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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)

Happy New Year!!!

With the new year, we wish everyone happiness, love, wealth, friendships and good health throughout the year!

We also wish John's mother a Happy 91st Birthday this month! She enjoys reading the *Wind Word* and is quick to point out anytime we might make an error. Should have been a proofreader. Happy Birthday Mom!

As we welcome the new year, we hope one of your new year's resolutions will be to donate some time to one of the BYC committees. We need volunteers—it's up to all members to step up and contribute to the many needs we face, to improve and continue the high level of experiences that our Club gives to all of us. It takes more than just the board of directors and a few others to make it all happen. Please sign up with a committee of your choice today! It's a great way to get to know fellow members.

Please make one of your resolutions to commit more volunteer time to BYC!

Editors
Vicki & John Garcia



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FROM the HELM

Hello BYC family. By the time this goes to print we will have gotten through the holidays. Wishing you all health and happiness for 2023. With that said we are still in need of a Port Captain, and an Entertainment Chair—if you think you might be interested, let any board member know.

We rely on our volunteers to make BYC work, and speaking of volunteers, I would like to thank the people who regularly step up without even being asked, like Randy & Eve Norman. Thank you to Katy Lamb for stepping up to do the Children's Christmas party, with help from Kathy Dellarocca and Eileen Evans. Special thanks to Santa, Mark Connors and Mrs. Claus, Marie Alex. Thanks to Fred Gibson, who helps out with our accounting, and Greg Spencer for becoming our webmaster, John & Vicki Garcia for our beautiful *Wind Word*, and anyone else who has stepped up recently that I have missed.

I am also proud of our staff: Carlos and Fernando in the kitchen; Jeannie, Mya, Paige, Lisa and Dom behind the bar and on the floor; and James keeping up with all our dishes. As you may know, keeping enough staff to cover basic hours has been tough, especially if you add private and big Club events. Our staff regularly work double shifts to accommodate keeping our doors open. Please thank them for their hard work when you get the chance.

We have a new admin in our office named Gloria, please make her feel welcome. We have purchased two new computers for our office to replace the 15-plus-year-old ones. We would have been in a bad place had they died on us.

We will be moving more band nights to Friday night as the bulk of our members seem to attend on Fridays. Saturdays had been used in the past few years to try to pull more people in, but it just wasn't working. This releases Saturday nights to other possibilities such as line dance classes or anything, really. With your help, we can make it a great year at BYC!

Fair Winds & Following Seas

**Commodore
Dena Stults**





JONI	PALACIOS	1/1		MAHA	HURDLE	1/15
SYLVIA	BARATA	1/3		NILS	KNUTSTAD	1/16
GERALD	GITCHELL	1/3		LORISSA	BERGAMIN	1/17
BRIAN	WEST	1/4		FRANK	KASTL	1/17
ROBERT	WHITEHEAD	1/4		KEVIN	KIRBY	1/17
VICKI	GARCIA	1/5		JANET	BOOTH	1/19
JANEE	CHAPMAN	1/6		DOUGLAS	VAUGHAN	1/20
DEBI	FREELAND	1/6		JEAN	GANNETT	1/21
LISA	REEP	1/8		VIRGINIA (GINGER)	PENNY	1/21
JAMES	MCPHERSON	1/9		DON	MUSANTE	1/25
MELODY	SEYMOUR	1/10		BYRON	ALTON	1/26
MARC	TRAPANI	1/10		JONATHAN (JON)	HEIRENDT	1/26
MARINA	KOPINEC	1/11		SCOTT	REEP	1/27
SEAN	CONNER	1/12		LAURA	SIMPSON	1/27
GALEN	JAEGER	1/12		LANIE	BIRDSALL	1/28
JOE	PUCCI, JR	1/12		JACK	SHEEHAN	1/28
TAMMY	COUSINS	1/13		GREG	AMES	1/29
RICH	GRIGAS	1/13		SHAULA	PATCHETT	1/29
SIERRA	VAN DER KAMP	1/14		HAPPY	NEW	YEAR!

HAPPY New Year

Calling All Cruisers!



The cruise committee is asking for expressions of interest in a September 2023 cruise-out to Angel Island. Note that this cruise-out would be different than most since boats would be tied to a buoy in Ayala Cove with no water or electricity hook-ups. There are no trip details at this time. If there is sufficient interest, Fleet Captain Steve Penny will add the Angel Island cruise-out to the tentative schedule with details to follow. Please email sjpenny5@gmail.com if interested, thanks!

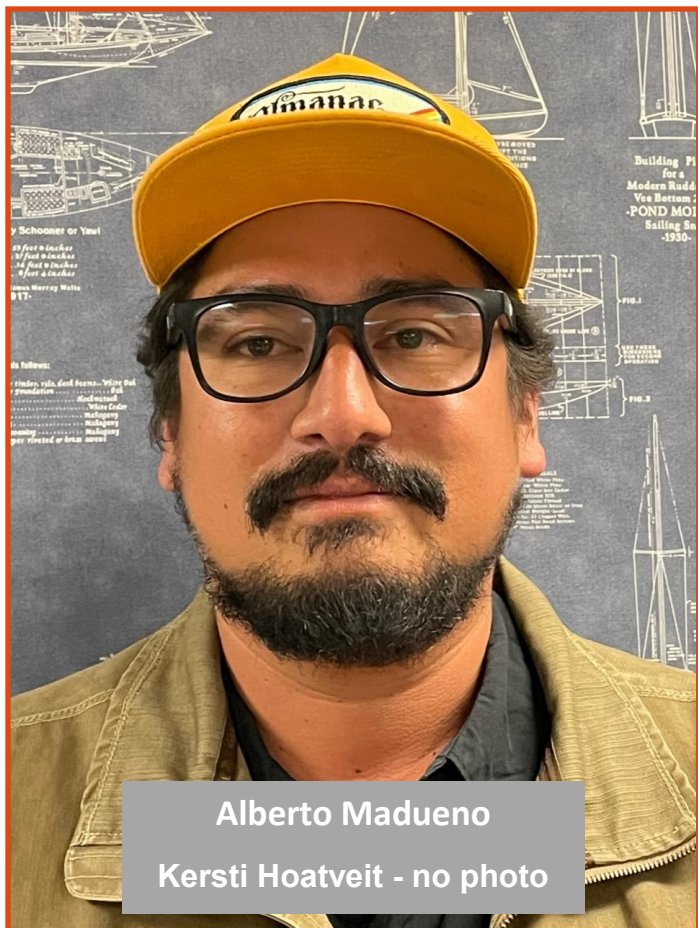
Mark your calendar for BYC 2023 Cruise-Outs!

Please volunteer for one of the adventures and email Steve Penny to confirm (he will help you).

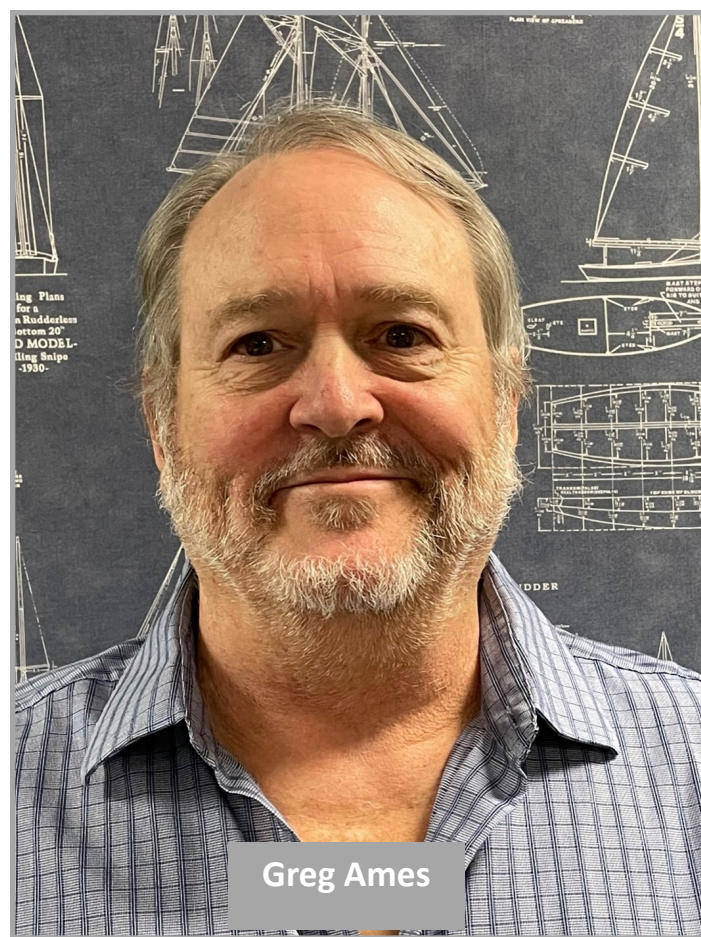
[Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board.](#)

We'll try to accommodate everyone but first-come, first-served. Land cruisers and any suggestions welcome!

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR(S)	EMAIL(S)
January	20-22	Vallejo Yacht Club	Richard Boehm	rlboehm@yahoo.com
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, Schoonmaker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed	
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested Cruisers	
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

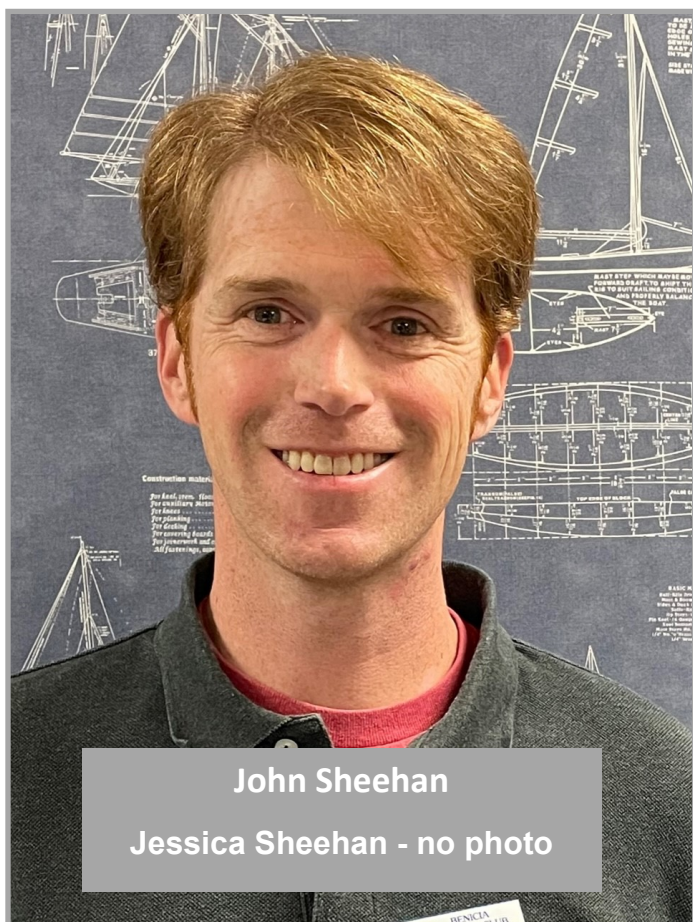


Alberto Madueno
Kersti Hoatveit - no photo



Greg Ames

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



John Sheehan
Jessica Sheehan - no photo



Susan Imboden



2023 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

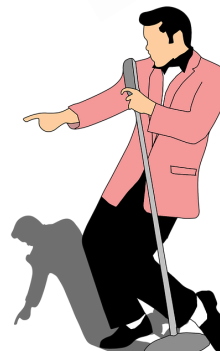


Karaoke



Karaoke

Every 3rd Friday of the month at BYC



Hosted by Stephen Wheet



Thank you Susan Linn
for hosting BYC
Thanksgiving dinner
again this year!!



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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
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JANUARY 2023

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day! <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	2 <u>CLOSED</u>	3 <u>CLOSED</u>	4 Trivia 6pm	5	6	7 Coast Guard Aux. Member Work Day! 
8 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	9 <u>CLOSED</u>	10 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting <u>6pm</u> 	11 Trivia 6pm	12	13	14
15 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	16 <u>CLOSED</u> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 <u>CLOSED</u>	18 Trivia 6pm BYC Member Meeting 7pm 	19	20  Karaoke!	21 CRAB FEED! 
22 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	23 <u>CLOSED</u>	24 <u>CLOSED</u>	25 Trivia 6pm	26	27	28
29 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	30 <u>CLOSED</u>	31 <u>CLOSED</u>				