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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
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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.	

Dear BYC MEMBERS,

We hope you are enjoying summer and all the fun events happening at BYC. Did you make it to Country Western Day July 13? If not, you missed another fun time at your Club.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

DID YOU KNOW OUR CLUB IS IN DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS—IF OUR SITUATION DOES NOT IMPROVE SOON, WE WILL BE SEEING FEWER AND FEWER THINGS THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO OR OFFER ITS MEMBERS.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO STEP UP AS MEMBERS AND GET INVOLVED! THAT MEANS VOLUNTEERING, COMING HERE MORE FOR DINNERS AND DRINKS (INSTEAD OF OTHER PLACES), MORE INVITING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN, MORE DONATIONS (FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT), RUN FOR OFFICE, MORE PROMOTING THE CLUB TO OTHERS—BOTTOM LINE IS GET INVOLVED!!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! WE NEED TO CHANGE THE COURSE WE ARE ON OR WE WILL SOON BE GROUNDED. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BENEFIT THE CLUB?
IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A BYC IN THE FUTURE—

PLEASE DO SOMETHING TO HELP!



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FROM the HELM



Hello everyone, it's August already!

I hope most of you had a chance to enjoy Country Western Day at the Club July 13, it was a hoot! I must say that those who attended were looking pretty darn sharp in their western attire and what a great band—Whiskey & Honey band never disappoints.

Thank you to David Nadolne for hosting our Rum Tasting July 26—you sure know a lot about it! Look for another tasting with our very knowledgeable host David in the future.

As BYC members and owners, it is in all of our best interests to help keep our numbers strong for the good of the Club. **We need to drive our membership right now to be able to cover our costs and to keep the fun coming.** We boast one of the best views in town and Chef Carlos provides us all with delicious food, not to mention that we provide fun events for our members all year long. You can support BYC by coming more often for meals and events. Help promote the Club to your friends and family—bring them in for cocktails and dinner and show them how easy it is to join. Talk about sail racing, cruise-outs and yachting education. But don't forget—you don't need a boat to join! Thanks in advance for your help.

Jazz Cup happens August 31! We need all hands on deck for our biggest event of the year—we need VOLUNTEERS. We are open to the public that day so we really want to shine and when we all help out, we do! **Please sign up ASAP to help**—sign-up sheets are up in the Norton Lounge.

My two-year term is coming to an end, a long time for the Commodore position, and we are looking for new board members. I will still be around to help out as Jr. Staff Commodore, but will need to take a step back to deal with some health issues. I hope our new board cares about our Club as much as I do and will do everything they can to keep and protect her.

See you around the Club.

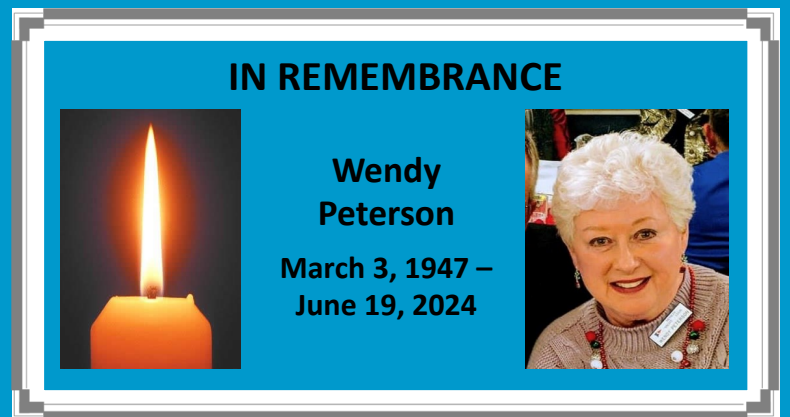
Fair winds and following seas,

Commodore Dena Stults





TOM	GIERYNG	8/1	LESLEY	HOLTAWAY-POND	8/22
BOB	CHATTIN	8/2	JOELLE	PUCAN	8/23
DOUG	YAMAWAKI	8/2	SHAN	BHATTACHARYA	8/23
IRENE	CHANDLER	8/4	DEE	DOUGLAS	8/24
EVE	NORMAN	8/7	RON	MCCANN	8/24
RANDALL LEE	SHERWOOD	8/7	JORDAN	ZARAGOZA	8/24
HELEN	KENNEDY-LAZAR	8/10	PHILLIP	SMITH	8/24
LAURIE	BERBERICH	8/11	KAREN	LOTT	8/25
ANDREW	LOTT	8/14	MATT	IMEL	8/26
MATTHEW	NATTENBERG	8/14	SALLY K.	CALLAHAN	8/27
SERGE	POND	8/14	BECCA	HOLT	8/27
KRISS	KASTL	8/14	MARY JULIA	KLIMENKO DECKER	8/28
SUE	BITTNER	8/14	VINCE	CHANDLER	8/28
ASSUNSAO	HANLEY	8/15	DENNIS	LUCHAY	8/28
MARK	DUANE	8/16	JOY	MARTIN	8/29
ARMAND	SEGUIN	8/16	DURELL	NORMANDIN	8/30
PAT	BRIGHTON	8/17			
NATALIE	BOLTZ KELLER	8/17			
DAVID	STELLATO	8/18			
DENISE	DUANE	8/19			
PAUL	DUFRESNE	8/19			
HEATHER	COOPER	8/19			
LORIE	CAMPBELL	8/20			



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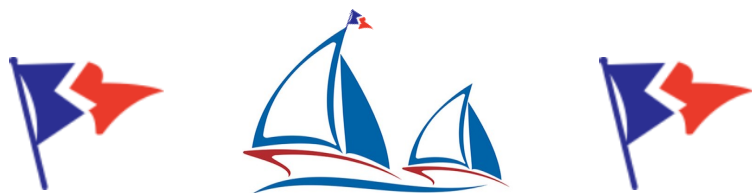
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2024 Racing Season

2024 Date	Regatta
August	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #17
Thursday, August 8, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #18
Saturday, August 10, 2024	BenYC Sail Benicia
Thursday, August 15, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #19
Thursday, August 22, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #20
Saturday, August 24, 2024	BenYC Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
Thursday, August 29, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #21
Saturday, August 31, 2024	BenYC/SBYC JAZZ CUP
September	
Thursday, September 5, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #22
Thursday, September 12, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #23
Saturday, September 14, 2024	BenYC/VYC Carquinez Challenge
Thursday, September 19, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #24
Thursday, September 26, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #25
October/November/December	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	BenYC Champions Race
Saturday, October 26, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Fleet Race
Sunday, October 27, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race
Saturday, November 9, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1
Saturday, December 14, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #2

NOBLE'S NAUTICAL QUIZ

- 1) What is a kitchen on a boat called?
- 2) What do five or more short horn blasts signal?
- 3) What is a one-eyed sailor's breakfast?

****For answers, see calendar page**

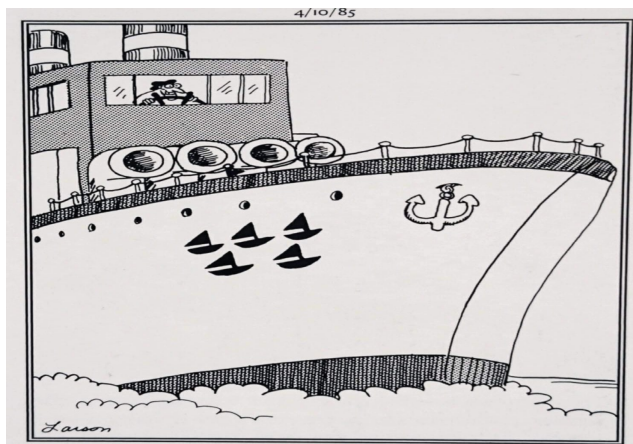
2024 Yacht Club Cruise-Ins

August 9-11—Delta Marina—8 boats

August 16-18—Sequoia—10 boats

September 21-22—Stockton—10 boats

October 2-5—Stockton—10 boats



Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule



Generally 3rd weekend of every month • Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board or contact sjpenny5@gmail.com • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!



Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
August (Summer Cruise)	16-19	Delta Marina & RV Park (RV park on-site)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	TBD Schoonmaker Point Marina	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	sjpenny5@gmail.com
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	



ELECTION 2024

Benicia Yacht Club

Needs You!

Calling All Fellow Yacht Club Owners

Members of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) share ownership and oversight of the Club and facilities. Mid-summer is the time to line up next year's Board of Directors and Flag Officers. Most positions are open at this point. **We are looking for interested Board candidates as well as people to serve on the nominating committee for 2024.**

BYC bylaws specify how elections take place. By August 13 a nominating committee will be appointed by the current Board to prepare a slate and to interview candidates for the next Board. Nominations can also be made by petition. The election takes place in October, but the nominating committee must make its report by the September Board meeting so ballots can be prepared and mailed out and so candidates' statements can make it into the October *Wind Word* newsletter. **The deadline for Candidate applications is the end of August.**

AS A CLUB OWNER, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING BECAUSE:

1. **Your opinion matters.** If you leave governance of the Club to others, you risk losing a very important right that you have—the right to decide. Your opinion is as worthy as any other member's view and a variety of opinions being heard by the Board strengthens the Club.
2. **Ownership decisions are needed to keep our finances in order** and to move the Club in a positive direction.
3. **The Board of Directors determines the house rules of the Club** in accordance with our bylaws. Rules need reviewing to keep them up to date.
4. **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members.
5. **Being on the Board is a good opportunity** to know what is going on and to get to know others in the Club better.
6. **You get a special name tag.**

The nominating committee will be led by me in accordance with the bylaws. **If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or being a candidate for a Board position, please contact me or another Board member right away.**

I can be reached via text message or call at 707.210.5874. If you are not sure or just have questions about the details, feel free to call. No pressure.



COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT BYC!

—Andy Zinkevich, Junior Staff Commodore



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ADVERTISE IN THE WIND WORD info@beniciayachtclub.org				1 Sail Races 	2	3 BYC Members Work Day! 8-11am  
4 U.S.Coast Guard Birthday  NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 Trivia 6pm	8 Sail Races 	9 <u>Cruise-In</u> Delta Marina 8/9-11	10 Sail Benicia
11 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED  <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u>	14 Trivia 6pm	15 Sail Races 	16 <u>Cruise-In</u> Sequoia 8/16-18 <u>Cruise-Out</u> Delta Marina 8/16-19	17
18 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED	21 Trivia-6pm  <u>7pm BYC MEMBERS MEETING</u>	22 Sail Races 	23	24 Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
25 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 Trivia 6pm	29 NO RACE	30	31 

NOBLE'S NAUTICAL QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) Galley
- 2) "Get out of the way!" or to signal danger or misunderstanding
- 3) Bread with an egg in the middle

Thanks to Noble Griswold, Nautical Trivia Master