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the Wind Word

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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Reservations	<u>Opt. 2 Call 12-4pm Wed-Sat ONLY</u>
Membership	Option 3
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OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
	Last Order from Kitchen 8pm
Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-8pm (Wed) Noon-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Ahoy BYC Members-

What are you grateful for this month? We thank outgoing Commodore Andy Zinkevich for his calm and steady leadership during 2022. We also thank the outgoing Board of Directors—it is not an easy job!

We are grateful to all who stepped up to be the new Board of Directors in 2023. It is a big commitment and we look forward to your ideas, knowledge and service. Please join us in celebrating our outgoing and incoming Boards at the Change of Watch on Nov. 19 (see pg 5)!

We also cannot thank our hardworking staff enough—they are awesome!

Don't miss ongoing fun at BYC: Monday Night Football, Wednesday Night Trivia, & Karaoke every third Friday night. Plus, the Thanksgiving Potluck may be back!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!



Editors: John & Vicki Garcia

Submittals to Wind Word are due by 15th of month by 5:00 pm; will then appear in one of the two following issues.

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FROM THE HELM



Could This Be My 12th and Final “From the Helm” Article?

It is! The year went so fast. We spent a lot of time talking about COVID when my term started. We were closed and warming pizza as recently as February 2022. Financially we didn't start to break even until May or June. BYC can take pride in the fact that we ended up in the black, made some facility improvements as the year progressed, had great parties and lots of fun.

BYC has proven itself to be a resilient Club. There is some “normal” turnover as people move or move-on, but there is a core membership that is ever growing and stays tied to family and friends linked by a bond that only common experience like BYC offers can provide. As a Club we float, race, cruise and party together. I have learned a lot this year. Everyone is not happy all the time ... which is OK ... because dissatisfaction can be harnessed as improvement.

BYC has survived, is fully open and there seems to be a lot of joy in the Club. Our events were well attended. We have a new Board that represents the diversity that is BYC. The facility is a little better than it was last year, though there is a way to go. **Randy Norman has laid out our facility priorities** for the future. **Bob Bohnet and the Board have devised a financing plan** to make it happen. The future of BYC will depend on folks like Randy and Bob. My gratitude for their contributions is nearly limitless.

An officer who deserves extra thanks is Dena Stults. Dena worked extra hard this year, especially after August when we were without a manager. She ran Opening Day, entertainment, events, publicity, and personnel. She is well prepared for her term as Commodore. I ask that all members join me in wishing Dena every success next year.

Dan Carnahan was another Board trooper who once again led our sailing program. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes which Dan and the race committee and volunteers like Angela Grigas enthusiastically undertake. Thanks to all.

Speaking of being grateful, **I must start and end with Kathy Monroe.** In addition to raising our three sons and putting up with me for nearly 50 years so far, she managed the BYC membership line and new member onboarding process adroitly and put the Club in a strong position. Kathy went above and beyond in the support she provided me personally and to BYC.

Special thanks to Bob Hedrick and Beth McDonnel for helping with stuffing and mailing this year's election ballots. Thanks John and Vicki Garcia for the super Wind Word publications all year. Thank you, Steve Penny, for coordinating cruising. Thank you, Debi Hall, for putting the Ship's store back together. Thank you, first Saturday volunteers—the dedicated staff of BYC—the Board of Directors—Committee Chairs—Committee Members—Anyone who should have been thanked that I missed and Everyone else who volunteered for something this month.

I look forward to being Junior Staff Commodore next year. It has been quite some time since I was Junior anything. I hope to see you around the Club.

May your ride on the water and through life be smooth.

**COMMODORE
ANDY Zinkevich**



Happy Birthday

GERALD	COSTA	11/1	ANDY	ZINKEVICH	11/15
KAY	JAEGER	11/1	EVELYNE	AURENSAN	11/16
PAM	MARTIN	11/1	RYAN	OPFER	11/17
RALPH	ANTHENIAN	11/2	CINDI	GILLETTE	11/19
MICHAEL	ALLEN	11/3	STEVEN	HILL	11/21
STEPHEN	DALE	11/3	LISA	MCGUIRE	11/21
CURTIS	HOFFMAN	11/3	COLLEEN	MCKINNEY	11/22
ROCHELLE	SHERLOCK	11/3	ROSS	OXMAN	11/22
NANCY	CHUDNOFSKY	11/4	WAYNE	LOWREY	11/24
LILLIAN	GARCIA	11/4	MICHAEL	MAHER	11/24
BRYAN	PRINCE	11/4	DANIELLE	SZUCH	11/24
MARIA	VILLANUEVA	11/5	LISA	TRAPANI	11/24
DIANE	PIPER	11/8	JULIE	MILLARD	11/26
GARY	JOHNSON	11/11	PHYLLIS	RITTER	11/29
BROOK	SEYMOUR	11/11	MARTINA	WOLTER	11/29
JOHN	GARCIA	11/12	ROGER	RUUD	11/30
RACHEL	O'SHEA	11/12	JUDITH	SURRATT	11/30

Change of Watch

In nautical terms, the Change of Watch ceremony is a time-honored tradition, which formally restates the continuity and authority of command and is unique in the world today. It involves the transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

Please join us November 19 to celebrate our previous Board of Directors, and wish every success to our new Board!

Benicia Yacht Club



Change of Watch

Please join us in honoring our old board and welcoming our new board.

Saturday, November 19, 5:30pm

Regatta Room
Cocktails at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6pm



Norton Lounge
Dancing with
Strange Brew
7:30-10:30pm

Formal Attire Please

Tickets are limited, get yours from the Norton Lounge bar
\$50 choice of Prime Rib or Lobster Tail



Rumor has it that **BYC's Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner is back!**

Watch for more details on upcoming e-blasts and Facebook. Don't miss it!

REGATTA ROOM RENTAL NEWS

Attention members, all new private Regatta Room rentals now require outside catering and will not have any access to our kitchen. We will continue to staff bartenders. Rental rates have also increased. Inquire at the front office for more info 707 746-0739

2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE

November 11-13
Napa Valley Yacht Club

Please join us on the last cruise-out of 2022. You can also RV camp close by at Elks Lodge and Expo RV Park or stay in a hotel. Sign-up sheet posted in the Norton Lounge and/or email sjpenny5@gmail.com.

Make your dock reservation here:
<https://dockwa.com/explore/destination/eyc385m-napa-valley-yacht-club?form=transient>
Reservation is fully refundable.

2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

November 11-13
San Joaquin (5 boats)
(note: Richmond cancelled)

What are YOU Thankful For?



COME JOIN FANS & FRIENDS!

**MONDAY NIGHT
FOOTBALL & DINNER**

Cost: \$10

BYC WEEKLY GUEST CHEFS

Sign-up sheet for chefs in Norton Lounge!





**Helen Kennedy-Lazar
and John Lazar**



Tracy and Jim Verrett



**Jon and Jasmine
Heirendt**

NOT PICTURED—2 REINSTATEMENTS:

Steve & Dee Gilliland (returning from a 2-year RV trip) • Carol Estrada (joining Pat Bowers membership)

**BYC Events Team
members
Needed**

Our club is putting together an Events Team to help with private and club events.

The team would set up, decorate and break down. Please contact our Event Chair Wendy Peterson at petersonjjp@gmail.com or text her 925 858-5915

Cool Weather's A-Comin'

Joni Palacios, one of our new members, has donated 12 light blankets for use on chilly nights when sitting at the outdoor tables! These black blankets are for use at the Club only. They will be stored in the Family Room off the Norton Lounge. When you are finished using a blanket, drop it into the "To Be Washed" basket and a volunteer will take care of it. Thanks, Joni!



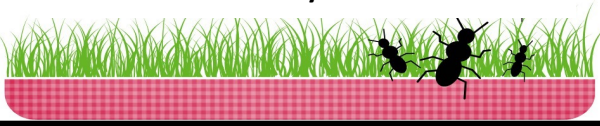


**2022 First Saturday
MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP**

BENICIA YACHT CLUB

- Maintain Curb Appeal
- General Restoration
- Landscape Upkeep
- Planned Projects

8:00 am to 11:00 am
The first Saturday of each month



Every 3rd Friday of the month at BYC



Hosted by Stephen Wheet



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Ad Size	Month	Year
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NOVEMBER 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	<u>CLOSED</u> <i>MonNite Football</i> 	<u>1</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	2 Trivia 6pm	3	4	5 BYC Members Work Day 8-11 
6 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	7 <u>CLOSED</u> <i>MonNite Football</i> 	8 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 7pm 	9 Trivia 6pm	10	11 	12
13 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm Frostbite Race #1	14 <u>CLOSED</u> <i>MonNite Football</i> 	15 <u>CLOSED</u>	16 Trivia 6pm  BYC Member Meeting 7pm	17	18 	19  Change of Watch & Dinner
20 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	21 <u>CLOSED</u> <i>MonNite Football</i> 	22 <u>CLOSED</u>	23 Trivia 6pm	24 BYC POTLUCK?  THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	28 <u>CLOSED</u> <i>MonNite Football</i> 	29 <u>CLOSED</u>	30 Trivia 6pm			