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## Ahoy Members!

We have much to celebrate this month at BYC:

- ♦ Feb 11—Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance
- ♦ Feb 12—Super Bowl Potluck
- ♦ Feb 17-19—Cruise-Out to Napa Valley Yacht Club (land cruisers welcome! RV camping available)
- ♦ Feb 18—Crab Feed

Be sure to purchase tickets as needed or sign up ASAP so you don't miss a thing! And as usual, please volunteer to help on the events of your choice. We also need to get ready for March events, coming up fast—it's never too early to get on a team and start planning.

Thank you to our own energizer bunny Angela Grigas as she steps down from BYC's Port Captain position after welcoming more than 100 Cruise-Ins (!) during her 4-year tenure. And thank you to Theron Jones, who has stepped up to be our new Port Captain. Let's keep up BYC's reputation as a super friendly Club.

See page 6 to learn about the new Nautica Group—another perfect way to get more involved in the Club!

Happy Valentine's Day! **Editors**  
**Vicki & John Garcia**



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# ***FROM the HELM***

**Well Hello,**

By the time you read this, we will be getting ready for our **Valentine's Dinner, Superbowl Potluck** and **Crab Feed**. It will soon be time to start planning for **St. Patrick's Day, Opening Day** and **Jazz Cup**. It's never too early to get your teams together. I am happy to announce that we have a **new Port Captain, Theron Jones**—thanks, Theron. We are still looking for an Entertainment Chair, but any member volunteering to host an event helps a lot.

## **What does hosting a event involve:**

If it's a meal with music, it involves picking a menu with Carlos and pricing it so that the Club can at least cover all our costs for the event. It means booking a band within our Club's budget. It means preparing flyers, tickets, seating charts and decorating. It usually involves getting volunteers to help you out. It does, in fact, take a village. I know it may sound daunting, but I can help with that as I have had lots of practice.

I have been in communication with the Ocean Cup Racing Club. We are in talks to **host the Farallon Island Challenge Aug. 16-19**. That means bringing offshore powerboat racing back to Benicia and is very exciting! Benicia has a strong racing history.

**Randy Norman, Mya Maloney** and **myself** are working to **improve the P.O.S. system**. Our webmaster **Greg Spencer** has an **up-to-date website online** with a PayPal link to pay dues, a current calendar, and many other features. Thanks Greg, way to step up. Even small things make a difference, like **mounting the magnet badge board** to the wall, no more knocking over that wobbly easel. Thank you **Seamus Hodgins** for making that happen, why hadn't we done that before? Seamus also installed the **spotlights for our disco ball** with our **tech guru Stephen Wheet**. I continue to be amazed at **Randy Norman's work ethic** and how much of his time he gives to our Club, thanks Randy.

It is now two months into my term as your Commodore and I will continue to look for ways to make our Club better and to work hard for all of you. I continue to learn more and more and so appreciate all of our members who give so much to our Club. If you have any ideas please let me or any board member know.

Fair Winds & Following Seas



**Commodore  
Dena Stults**





## New Port Captain: Theron Jones

Hello Everyone—

I just wanted to let you all know that after four wonderful years of being BYC's Port Captain, I am passing my hat to Theron Jones. Theron will do an amazing job replacing me. He and his wife Kathleen have been members for 1-1/2 years and have lived aboard their yacht, *Reel Estate*, in the marina for 15 years. This is a bonus as Theron can easily welcome the Cruise-In boats and help them when needed.



I have welcomed more than 100 Cruise-Ins in my years of being Port Captain. Covid did mess things up for some boats coming in, but that still is a impressive number. Even though it was a lot of work, I really did enjoy doing it and made some great new friends from other clubs. I will continue to welcome them—as should you. One thing I always hear about our Club—it's really friendly! Let's keep it that way.

It was a honor to represent BYC but don't worry, you will still see me around the Club. You can't get rid of me that easy!

Fair Winds & Following Seas,

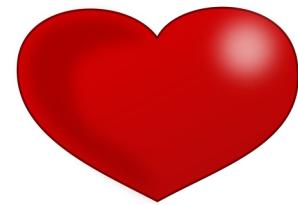
Angela Grigas, Past Port Captain

**COME JOIN FANS & FRIENDS!**

**FEBRUARY 12**

**SUPERBOWL PARTY**

**Potluck in the  
Norton Lounge**



**2023 First Saturday  
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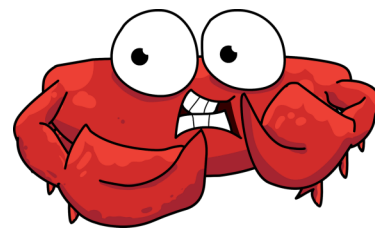


**Hosted by Stephen Wheet**



**FEBRUARY 11**  
**Valentine's Dinner**  
**& Dance Party!**

**FEBRUARY 18**  
**CRAB FEED**



**MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR BOTH EVENTS BEFORE THEY RUN OUT!**

## **2023 Cruise-Ins**

May 5-7	San Francisco	12 boats	August 4-6	Diablo	10 boats
May 19-21	Dos Rios	4 boats	August 10-13	Delta Marine	8 boats
May 26-28	Point San Pablo	5 boats	August 18-20	Napa	10 boats
July 7-9	Oakland	10 boats	August 25-27	Sequoia	10 boats
July 28-30	Emeryville	6 boats	September 15-17	Discovery Bay	8 boats

## **BYC 2023 Cruise-Outs**

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR(S)	EMAIL(S)
February	17-19	Napa Valley Yacht Club (RV camping at Elk, Expo & Skyline)	Volunteer Needed	
March	17-19	Petaluma Yacht Club (RV camping at Elks & KOA)	Martina Wolter	martinawolter1@gmail.com
April	21-23	Pittsburg Yacht Club	Paul Brighton	pbrighton73@yahoo.com
May (Memorial Day)	26-29	Marin Yacht Club (RV camping at Marin Park)	Sean Conner Ken Oxman	seanconner@yahoo.com koxman@comcast.net
June	23-25	St Francis Yacht Club	Armand & Cynthia Sequin	stokalo2u@gmail.com
August (Summer Cruise)	TBD	Delta Marina, Pittsburg Yacht Club (RV camping at Delta Marina)	Doug Vaughan Steve Penny	dugvon@sbcglobal.net sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	22-24	Angel Island	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	20-29	Richmond Yacht Club, Schoon- maker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed	
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested	
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	



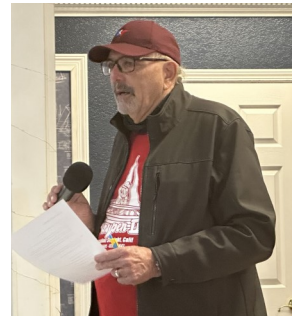
# First BYC Nautica Group Meeting



Category 3 rain and wind, and a flooded E. 2nd street, did not deter a few compelled members from attending the initial meeting of the Benicia Yacht Club Nautica Group. Convening in the BYC Regatta Room, 26 members and guests responded to the open invitation, Saturday, January 14, to explore the opportunities for water-related activities available in Benicia and on the Carquinez Straits, and how the Benicia Yacht Club and its members might facilitate those opportunities.

The conceptual idea behind the Nautica Group was to provide a forum for discussion on how, in our current-day environments, to fulfill the intents of the BYC charter. That purpose as identified by the BYC founding members is to foster and encourage yachting and boating activities, to promote and increase the knowledge and efficiency of its members and others in the science of navigation and the art of handling, operating, and maintaining powerboats, sailboats, and other watercraft, and to promote the social interest and pleasures of its membership. The goal of the initial Nautica Group meeting was to identify how to promote those objectives. The Nautica Group can provide a venue, a calendar and a means to voice ideas, details, and information on potential opportunities as identified by our members.

Our discussion began with an update from Tim Rose (with Derith in attendance, prompting by mobile phone) on the status of the Youth Sailing Program and issues at hand as they plan for the upcoming year. Tim also told us about the Marine Education Foundation, a 501c in place for those wanting to support water related programs. Steve Dale spoke next to reinforce involvement with Youth Sailing, along with promoting ideas to expand the program and develop more family participation. Michael



Lewis talked about his interest in whale-boat rowing with thoughts of a future Benicia Marina or BYC team. Eve McCarthy-Norman told

us about available websites and organizations promoting women who sail, with Angela Grigas chiming in on her experiences over the years in a male-oriented sailing world. Rich Grigas talked about identifying weekends when the tidal conditions on the straits are favorable for sailboarders, paddle boarders, and kayakers and promoting a launch at 9th street with BYC as the destination. Our Commodore, Dena Stults, told us about discussions she is having for BYC to potentially host a powerboat racing event. Frank Kastl suggested we talk to the Sea Scouts to see how BYC might assist with their program, and Kim Patterson told us about a group called Bay Area Kayakers.

These ideas prompted extended conversations from all in attendance, often leading into additional topics or stories of what other yacht clubs do. Discussion also talked about obstacles or conflicts that need to be considered such as the kids soccer games. Armand and Cynthia Seguin also reminded us

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about cruise-out schedules and suggested those events should be represented in these discussions. All of the ideas identified the need for safety and that this group could be a medium to reinforce those concerns.



Two major points that were common in all discussion topics were the need for volunteers—people with time available to work, develop, and coordinate these opportunities (a challenge we face in all BYC activities), and recognizing that our membership have other family obligations. Our kids, grand-kids, and great-grandkids have other interests and busy schedules. A third point expressed in many of the conversations is the need for BYC to grow our presence in the community.

Although this initial meeting closed without conclusions or specific directions, the consensus of the room was that the concept of the Nautica Group was good and worth further consideration.

We agreed to meet again prior to the Frostbite Race scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2023, to continue these conversations with hopes of establishing criteria to move forward.

### ***Editorial thoughts and comments from the author and host:***

*The initial response for this idea is exciting, and I received numerous supportive calls from others who could not attend Saturday's meeting. Potentially the Nautica Group can be a conduit for members with specific water-related interests to engage and share with Benicia Yacht Club members in whole. We have a re-vitalized website, a dedicated Facebook page, and the ability to blast emails to network information. The Nautica Group would not enlist volunteers, coordinate events, or provide approvals that the bylaws or regulations require, but would offer a collective means for our members looking for water-related activities to spread the word and hopefully find fellow members with shared interests. It can be a time and a place for boaters—power boaters, sail boaters, sailboarders, paddle boarders, kayakers, or any water craft—and those who appreciate and want to enjoy the environments surrounding Benicia and the Carquinez Straits, to sit down for an hour and share the positives and potentials that matter and that we find in common.*

**Hope to see you—members, guests, and others—for the next Nautica Group meeting at 9:00am on Saturday, February 11, 2023.**

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## THIS MONTH









ANDY	KLEIMAN	2/2	ALFRED "TED"	MIDDLETON	2/14
KELLY	BEARDALL	2/3	STEPHEN	STULTS	2/14
KAREN	WATSON	2/3	EDWARD	PERZ	2/17
MARK	KELLER	2/4	MARIA	SAULSBURY	2/18
NANCY	FORREST	2/5	MICHAEL	ROBERTSON	2/19
SUSAN	WHEET	2/5	MICHAEL	CHARLES	2/20
JOHN	BADGER	2/8	PEGGY	CULLIVAN	2/21
JEAN	NADOLNE	2/8	JEFF	SHAWSTAD	2/23
TERRI	DALE	2/9	THERESA	DORAN	2/25
RANDY	TROMMER	2/10	CORTLAND "CORT"	ROUNDS	2/26
ROBYN	BOLTZ	2/13	STEVE	GILLILAND	2/28
PATRICIA	BOWERS	2/14	GERALD	MCKAY JR	2/28
<b><u>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!</u></b>			RHONDA	SHEA	2/28





# FEBRUARY 2023

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trivia 6pm	2	3	4 <b>BYC Members Work Day!</b> 
5 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b> 1-5 pm	6 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	7 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	8 Trivia 6pm	9	10	11 <b>BYC Valentine's Day Dinner/ Party!</b> 
12 <b>SUPER BOWL POTLUCK</b> 	13 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b> 6pm <b>BYC BOD Meeting</b> 	14 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>  <b>Valentine's Day!</b>	15 Trivia 6pm	16	17  <b>Karaoke</b>	18 <b>BYC CRAB FEED</b> 
19 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b> 1-5 pm	20 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	21 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	22 Trivia 6pm <b>BYC Member Meeting 7pm</b> 	23	24	25
26 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <b><u>DRINKS ONLY</u></b> 1-5 pm	27 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	28 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>				



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