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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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

#### **BOOOO Members!**

Much is happening at the Club this month! Most important: BYC ELECTIONS Please participate—as a co-owner, your choices help direct the Club.

*Wednesday October 4:* 

Meet the Candidates Night

Here is your chance to learn about the nominees for the Board of Directors.

*Wednesday October 18:* 

BYC Elections & Results

Ballots will be mailed to you; tabulations and results happen on this night!

Saturday October 28:

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Outrageous costumes, live music, FUN! Don't miss it!



**Editors Vicki & John Garcia** 

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Director	Kathleen Jones	Safety & Protocol	Paul Brighton
Director	Ken Buske	Ship Store Manager	Debi Hall
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Dear fellow members,

It has been an honor to serve you as your Commodore. I ask for your support, so that I may continue to guide the Club forward for one more year.

I will continue to spread the gospel of good at our Club through being a good neighbor, through promoting boating and sailing competition, through continued support of youth sailing, through cruising and visiting other yacht clubs, and to bring power boat racing back to Benicia.

I also plan to give members more daytime events which have proven to be popular with our membership. I will continue to treat our staff members like family, with the reward that they will hopefully stay with us for many years in the future. I will continue working to make the Club a better environment for us all by listening to you, our members, then strive to give you what you want. This happens only with the support of our dedicated volunteers whom we rely so heavily upon and ultimately you.

Again, let me express my thanks for the honor of serving you, and I ask for your continued support to serve as your Commodore.

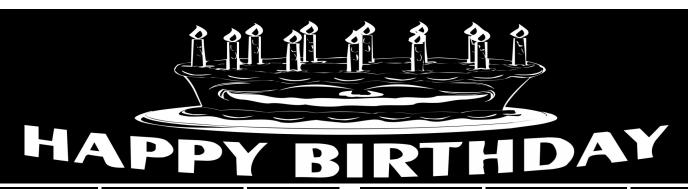
Sincerely,

**Dena Stults** 



FROM THE HELM + Candidate's Statement





DAN	COURTER	10/1	LINDA	PERZ	10/16
MOIRA	SULLIVAN	10/1	JAMES	PETRELLESSE	10/17
PAUL	WERBLOW	10/1	MARK	CAMPBELL	10/18
SANDRA	RAGLAND	10/3	PAM	KNUTSTAD	10/18
ВОВ	MARRONE	10/6	BERNARD	LEMKE	10/21
RAY	MCENEANEY	10/6	GREGORY	SPENCER	10/21
VICTORIA	MUSANTE	10/6	RALPH	AGUIAR	10/24
KEN	VANSTORY	10/7	KATHLEEN	BANTA	10/24
NANCY	CHERTKOW	10/8	NICOLE	CORE	10/24
GREGORY	GALLAGHER	10/8	SUSAN	GIBSON	10/25
CAROLYN	REED	10/9	JENN	NEGRETTE	10/25
STEPHEN	GIZZI	10/11	DEB	MURRAY	10/26
вовву	ENDERLIN	10/14	DEBI	HALL	10/30
JAMES	WHITE	10/14	JENNIFER	SIRIANNI	10/30
ADAM	KLEIMAN	10/15	BRAD	PRODGER	10/31
DERITH	LUTZ	10/16	FRED	RAILSBACK	10/31

### **VOTE**

### IT'S BYC ELECTION TIME!

Join us for **Meet the Candidates Night October 4** in the Norton Lounge right after Trivia (~ 6:45pm)

### BYC CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

### Dena Stults—Candidate for Commodore

Running for a second term (please see pg 3).





#### Candidate for Vice Commodore—Brian West

Running for a second term.

#### Candidate for Rear Commodore—Natalie Boltz Keller

Running for a second term.

I bring a unique eye and new ideas to the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) from a leadership position. I have a lot of love for BYC as I have spent the better part of 30 years enjoying the facilities with my parents (Richard & Robyn Boltz), as a junior member and as an adult member. From Easter to Thanksgiving, Opening Day, Christmas on First Street, Jazz Cup, New

Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any other holiday in between—BYC and my parents' dedication to BYC have been a constant in my life. I feel that I can help the Club with keeping its roots and also opening its eyes to potential new opportunities. My experience in the food and beverage industry, managing small yet dynamic teams and creating successful operations procedures at several notable Napa Valley wineries, allows me to bring some support to the Club in areas that can be beneficial.

The historical knowledge of BYC, imparted to me by my dad, gives me a unique eye to the successes and misses the Club has endured over the years. Additionally, I co-own a local small business with my husband, Mark Keller. I have also served on the Benicia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and can help the Club stay involved citywide where applicable.

#### Nancy Chertkow—Candidate for Secretary

Hello—My name is Nancy Chertkow and I'm applying for a second year as Secretary of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) Board of Directors. In October 2022 I was elected as Board Secretary. I have attended the Board meetings and have paraphrased the minutes consistent with BYC Bylaws. The feedback I have been given regarding my performance has been favorable.



My husband and I became members of BYC in December of 2021. I have enjoyed being a member. I have had the opportunity of meeting many new people and I have grown to appreciate the wonderful members here. While I have enjoyed the Club socially, I have also had many opportunities to help with special events and work parties. I find that being able to give back to others is fulfilling and rewarding.

I believe my former career has given me some of the necessary tools to fulfill the Secretary position successfully. I retired after 33 years with the Contra Costa County Superior Court. I spent 25 years as a courtroom clerk. I prepared daily minutes for all court proceedings. I maintained my Judge's busy calendar. I recorded and memorialized my Judge's directions regarding the criminal sentencing of inmates. I maintained and preserved evidence. I coordinated with jury services, the Clerk's office, the Sheriff's Office, the calendaring unit, Master calendar unit and interpreter services regarding important issues in our department. I assisted the Judge with all communications. I was selected to assist in training personnel. I was our Union President for four years. I was sought out by judges and other personnel who had procedural questions.

In conclusion, I believe I have the requisite qualifications to be the BYC Secretary and look forward to continuing my service to the Club. Thank you.

#### Kriss Kastl—Candidate for Treasurer

Qualifications for the position:

 4 years college education, including degree in accounting—
 45 years working at various private businesses and government with accounting duties—
 2+ years as a member of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC)



Actual work experience for position held:

- I spent 38 years with Whitehurst Management Company, a franchisee of Burger King. The corporation had nine restaurants; all accounting had to be done separately for each restaurant. Payroll was done on a semi-monthly basis for 250+ employees. Financials were done on a monthly basis and food costs done weekly. I also learned their POS system.
- 3 years of accounting services for the Martinez Yacht Club. Professionalized their accounting system.

Ongoing online training:

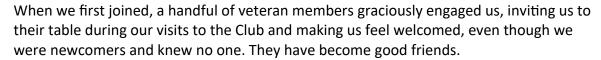
Attending Martinez Adult School for Quick Books



There are two director openings, each serving for two years. The following candidates have applied: Rick Albers, Shaula Patchett and Heather Turman.

#### Rick Albers—Candidate for Director

I, along with my wife, Lori Martin, have been members of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) since 2009. Shortly after joining the Club, I volunteered to edit the *Wind Word* newsletter, a role I was in for three years.





The Covid-19 pandemic really pushed us away from all social gatherings and we were slow to re-engage when the recovery began. Now, we have begun seeing friends from long ago, and meeting new members who, I am sure, we will share time with at the Club.

The time I spent editing the newsletter was an enjoyable one. It allowed me to meet just about everyone in the Club and learn about the goings-on. After a long hiatus from active Club involvement, we thought about how to get more involved. We started slowly, taking part in Trivia Nights (I've hosted it twice; please don't hold that against me). But now, I think Board involvement is a good step to really learning about the Club.

Should I be seated as a Director, I hope to bring ideas to BYC which would engage the wider Benicia community in a way that the Club and its members are looked up to as civic leaders. Everyone in town knows about BYC, but they don't know BYC. I hope to change that perspective.

#### Shaula Patchett—Candidate for Director

I am Shaula Patchett, a Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) member since 2021 and candidate for Director. I have enjoyed meeting new friends and decorating for events. I would like to assist the Club in both administrative matters and social events.

I have more than five decades of experience as a legal secretary, office manager in engineering and environmental consulting, and city government with a BA in Journalism. I have drafted legal documents and corporate minutes, reviewed contracts, edited reports, initiated staff meetings, financial reports, office procedures and created forms. I processed incoming and outgoing employees, renewed office insurance and arranged safety trainings. I am comfortable working with officers, employees, Club members and the public.



In addition to my office skills, I have enjoyed event planning, decorating, attending social activities, and visiting Sausalito and St. Francis Yacht Clubs. As a past member of the Sacramento Argentine Tango Club, I assisted in planning and decorating several events and parties. I know many of the bands that play in Benicia, and would like to see more social events like those that were in place when I became a BYC member. I have ideas to streamline both administrative procedures and social events.



#### Heather Turman—Candidate for Director

Hello all—I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself and what I have to offer as a Director at Benicia Yacht Club (BYC).

For starters, I was a Firewoman for more than 18 years and involved in the EMS system for more than 25 years. In those industries I did things that we're all reasonably familiar with, but there are other things that have given me more—things that I am eager to share with BYC!



I was a representative for my department for the Santa Clara EMS Agency; there I helped to make decisions for both my department and the communities of Santa Clara County. I helped to organize emergency preparedness with the Fire Department and interface with other surrounding agencies. I also volunteered at least five times to organize the Pancake Breakfast, a fundraising benefit for the Burn Foundation. This involved making contacts, finding donors, and promoting and running the events. Other similar events included the Burn Relay, Fill The Boot and even BBQ fundraising events. I also was part of designing a comprehensive arson diversion program designed for troubled youth.

I also have experience in high-end service, a 5-star hotel and Napa Valley's winetasting and events industry. Allow me to get to the important part: Why become a Director? It's because I want to help make decisions that benefit the membership and the Club. I want to *hear* your voice so I can *be* your voice. I'd like to be part of what is behind so many special memories!

Thanks!

October 4—MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT Norton Lounge after Trivia ~6:45pm





October 18—ELECTION NIGHT + RESULTS
Regatta Room after Trivia ~6:45pm



## 2023 JAZZ CUP RESULTS

#### Division: (4 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points

- 1. 3002, Free, Jim BilaferJim Carlsen[D], RYC, 40-; 40
- 2. 119, Mo Pinchin, Morgan Paxhia[D], StFYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T
- 2. 274, Cordon Rouge, Jim Sell Sr.Jimmy Sell, Nick Fournier[D][X], SBYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T
  - 2. 45, Bella, Aidan Collins[D], MYC, 73/DNC-; 73T

#### Division: X (20 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points

- 1. 208, Nuckelavee, Mark KennedyPearl Prisco[O][X], SBYC, 1-; 1
- 2. 1210, Goose, Mike KastropLorianna Kastrop[E][X], South Beach YC, 14-; 14
  - 3. 22, Jubilant, Kevin WilkinsonRoss Werner[J][X], SBYC, 23-; 23
- 4. 28312, HIGHLIGHTER, William HackelWilliam Hackel[F][X], SBYC, 24-; 24
  - 5. 52868, Curie, Todd McPherson[F][X], SBYC, 26-; 26
    - 6. 6138, Avalon, John Ford[E][X], SBYC, 27-; 27

#### 7. 119, E Ticket, Noble Griswold[G][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 29-; 29

- 8. 41327, Heart of Gold, joan Byrne[G][X], SBYC, 35-; 35
- 9. 28735, Savoir Faire, Paul Osborn[H][X], SBYC, 38-; 38
- 10. 18257, pHat Jack, Robert Lugliani[J][X], SBYC, 42-; 42
- 11. 157, Rakusu, Bill DavidsonJonathan Ferro[J][X], SBYC, 45-; 45
- 12. 311, Solace, Robert SwensonRuggero POergher[E][X], SBYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T
  - 12. 41385, WIKD, Scott Selover[J][X], South Beach, 73/RET-BF-; 73T
- 12. 28609, Clean Sweep, Greg PronkoMichele Sumpton[F][X], South Beach, 73/RET-BF-; 73T
  - 12. 18619, Northern Light, Duke AustinCat Reining[G][X], SBYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T

#### 12. 28174, Playpen2, Stephen Dale[E][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 73/DNF-; 73T

- 12. 274, Cordon Rouge, Jim Sell Sr.Jimmy Sell, Nick Fournier[D][X], SBYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T
  - 12. none, L'Attitude, Ron Tosch[J][X], BYC, 73/DNF-; 73T
- 12. 155, Sail la Vie, Dan Carnahan[E][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 73/DNF-; 73T

#### 12. 35131, True Norse, William Kessler. Cindi Gillette[G][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 73/RET-BF-; 73T

#### Division: E (11 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points

- 1. 5080, Anemone, Hank Lindemann[E], Aeolian YC, 10-; 10
  - 2. 1036, Flight, Rosanne Scholl[E], RYC, 13-; 13
- 3. 1210, Goose, Mike KastropLorianna Kastrop[E][X], South Beach YC, 14-; 14
  - 4. 38311, Siento el Viento, Ian Matthew[E], TYC, 20-; 20
  - 5. 2394, Downtown Uproar, Darren Cumming[E], None, 21-; 21
    - 6. 6138, Avalon, John Ford[E][X], SBYC, 27-; 27
  - 7. 18245, Chesapeake, James Fair[E], Berkeley Yacht Club, 28-; 28

#### 8. 155, Sail la Vie, Dan Carnahan[E][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 73/DNF-; 73T

9. 510, Slainte, Paul Sutchek[E], SSS, 73/DNF-; 73T

#### 8. 28174, Playpen2, Stephen Dale[E][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 73/DNF-; 73T

8. 311, Solace, Robert SwensonRuggero POergher[E][X], SBYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T

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#### 1. 71, Topper II, Conrad Holbrook[F], RYC, 16-; 16 2. 38047, Bombora, Rebecca Hinden[F], Encinal yacht club, 17-; 17 3. 8444, Young Betty, Tony PohlKrysia Pohl[F], St.FYC/EYC, 19-; 19 4. 66, Immoral, Alex SalogubChris Johnson[F], StFYC, 22-; 22 5. 28312, HIGHLIGHTER, William HackelWilliam Hackel[F][X], SBYC, 24-; 24 6. 52868, Curie, Todd McPherson[F][X], SBYC, 26-; 26 7. 63336, WarWhoop, Chuck/ Serge Hooper/PondSerg pond[F], Benicia, 32-; 32 8. 48, Hang 20, Lori Tewksbury[F], RYC, 33-; 33 9. 18394, Abigail Morgan, Ron Kell[F], cyc, 34-; 34 10. 28609, Clean Sweep, Greg PronkoMichele Sumpton[F][X], South Beach, 73/RET-BF-; 73T 10. 38112, ADVENTURE, Steven Strunk[F], Vallejo Yacht Club, 73/RET-BF-; 73T Division: G (11 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points 1. 109, Werewolf, Jeff Mulvihill[G], SFYC, 11-; 11 2. 64999, humble vandal, Galan Smith[G], Island Yacht Club, 18-; 18 3. 119, E Ticket, Noble Griswold[G][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 29-; 29 4. 3113, Arcadia, Gordie Nash[G], ryc, 30-; 30 5. 30980, Ahi, Andy Newell[G], Richmond YC, 31-; 31 6. 41327, Heart of Gold, joan Byrne[G][X], SBYC, 35-; 35 7. 38022, Sea Star, Bob Walden[G], Ryc, 36-; 36 8. 7954, Duende, Philip Lavelle[G], EYC, 41-; 41 9. 45, zephyros, grant hayes[G], IYC, 46-; 46 10. 35131, True Norse, William Kessler, Cindi Gillette[G][X], Benicia Yacht Club, 73/RET-BF-; 73T 10. 18619, Northern Light, Duke AustinCat Reining[G][X], SBYC, 73/RET-BF-; 73T Division: H (10 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points 1. 140, Windsome, Anne Thomas[H], Richmond Yacht Club, 4-; 4 2. SP1, Serenade, Scott Easom[H], SFYC, 12-; 12 3. 3001, Wolfpack, Andrew Hamilton[H], RYC, 15-; 15 4. 18151, Bloom County, Elliott James[H], Sfyc, 25-; 25 5. 28735, Savoir Faire, Paul Osborn[H][X], SBYC, 38-; 38 6. 8258, Special Edition, John Ross[H], RYC, 39-; 39 7. 46924, Swell Patrol, Zac Maricondia[H], Encinal YC, 44-; 44 8. 39, Josie, David Sandry[H], Master Mariners, 50-; 50 9. 7, Joy Ride, cindy evans[H], RYC, 73/DNF-; 73T 9. 87112, TuQuila, John Dillow[H], SSS, 73/RET-BF-; 73T Division: 1 (12 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points 1. 22, Jubilant, Kevin WilkinsonRoss Werner[J][X], SBYC, 23-; 23 2. 40646, Jeannette, Bob Novy[J], Encinal, 37-; 37 3. 18257, pHat Jack, Robert Lugliani[J][X], SBYC, 42-; 42 4. 28870, alchera, Jeff Phillips[J], PCYC, 43-; 43 5. 157, Rakusu, Bill DavidsonJonathan Ferro[J][X], SBYC, 45-; 45 6. 18514, Quiver, Adam Eliot[J], SSS, 51-; 51 7. 69397, Joker, Elvin Valverde[J], Vallejo Yacht Club, 73/DNF-; 73T 7. none, L'Attitude, Ron Tosch[J][X], BYC, 73/DNF-; 73T

Division: F (11 boats) Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points



### 2023 CRUISE-INS

October 7-8
Dos Rios YC – 5 Boats

October 11-12
Corinthian YC – 8 Boats

October 27-28
Barbary Coast Boating Club – TBD

November 3-5 Solano YC – 3-4 Boats

November 17-18
Richmond YC – 10 Boats

# MONTH DATES DESTINATION(S) CRUISE DIRECTOR Richmond Yacht

(Harvest Cruise)	11-15	Club, Schoonmaker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Luchay & Lori Nott



### **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Saturday Oct. 28





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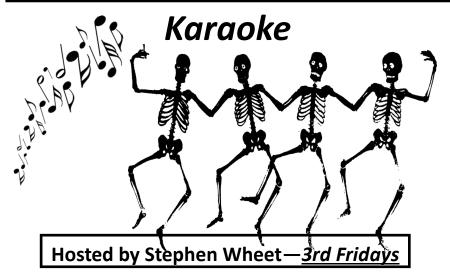
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# **OCTOBER 2023**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	Trivia 6pm  MEET THE  CANDIDATES  NIGHT 6:45pm	5	6	7 <u>Cruise-In</u> Dos Rios 7-8
8 SUNDAY  NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	COLUMBUS DAY	BYC BOD Meeting 7pm	11 Trivia 6pm <u>Cruise-In</u> Corinthian  11-12 <u>BYC Cruise-Out</u> Harvest Cruise  11-15	12	US Navy Birthday	14
15 SUNDAY  NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED	18 Trivia 6pm BYC ELECTION NIGHT Members Meeting 7pm	19	20	21
22 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5pm	23	CLOSED.	<b>25</b> Trivia 6pm	26	SAIL RACE AWARDS DINNER Cruise-In Barbary Coast 27-28	28 HALLOWEEN PARTY!!  EAT, DRINK And Ge SCARY
29 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	30 Cl.05ED	HALLOWEEN				