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Ahoy BYC,

We made it! Summer is here this month, masks are disappearing and we are enjoying things getting back to normal. Rumor has it that maybe we will open upstairs “Norton Lounge” soon. We hope so.

We have a few new items on our menu that we are confident you will enjoy, so come by and try out some of Carlos’ latest creations. Carlos has been amazing, as has the entire staff, keeping up with growing demand as more people are back.

Now that Vicki & I are boat owners—thank you Robert Cates for help in bringing her home and the slip-in-and-out lessons—we thought it might be fun to have boat owners send us a photo and short info about their boat(s), owner(s), boat name, type, make, model, slip, year, how long you have owned ... but short, one or two lines. We thought we could do an issue and feature them all. What do you think? If interested, please submit before July 15 (see directory for our [emails](#)). Happy Summer!



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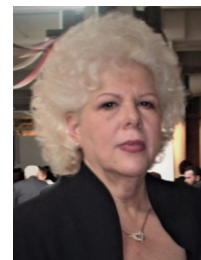
FROM THE HELM



We are looking forward to June 15 when many of the California Covid-19 restrictions are expected to be lifted. We appreciate all the support you have given the BYC during the pandemic—without it we wouldn't have made it through. We **sincerely appreciate all the volunteers** who gave of their time to help out with the myriad of things necessary to keep the BYC afloat.

My **sincere thank you to all the members and staff of the BYC** and I look forward to seeing you soon at the Club!

PS Please be sure to check out new items on the BYC Menu!



*Pat Bowers
Commodore*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JOE	RIVERA	6/1	JASON	CROUCH	6/15
CURT	SUTTER	6/1	ELLA MARIE	KALLIOS	6/15
TOM	WELSH	6/2	RACHELE	BOHNET	6/16
CHRISTINE	MACHADO	6/4	WILLIAM	RITTER	6/16
NAJLA	SABA	6/4	RANDY	NORMAN	6/18
DENA	STULTS	6/5	JOHN	PAULSON	6/19
JUDY	STEVENS	6/7	LORRIE	PAULSON	6/19
STEPHEN	CAMDEN	6/9	DEBBIE	COOK	6/20
FRED	GIBSON	6/9	JOAN	WESTERMAN	6/24
TERRY	HUGHES	6/14	DAVE	DIMMICK	6/25
HEATHER	TURMAN	6/14	YVONNE (GOLDIE)	PIERCE	6/26
ROBERT	BOHNET	6/15	NANCY	ROBERTSON	6/26



BYC Safety Information

Carbon Monoxide: It is a Cal State Law that Carbon Monoxide decal is placed facing out on the exterior of the stern or transom of vessel. There is also a decal that is to be placed by the wheel or where the driver is sitting. These stickers are free and available at the BYC by the Cruisers sign-up board. Carbon Monoxide will be around the back of the boat when engines or generators are running. It is always a good idea to have monoxide sensors on your vessel, especially in the sleeping quarters. Boating Law The Cal. Operational Law can be found on pg 16 in The Cal. Guide to Boating Law and Safety book.

Pot: It is against Federal Law to be smoking recreational cannabis on your vessel at any time, even at a dock since you are in federal waters. The Coast Guard enforces federal laws.

Age Restrictions: No person under 16 years of age may operate a boat with a motor of more than 15 horsepower, except for a sailboat that does not exceed 30 feet in length or a dinghy used directly between a moored boat and the shore (or between two moored boats). The law allows children 12 to 15 years of age to operate boats with a motor of more than 15 horsepower or sailboats over 30 feet if supervised on board by an adult at least 18 years of age. Violating these provisions constitutes an infraction. The Cal. Age Restrictions can be found on pg 16 in The Cal. Guide to Boating Law and Safety book.

Mandatory Boater Education Requirements: Beginning on January 1, 2018, recreational power boat operators who are age 20 and younger shall be required to carry a boater education card. Once issued by the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), the California Boating remains valid for boat operator's lifetime. DBW will issue the cards to persons who provide proof that an approved vessel operator examination has been passed since January 1, 2015. Approved courses may be found online at <https://californiaboatercard.com>. The California Boater Card requirement will be phased in over the next several years based on operator age.

Year	Operator Age	Year	Operator Age	Year	Operator Age
Jan. 1, 2018	20 years or younger	Jan. 1, 2021	40 years or younger	Jan. 1, 2024	60 years or younger
Jan. 1, 2019	25 years or younger	Jan. 1, 2022	45 years or younger	Jan. 1, 2025	all, regardless of age
Jan. 1, 2020	35 years or young	Jan. 1, 2023	50 years or younger		

The Cal. Age Restrictions can be found on pg 1 in The Cal. Guide to Boating Law and Safety book.

NEW LAW: There is a new federal law passed in 2021 that any vessel that has a kill switch must be attached to the driver of the vessel at all times when the vessel is underway; this includes outboard motors.

—Paul Brighton, BYC Safety Officer, BYC Staff Commodore, Coast Guard Auxiliary



Is Your Gift Still Waiting?

If you were a member in good standing as of March 25, 2021, then you have a "thank you for your loyalty during the pandemic" gift waiting for you behind the BYC bar. Be sure to pick it up!

And while you are at it, be sure to pick up your membership card for 2021, which also entitles you to reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs.

—Kathy Monroe, Membership Chair

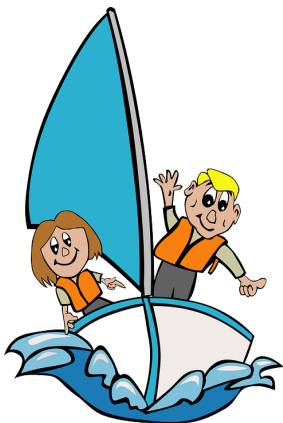


2021 Boaters Safety Recommendations and Check-Up

1. Be sure you have your new registration on the boat and have put your new 2021 decals on the front of your boat. If you are a documented boat you should have up-to-date Coast Guard documentation paper on board and know where it is.
2. Check all shore power cords and ends to see that there is not any corrosion on the connections.
3. Check batteries to see there is not any corrosion on the terminals, and that the batteries have the proper level of water.
4. Check oil and oil filters and fuel filters—they should be changed once a year or 100 hours engine-running time.
5. Check engine valve covers and oil pans to be sure you do not have any oil leaks. Be sure the area around the engine is clean, without any oil or grease in the bilge.
6. Inspect and check oil level on transmissions.
7. Check to see if stuffing boxes on shafts are dripping at proper rate.
8. Be sure the bilge is clean without any oil or dirty water sitting there.
9. Keep track of when Zincs were changed on the engine and running gear—very important to the life of the equipment.
10. Check to see that all systems are working. Make sure horn, navigation lights and all fire extinguishers are in the green.
11. Check the batteries on all smoke and carbon monoxide units to see they are working.
12. Check dates on visual distress signals for day and night use. They now have a Strobe light that takes 3 C batteries so you would not have to buy flares every 3 years.
13. Check on Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) or life jackets. Be sure they are readily available and are in good shape. That means clean without holes or mildew from the winter rains. If you want to count the inflatable jackets they must be worn at all times. They should be checked to see they are in the green. They are not legal if the person wearing the jacket is under 16 years of age. There must be one PFD for each person on the boat and they must be the right size for the person wearing the jacket. It is always a good idea to buy a small strobe light to have on every PFD.
14. **This is the time to check your VHS radio out. Call the Benicia Marina on channel 16 and they will tell you what channel to go to, and ask them how they are hearing you. Do not ask for a radio check on channel 16. Channel 16 is only used for hailing other vessels or calling the Coast Guard for emergencies.**
15. Check all motors and anchor windless, radar and GPS Systems. Many times things just happen over the winter rains.
16. Check your fresh water system out. If you can change all the water, do it. It would be a good idea to put a couple of capfuls of bleach in the tank. Keep tank full so you will have water for any emergencies.
17. You should have a copy of your insurance papers on board, many marinas make you show them.
18. If you are one of the “old timers” you should know the government has done away with The Loran System. This system was used for navigation before GPS.
19. If your boat uses gasoline you should put in a small bottle of dry gas. You can get it at any automotive store. Because they are putting Ethanol in the gas, it will attract water and condensation in the tank of your boat.
20. If you put white vinegar in the sinks and heads it will clean them and help keep them in working order.
21. It is a good idea to keep your holding tank empty and your water tanks full, due to where we live (e.g. earthquakes and other emergencies).
22. It is recommended you get a Vessel Safety Check done by The Coast Guard Auxiliary or The U.S. Power Squadrons. You can call Paul Brighton (cell 707-373-1077) or James Minkel (cell 707-208-5191) to set a time and date for the Vessel Safety Check. **It is free.**
23. It is a good time to check your anchor line and/or chain. Check all docking lines that have been exposed to weather.



—Paul Brighton, BYC Safety Officer, BYC Staff Commodore, Coast Guard Auxiliary



Youth Sailing Lessons Are Back!

We need extra help! Help with checking in and check out every day. Choose the dates that you can help! Please email Derith if you can help!

BYCYouthSailing2021@gmail.com

The job? Meeting the kids as the parents drop them off, asking a number of Covid-19 related questions of the adult and taking the temperature of the student (about 30 minutes per day) as well as an afternoon check out (about 15 minutes per day). If you'd like to be part of the safety team, please let us know!

Registration & Info

Registration is open now for the sailing lessons at the Benicia Yacht Club!

To register, or for more information, visit:

www.beniciayachtclub.org/byc-programs/youth-sailing/

Schedule

Half Day Sailing week 10am to 2pm

Ages 9 to 12 years old

June 14 to June 18

Full Day Sailing week 10am to 4pm

Ages 12 to 18 years old

June 21 to June 25

Full Day Sailing week / Intermediate 10am to 4pm

Ages 12 to 18 years old

June 28 to July 2

COVID and Summer Sailing Camp

We will be following the guidelines of the CDC, USSailing.org and www.gowrie.org taking into consideration all safety protocol with regard to **our facility** and **our program**. We ask that our members help to keep these rules and safety guidelines met to keep the children safe. They are still our most vulnerable group of non-vaccinated population today. **Thank you!**

—BYC Youth Sailing Staff and Volunteers

ALWAYS BE YOURSELF!
— UNLESS —
YOU CAN BE A
SAILOR
— THEN —
ALWAYS BE A SAILOR



*A sailor is an artist whose
medium is the wind.*

—Webb Chiles



BYC Youth Sailing

The Benicia Yacht Club will be hosting sailing lessons for youth this summer for students ages 9 years old and older. As of this writing, registration for the three weeks is almost full—so please sign up soon. There is plenty of time left in the summer for more weeks of sailing and on-the-water fun!

We are very excited to have hired a Lead Instructor for the summer months. She is **Emilia Marino**, a University of Rhode Island Ocean Engineering student, with a minor in Sustainability and Oceanography, class of 2022! She has a wonderful résumé filled with plenty of leadership and sailing experience. Please welcome her to our Club!

Four of our former BYC sailing students have contacted me with regard to becoming US Sailing Certified Instructors. It is with such pride and hope that they can all accomplish this. They will have to train and pass several programs and tests to become qualified. They can then become certified at age 16 and teach on their own at age 18. With certification they're personally insured as an Instructor under the US Sailing guidelines. More info about these candidates to come in future *Wind Words*.

Renee Corpuz Lahne, former Director of YS at Sausalito YC, has helped me to relaunch our program this summer with the Covid restrictions in mind. You may have seen her on the docks and around our fleet getting things ready. Thank you so much, Renee, for your help! She has had a bit of help from member **Jack Sutter**, with fixing and organizing the fleet of boats—thank you Jack!

Over the winter our beloved 13' Boston Whaler safety vessel and its trailer were stolen from the front parking lot at the BYC. Although reported to the Benicia Police Department, we never did find any information regarding the theft. We hope to find a replacement for the boat and trailer. For safety, we need a stable and fast-enough vessel when teaching in the Carquinez Strait to keep up with so many students, their speed on a sailing vessel as well as the strength of the wind and current.

With regard to the Covid-19 pandemic and the youth camps this summer ... our plan is to follow the guidelines of the CDC, US Sailing (which is the National Governing Body for the sport of sailing), as well as taking the lead from the Gowrie Group, US Sailing's insurance partner, who developed a [Covid-19 Burgee Program Risk Management Guide](#). The guide was set up to help "Sailing Organizations navigate the Covid-19 operational decisions they are making in a very complex, and rapidly evolving environment." While we will be working with a group that (as of this writing) is the least vaccinated group, ages 9 to 18 years of age, the new recommendations and vaccination ages should be a great relief to parents and all of our members. With that said, our precautions will remain an important part of running the summer sailing program this year.

We hope that our Club will join us in thanking all of the workers and volunteers this summer, come by and say hello or offer to join us as a volunteer. Our hope is, as always, to add new families to our Club's membership through an interest in the sport of sailing. These young families are the future of our Club and safe boating community.

—Derith Lutz, Youth Sailing Director

Benicia Yacht Club Sailing

Sailing!

Thursday Evenings!

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More information?
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707-319-5706
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Boat: "Brandy"

Photo: Lisa Duncan

NAME THAT SAIL



Anyone that gets all 10 names of sails correct, let us know by emailing us at john-vicki@sbcglobal.net and we will publish your names next month. (No Google allowed!)

Cruise-In Schedule

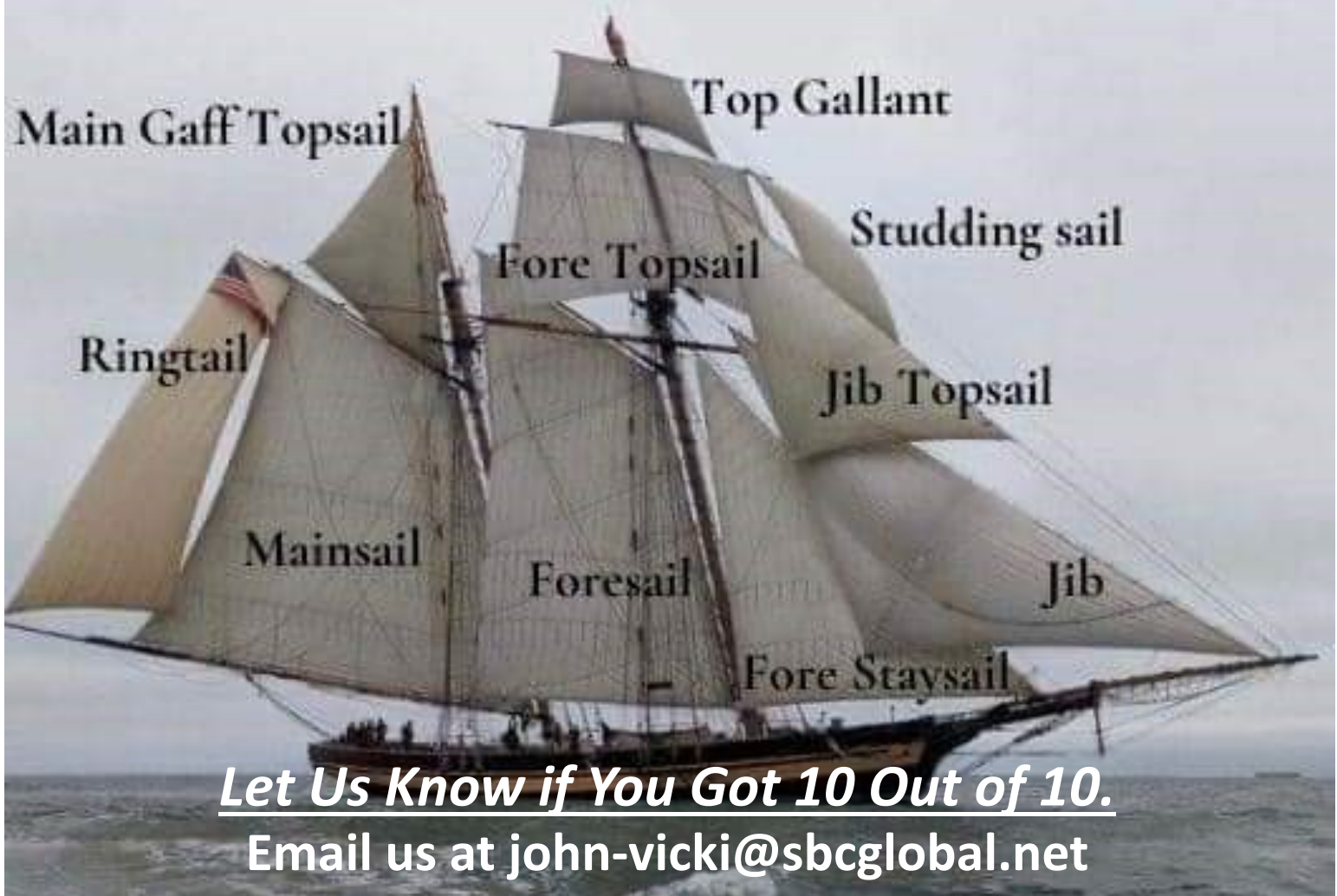
June 11-13	Marin	10 boats	August 6-8	Discovery Bay	10 boats
June 25-27	Richmond	10 boats	August 13-15	Sequoia	10 boats
July 3-5	Berkeley	6 boats	August 19-22	Delta Marina	10 boats
July 9-11	Sausalito	10 boats	Sept 14-17	Caliente	10 boats
July 23-25	Emeryville	10 boats	Sept 17-19	Stockton	8 boats
July 30-31	Diablo	13 boats	Oct 9-10	Dos Rios	8 boats



Jessica Cates was with Robert Cates on 5-7-21, just outside our Benicia harbor, when she caught this beauty of a sturgeon!

Club members – fish are biting! Time to get out and get yours!

How Many Did You Get Right?



Let Us Know if You Got 10 Out of 10.

Email us at john-vicki@sbcglobal.net



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Trivia 6 pm	3 Sail Boat Races 	4	5 Member Volunteer Work Day 8-11  
6 <u>D-Day</u> 	7	8 BYC BOD Meeting 7:30 pm 	9 Trivia 6 pm	10 Sail Boat Races 	11	12
13	14 Youth Sailing 14-18 FLAG DAY 	15	16 Trivia 6 pm BYC Member Meeting 7:30 pm 	17 Sail Boat Races 	18	19 Juneteenth 
20  It's SUMMER! Happy Father's Day! 	21 Youth Sailing 21-25	22	23 Trivia 6 pm	24 Sail Boat Races 	25	26
27	28 Youth Sailing 28-July 2	29	30 Trivia 6 pm	1 July NO Sail Boat Races	2 July	3 July