

A photograph of several sailboats on a blue body of water under a clear sky. The foreground is dominated by a large, vibrant red sail. Behind it, another sail features bold red and white horizontal stripes. Further back, a sail with blue and white stripes is visible. The masts and rigging of the boats are partially seen. The overall scene is dynamic and colorful.

the Wind Word

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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
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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.	

Dear BYC Members,

This will be the last issue of the *Wind Word* newsletter we will produce as editors. It has been an honor and a pleasure putting it together over the last seven years (!).

We look forward to someone new editing the book with fresh ideas and graphics.

We thank you for your input, support and compliments.

Best regards,
John & Vicki Garcia



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FR M THE HELM

August brought warm days and fair winds for our Beer Can Racers. We had spirited races which put into practice those skills needed for the Jazz Cup. But before we go there, August was a nice month at the Club. Well attended and it was very nice seeing all of you there. Thank you all for the support you give our Club. We had a great turnout for the Modern Dueling Piano dinner show on Saturday, August 16. What a fun change of pace for the Club. And Carlos put out a great dinner special.

Saturday, August 30, the Annual Jazz Cup Race from San Francisco to Benicia Yacht Club was held.

WHAT A PARTY!

There was food and music all day, and the beautiful sight of all the colorful sailboats coming into the marina. Special thanks go out to our Rear Commodore Joe Kallios for spearheading this event for us. Many thanks to Steve Corwin, Randy Norman, Natalie Boltz Keller, the folks from South Beach YC, and our amazing staff who all banded together to pull this off. Thank you also to all our volunteers, too many to count, for helping this Club put its best foot forward. I am so proud and appreciative of all of you!

Looking forward to September we will see **Monday Night Football returning!** We will be looking for guest Chefs to sponsor this annual worthy cause where proceeds go directly for the good of the Club.

On Saturday, September 13, we will be participating in the **Benicia Porchfest** by sponsoring live music in the Regatta Room. This is huge for us to be a part of this community event. Watch out for flyers on this.

Then on Thursday, September 25, the BYC Racers will have their **Champion of Champions Race**, the final race of the racing season.

Then we finish off the month with a **Saturday Dinner Date Night** on September 27, with music from the band Rockoustix.

All for the good of the Club! Cheers!



Bob Bohnet
BYC Commodore







Happy Birthday

CHRISTINE	HANSEN	9/1		MAUREEN	LOZA-DODSON	9/17
MITCHELL	CHERNOCK	9/2		WILLIAM	PANGMAN	9/17
PHILIP	HILL	9/3		PEGGY	CRIBBS	9/18
LINDA	HUDSON	9/3		MOLLY	PETRIE	9/18
EMMA	HUETTENHAIN	9/4		KRISTINA	WOLF	9/18
CHRIS	AUTZ	9/5		KEVIN	LYONS	9/20
DEE	GILLILAND	9/7		PHILLIP	VILLANUEVA	9/21
JOSEPH	KALLIOS	9/8		JANET	HUGHES	9/23
JEFFREY	BROWN	9/10		MICHELLE	HACK	9/24
KRISTIN	FARMER	9/10		NANCY	ROUNDS	9/24
JASMINE	HEIRENDT	9/11		DON	STERKEL	9/24
NOBLE	GRISWOLD	9/14		PENNY	TREXLER	9/26
SHANNON	WALSH-HILL	9/14		JOHN	CANNY	9/28
SUSAN	GARSKE	9/16		THOMAS	GALLINATTI	9/28
ALBERTO	MADUENO	9/16		BILL	HENRETTY	9/28
JOHN	MCGINN	9/16		SUSAN	LINN	9/29
RHONDA	IMEL	9/17		BRIAN	BARRY	9/30

ELECTION TIME 2025/26—Don't Forget to Vote!

The deadline to get your application in for the BYC Board of Directors has come and gone, and we now have applicants for all open positions. Thank you to all who have stepped up. The Nominating Committee will be conducting interviews with the applicants in September, verifying eligibility and qualifications, and developing the final election slate.

Join us for Meet-the-Candidates Night on October 1 at 7:00 pm, right after Trivia in the Norton Lounge.

Voting begins October 8 and continues until 5:00 pm on October 22, just before the Membership Meeting.
—Dena Stults, Jr. Staff Commodore



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Erik Sorensen & Emily
Lirag (w/ baby Mayari)**

**NOT SHOWN
Rita Rosenthal & Ron
McCann, Greg Roberts**



BYC is proud to participate in Porchfest Benicia 2025 on September 13. Join us as we sponsor live music in the Regatta Room.

Porchfest is more than just a festival; it's a celebration of community and a testament to the power of music to bring people together. Unlike any other festival, Porchfest takes place on the picturesque porches of Benicia's vintage homes. But the music doesn't stop there—it spills over into local businesses, driveways, parking lots, and the charming restaurants that line First Street. As the melodies fill the air and resonate

through our historic streets, there is no better way to capture the essence of what makes Benicia so special. The festival encapsulates the spirit of our town, where the arts thrive and the community comes alive through the universal language of music. Watch for flyers on this fun event!



THANK YOU, BYC VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to the great showing of volunteers who put in some valuable hours to beautify the Club. Randy's 1st Saturday of the month workday was a huge success. Many things got done! Also, just thought this would make a visual upgrade to this section of the patio. Still is the designated smoking area. But should just have it made in the shade ... go for it! Please, don't forget to fold it up when you are done. Cheers!
—Bob Bohnet, BYC Commodore





SF Sea Scouts Shine in Evening Race

Forty-five San Francisco Sea Scout Vikings sailed six boats into the Benicia Marina on Thursday, August 7, on the last leg of their annual summer excursion into the California Delta. Then 23 of these young sailors joined the evening's Benicia Yacht Club race aboard 10 boats, thanks to BYC's Race Committee, the BYC Nautica Group's organization and the generosity of local skippers.

The evening began with a warm welcome and a volunteer-grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner from the BYC member crew, setting the stage for a night of fun and teamwork. The 23 Sea Scout sailors, still looking for more time on the water, then scurried across the marina to their assigned boats to join the skippers and crews for the evening's race to Glen Cove and back.



The race skippers praised the sailing skills of this amazing group of kids. David Stellato, whose crew included scouts Eva and Aanya, said, *"We really enjoyed racing with our scouts! They were totally engaged and helped us win our race. They also were very grateful and appreciative of the welcome and dinner they received from the group volunteers from BYC."*

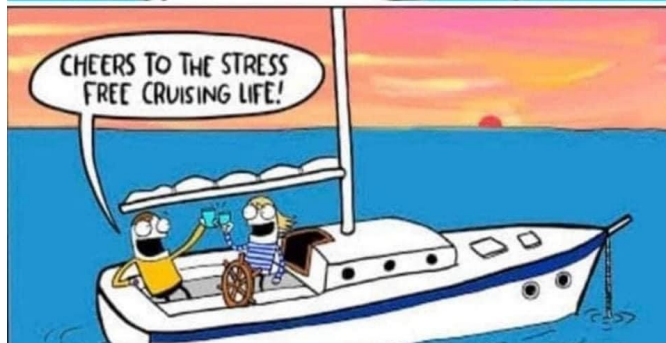




2025 Cruise-Ins



September 12-14	Marin	8 boats
September 19-21	Caliente Isle	7 boats
September 26-28	San Joaquin	10 boats
October 1-3	Corinthian	8 boats
October 24-26	Dos Rios	5 boats



SF Sea Scouts Thank BYC

A big thank-you to Randy Norman, Steve Corwin, Angela Stiller Salvante Grigas, Steve Dale, and so many others for making this special evening possible. As for the Sea Scout sailors, the evening was short as the Viking team prepared the regatta of sailboats and whale boats for the early morning 4:00 am journey home.



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AT BYC

Before you know it, Football season will be here. Monday Night Football at the Benicia Yacht Club has been a tradition for many years. What makes it special is that our members are the guest Chefs. Members sponsor a game in which they provide a meal to our membership for a modest price and all the proceeds go toward something for the good of the Club. Past items such as patio furniture, new TVs, the glass washer behind the bar, and so on. Niceties that our budget doesn't allow for. **Not to be used for Club expenses.**

I am putting this out early as there has always been a coordinator or two or three that helps to keep this on track. If this is something you are interested in doing, you can contact the most recent coordinator, Director Rick Albers or Brian West or myself, and we'll fill you in on what it takes. If coordinating is not your gig, you can help out greatly by sponsoring a game. It really is beneficial for our Club.

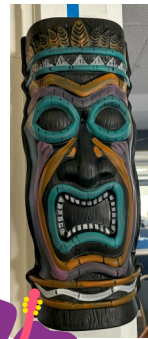
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—Bob Bohnet, BYC Commodore





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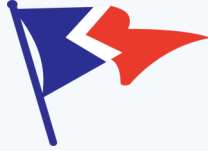


Watch for calendar updates on BYC website & on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Watch e-blasts for UPDATES	1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 Trivia 6pm	4 Beer Can Sail Race 	5	6 <u>BYC Members Work Day!</u> 
7 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	8 CLOSED	9 <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u> 	10 Trivia 6pm	11 Beer Can Sail Race 	12 <u>Cruise-In Marin 9/12-14</u>	13 BYC Open House for 
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21 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 Trivia 6pm	25 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RACE 	26 <u>Cruise-In San Joaquin 9/26-28</u>	27 Saturday Dinner Date with music by Rockoustix
28	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	OUR CAPTAIN is always right - Misinformed perhaps, Sloppy, Crude, Bullheaded, Fickle, even Stupid, but ... NEVER WRONG!!			

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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