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Ahoy BYC Members,

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own **Sean Conner** and his racing partner John Tomlinson on their win at the Super Stock Class 700th, 48-mile power boat race in Sarasota, Florida!

Now that summer is here, don't miss out on all that is happening at our Club.

Saturday August 12:

Country Western Day

Friday August 25:

***Farallon Powerboat Race—
Ocean Cup Challenge***

September 2: JAZZ CUP!

Don't forget about Karaoke every 3rd Friday. Come share your talents and make new friends.

Editors
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FROM the HELM



WHY JOIN A YACHT CLUB?

Most everyone is busier today than they were last year, or the year they first got into boating. Sometimes it's hard to find the time to enjoy your boat at all. So, why would you want to add the activities of a yacht club membership to your already-too-full leisure time?

Simply put, joining a yacht club like Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) can enhance your boating experience, and give you more reasons and excuses than ever to find time for your boat. Here are some reasons why a BYC membership may be right for you and your family:

1. **Yacht club membership can enlarge your boating world.** By belonging to a yacht club you gain friends and opportunities for sporting and social activities that widen and enrich your life.
2. Though many members have boats, **Benicia Yacht Club doesn't require all members to be boat owners.**
3. **Cruising is SO much more fun as part of a group.** Most yacht clubs have organized club cruises several times during the year. These are visits by a fleet of club boats to other yacht clubs and harbors in the area. Often there are group dinners and activities at the cruise destinations. Club cruises encourage participants to visit new destinations with congenial people, swap tales with fresh ears, and add a new dimension to any boating routine.
4. **Boating Education Programs.** Many yacht clubs have programs that teach sailing and seamanship. BYC, along with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, offers many classes all year long.
5. **Racing!** You have to belong to a yacht club to participate in many organized sailboat races. Although sailing races are the most visible racing activities, most clubs also have power boat races such as poker runs and over-the-bottom regattas. Some clubs have their own racing programs—BYC holds Beer Can Sailing races on Thursdays as well as other races.
6. **Reciprocity—visit other yacht clubs.** As a member of BYC, you have guest privileges at all yacht clubs everywhere in the world that have reciprocity agreements with us. That gives you friends in every port to contact for advice whenever you travel, on land or water.

Not to mention you'll meet new friends (boaters or not) and enjoy new and entertaining events! If you're a non-member reading this, or a current member, please tell your friends—we invite you to check out the affordability and benefits of membership in the Benicia Yacht Club. Joining a yacht club community is just what you need to put new life into your time on the water—and at the Club.

BYC now offers Saturday afternoon bands that have been so successful at other venues. We had a shagadelic time (!) at our Brit Day, July 29, which featured Beatles' cover band *Hey Jude* and English foods (and had us all talking like Brits!). **Join us August 12 for Country Western Day (see pg 9)! We'll feature music by Whiskey & Honey, and a special cowboy menu.**

Then experience the exciting return of power boat racing to Benicia August 25! The Ocean Cup 2023 Farallon Challenge will start and end at hosts BYC and the Benicia Marina (see pg 11).

Don't miss these super fun events!

**Commodore
Dena Stults**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<i>TOM</i>	<i>GIERYNG</i>	<i>8/1</i>	<i>DAVID</i>	<i>STELLATO</i>	<i>8/18</i>
<i>BOB</i>	<i>CHATTIN</i>	<i>8/2</i>	<i>HEATHER</i>	<i>COOPER</i>	<i>8/19</i>
<i>DOUG</i>	<i>YAMAWAKI</i>	<i>8/2</i>	<i>PAUL</i>	<i>DUFRESNE</i>	<i>8/19</i>
<i>RICK</i>	<i>LOVE</i>	<i>8/3</i>	<i>LORIE</i>	<i>CAMPBELL</i>	<i>8/20</i>
<i>IRENE</i>	<i>CHANDLER</i>	<i>8/4</i>	<i>LESLEY</i>	<i>HOLTAWAY- POND</i>	<i>8/22</i>
<i>KIRSTEN</i>	<i>SCHULTZ</i>	<i>8/4</i>	<i>GUS</i>	<i>OKELLO</i>	<i>8/22</i>
<i>EVE</i>	<i>NORMAN</i>	<i>8/7</i>	<i>STEPHEN</i>	<i>WHEET</i>	<i>8/22</i>
<i>RANDALL LEE</i>	<i>SHERWOOD</i>	<i>8/7</i>	<i>SHAN</i>	<i>BHATTACHARYA</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>ELANA</i>	<i>SISSONS</i>	<i>8/9</i>	<i>ANDREW</i>	<i>INKS</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>HELEN</i>	<i>KENNEDY-LAZAR</i>	<i>8/10</i>	<i>JOELLE</i>	<i>PUCAN</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>SUE</i>	<i>BITTNER</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>DEE</i>	<i>DOUGLAS</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>KRISS</i>	<i>KASTL</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>PHILLIP</i>	<i>SMITH</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>ANDREW</i>	<i>LOTT</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>JORDAN</i>	<i>ZARAGOZA</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>MATTHEW</i>	<i>NATTENBERG</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>KAREN</i>	<i>LOTT</i>	<i>8/25</i>
<i>SERGE</i>	<i>POND</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>MATT</i>	<i>IMEL</i>	<i>8/26</i>
<i>KAY</i>	<i>GREEN</i>	<i>8/15</i>	<i>SALLY K.</i>	<i>CALLAHAN</i>	<i>8/27</i>
<i>ASSUNSAO</i>	<i>HANLEY</i>	<i>8/15</i>	<i>BECCA</i>	<i>HOLT</i>	<i>8/27</i>
<i>RAUL</i>	<i>ARANOVICH</i>	<i>8/16</i>	<i>KAREN</i>	<i>LOVE</i>	<i>8/27</i>
<i>ARMAND</i>	<i>SEGUIN</i>	<i>8/16</i>	<i>VINCE</i>	<i>CHANDLER</i>	<i>8/28</i>
<i>LISA</i>	<i>SPERBER</i>	<i>8/16</i>	<i>MARY JULIA</i>	<i>KLIMENKO DECKER</i>	<i>8/28</i>
<i>ROGER</i>	<i>WILLIAMS</i>	<i>8/16</i>	<i>JOY</i>	<i>MARTIN</i>	<i>8/29</i>
<i>NATALIE</i>	<i>BOLTZ KELLER</i>	<i>8/17</i>	<i>DURELL</i>	<i>NORMANDIN</i>	<i>8/30</i>
<i>PAT</i>	<i>BRIGHTON</i>	<i>8/17</i>	<i>TERENCE</i>	<i>VALLELY</i>	<i>8/31</i>

CONGRATULATIONS SEAN!!!



Powerboat P1 could never have imagined that the 700th race in their 20-year history would be such a dramatic affair.

Celebrating this significant milestone in Saturday's (July 2, 2023) final race in Sarasota, 11 boats in the Super Stock class took to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico for the 48-mile race, with winds picking up and white caps appearing.

The 32-foot Victory catamaran, *Jackhammer*, took the early lead chased by a pack of boats including CMR with driver Sean Conner and John Tomlinson onboard. Tomlinson was subbing for owner Shaun Torrente on throttles. Performance Boat Center and Northwing Offshore were also in the mix and it didn't take long for things to heat up. The 32-foot Doug Wright, LPC, with owner/throttleman Loren Peters and driver Anthony Smith, were moving up through the fleet when it rolled on the opening lap. The crew were unhurt and the race was halted.

That wasn't all. In that first lap, three other boats were unable to re-join the race. On the restart, *Jackhammer* jumped into the lead with CMR, Performance Boat Center and Big East Construction giving chase. There was then more drama as *Jackhammer* pulled up with a guardian mode issue which shut down the 300hp engine, leaving CMR and Performance Boat Center to battle for the lead. Unfortunately, the exciting battle came to an end when Performance Boat Center pulled off with mechanical issues. **Tomlinson and Conner took the checkered flag** ahead of Pete and A.J. Bogino in the 32-foot Doug Wright, *CoCo's Monkey*, and *Jackhammer* which kept running.

After the race, Powerboat P1 CEO Azam Rangoonwala presented the CMR duo with special glass trophies. "Two decades of P1 Offshore and AquaX racing has seen us stage races in almost 20 countries on four continents and today's Super Stock battle was a dramatic way to celebrate our 700th race," said Azam.

The very first Powerboat P1 race was in Italy in 2003 and plans for its 20th anniversary celebrations in St. Petersburg in early September will be announced later this month.

Powerboat P1™ USA

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Election 2023

Benicia Yacht Club Needs You!

Calling All Fellow Benicia Yacht Club Owners

Members of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) share ownership and oversight of the Club and facilities. Mid-summer is the time to line up next year's Board of Directors and Flag Officers. Most positions are open at this point.

We are looking for interested Board candidates as well as people willing to serve on the nominating committee for 2023.

BYC bylaws specify how elections take place. A nominating committee is named by the current Board of Directors to prepare a slate of potential candidates and to interview them for the next Board. Nominations can also be made by petition. The election takes place in October, but the nominating committee must make its report by the September Board meeting so ballots can be prepared and mailed out, and so candidates' statements can make it into the October *Wind Word* newsletter.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING BECAUSE:

- **Your opinion matters.** If you leave governance of the Club to others, you risk losing a very important right that you have—the right to decide. Your opinion is as worthy as any other member's view and a variety of opinions being heard by the Board strengthens the Club.
- **Ownership decisions are needed** to upgrade our facilities, to keep our finances in order and generally to move the Club in a positive direction.
- **The Board of Directors determines the house rules of the Club** in accordance with our bylaws. Rules need review to keep them up to date.
- **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members.
- **Being on the Board is a good opportunity** to know what is going on and to get to know others in the Club better.
- **You get a special name tag.**

The nominating committee will be led by me according to the bylaws.

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or taking on a Board position, please contact me or another Board member. I can be reached via text message or call at 707.210.5874. If you are not sure or just have questions about the details, feel free to call. No pressure.

Come make a difference at BYC!

—Andy Zinkevich,
Junior Staff Commodore



APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2023-2024 TERM

In accordance with §7.1 of the Benicia Yacht Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Jr. Staff Commodore Andy Zinkevich (707.210.5874, info@beniciayachtclub.org) is seeking qualified applicants for Nomination to serve as Officers and Directors for the 2023-2024 term. Those interested in being considered for nomination are asked to fill out this form and return it to Andy Zinkevich or the Benicia Yacht Club Office **no later than 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.**

Interviews of prospective Nominees will be held between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Wednesday, September 6 and Friday, September 8. Those unable to attend an interview during these times are encouraged to submit their applications early and to arrange for an early interview.

There are five officer openings for the 2023-2024 term, as defined in Article 6 of the By-Laws:

- Commodore** (must have served as an officer for the entire 2022-2023 term to qualify)
- Vice Commodore** **Secretary**
- Rear Commodore** **Treasurer**

There are two director openings, each serving for both the 2023-2024 term and the 2024-2025 term as defined in §5.4 of the By-Laws.

- Director**

Members in good standing, qualified to hold elected office as defined in Article II of the By-Laws, may apply for Nomination by indicating the position sought above and by providing the following:

Name _____ **Member Number** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email Address** _____

Preferred Interview Times (please indicate first, second, and third choices and please understand that not all requests may be able to be accommodated)

Wednesday, Sep 6

___ **6:00 PM**

___ **6:30 PM**

___ **7:00 PM**

Friday, Sep 8

___ **6:00 PM**

___ **6:30 PM**

___ **7:00 PM**

Other (indicate date and time)

Jeannie Northup—Bar Manager/Bartender/Server

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, JEANNIE!

Jeannie grew up in Sunol, California. She has two daughters: Shannon and Kandi. She is an animal lover and equestrian who was raised around horses since she was very young. She is a country girl at heart who also loves to read and garden.

Jeannie has worked for BYC for 10 years this month!

We will never forget that you stayed with BYC during the pandemic when our Club needed you the most and so many others decided to take the incentives instead of working.

Please wish her Happy Anniversary and let her know we think she is terrific!



SAVE-THE-DATE!!!

JAZZ CUP

SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

(Open to the Public)



2023 Cruise-Ins

August 10-13—Delta Marina YC

August 18-19—Napa YC

August 25-26—Sequoia YC

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SEPTEMBER 2—JAZZ CUP

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Oct 7-8—Dos Rios YC

Oct 11-12—Corinthian YC

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Nov 3-5—Solano YC

November TBD—Richmond YC

BYC 2023 Cruise-Outs

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR(S)	EMAIL(S)
August (Summer Cruise)	5-9	Delta Marina, Pittsburg Yacht Club (RV camping at Delta Marina)	Doug Vaughan Steve Penny	dugvon@sbcglobal.net sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	28-10/1	Angel Island	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	20-29	Richmond Yacht Club, Schoonmaker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed	
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested	
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

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COUNTRY WESTERN Day

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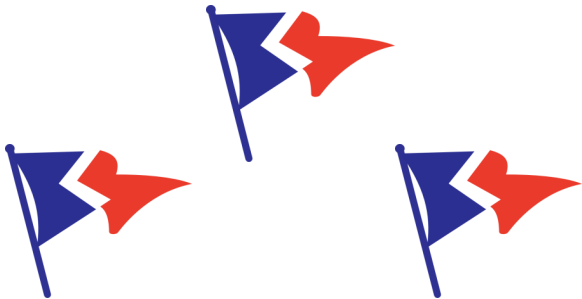
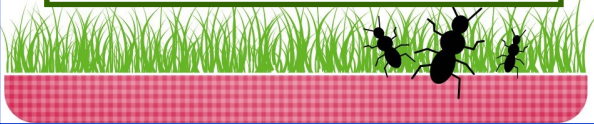
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**The first Saturday of each
month**



INDEPENDENCE DAY! Commodore Dena Stults and team—including a boat in tow—proudly represented Benicia Yacht Club in Benicia’s Parade on July 3. Many thanks to Susan Alton; Lorie Campbell; Steve Dale; Dave & Donna Dimmick; Seamus Hodgins; Eve, Randy & Miles Norman; Heather Turman; and Dena & Steve Stults who helped pull this together!

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chasing the Moon Race 	2 Trivia 6pm	3 Sail Boat Races 	4 <u>U.S. Coast Guard Birthday!</u>	5 BYC Member Volunteer Work Day 8-11 
6 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED BYC BOD Meeting 6pm 	9 Trivia 6pm	10 Sail Boat Races  <u>Cruise-In</u> Delta Marina 10-13	11	12 COUNTRY WESTERN DAY 
13 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 Trivia 6pm BYC Members Meeting 7pm 	17 Sail Boat Races 	18  <u>Cruise-In</u> Napa 18-19	19
20 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 Trivia 6pm	24 Sail Boat Races 	25 OCEAN CUP POWER BOAT RACE at BYC  <u>Cruise-In</u> Sequoia 25-26	26
27 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 Trivia 6pm	31 NO Sail Boat Races		SEPT. 2 JAZZ CUP <u>at BYC</u> 2-10 pm 