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the Wind Word

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Wed – Fri	1pm—4pm
CLUB/FOOD HOURS	
Mon	Norton Lounge - Mon. Nite Football
Tues	Closed (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room/Lower Deck: 12pm—8pm Norton Lounge: not open
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room/Lower Deck: 12pm—9pm Norton Lounge: 5pm—9pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1pm-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!
Happy Kwanzaa!

We are so grateful to be able to celebrate in BYC style this year. Join us for lots of cheery events:

- ♦ Dec 2: BYC Christmas Tree Decorating
- ♦ Dec 3: Tree Lighting Open House
- ♦ Dec 12: Children's Santa Visit
- ♦ Dec 12: Lighted Boat Parade
- ♦ Dec 17: BYC Christmas Party
- ♦ Dec 31: BYC New Year's Eve Party

Along with our regular Monday Football Potlucks and Wednesday Trivia Games—December is packed full of fun!

Hope you and yours are safe, well and ready to celebrate with your families, friends and BYC buddies!



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FROM the HELM



By the time you are see this there will be a new Benicia Yacht Club Board of Directors

I have accepted the helm! It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Club as Commodore.

In my last two years on the Board, I learned all about what could not be done. You could say the Club was tied up in “nots.” We could not: *be inside, afford our staff, go upstairs, walk around without a mask, etc.*

We owe a debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who spent hundreds of hours in order to keep things together these last two years. We were nimble enough to take advantage of government loans that turned into grants. A special thanks goes to our outgoing Commodore Pat Bowers and Junior Staff Commodore Richard Boltz who managed to keep us open and in the black when most other Clubs struggled severely.

This summer we saw membership returning to pre-pandemic levels. At of this writing, membership is still climbing. Kathy Monroe and the membership team have been working hard. Now that our membership is back we need to restore programs and provide service. At the beginning of November we were fully staffed for the first time since March 2020. And I think that it is a fine team. Being staffed up will enable us to be open more and, just as importantly, achieve consistency.

My priorities for my year as Commodore are:

Finances – We can’t do anything else unless we survive and stay solvent. I will be nominating Bob Bohnet as Treasurer at our December meeting.

Facilities – Our beautiful Club needs a lot of TLC. Randy Norman and the capital oversight group are working hard to get the physical plant of the Club back in shape.

Cruising In and Out – We weren’t able to do much cruising out lately but a lot of members new and old are anxious to get our program afloat. Steve Penny has agreed to take on the role of Fleet Captain and his organizational meeting had great attendance. And thankfully, Angela Grigas has agreed to repeat as Port Captain.

Sailing/Watersports – Dan Carnahan will continue serving as Race Chair and working on our water education. Youth Sailing is very dear to me—Tim Rose and Derith Lutz and others will continue to develop the program. For 2022 I would also like to see us branch out and support and promote other water sports like kite surfing, wind surfing, kayaking and paddle boarding.

Parties and Events – We have already begun to open our traditional schedule of parties and events and we are considering new things to do. Pat Bowers, our retiring Commodore, has agreed to lead our entertainment committee and will help us transition to the future.

So, if you talk to me or Dena Stults (Vice Commodore), Marcia Wisgirda (Secretary), Bob Bohnet (Treasurer), Dan Carnahan (Rear Commodore), or our directors Brian West, Randy Norman, Jason Crouch or Greg Spencer, or anyone on the team—wish them luck and share your dreams for the Club or even better, offer to help. If you don’t see us at the Club, our contact information is on pg 2 of this newsletter.

Smooth Sailing --

**Commodore
Andy Zinkevich**



❖ WELCOME ❖

NEW BYC BOARD of DIRECTORS

COMMODORE - Andy Zinkevich

VICE COMMODORE - Dena Stults

REAR COMMODORE - Dan Carnahan

SECRETARY - Marcia Wisgirda

TREASURER - Bob Bohnet

DIRECTOR - Brian West

DIRECTOR - Greg Spencer

DIRECTOR - Jason Crouch

DIRECTOR - Randy Norman

Jr. Staff Commodore - Pat Bowers



MARIE	ALEX	12/1		RICK	ALBERS	12/19
JOHN	ASH	12/1		ROBIN	BRENNAN	12/19
XIUHUA	NICHOLAS	12/1		RISA	CORWIN	12/19
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SHELLY	SUTTER	12/7		REAHNA	MADAYAG	12/21
DANIEL	CARNAHAN	12/8		ELIZABETH	RIZZI	12/21
CAROL	LYONS	12/8		RICHARD	BOEHM	12/22
HEIDI	GALLAGHER	12/9		DONALD	KERR	12/22
GREG	NAGLE	12/10		IRMA	MC INTOSH	12/23
JUDY	GIZZI	12/11		BETH	MC DONNELL	12/24
LEIKO	SILVA	12/12		JAEAME	KOYIL	12/25
CYNTHIA	SEGUIN	12/13		ROB	MERRICK	12/30
JACQUELINE	WERBLOW	12/13		KATHLEEN	BERRY	12/31
DEBORAH	STOKES	12/15		PAT	SHUE	12/31

BYC HALLOWEEN BASH!!



November 2021 BYC Facility Renovation Update

Project planning and development continues and work has begun

Finance

We continue to work with our financial partners to put together our financial information in a form satisfactory to lenders. We now have Steven Green, CPA under contract preparing the financial information needed.

Architect

We have selected an architectural firm to help us with the HVAC project. George Corrigan with ANI will be our contact. A site visit was completed and designs for our HVAC project plus base designs are underway.

Interim Projects

Some work continues in the planning process or outside of the major project.

Filler that Brian West had from another project was placed in the parking lot. The ground consumed a lot of the material. The project will be expanded next Spring.

There has been lots of discussion on siding. After reviewing the temporary paint option for the north wall, it was decided not to go ahead with peel stop because the siding material in the worst areas just needs to be replaced. A solicitation for siding donations went out but so far has been unsuccessful.

We got pricing on luxury vinyl planking to replace flooring upstairs and down. The pricing seemed reasonable and indicates a working strategy. The kitchen flooring will need to be separate due to code issues. Interior painting will probably precede flooring in project sequence. These items will likely follow financing, but can be done during the rainy season, so may end up being some of the earlier projects to be completed.

The awning on the Regatta Room deck was upgraded; we may also add clear vinyl windows.

Our plumber is now under contract to replace our leaking water service. The company is obtaining permits at this time.

As noted above, the Architect is under contract for the heating and cooling project designs are being prepared. Funds for both the water connection and the HVAC project are already in place outside of the larger project.

Andy Zinkevich for the Steering Committee: Noble Griswold, Brian West, Dan Demmon, Pat Bowers, Richard Boltz, Randy Norman, Matt Nattenberg, Susan Garske

2022 Cruise-Out Schedule as of 10/28/21



A sign up sheet will be posted for each cruise -out on the bulletin board in the Norton Lounge four (4) weeks before the cruise. Cruise-out berths are first-come, first-served. Please note that Jan, Feb, May and July (in yellow) are the only cruise-outs yet scheduled and confirmed.

The Club is seeking cruise-out director volunteers for March, July and November. Please let Fleet Captain Steve Penny know if you are available to lead or help.

Please submit photos of your boat, with name of boat, owners and size to Steve Penny.

MONTH	DATE	YACHT CLUB	CRUISE DIRECTOR	E-MAIL
January	14-16	Vallejo Yacht Club	Richard Boehm	rlboehm@yahoo.com
February	18-20	Napa Valley Yacht Club	Rusty Mayes	rusty@avispec.com
March	11-13	Petaluma Yacht Club		
April	15-17	Pittsburg Yacht Club	Paul Brighton	pbrighton73@yahoo.com
May (Memorial Day)	27-30	Marin Yacht Club	Bob Bohnet Sean Conner	robertbohnnet@yahoo.com seaneconner@yahoo.com
June	17-19	St Francis Yacht Club	Ken Hanley Assunsao Hanley	phireone@aol.com aportela@sbcglobal.net
July	15-17	Solano Yacht Club		
August (Summer Cruise)	6-16	Pittsburg Yacht Club, Delta Marina @ Rio Vista	Rear Commodore (Dan Carnahan), Fred Gibson & Stephen Dale	dan@skipperdan.com fredw@gibson-design.com steve@dalelawfirm.com
September (Labor Day)	2-5	Encinal Yacht Club	Fleet Captain (Steve Penny)	sjpenny5@gmail.com 707-741-8491
October (Harvest Cruise)	15-25	Schoonmakers, St Fran- cis Yacht Club, Ballena Bay, Oakland Yacht Club	Commodore (Andre Zinkevich) & Brian West	azinkevi@hotmail.com brian westengineers.com
November	11-13	Napa Valley Yacht Club		
December	7	Cruiser Planning Meeting		



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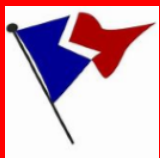
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	<u>CLOSED MON & TUES</u> <u>except for Monday</u> <u>Night Football Potluck</u>		1 Trivia 6pm	2 Decorate BYC Xmas Tree 4pm	3 Christmas Tree Lighting Open House 5pm 	4  BYC Members Work Day 8-11 am
5	6 Football Potluck 5:15pm <u>Hanukkah</u> <u>Ends</u>	7 <u>Pearl Harbor</u> <u>Remembrance</u> <u>Day</u> 	8 Trivia 6pm	9	10	11 Frost Bite Sail Races 
12 <u>Children's</u> <u>Santa Visit</u> <u>12-3 pm</u>  <u>Lighted Boat</u> <u>Parade-5pm</u>	13 Football Potluck 5:15pm	14 BYC BOD Meeting 7pm 	15 Trivia 6pm BYC  Member Meeting 7:30pm	16	17 BYC 5pm  Christmas PARTY	18
19 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm 	20 5:15pm Football Potluck	21 <u>Winter</u> <u>Solstice</u> 	22  Trivia 6pm	23 	24 CLOSED <u>CHRISTMAS</u> <u>EVE</u> 	25 CLOSED <u>CHRISTMAS!</u> 
26 Kwanza CLOSED	27 Football Potluck 5:15pm CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 Trivia 6pm	30	31 New Year's Eve! BYC PARTY! 6pm 	Happy New Year