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the Wind Word

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Ahoy BYC -

Did you know that Alexander Graham Bell used "Ahoy" as his greeting on the telephone instead of "Hello"?

Well, this month brings Mother's Day. Should your mom be alive or even if she has passed, remember to recognize her in some special way.

As my mom loves reading our *Wind Word*, I thought I would tell her how much I—and our entire family—love her and how she has meant so much to all of us over her 93 years. We look forward to many more.

I couldn't have asked for a more loving, caring and beautiful person as my mom and I thank God for giving her to me as mine.

I just share her with others.

Happy Mother's Day to All the Moms!

We Love You!



Editors
Vicki & John Garcia

Submittals to *Wind Word* are due by 15th of month by 5pm; will then appear in one of the two following issues.

FR M THE HELM

April brought fair weather, fair winds, and BYC's Beer Can Sailing Races, which went into full swing. We had a wonderful Easter Brunch April 20 which included an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. The Easter Bunny and a large Easter Egg even showed up to entertain everyone. We all enjoyed a delicious breakfast spread—many thanks to Chef Carlos and his fantastic team. Special thanks go out to Susan Linn for spearheading this event and to all who helped in making this a memorable day for family and friends.

Then there was that OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT event.

BYC was open to the public who happily joined us in enjoying a full day of live music, food, entertainment for the kids, and a special flag raising with the National Anthem sung by our own Goldie Pierce. A whole host of vendors in our parking lot sold a variety of intriguing wares. The day was spirited by our Membership group, Sailing group, Ship Store, and a great turnout of our members. All of which shown brightly to our guests. We were totally blessed by a beautiful day. I also cannot begin to tell you just how truly thankful I am and that we all should be for the effort our Vice Commodore Natalie Boltz Keller put in to pull this all together. Natalie and her team left no stone unturned.

AMAZING!

The number of members who volunteered to pitch in for this event was staggering. So many to thank! The Club and environs looked beautiful—thanks, Randy. Thanks to Andy for leading the Membership Group. Thank you, Debi, for our Ship Store presence. Our staff, bartenders and the galley all went the extra mile on this long day. Thanks!

WHAT A GRAND DAY IT WAS!

The month of May will bring us a couple of Saturday Dinner Date Nights; Doug Houser will be here to entertain us for one of them. Then Kevin Frazier and his saxophone will be back for another. We will finish off the month with a Cruise-Out to Marin Yacht Club in San Rafael on May 24-26. Be sure to contact me asap to sign up for this fun event!

Last but not least, please make a point to welcome the new members who signed up on Opening Day and give them that warm BYC family experience.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB! CHEERS!



Bob Bohnet
BYC Commodore

Opening Day on the Strait: A Sail-ebration to Remember!



The **Benicia Yacht Club** was proud to host a truly unforgettable **Opening Day on the Strait** on April 26! With a festive spirit all around, the event marked a perfect start to the boating season. Members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day filled with tradition and fun—from the colorful boat parade and blessing of the fleet, to lively music, great food and camaraderie on the waterfront. Our Club was buzzing with energy as we welcomed both seasoned sailors and new friends alike. A **huge thank you** to everyone who helped make the day such a success—volunteers, members, staff, participants and the community. Here's to smooth sailing ahead and an amazing season on the strait!

—Cheers, Natalie Boltz Keller, Vice Commodore



PICYA NEWS

PICYA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2025

PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association)—of which BYC is a member—awards scholarships to graduating high school students or college students wishing to continue their education at approved institutions of higher learning. Anyone with school expenses may apply, subject to the required qualifications listed below. Please visit <https://picya.org/picya-scholarships> for more information and how to apply.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: JUNE 14, 2025

Qualifications for applications:

1. Students whose parents, grandparents, guardians or mentors are members of a Northern California yacht club which has active membership with PICYA (Benicia Yacht Club qualifies)
2. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors of the current year, or college students continuing to pursue their educational goals.
3. Scholarships are not renewable. However, previous recipients are eligible to reapply, provided they still meet all other qualifications.

Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association

Scholarship Program 2025

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS PURPOSE:
PICYA awards scholarships to graduating high school students or college students wishing to continue their education in approved institutions of higher learning. To be considered applicants must be:

- Students whose parents, grandparents, guardians or mentors are members of a yacht club belonging to PICYA in Northern California.
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors of the current year, or college students continuing to pursue their educational goals.
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APPLY NOW

Visit Our Website: [www.PICYA.org](https://picya.org)

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Scholarship Info & Application



2025 PICYA LIPTON CUP REGATTA: June 13-15

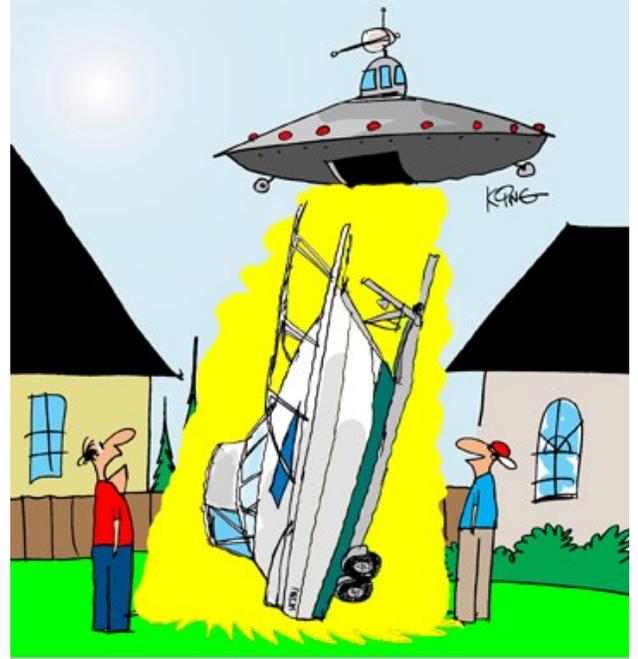
The modern Lipton Cup Regatta in San Francisco is three-day racing special event presented by PICYA under the Organizing Authority member Richmond Yacht Club. The Regatta is open to all Yacht Clubs that are current PICYA members in good standing (BYC qualifies). Sign-up entries are open now. Visit <https://liptoncupsf.com/> for more info and <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29400> to register.

—Rick Albers, Director, 510-508-9905

BYC CRUISE-OUTS

DATE	DESTINATION	CRUISE DIRECTOR
MAY 24-26	MARIN YACHT CLUB, SAN RAFAEL	BOB BOHNET
JUNE 20-22	ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO	BRIAN WEST

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBER
AL CARUSO**



"And I just canceled my 'Alien theft' insurance."

REGATTA ROOM RENTAL RATES

Book your event now for 2025!

Members \$700

Non-Members \$1,400

2025 Cruise-Ins

May 9-11	C Bratts Cruising Club (multiple yacht clubs)	10 boats	July 24-27	Discovery Bay	12 boats
May 23-25	Club Nautique (multiple yacht clubs most from Bellina)	10 boats	August 1-3	Sequoia	10 boats
May 30-June 1	Bellina	5 boats	August 8-10	Napa	10 boats
June 18-19	Stockton Sailing	5 boats	August 29-30	Marina West	6 boats
June 20-22	Point San Pablo	5 boats	September 12-14	Marin	8 boats
June 27-29	San Francisco Cruising Club	10 boats	September 19-21	Caliente Isle	7 boats
July 3-6	Island YC	5 boats	September 26-28	San Joaquin	10 boats
July 11-13	Delta Marina	10 boats	October 1-3	Corinthian	8 boats
July 18-20	Hidden Harbor	10 boats	October 24-26	Dos Rios	5 boats



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TONY	MACHADO	5/3	BARRY	SWEET	5/18
BOB	HALL	5/4	GERALD	MCKAY	5/19
CANDY	BURROWS	5/5	TAMMY	RIEMER	5/19
HEIDI	MIDDLETON	5/6	CHAD	HUMMEL	5/20
LARS	HILTON	5/8	MICHELLE	KERR	5/21
VIKKI	TAYLOR	5/8	CYNTHIA	HILL	5/23
MONICA	GRISWOLD	5/9	LINDSEY	SWIFT	5/23
CHERYL	KLEINSCHMIDT	5/9	CINDY	TOSCH	5/23
ANNE	CARUSO	5/10	JOE	GARSKE JR	5/24
TONY	MCINTOSH	5/11	TARYN	SHAWSTAD	5/24
MARY ANNE	BRANCH	5/12	JACQUELINE	VULLIERME	5/24
LORI	NOTT	5/12	EILEEN	WEST	5/24
GINNY	PROSSER	5/12	IAN	BRICK	5/25
SAM	BRENES	5/13	NANCY	CHUDNOFSKY	5/26
DREW	SWANSON	5/13	MITCHELL	KESSLER	5/30
ROBERT	RITTER	5/15	KEN	HANLEY	5/31
RENEE	AMARO	5/16	TIM	ROSE	5/31
WAYNE	MCINTOSH	5/17			

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!

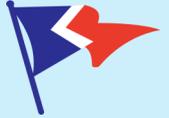
Thank you to all BYC Members who contributed time and effort to make this event such a success!



**EASTER
BUFFET
April 20**

2025 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP

- Maintain Curb Appeal
 - General Restoration
 - Landscape Upkeep
 - Planned Projects
- 8:00am to 11:00am
First Saturday of each month



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Ad Size	Month	Year
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1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
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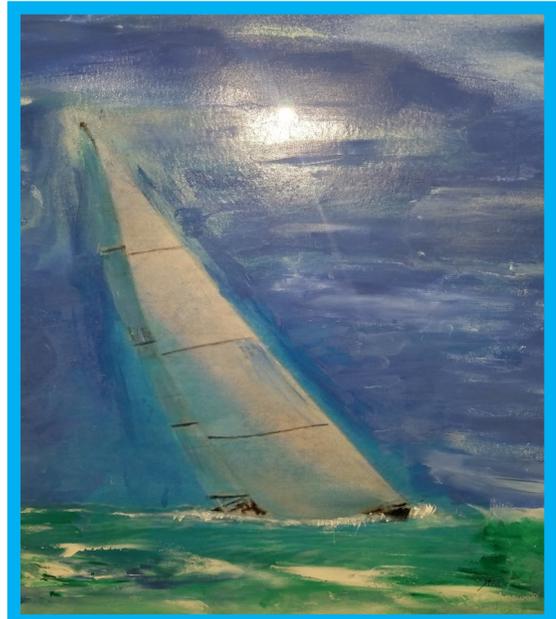
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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website & on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Watch e-blasts for UPDATES</p>				<p>1 Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <u>BYC Members Work Day!</u></p>  <p><u>Great Vallejo Sail Race</u></p>
<p>4 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p> <p><u>Great Vallejo Sail Race</u></p>	<p>5 CINCO DE MAYO</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>7 Trivia 6pm</p>	<p>8 Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p>9 <u>Cruise-In</u> C Bratts 5/9-11</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 BYC MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p>  <p><u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u></p>	<p>14 Trivia 6pm</p>	<p>15 Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <u>Armed Forces Day</u></p> 
<p>18 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK</p> <p>1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>21 Trivia 6pm</p>  <p><u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u></p>	<p>22 Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p>23 <u>Cruise-In</u> Club Nautique 5/23-25</p>	<p>24 <u>BYC Cruise-Out</u> Marin YC 5/24-26</p>
<p>25 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK</p> <p>1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY</p>	<p>26 MEMORIAL DAY</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>28 Trivia 6pm</p>	<p>29 Beer Can Sail Race</p> 	<p>30 <u>Cruise-In</u> Bellina 5/30-6/1</p>	<p>31</p>