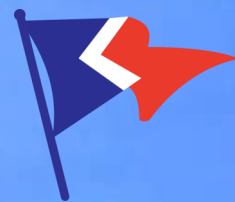


the Wind Word

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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Main Number	707-746-0739
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<u>Reservations</u>	<u>Opt. 2 Call 12-4pm Wed-Sat ONLY</u>
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OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
	Last Food Orders at 7:45pm
Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs*	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: 4pm-8pm (Wed) 4pm-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: noon-10pm
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.

HO HO HO BYC FAMILY—

BYC is SO ready to celebrate the season!

But first, on behalf of the entire Club, we extend a big THANK YOU to Dena Stults for her two-year (!) stint as Commodore. She not only guided us through a tough season, but also worked non-stop as Entertainment and Social Media chairs, and more. And right by her side, supporting all her efforts, was her husband, Steve Stults—we thank him, too. Both devoted untold number of hours to keep the Club going—and fun.

Thank you as well to Bob Bohnet, who not only stepped up as Treasurer and then Secretary this past year, but is taking on the Commodore position—again! Thanks in advance to his wife, Rachele, who is letting BYC absorb much of Bob's time next year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year's!



Editors

Vicki & John Garcia



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FROM the HELM

Season's Greetings to all and a big Ho-Ho-Ho-Ho to our membership. Hope this finds all of you well and ready to enjoy this holiday season. December has us sponsoring an Open House, a Club Christmas party, Children's Christmas with Santa, and finishing with our great New Year's Eve party. We will be decorating the Club for the holidays during the first week of December, then again for New Year's Eve. I will be asking for membership help with these events. I appreciate the volunteerism so needed for our Club. Please make a little room in your life to help us out.

The new Board takes over the BYC helm on December 1. Please welcome and thank them when you can. The Club is in good standing thanks to the previous Board, and we will stay on course. They deserve a big thank you! As for Dena, she steered us through two years as Commodore and that is no small task. Thank you, Dena, for all your dedication to BYC. You will be a great resource as Junior Staff Commodore.

Peace to all this Holiday Season

**Bob Bohnet,
BYC Commodore**





MARIE	ALEX	12/1		PAM	HUBER	12/16
JOHN	ASH	12/1		JOHN	MARSHALL	12/17
JOHN	D'ALESSANDRIS	12/1		RICK	ALBERS	12/19
DEBORAH	FROESSEL	12/1		RISA	CORWIN	12/19
CRAIG	BUTLER	12/4		DIANE	FAUSTINO	12/19
BETH	FOONDOS	12/7		DENISE	MCCROSSAN	12/19
SHELLY	SUTTER	12/7		NICHOLAS	DEGNAN	12/22
DANIEL	CARNAHAN	12/8		DONALD	KERR	12/22
CAROL	LYONS	12/8		KIM	DUCHENE	12/23
HEIDI	GALLAGHER	12/9		IRMA	MCINTOSH	12/23
JUDY	GIZZI	12/11		BETH	MCDONNELL	12/24
DAVID	NADOLNE	12/11		JAEAME	KOYIL	12/25
JENNIFER	MOORE	12/13		MAURA	TEMPLE	12/27
CYNTHIA	SEGUIN	12/13		ANN	FELLDIN	12/30
CHRISTINA	MORABE	12/15		ROB	MERRICK	12/30
CRAIG	HENNIKE	12/16		PAT	SHUE	12/31

BENICIA YACHT CLUB PRESENTS A



CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE
DECEMBER 6TH
6-10pm

LIVE MUSIC, HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES PLUS FULL BAR

WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NEW MEMBERS!



KRISTINA WOLF



NICK & PATTI DEGNAN
(Patti not shown)



MARK & JOANNE
EPERSON

JESSICA & ANDREW
COWLEY



WELCOME ABOARD!!



JOSEPH & TAMARA
WILDER
(Tamara not pictured)



TAYLOR & JOHNNY
NUNES

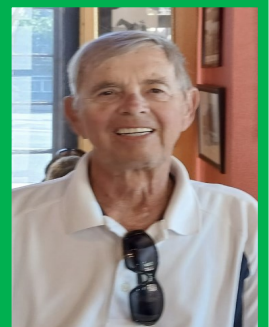


NEW MEMBERS PHOTOS NOT AVAILABLE

ROD & MELISSA VIDAL-MACKAY / LARS & ALLISON HILTON / CHRISTINA & DANTE MORABE



With great sorrow
we announce that
BYC longtime
member and
BYC PICYA
Representative,
Richard Boehm,
has left this world.
May he R.I.P.





**BENICIA
MARINA**



**PRESENTS IT'S
ANNUAL LIGHTED
BOAT PARADE 2024**

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 8TH, 6PM

PRIZES FOR BEST TOP 3 DECORATED BOATS

FREE GUEST SLIP FOR VISITING BOATS

To participate: email@beniciamarina.com

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Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule

Month	Dates	Destination	Sponsor
December	12/8	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina
PRIZES FOR TOP 3 DECORATED BOATS! To participate: email@beniciamarina.com			



2025 Cruise-Out Meeting January 8

Cruisers – mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 8.

There will be a 2025 Cruise-Out meeting in the Regatta

Room at 5pm. Boat and land cruisers are encouraged to attend. I will be circulating a preliminary cruise-out schedule around mid December. Any and all ideas for 2025 cruise-outs will be discussed at the meeting. I am also having a cruise-out component added to the BYC website, where in the future you will be able to sign up for cruise-outs, find out who is the cruise director, get information on where the cruise-out goes to and see who else has signed up.

I look forward to seeing you on January 8.

—Brian West, 2025 Fleet Captain



BYC HISTORY: What's the Story About the Prop at BYC?

Ever wonderRRRR about our giant size prop? The tug boat prop was donated in 1987 by then BYC members Don Sanders of Sanders Tugboat Service of Benicia, with labor provided by the #1 helper, Joe Garske, Sr. According to Don and Joe, the prop is 9.5 feet in diameter, has a pitch of 8.5 feet and weighs in at a hefty 3,500 pounds! It was built in 1944 at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Back in 1987 it was noted that the replacement cost would have been \$26,000. I wonder what such a thing might cost now? Anyone out there with a brass polisher and nothing to do to help get it all nice and shiny? If you have more old history stories about our Club, feel free to send to the editor(s) and we will share with all.



BENICIA YACHT CLUB

MEMBER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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**LET'S
CELEBRATE!**

**COOKIES
APPETIZERS
HOT CHOCOLATE**

**MUSIC BY WEST COAST STRUT
7-10pm**



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**2024 First Saturday
MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP
Benicia Yacht Club**



• **Maintain Curb Appeal**

- General Restoration
- Landscape Upkeep
- Planned Projects

8:00am to 11:00am

First Saturday of each month



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BENICIA YACHT CLUB'S
NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH



FLAPPERS
&
GANGSTERS
WELCOME

COCKTAILS, SURF & TURF DINNER, DESSERT, DANCING
STARTS AT 7PM, COME RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH US!

PROHIBITION PARTY
MUSIC BY THE PUB KATS

TICKETS \$65 ON SALE
NOW IN THE NORTON LOUNGE

MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND, LIMITED DANCE ONLY TICKETS FOR SALE



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Watch e-blasts for info on 	2 	3	4 Trivia 6pm	5	6 BYC OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!! 	7 BYC Members WorkDay! 8-11am 
8 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> LIGHTED BOAT PARADE	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u> 	11 Trivia 6pm	12	13	14 Frostbite Sail Race #2 
15  BYC CHRISTMAS W/KIDS!	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED	18 Trivia 6pm <u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u> 	19	20	21 BYC CHRISTMAS PARTY! 
22 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25  Hanukkah Begins	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28 
29 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	30 CLOSED	31 BYC New Year's Eve PARTY! 7-12:30 	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!			