



# *the Wind Word*

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Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
<b>CLUB/FOOD</b>	<i>Hours subject to fluctuation</i>
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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 NEW YEAR!

**Editors**  
Vicki & John Garcia



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# FROM the HELM



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

Now that was a very busy December! A big thank you goes out to Dena for teeing this all up for us. Many volunteers worked to follow through with the plan. By the way, our Club was very nicely decorated! I am so proud of how our Club looked this holiday season. Thank you to all those volunteer decorators. You nailed it!

We had a great holiday open house with some great music. This was very well attended. The Kids' Christmas Party was so wonderful. A big thanks goes out to Marcia Wisgirda for grabbing those reindeer reigns and taking the lead on this. Our Club's Christmas Party was a fun time for everyone. All in all, it was a great and very festive way to bring on Christmas and carry us into our New Year's Eve Party.

### **AND WHAT A PARTY THAT WAS.**

So here we are, January 2025. I am sure you all might agree as my family does when I say, "Where did that year go?" January is usually a recovery period for BYC. New Board, their first month in office, and a very busy one at that. I do know that later in January there is a talent show for the Club scheduled. That should be some fun! I will come up with some other ad hoc things to throw into this month. But for the most part, we will be business as usual. Please don't forget us and come down to BYC as January is generally quiet. Come have lunch, dinner, or some cocktails. You all being here at the Club is so vital to us and it is very much appreciated!

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB! CHEERS!**

***Bob Bohnet***  
***BYC Commodore***





# ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

JONI	PALACIOS	1/1		JANET L.	GREGG	1/18
BRIAN	WEST	1/4		JANET	BOOTH	1/19
ROBERT	WHITEHEAD	1/4		KATIE	BABCOCK	1/20
VICKI	GARCIA	1/5		DOUGLAS	VAUGHAN	1/20
JANEE	CHAPMAN	1/6		ELENA	SNYDER	1/21
MELODY	SEYMOUR	1/10		CLIFF	BAUMER	1/25
MARINA	KOPINEC	1/11		DON	MUSANTE	1/25
SEAN	CONNER	1/12		BYRON	ALTON	1/26
GALEN	JAEGER	1/12		JON	HEIRENDT	1/26
JOE	PUCCI, JR	1/12		LAURA	SIMPSON	1/27
TAMMY	COUSINS	1/13		LANIE	BIRDSALL	1/28
RICH	GRIGAS	1/13		SUSAN	MIRKOVICH	1/28
ANDREW	COWLEY	1/17		JASON	ALLEN	1/29
BETHANN	GAMBLE	1/17		SHAULA	PATCHETT	1/29
FRANK	KASTL	1/17		KERRY	SCOTT	1/30
KEVIN	KIRBY	1/17				



## 2025 CRUISE-OUT NEWS

**PLANNING MEETING:** All land and water cruisers are invited to attend a planning meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5 pm in the Regatta Room. A preliminary cruise-out schedule is posted on the BYC website. Any and all ideas for 2025 cruise-out destinations will be considered. *Look forward to seeing you on January 8.*

**VALLEJO CRUISE-OUT**—The annual Vallejo YC cruise-out is scheduled for Friday, January 17 this year. Please sign up either in the Norton Lounge or on the BYC website. If arriving by boat, provide the requested boat information. *See you in Vallejo!*

—Brian West, BYC Fleet Captain



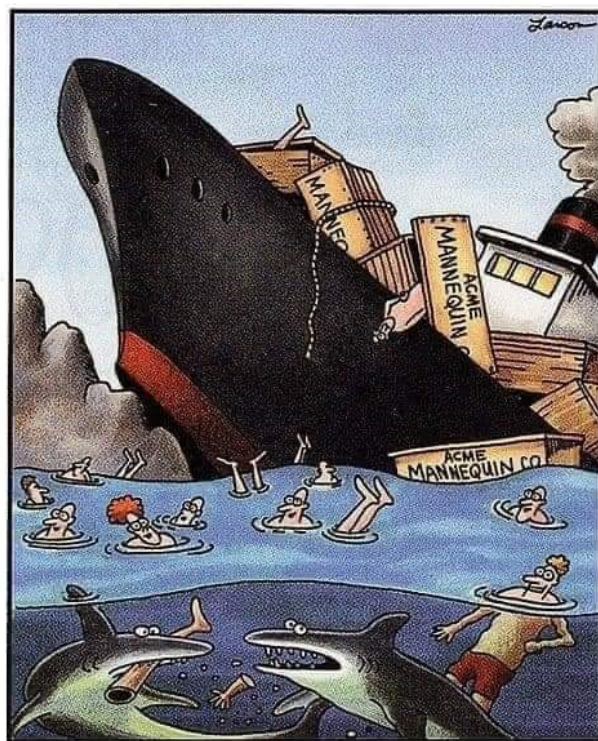
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IAN BRICK & JAN HARACZY

And many thanks for jumping right in and hosting Monday Night Football on December 9!



## BYC BUILDING UPGRADE

New HVAC equipment is being installed for the Regatta Room. This building upgrade is being paid for by the SPECIAL ASSESSMENT monies paid by membership. Thank you to our generous members, Randy Norman & crew!



“What is this? ... Some kind of cruel hoax?”



## REGATTA ROOM RENTAL RATES

Book your event now for 2025!

Members \$800—Non-Members \$1,400



# 2025 Benicia Yacht Club Scheduled Racing/Event Calendar

Includes other popular Bay Area Races

2025 Date	Start Time*	Regatta/Event
<b>January/February/March</b>		
Thursday, January 2, 2025	17:00	<b>RACERS Meeting -Norton Lounge</b>
Saturday, January 11, 2025	11:00	BenYC 2023-2024 Frost Bite Series #3
Saturday, January 25, 2025	8:00	Three Bridge Fiasco GGYC
Thursday, February 6, 2025	17:00	<b>RACERS Meeting -Norton Lounge</b>
Saturday, February 8, 2025	11:00	BenYC 2023-2024 Frost Bite Series #4 Sweet Heart Race
Thursday, March 6, 2025	17:00	<b>RACERS Meeting -Norton Lounge</b>
Saturday, March 8, 2025	11:00	BenYC 2023-2024 Frost Bite Series #5
Saturday, March 8, 2025	11:00	Big Daddy RYC
Sunday, March 9, 2025	9:00	Big Daddy RYC-Pursuit Race
Thursday, March 27, 2025	16:00	<b>BEER CAN SEASON KICKOFF PARTY-Norton Lounge</b>
<b>April</b>		
Thursday, April 3, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #1
Thursday, April 10, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #2
Thursday, April 17, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #3
Thursday, April 24, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #4
Saturday, April 26, 2025	9:00	<b>BenYC Opening Day on the Strait</b>
<b>May</b>		
Thursday, May 1, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #5
Saturday, May 3, 2025	11:00	Great Vallejo Race
Sunday, May 4, 2025	9:00	Great Vallejo Race -Pursuit Race
Thursday, May 8, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #6
Thursday, May 15, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #7
Thursday, May 22, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #8
Thursday, May 29, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #9
<b>June</b>		
Thursday, June 5, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #10
Thursday, June 12, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #11
Thursday, June 19, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #12
Thursday, June 26, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #13
<b>July</b>		
Thursday, July 10, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #14
Thursday, July 17, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #15
Saturday, July 19, 2025	7:00	<b>BenYC Light House Race</b>
Thursday, July 24, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #16
Saturday, July 26, 2025	11:00	Encinal Regatta
Thursday, July 31, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #17
<b>August</b>		
Thursday, August 7, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #18
Saturday, August 9, 2025	17:00	<b>BenYC Chasing The Moon Race</b>
Thursday, August 14, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #19
Thursday, August 21, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #20
Thursday, August 28, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #21
Saturday, August 30, 2025	11:00	<b>Jazz Cup SBYC/BenYC</b>
<b>September</b>		
Thursday, September 4, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #22
Thursday, September 11, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #23
Thursday, September 18, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #24
Thursday, September 25, 2025	18:00	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #25
<b>October/November/December</b>		
Saturday, October 4, 2025	11:00	<b>BenYC Champions Race</b>
Saturday, October 18, 2025	18:00	<b>BenYC Racing Awards Dinner</b>
Saturday, October 25, 2025	11:00	Great Pumpkin Race RYC
Sunday, October 26, 2025	9:00	Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race RYC
Saturday, November 8, 2025	11:00	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1
Saturday, December 13, 2025	11:00	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #2

\*Estimated Start times for Races-Refer to SIs and NORs for details. Subject to change and modification.

# Ode to a Yacht Club

Her walls are weathered, her floors are scarred, her carpets need a shampoo - We gather here in laughter and tears, and other stuff that we do - While sailors and landlubbers take in her view, what a glorious sight to behold - Where we celebrate holidays, have a great meal, and listen to stories of old - We are joined in love in that room up above, where a friend can always be found - So let's drink to her here, and every Change of Watch year that she'll always be around -

Cheers, Long May She Live!

by Dena Stults





## BYC KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ho Ho Ho! Santa Claus came ashore early to party with BYC's kids on December 15. All enjoyed arts and crafts, snacks and Santa's gifts. A HUGE thank you to Marcia Wisgirda, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and all their helper elves for putting this event together. Merry Christmas!



**BYC NOTICE: The Club is now OPEN FOR LUNCH on Wednesdays & Thursdays!**



## NAUTICA GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

**Saturdays • January 18 & February 15 • 9:30 am Regatta Room**

As the excitement of the holidays winds down and playoff football provides only a short-term spark for our conversations and social calendars, we are left with the question of WHAT'S NEXT? BYC's Nautica Group is meeting in January and February to explore WHAT water-related opportunities are in store for the 2025 season. Whether you are a sailor, powerboater, kayaker, paddleboarder or just have the means, two eyes and that unrelenting desire to experience the fun available at the Benicia shoreline and along the Carquinez Strait, come down and join us! Bring your ideas and passions. We can discuss them, promote them and get ready to enjoy them in the 2025 season.

—Randy Norman





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Watch e-blasts for info on </p> 			<p>1 Trivia 6pm</p>  <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2 RACERS MEETING 5pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 BYC Members Work Day! 8-11am</p> 
<p>5 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</p> <p>1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p>6 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>7 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>8 Trivia 6pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Frostbite Sail Race #3</p> 
<p>12 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</p> <p>1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p>13 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>14 <b>CLOSED</b></p>  <p><u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u></p>	<p>15 Trivia 6pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</p> <p>1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p>20 <b>CLOSED</b></p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>21 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>22 Trivia 6pm</p>  <p><u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Three Bridge Fiasco GGYC</p> 
<p>26 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</p> <p>1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p>27 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>28 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>29 Trivia 6pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	