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

Ahoy BYC Members, Happy Independence Day!

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful time celebrating. Come join the fun at BYC on Saturday July 2! Tell your friends and neighbors, as we are open to the public that day! Guaranteed to have a good time with friends, music, food, stories and more!

On Saturday, July 23 from 2:00-5:00 pm at BYC we will be celebrating the life of Richard Boltz. The family has invited all who would like to come to say goodbye to our past Commodore and good friend.



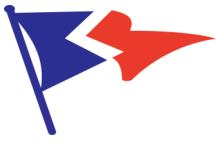
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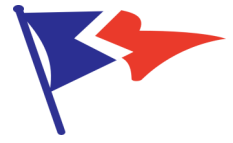
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FROM THE HELM



Half-way through the term, **a look back at progress on priorities** may be in order.

We are now fully open which is an achievement by itself. Staffing continues to be a focus as we develop a stable crew to serve expanded membership and events.

Sailing continues with Beer Can races on Thursdays. The weather has been decent and there has been a lot of fun. Some new boats are joining in. The Lighthouse Race is coming up in July. Jazz Cup planning for Labor Day weekend has begun.

Cruising is full steam ahead with more boats and land cruisers participating each month. Cruises to Marin, Pittsburg, Petaluma and Napa are in the books. Coming up are trips to Solano, Delta Marina (including RVs), St Francis, Encinal and others. October's Harvest Cruise will go to Richmond, Sausalito and Oakland. Steve Penny and the Cruise Directors have lots more good times planned.

From a financial perspective **we are solidly in the black**. Food and beverage pricing adjustments have put the bar and restaurant in a better revenue-cost balance. Event revenues from Opening Day as well as private member and non-member events are a plus. The influx of new members is providing increased funding from dues and revenue from their use of the Club.

It is great to see the **number of new members joining & participating** in Club events & activities.

We still have an opening for an Entertainment Chair. Please let me know if you are interested. Meanwhile, we are grateful others are stepping up to fill in the void. **We have had some good parties.**

Our biggest unresolved challenge is our building renovation effort. Some repairs have been deferred for more than 10 years. Last June we got authorization from the membership to pursue financing for renovation, but progress on that front has been limited. We delayed the borrowing and dues increase planned at the end of 2021 because we were still not fully open or on our feet at that time. We have scaled back our ambitions to just the most critical items in the plan. To stay on a sound financial footing into the future, we plan to increase dues to provide for renovation in addition to keeping abreast of inflation.

Special thanks to: Bob Bohnet for stepping up to help with the Marin Cruise-Out • Dena Stults for filling in with entertainment • Matt Nattenberg and Ryan Opfer for providing sailing race committee boats • Steve Wheet for helping with AV systems • First Saturday volunteers • Our dedicated staff • the Board of Directors • Committee Chairs • Committee Members • Everyone else who volunteered for something this month.



I hope to see you around the Club.
May your boat ride and your ride through life be smooth.

**Commodore
Andy Zinkevich**





SALLY	RADIGAN	7/2	SUSAN	ALTON	7/18
JUDY	STILTZ	7/2	BILL	MC RORY	7/18
DAVID	HAYGOOD	7/6	SONECHA	JONES	7/19
DAN	FAUSTINO	7/7	BILL	DARNELL	7/20
LEVON	REPOSA	7/7	AMY	STELLATO	7/20
MERLE	KLEINSCHMIDT	7/8	SHARON	MC PHERSON	7/22
CHERIE	MC CAMMON	7/8	MITTIE	RAILSBACK	7/23
ANGELA	GRIGAS	7/9	MELISSA	TROMMER	7/23
LORI	MARTIN	7/9	MARGO	CAMPBELL	7/26
MARYANNE "MJ"	SCHMIDT	7/9	SUSAN	DULING	7/26
SAMUEL	FOX	7/11	DOUG	SILVA	7/26
JILL	GORDON	7/12	KATHY	VANSTORY	7/26
MARCIA	WISGIRDA	7/12	CHRISTIN	EALES	7/27
KELLI	NIELSEN	7/13	DEBORAH	LYONS	7/28
KATY	LAMB	7/14	ELLEN	WHITEHEAD	7/28
SHERYL	PANGMAN	7/16	REBECCA	WHITE	7/29

WELCOME NEW BYC MEMBERS



Dometrius & Danielle Fowler

New Members
Photos Not Submitted

John D'Alessandris

**Sam Fox &
Danielle Szuch**

Elana Sissons



DJ Wood

At our June 15 General Membership meeting, we introduced 35 new members on 19 new memberships. Their names are on the glass display board at the top of the stairs, and their pictures will be in the August *Wind Word*. Be sure to say hello and welcome them.

As of June 15, BYC has 240 eclectic memberships composed of 436 wonderful and valued individuals!

—Kathy Monroe, Chair, Membership Committee

Please join us for the *Benicia Yacht Club*

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check, or
pay at
the bar
& show
receipt*

*Please
wear
your
boat
shoes.*

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Commodore Richard David Boltz

A native Californian, born in San Francisco and raised in Oakland, Richard was a man of many friends, travels and interests. Richard attended Oakland's Fremont High. After graduation he moved to Hawaii to spend a year surfing the waves before being called home to say goodbye to his older sister Sondra, and then enlisting to serve in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

After his time in the military, and a stint with Bechtel, Richard was sent to Houston for less than a year where he met Robyn by the pool at the Houston apartment complex they both lived. After a whirlwind romance and the opportunity to change directions and a new role with Morrison-Knudsen, Richard and Robyn moved to The Hague, Netherlands and then Cologne, Germany before returning to the States. During this time overseas Richard and Robyn welcomed their only child, Natalie [Boltz] Keller and met lifelong friends, Cole and Rina Morgan.

An avid lover of music, water and all things boating, Richard enjoyed his Carver Yacht 'Lazy Daze' and spending time at his second home, the Benicia Yacht Club. Richard was a pillar of support in helping the Club through the years and always made sure to lend a hand whenever needed. There was nothing he loved more than being on his boat or up at 'The Club' with the people he enjoyed, blaring some of his always epic play list, having a cold tequila with cigar in hand.

Richard will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He was a friend to all and a man of his word. He will be remembered by his incredible ability to always be positive and his dedication to those he loved. His love of art collected from various travels, reading, trying out a new recipe and finding new music was shared with everyone he met.

Richard is predeceased by his parents Nell Stahl and Vernon Boltz, sisters Sondra Boltz and Valerie Boltz Woods, nephew Andrew Woods. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Robyn; daughter Natalie and son-in-law Mark Keller; sister Sabrina [Gus] Carroll and family, niece Wendy Woods and family, nephews Alexander Woods and family, Kevin Greer and family, Bobby Moore and family, the family of nephew Andrew Woods, wife Zoe and children Mya, Leigh and Mitchell; the children of lifelong friends Cole and Rina Morgan, Kate and John Paul.

Richard passed peacefully on May 2, 2022 with his family by his side. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation in his name to the Benicia Yacht Club.

Celebration of Life Saturday, July 23

2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Benicia Yacht Club

All are welcome



Commodore Paul Burrows

Paul Anthony Burrows, 65, of Benicia, California, passed away at home on April 28, 2022, after a long battle with cancer.

Paul was born to Leo and Mary (Marsh) Burrows on February 11, 1957, in Downey, California. He grew up with his two older brothers Leo and Tom, and younger sister, Ann. He graduated from St. Pius X High School, where he was a star basketball player, as well as later going on to achieve an associate degree at Cerritos Junior College in his early adulthood.



Paul resided in California for the entirety of his life, first moving to San Luis Obispo and then to Benicia, where he met and married the love of his life, Candice (Garnett) Burrows. Paul was a loyal employee to Wilson Supply as branch manager, where he worked for five years, as well as to his most recent employer General Plumbing Supply as Operations.

Additionally, a past and active member of his community, he served as Benicia Yacht Club's Commodore elect in 2011. He was known at the Club with his wife Candy for heading up the Annual Poker Run and Lobster Feed.

Paul lived an adventurous life, traveling to amazing destinations such as Europe, Hawaii and Mexico as well as going on numerous diving and sailing trips with his friends. He lived his life to the fullest alongside those he loved. Paul took on the role as the fun-loving uncle for his nieces,



Amanda and Skyelar, who will always remember him for his homemade Shirley Temples and the ability to always make them laugh.

Everyone who had the pleasure to see and know Paul Burrows recognized how kind, charismatic and strong-minded he was. Paul Burrows will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Bob Bowers

It is with great sorrow that we announce that Bob Bowers passed on Saturday, June 11, at John Muir Hospital after a valiant fight.

Bob loved the Benicia Yacht Club and enjoyed good times with his many friends. During the two years that his wife, Pat, was Commodore, he was by her side supporting her and the Club. Bob initiated regular e-blasts and maintained an email list to keep all of us informed. He was especially talented at Trivia, using his genius as part of the team that recaptured the trophy from Rellick's Tavern.

Bob will be sorely missed.

THE SAILING

With Race Chair, Rear Commodore, Capt. Dan Carnahan



Thursday "Beer Can" Series

We're sailing every Thursday evening, and loving it! Most of the days, the wind has been wonderfully strong, and that gives us exciting rides. Several skippers are now racing their boats, and several more are getting their boats and crew organized to join soon. If you own a sailboat (keelboat) and would like to join, but not quite ready to be in the competition, we have a division called the "Aloha Fleet", especially for you, for getting out of the slip and the sails hoisted, and having fun on a regular schedule. Try it!

Our race results are posted every week on our racing page (see below), and soon, all the videos too!

Upcoming Events!

Sat Jul 9: Singlehand/Doublehand #4
Sat Jul 16: Lighthouse Race
Soon: Racing Video Night!

Get Involved!

If you're curious about what's going on in the sailing scene here in Benicia, we are putting together a wealth of information for you.

Have questions? How do I get involved? Where are the best places to watch? How do I listen to the radio communications? How can I find what the schedules and courses are?

Go to the racing information website shown at the bottom of this page!

If you'd like information about learning to sail, contact Captain Dan at his website, captaindan.com.

Contact Info: Dan Carnahan, race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org
<https://www.regatta-fest.com/benicia-yacht-club/>





2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE



Month	Dates	Destination	Cruise Director(s)
July	15-17	Solano Yacht Club	Nancy Forrest
August (revised Summer Cruise— NOTE: RV sites available)	3-7	Pittsburg Yacht Club Delta Marina in Rio Vista	Stephen Dale
September (Labor Day)	2-5	Encinal Yacht Club	Steve Penny
October (Harvest Cruise)	21-29	Schoonmaker St Francis Yacht Club Ballena Bay Oakland Yacht Club	Commodore Andre Zinkevich & Brian West
November	11-13	Napa Valley Yacht Club	Rhonda Shea
November or December		Cruisers' Planning Meeting	

2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

July 1-5 • Berkeley (6 boats)
 July 15-17 • Oakland (16 boats)
 July 24 • Club Nautique (8 boats)
 July 29-31 • Emeryville (9 boats)
 August 11-14 • Delta Marina (12 boats)



August 19-21 - Napa (10 boats)
 September 9-11 • Sequoia (10 boats)
 September 16-18 • Discovery Bay (10 boats)
 September 20-21 • Caliente (10 boats)
 October 5-6 • Corinthian (12 boats)
 November 24-27 • Richmond (12 boats)

Youth Sailing Lessons

BYC's *Learn to Sail Program* is a full-day camp, geared to ages 10 and up. We will cover parts of the boat, rigging, boat handling and seamanship. Participants completing this class will be able to rig and sail a dinghy on a protected body of water in light-to-moderate winds.

Schedule

- June 27 to July 1
- July 11 to July 15
- July 18 to July 22

Hours

10am to 4pm daily



Learn more and register now!

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FACILITY UPDATE



After a pause at the beginning of the 2022, the Capital Expenditure Oversight Committee met in June. It was decided that renovations be limited to the most critical items, namely:

- repainting and repair of selected exterior walls, and
- the Regatta Room HVAC project.

Contractors are being solicited and cost estimates are being obtained for the critical items.

Over the winter and spring, our architect completed drawings for the HVAC permit submission. Those drawings included the design base for future projects. The drawings were submitted to the City of Benicia. Our HVAC contractor and carpentry contractor will submit additional permits as needed once hired.

In June 2021 we considered financing for the larger (\$600,000) project which was intended to address a full range of needs. The timing wasn't good because the Club was still only partially open in early 2022. We are back on track now but are planning a more modest project in the near term. Once we get detailed estimates for our highest priorities, we will make a final decision on borrowing needs and strategy going forward.

The original plan was to increase dues \$50.00 per quarter at the end of last year to cover debt service on the larger project. At this point we are considering an increase in October of half of that depending on how the overall capital and operating budgets work out and what is needed in addition to address inflation.

Thanks to all for their input and support. Andy Zinkevich for the Capital Expenditure Steering Committee: Bob Bohnet, Brian West, Dan Demmon, Matt Nattenberg, Noble Griswold, Pat Bowers, Randy Norman, Susan Garske, Steve Stults





JULY 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>Cruise-In</u> Berkeley 1-5	2 <u>OPEN HOUSE</u>  <u>4th of July Party!</u> <u>Music– Southern</u> <u>Comfort</u> 
	Youth Sailing					
3 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	4 <u>CLOSED</u> Independence Day! 	5 <u>CLOSED</u>	6 Trivia 6pm	7 Sailing Races 	8	9 Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #4
10 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	11 <u>CLOSED</u>	12 <u>CLOSED</u>  BYC BOD Meeting 7pm	13 Trivia 6pm	14 Sailing Races 	15 <u>Cruise-In</u> Oakland 15-17 <u>BYC</u> <u>Cruise-</u> <u>Out</u> Solano 15-17	16 Lighthouse Race
	Youth Sailing					
17 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	18 <u>CLOSED</u>	19 <u>CLOSED</u>	20 Trivia 6pm BYC  Member Meeting 7pm	21 Sailing Races 	22	23 Richard Boltz Celebration of Life 2:00-5:00pm  Regatta Room 
	Youth Sailing					
24 <u>Cruise-In</u> Club Nautique 24th	25 <u>CLOSED</u>	26 <u>CLOSED</u>	27 Trivia 6pm	28 Sailing Races 	29 <u>Cruise-In</u> Emery- ville 29-31	30 31