

# *the Wind Word*

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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

\*Groups of 15 or more can be accommodated for lunch with at least 1 week's advanced notification & reservation.

## Happy Thanksgiving BYC Family

We hope this month is special for you and yours as we have so much to be thankful for, considering all that is happening around our country and the world.

Congratulations to the new BYC Board of Directors! A special thanks to those who have served and will serve.

### SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, November 23

Change of Watch Ceremony/Dinner

Thursday, November 28

Friendsgiving Dinner at BYC

Don't miss these special events!

Enjoy November!

Editors

Vicki & John Garcia



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## ***FROM the HELM***

Hello everyone—Thank you for putting your trust in me for the last two years, it has been a labor of love that I have learned so much from.

I would like to thank my husband Steve, the Commodore, for all the time I spent away from you working on Club business, for roping you into helping with all the events because of your association with me and for your patience. You are the absolute best. I love you!

Our staff continue to be the backbone of our Club—they care about its wellbeing and they deserve our respect and love. Thank you Jeannie, Mya, Carlos, Sandra, Cheyenne, Melissa and Martin.

House Chair Randy Norman continues to be priceless. Thank you for all you do and thank you, Eve, for all you do and for sharing him with us.

To all of the volunteers who have helped out with all the events, you are worth your weight in gold.

I am also leaving the positions of entertainment and social media and publicity. While I have loved being your commodore, after two years, I am getting tired. I am so happy we will have a fresh board to take the reins. I will still be around to help out when I can.

Welcome new board members and thank you to all of our past board members. I want to give special thanks to Susan Bittner, who has gone above and beyond as a Director. She is always helpful when help is needed.

I want to give a shout out to Director MJ Schmidt , who has provided bartender/servers and even herself to help staff our Club when we were in a pinch or for big event days and has also bought items for the Club that were needed. MJ, you have been invaluable to me!

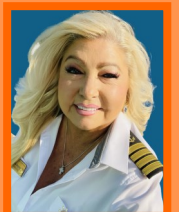
Thanks to Natalie Boltz Keller for the last two Jazz Cups and Brian West for the last two Opening Days.

Thank you Andy and your amazing membership team for bringing in so many new members and for letting me lean on you from time to time.

I want to thank Bob Bohnet for stepping up to lead BYC forward as our new commodore. I can't think of anyone else more qualified for the job who truly cares about the wellbeing of our beloved Club. Thank you to his wife Rachele, too, as I know it is a huge sacrifice. As many of you know, Bob has also filled in as both secretary and treasurer this past year. What a man! All the best to you, Bob, and to the new board for a successful year.

Fair winds and following seas,

**Commodore  
Dena Stults**





GERALD	COSTA	11/1		ANDY	ZINKEVICH	11/15
KAY	JAEGER	11/1		RYAN	OPFER	11/17
PAM	MARTIN	11/1		CINDI	GILLETTE	11/19
RALPH	ANTHENIEN	11/2		STEVEN	HILL	11/21
STEPHEN	DALE	11/3		LISA	MCGUIRE	11/21
CURTIS	HOFFMAN	11/3		MICHAEL	GREGG	11/22
MARIA	VILLANUEVA	11/5		COLLEEN	MCKINNEY	11/22
JUDITH	JUDSON-BAKER	11/6		ROSS	OXMAN	11/22
KYLE	ORANGIO	11/10		TERENCE	BENNETT	11/24
GARY	JOHNSON	11/11		WAYNE	LOWREY	11/24
BROOK	SEYMOUR	11/11		MICHAEL	MAHER	11/24
JOHN	GARCIA	11/12		JULIE	MILLARD	11/26
SHERRY	HOOK	11/12		DAVID	MCCROSSAN	11/28
PHYLLIS	RAPP	11/12		PHYLLIS	RITTER	11/29
RACHEL	O'SHEA	11/12		MARTINA	WOLTER	11/29
M. ELAINE	CANNON	11/15		ROGER	RUUD	11/30



# Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule



Generally 3rd weekend of every month • Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board or contact [brian@westengineers.com](mailto:brian@westengineers.com) • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!



Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	<a href="mailto:brian@westengineers.com">brian@westengineers.com</a>
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

## CHANGE OF WATCH: NOVEMBER 23

Please join us Saturday, November 23 for a special ceremony and dinner to celebrate and thank our previous Board of Directors, and wish every success to our new Board.



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.



Limited tickets for the ceremony and dinner will be on sale in the Norton Lounge soon. Please purchase ASAP so you don't miss out on this special occasion!



## CONGRATULATIONS to the BYC ELECTION WINNERS

Commodore.....Robert Bohnet  
 Vice Commodore.....Natalie Boltz Keller  
 Rear Commodore.....Joseph Kallios  
 Secretary.....Randy Norman  
 Treasurer.....Kriss Kastl  
 Director.....Susan Bittner  
 Director.....Mitch Kessler

In addition, Directors Rick Albers and MJ Schmidt will continue the second year of their two-year term.



# 2024 Racing Season

November 2024

Saturday, November 9

BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1



## End of Season Updates for Nautica Group Activities

On Saturday, September 20, BYC again joined with the City of Benicia to participate in Coastal Cleanup Day. Nine BYC members fanned out from our parking lot station to work the marina, the shoreline at the green, and also the shoreline east of Fifth Street. In total we collected and delivered 56 pounds of debris to the city's main drop-off station at Ninth Street Park. If you know Sharon Denney, please thank her for including BYC in coordinating the city's efforts.

We were also visited by our friends at the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to present Benicia Yacht Club with a Certification of Appreciation for working with them in allowing their use of the Regatta Room for their presentations on water safety and boater training classes.

We joined with the Allegory Project team last month, meeting with Benicia's Director of Library and Cultural Service Jennifer Baker. The project's premise is *The Sailboat as Art: A Celebration of Benicia's History*. The agreement between the Allegory Project and the city calls for the art project's completion by the end of the year, although the monies for the project did not come through until September. Jose Luis Varta, the project's artist, requested an extension into next year. Jennifer and her team needed hard dates so they could go back to the city and provide an accounting on the project, and get the approval. We (BYC) set dates for Nautica Group meetings for January 18 and February 15 in 2025, putting the Allegory Project on the agenda in February for the launching of their two project boats. This February date is still tentative, pending city approval to extend the project's deadline. When complete, the boats will go on display at BYC along the marina walk way. For more information on the Allegory Project, visit <https://vartofineart.com/allegory-project-benicia-2024-artsail-fest/>

—Randy Norman

*The Nautica Group works in support of Benicia Yacht Club's charter to share and promote information and resources for water education and activities for members and the community. For more info, please contact Randy Norman.*



## Attention BYC Cruisers



***Former Fleet Captain Steve Penny has left the BYC. We thank him for his service.***

I will be assuming the Fleet Captain position for 2025. My goal will be to recruit Cruise Directors for each cruise-out on our schedule. Keep in mind the Cruise Director can be a land cruiser or boat cruiser. I will act as Cruise Director for the St. Francis cruise-out in June 2025. I need 8 additional Cruise Directors to fill out the year's schedule. I will post a tentative 2025 Cruise-Out Schedule on our BYC website as well as a Cruise Director checklist of responsibilities. Please give some thought to picking up a cruise-out for 2025. Serving as Cruise Director is neither difficult nor time consuming. I'm looking forward to a robust Cruise-Out Program for 2025. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. —Vice Commodore Brian West

## BYC's Annual "Friendsgiving" Potluck

If you don't have plans for Thanksgiving this year, please consider attending **Friendsgiving at the Club**. Susan Linn always organizes a wonderful get-together where you can hang out with your yacht club family for a traditional feast—a Thanksgiving toast asking God to bless the food before us, the friends and family beside us and the love between us. Watch for details on upcoming e-blasts and Facebook or contact Susan Linn.



Kymberli Brady exchanged burgees with Vice Admiral Denis Byrne of the Royal Cork Yacht Club in Crosshaven, Cork, Ireland. Founded in 1720, Royal Cork YC is the oldest yacht club in the world!

## BYC HISTORY: What's the Story About Moving Our Building?

The start of the move of our building began in the industrial park on December 4, 1982. It finally got to its current location sometime around June 9, 1983. Why the delay (you may ask)? Well, on its way to its new home the building got stuck in the mud! Movers had to wait until the rainy season stopped and things dried out before they were able to complete the move.

Benicia Yacht Club House Enroute



In the Industrial Park December 4, 1982







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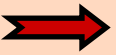













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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website & on e-blasts



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Watch e-blasts for info on</p> 					1	2  BYC Members WorkDay! 8-11am 
3 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 	4 <b>CLOSED</b>	5  <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	6 Trivia 6pm	7	8	9 Frostbite Sail Race #1 
10 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY <b>US MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY</b>	11 <b>CLOSED</b> Veterans Day 	12 <b>CLOSED</b> <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u>	13 Trivia 6pm	14	15	16
17 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	18 <b>CLOSED</b>	19 <b>CLOSED</b>	20 Trivia-6pm <u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u>	21	22	23 <b>CHANGE OF WATCH Dinner Event</b> 
24 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	25 <b>CLOSED</b>	26 <b>CLOSED</b>	27 Trivia-6pm	28 <b>BYC FRIENDS-GIVING DINNER</b> 	29	30