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# *the Wind Word*

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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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| Main Number<br>Manager/Office<br><u>Reservations</u><br>Membership<br>Accounting | 707-746-0739<br>Option 1<br><i>Opt. 2 Call 12-4pm Wed-Sat ONLY</i><br>Option 3<br>Option 4          |
| OFFICE HOURS   |   |
| Wed – Fri  | 1pm—4pm   |
| CLUB/FOOD  | <i>Last Order from Kitchen 8pm</i>  |
| Mon  | CLOSED (Except for Special Events)  |
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| Fri & Sat  | Regatta Room: Noon-9pm<br>(by reservation only)<br>Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm                         |
| Sunday   | Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)   |

## Ahoy BYC Members,

Opening Day was a great success! Thank you to everyone who worked the event—you made the Club so fun and inviting—am sure we inspired some new members to join!

Speaking of new members, please make sure to get to know them. Volunteering for any committee is a great way to make new friends.

Sadly, we lost two very special men in May: Richard Boltz and Paul Burrows. These previous commodores will be greatly missed. Please honor their legacies by supporting the Club they both captained with such hard work, vision ... and love.



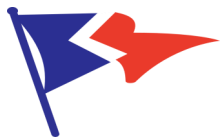
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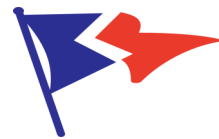
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| Audit Committee Chair | Fred Gibson     | 408-836-6519 |                        |                     |                      |



## **FROM THE HELM**



### **WE ARE BACK**

**What a super Opening Day!** The weather was gorgeous, and things seemed to go smoothly. Everyone appeared to be having a good time. The event was a success any way you look at it.

**Special thanks to** Dena Stults, Angela Grigas, Randy Norman, Eve Norman, Bob Bohnet, Ryan Opfer, Ken Jensen Janet Booth, Dan Carnahan, Kathy Monroe, Natalie Boltz Keller, Mark Keller, Jenn Shovelton, Carlos Quintanilla, the rest of the staff and many other volunteers who stepped up to help. My apologies to anyone I should have mentioned but missed. Overall, there were about 60 people involved.

On a more somber note, it is difficult to write this month without thinking of the **passing of two commodores, Paul Burrows and Richard Boltz**, within weeks of each other. There will be more information to come on memorial celebrations. Paul was my neighbor in Benicia Marina. He served at a difficult time for the Club, working to recover from national and local difficult times. We are still here, so his efforts were not wasted. For me, Richard and the Club were nearly one and the same. Richard knew everything about the Club because he had such a key roll in making it what it is today. They were both dedicated volunteers.

And volunteers are what make the Club keep afloat. That was so clear on opening day. Sometimes what volunteers do is done out of sight. So, here are some folks who deserve a little extra thanks this month in addition to those mentioned above for opening day.

#### **Thanks to:**

First Saturday volunteers • Our dedicated staff • Merle Kleinschmidt for taking care of propane • Fred Gibson for working on our security procedures and systems • Paul Brighton for running the Pittsburg Cruise-Out • Roger Ruud for taping our broken window temporarily • Noble Griswold for resetting our sailing markers • Linda Perz for refinishing our front doors • Steve Stults and Don Kerr for the wood chip work • the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members • Mark Connors for the Mother's Day Barbeque and countless other things • Randy Norman for keeping our house in order and being there whenever needed • John and Vicki Garcia for putting together the *Wind Word*

I am looking forward to a summer full of activities. Let me know if you are inclined to join in the volunteering fun—there are lots of openings and projects big and small.

Hope to see you soon around the Club. May your boat ride and your ride through life be smooth.

**Commodore  
Andy Zinkevich**







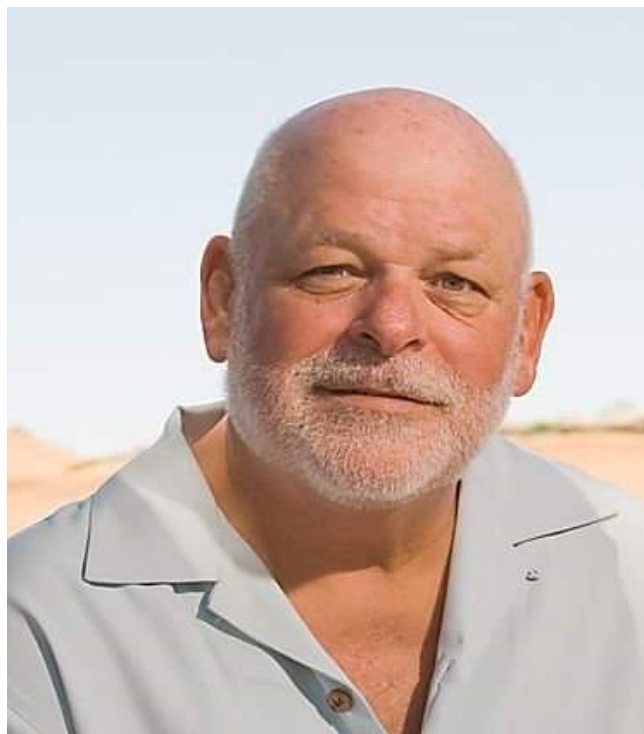
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| JOE       | RIVERA     | 6/1  |  | TERRY              | HUGHES    | 6/14 |
| CURT      | SUTTER     | 6/1  |  | HEATHER            | TURMAN    | 6/14 |
| KATHRYN   | DELLARocca | 6/2  |  | ROBERT             | BOHNET    | 6/15 |
| DAVID     | HURDLE     | 6/2  |  | JASON              | CROUCH    | 6/15 |
| TOM       | WELSH      | 6/2  |  | ELLA MARIE         | KALLIOS   | 6/15 |
| CHRISTINE | MACHADO    | 6/4  |  | RACHELE            | BOHNET    | 6/16 |
| NAJLA     | SABA       | 6/4  |  | WILLIAM            | RITTER    | 6/16 |
| DENISE    | MAHER      | 6/5  |  | KEN                | BUSKE     | 6/18 |
| DENA      | STULTS     | 6/5  |  | RANDY              | NORMAN    | 6/18 |
| MATTHEW   | CHERTKOW   | 6/7  |  | HAROLD             | DIEHL     | 6/19 |
| JUDY      | STEVENS    | 6/7  |  | JOHN               | PAULSON   | 6/19 |
| GINA      | INKS       | 6/8  |  | LORRIE             | PAULSON   | 6/19 |
| STEPHEN   | CAMDEN     | 6/9  |  | DEBBIE             | COOK      | 6/20 |
| SUSIE     | FOREMAN    | 6/9  |  | DON                | WOOD      | 6/22 |
| FRED      | GIBSON     | 6/9  |  | JOAN               | WESTERMAN | 6/24 |
| RICHARD   | JENNY      | 6/9  |  | DAVE               | DIMMICK   | 6/25 |
| KOULOUB   | COTRELL    | 6/10 |  | YVONNE<br>(GOLDIE) | PIERCE    | 6/26 |
| DANIELLE  | FOWLER     | 6/10 |  | NANCY              | ROBERTSON | 6/26 |
| GINA      | CAVALLINI  | 6/12 |  | DENNIS             | LEAMAN    | 6/30 |



IN REMEMBRANCE



*More information on  
Memorial Celebrations  
to follow in next issue*



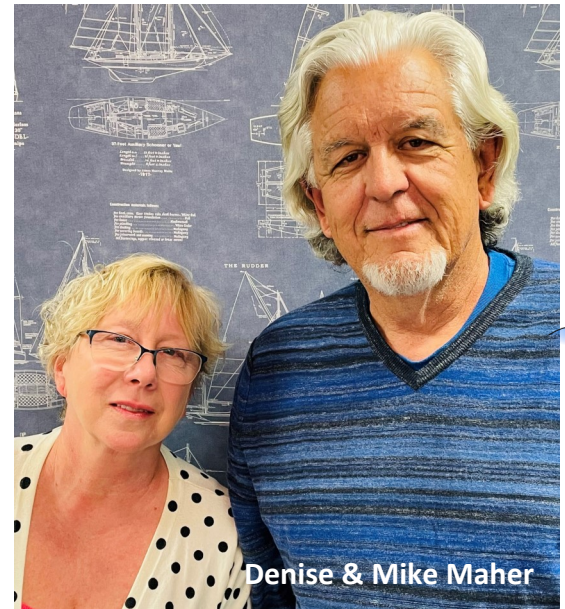
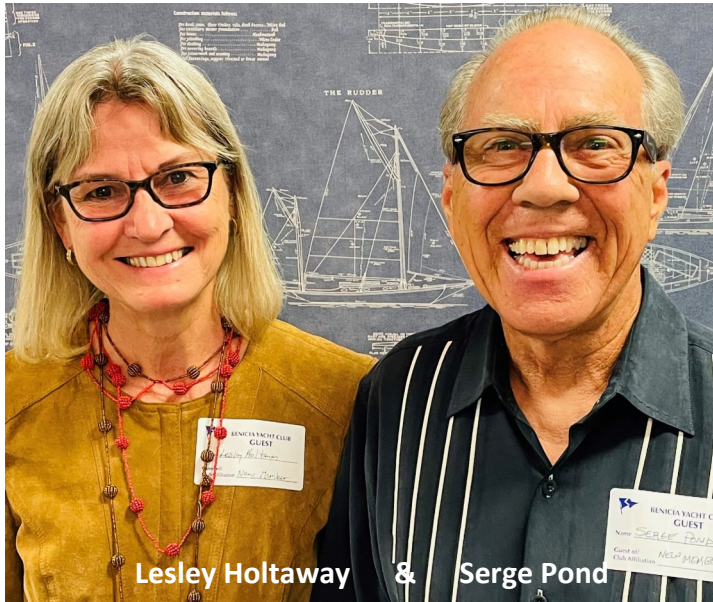
*Commodore Richard David Boltz*



*Commodore Paul Burrows*



# **WELCOME OUR NEW BYC MEMBERS!**

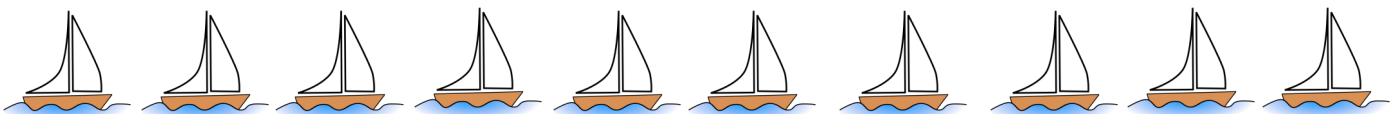
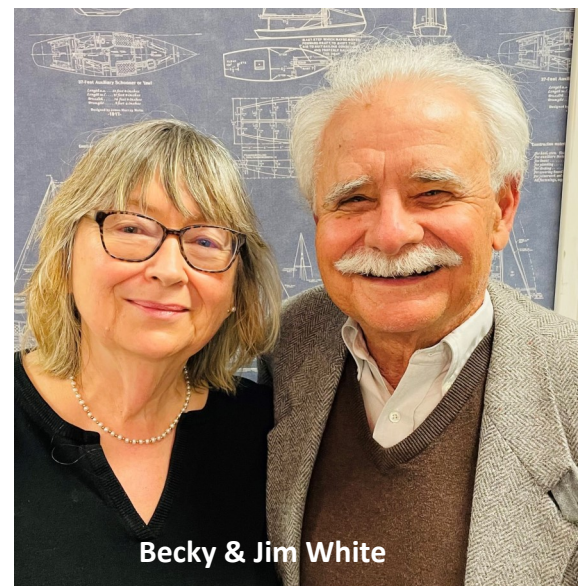


## **New Members** **Photos Not Submitted**

**Tom Foote &  
Justine Chadly**

**Kelly Beardall**

**Emma  
Huettenhain**





**BYC**  
**OPENING**  
**DAY!**  
**May 14**



**FUN DAY  
ON THE  
STRAIT!**



**BOAT**  
**PARADE**  
**WINNERS**





# THE SAILING

With Race Chair, Rear Commodore, Capt. Dan Carnahan



## Thursday "Beer Can" Series

We're sailing every Thursday evening, and loving it! Most of the days, the wind has been wonderfully strong, and that gives us exciting rides. Several skippers are now racing their boats, and several more are getting their boats and crew organized to join soon. If you own a sailboat (keelboat) and would like to join, but not quite ready to be in the competition, we have a division called the "Aloha Fleet", especially for you, for getting out of the slip and the sails hoisted, and having fun on a regular schedule. Try it!

Our race results are posted every week on our racing page (see below), and soon, all the videos too!

### Upcoming Events!

Sat Jun 11: Singlehand/Doublehand #3  
Sat Jun 18: Carquinez Challenge / Vallejo  
Thu Jun 23: "Summer Sailtice" Theme Race  
Soon: Racing Video Night!

## Get Involved!

If you're curious about what's going on in the sailing scene here in Benicia, we are putting together a wealth of information for you.

Have questions? How do I get involved? Where are the best places to watch? How do I listen to the radio communications? How can I find what the schedules and courses are?

Go to the racing information website shown at the bottom of this page!

If you'd like information about learning to sail, contact Captain Dan at his website, [captaindan.com](http://captaindan.com).

Contact Info: Dan Carnahan, [race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org)  
<https://www.regatta-fest.com/benicia-yacht-club/>

Photo by Bob Hedrick







## **2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE**



| Month                       | Dates | Destination   | Cruise Director(s)                          |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|---|
| 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<br>Delta Marina @ Rio Vista<br>Grindstone Joe's      | Fred Gibson, Stephen Dale<br>& Theron Jones |
| September (Labor Day)       | 2-5   | Encinal Yacht Club  | Steve Penny                                 |
| October<br>(Harvest Cruise) | 21-29 | Schoonmaker<br>St Francis Yacht Club<br>Ballena Bay<br>Oakland Yacht Club | Commodore Andre Zinkevich<br>& Brian West   |
| November                    | 11-13 | Napa Valley Yacht Club  | Rhonda Shea                                 |
| November or December        |       | Cruisers' Planning Meeting  |   |

## **2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE**

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)

## **APRIL 22-24 CRUISE OUT TO PITTSBURG—A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**





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# Who Else Wants To *Discover* *The Joy Of* Sailing?

If you've been watching the sailing and wanting to see what it's like, now is your chance! Captain Dan is scheduling half-day introductory sailing, and regular sailing courses right now! Here in Benicia! Dan is the most wonderful and best sailing instructor in the bay area -- patient, understanding, enthusiastic, and in love with life. At the Benicia Opening Day last month, many signed up to sail and learn from him. They are excited! How about you? Don't let another summer slip by. Go to his website, see his courses, and step aboard for the most wonderful outdoor experience you could ever desire!

### Captain Dan's School of Sailing

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The first Saturday of  
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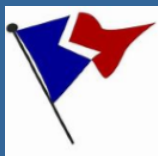


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# JUNE 2022

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


| Sun   | Mon                 | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|---------------------|--|---|--|-----|---|
|   |                     |  | 1<br>Trivia<br>6pm  | 2<br>Sailing Races<br>    | 3   | 4 BYC<br>Member<br>Work Day<br>8-11am<br><u>WE NEED YOU!</u><br> |
| 5 <u>SUNDAYS</u><br>NORTON LOUNGE<br>OPEN<br>DRINKS ONLY<br>1-5 pm  | 6<br><u>CLOSED</u>  | 7<br><u>CLOSED</u>   | 8<br>Trivia<br>6pm  | 9<br>Sailing Races<br>    | 10  | 11  |
| 12 <u>SUNDAYS</u><br>NORTON LOUNGE<br>OPEN<br>DRINKS ONLY<br>1-5 pm   | 13<br><u>CLOSED</u> | 14<br><u>CLOSED</u><br>BYC BOD<br>Meeting 7pm<br><br><u>FLAG DAY</u><br> | 15<br>Trivia<br>6pm   | 16<br>Sailing Races<br> | 17  | 18  |
| 19<br><u>JUNETEENTH</u><br> | 20<br><u>CLOSED</u> | 21<br><u>CLOSED</u><br><br><u>Start of SUMMER</u>   | 22<br>Trivia<br>6pm<br>BYC<br>Member<br>Meeting<br>7pm<br> | 23<br>Sailing Races<br> | 24  | 25  |
| 26 <u>SUNDAYS</u><br>NORTON LOUNGE<br>OPEN<br>DRINKS ONLY<br>1-5 pm   | 27<br><u>CLOSED</u> | 28<br><u>CLOSED</u>  | 29  | 30<br>Sailing Races<br> |     |   |



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