was able to back the *Playpen2* up and *Strummer* slowly was pulled into safer waters. The next challenge was for *Strummer* to pull up her anchor. We managed to pull this distressed boat in a direction that relieved the tension on the anchor, and in a group effort *Strummer's* passengers were able to slowly raise her anchor and eventually free her so we could tow her back to the marina.

By this time, it was 15 minutes until our race start time (!), and my expectation was that we would never be able to get *Strummer* to safety, and then get our sails set and get to the start line in time. We managed to pull *Strummer* to the gas dock, and with the help of a passerby on the dock tossed *Strummer's* tow line to the passerby without stopping, then immediately turned around and headed back to the race.

We got back to the Strait just as the race started, so we had to raise our main sail again while being careful not to get in the way of the racers heading our way. We got our sails set and jammed back to the start line and were only 5 minutes late. Pretty good, considering!

We had a great sail, and despite the distraction of rescuing a fellow boater, managed to come in 2nd in our fleet. Every race is a unique adventure on the Carquinez Strait, ending with a gathering of competitors at the Club to share our stories and enjoy the legendary BYC burger. Make mine a cheeseburger please.

—by Stephen Dale





## 2024 Racing

2024 Date	Regatta
<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
<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	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



**Cynthia & Armand Sequin's burgee exchange at Juneau Yacht Club**



*"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."*

## **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 is posted in the Norton Lounge. 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 June 18.

**Thanks! —Brian West, Cruise-Out Coordinator**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ADVERTISE IN THE WIND WORD <a href="mailto:info@beniciayachtclub.org">info@beniciayachtclub.org</a>						1 Members Work Day! 8-11am 
2 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY  <u>Cruise-In</u> Stockton YC 6/2-3	3 <b>CLOSED</b>	4 <b>CLOSED</b>	5 Trivia 6pm	6 Sail Races  <b>D-Day 80th Anniv</b>	7 <u>Cruise-In</u> Stockton YC 6/7-9	8 <u>BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #3</u>  SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
9 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY  SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run	10 <b>CLOSED</b>	11 <b>CLOSED</b> <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u> 	12 Trivia 6pm	13 Sail Races  <u>Cruise-In Willow Berm 6/13-17</u>	14 FLAG DAY 	15 <b>BYC BRIT DAY</b> 3-7pm 
16 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY <b>FATHER'S DAY! BBQ/ Potluck</b>	17 <b>CLOSED</b>	18 <b>CLOSED</b> 	19 Trivia-6 7pm <u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING</u> 	20 Sail Races  <b>1st DAY of SUMMER</b>	21 <u>Cruise-Out</u> St Francis Yacht Club 6/21-23 <u>Cruise-In</u> San Francisco YC 6/21-23	22 BenYC Chasing the Moon Race 
23 NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY 30	24 <b>CLOSED</b>	25 <b>CLOSED</b>	26 Trivia 6pm	27 Sail Races 	28 <u>Cruise-Ins</u> Sausalito YC & Carver Club 6/28-30	29