

the Wind Word

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Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Hello BYC Members,

As our wonderful Club is looking for ways we can bring in more revenue, to help offset our costs (thank you Dena and those who have given her suggestions to try), we thought we ALL might be able to help out more by reminding other BYC members, organizations you are a part of, business owners you talk with, neighbors and friends that they can **advertise in the Wind Word for as low as \$25/month and reach nearly 500 readers.**

Please spread the *Wind WORD* and remind all whom you know that it is a relatively low ad cost, and a marketing tax expense they might be able to write off as well.



Editors Vicki & John Garcia

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From the Helm

Hello everyone,

Our **Crab Feed is scheduled for March 2**. I hope everyone who wanted tickets got them—you know it will be a delicious event.

The whole world is Irish on **St. Patrick's Day! BYC's celebration will be held on Saturday March 16**. We'll have a great band playing for us called The Fog City Swampers from 7 to 10 pm in the Regatta Room. We will also be serving Corned Beef & Cabbage all day—so “get your Irish on” and please join us for the fun!

Here we are in March already. **Please pay your BYC assessment** as you are not considered a member in good standing otherwise and may lose Club privileges. (For reference, the assessment was due on November 30, 2023.) We need that money to proceed with the HVAC system work. A big THANK YOU to those who have already paid.

A quick note of appreciation to our dedicated staff. Our staff really care about our Club; they often fill staffing gaps among themselves before I even know we had an issue. We should all remember that we are a Club first and a restaurant second. It is easy to lodge complaints about staff members, but did you know that they are able to make complaints about members, too?

Sometimes our kitchen gets overwhelmed when we have a large crowd. One way we are looking to help in this area is to reduce the amount of items on our menu by using the POS system to see what gets ordered most and add some seasonal items. Most other yacht clubs have much smaller menus.

We have a lot of fun stuff in store for our members this year! **Please sign up to help with the event or project of your choice at our Volunteer Fair March 2, 9am-12pm**. We'll be serving donuts that day (!), and plan a BBQ at the end of summer to honor our volunteers.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing many of you out on the water soon as the weather improves.

Fair winds and following seas, Commodore
Dena Stults





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARK	AMARO	3/2		MICHAEL	REED	3/14
ROB	FORREST	3/2		DELENA	DARNELL	3/16
BARBARA	HENRETTY	3/2		ROBERT	HEDRICK	3/18
KRISTINE	HOFFMAN	3/3		SUSAN	JONES-SZABO	3/18
WENDY	PETERSON	3/3		TINA	MOTTRAM	3/18
MICHAEL	POPE	3/4		RON	DODSON	3/19
COSIMA	CARNAHAN	3/5		PAUL	BRIGHTON	3/20
STEVEN	CORWIN	3/5		PAT	BELCHER	3/21
JOHN	MCGUIRE	3/5		RICHARD	JACKSON	3/22
KATHY	MONROE	3/5		TRACY	VERRETT	3/22
TERRI	CANEPA	3/7		DANIEL	DEMMON	3/25
MELISSA	DEMMON	3/7		MARTY	DIEFENBACH	3/25
MICHELE	NOLAN	3/7		JEFF	HALL	3/25
JENNIFER	SCOTT	3/7		JOHN	LAZAR	3/25
JOSHUA	BADGER	3/8		ROSS	MOSBARGER	3/27
KATHLEEN	LEMKE	3/8		RON	TOSCH	3/27
LETICIA	DE LA CRUZ SALAS NATTENBERG	3/10		CAROL	FISCHER	3/29
STEPHEN	PENNY	3/13		LISA	BRENES	3/31
CAROL	STERKEL	3/13				

**LUNCH TIME
HAPPY HOUR
EVERYDAY FROM 12-3PM**



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Ad Size	Month	Year
2" x 2"	\$20	\$220
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1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
1/2 pg	\$85	\$935

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The boat used as the
S.S. Minnow in Gilligan's
Island was a 1964 Wheeler with
a cruising speed of 12 knots—
which means they couldn't have
traveled more than 41.5 miles.

I am starting to doubt if the
show was even real.



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.

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



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 • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!



Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
March	22-24	Corinthian Yacht Club	Armand & Cynthia Seguin	armand.seguin11@gmail.com stokalo2u@gmail.com
May (Memorial Day)	24-27	Marin Yacht Club (Marin & Petaluma RV parks nearby) Please sign up ASAP as only 7 berths available, first-come, first-served. Once filled, you will be added to the wait list. Contact Steve Penny.	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	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	sjpenny5@gmail.com
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

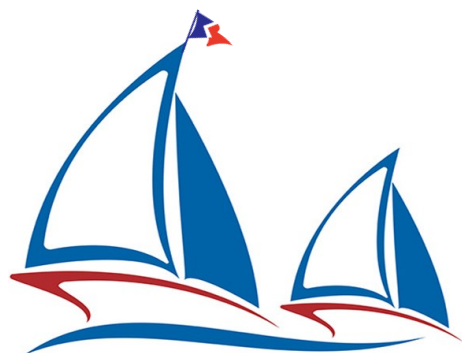
so you can sign up early to SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT (AND FUN) EVENT!

2024 Cruise-In dates will be announced; please watch for e-blasts and on website for more info.

—Richard Boehm, Port Captain



2024 Racing Season is On!



John Wright Frostbite Series



The Frostbite Sailing Regatta began Nov. 11, 2023, and 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.

2024 Date	Regatta
March	
Saturday, March 9, 2024	BenYC 2023-2024 Frost Bite Series #5
Saturday, March 9, 2024	RYC Big Daddy Fleet Racing
Sunday, March 10, 2024	RYC Big Daddy Pursuit Race
April	
Thursday, April 4, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #1
Saturday, April 6, 2024	BYC Wheeler Regatta
Sunday, April 7, 2024	BYC Wheeler Regatta Pursuit Race
Thursday, April 11, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #2
Saturday, April 13, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #1
Thursday, April 18, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #3
Thursday, April 25, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #4
May	
Thursday, May 2, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #5
Saturday, May 4, 2024	YRA Great Vallejo Race
Suanday, 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
June	
Thursday, June 6, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #10
Saturday, June 8, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/Doublehand Race #3
Saturday, June 8, 2024	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Sunday, June 9, 2024	SSC/RYC 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
July	
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
August	
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
September	
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
October/November/December	
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





BENICIA YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL CRAB FEED



MARCH 2, 6PM



CRAB FEED

\$75 PER PERSON

FRESHLY COOKED & CLEANED
DUNGENESS CRAB WITH DRAWN BUTTER

INCLUDES PASTA, SALAD,
GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT

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**2024 First Saturday
MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP
Benicia Yacht Club**



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- General Restoration
- Landscape Upkeep
- Planned Projects

8:00am to 11:00am

First Saturday of each month



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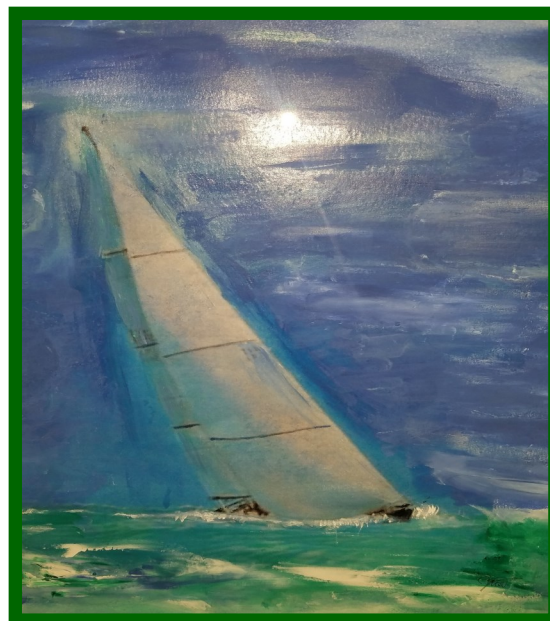
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Benicia Yacht Club's ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION!



Saturday, March 16th

Fog City Swampers 7-10pm


C o r n e d B e e f & C a b b a g e
s e r v e d a l l d a y

In The Regatta Room



MARCH 2024

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 St. Patrick's Day						1 2 <u>BYC</u> <u>VOLUNTEER</u> <u>FAIR 9am-12pm</u> <u>CRAB FEED</u> <u>6pm</u> 
3 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	4 <u>CLOSED</u>	5 <u>CLOSED</u>	6 Trivia 6pm	7	8	9  Frostbite Race #5 RYC Big Daddy Fleet Racing
10 Day Light Savings  RYC Big Daddy Pursuit Race	11 <u>CLOSED</u>	12 <u>CLOSED</u> <u>BYC BOD Meeting</u> <u>6pm</u> 	13 Trivia 6pm	14	15 	16 BYC St. Patrick's Day PARTY! 
17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 <u>CLOSED</u>	19 <u>CLOSED</u>	20 Trivia 6pm  <u>BYC</u> <u>MEMBERS</u> <u>MEETING</u> <u>7pm</u>	21	22 <u>Cruise-Out</u> <u>Corinthian</u> <u>22-24</u>	23
24 <u>Palm</u> <u>SUNDAY</u>  31 <u>EASTER</u>	25 <u>CLOSED</u>	26 <u>CLOSED</u>	27 Trivia 6pm	28 	29	30