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the Wind Word

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Photo by Matthew T. Powers – We Will Miss You!



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Happy Summer!

The Club is swinging back into action:

- Norton Lounge upstairs is OPEN!
Wed/Thurs 5-8pm, Fri/Sat 5-9pm,
Sun (bar only, no food) 1-5pm
- Live music has returned on some
Saturday nights
- The JAZZ CUP is ON! For September 4
- The Building Project has launched!
- Elections are coming up for the BYC
Board of Directors—we need YOU!

Sadly, as we celebrate our hot (and windy) days of summer fun, we mourn the loss of Matthew T. Powers, whose stunning photos of Benicia and our Sail Races will be missed. Our love to his family and friends.

It's a reminder—come down to BYC and enjoy your life!

Editors: John & Vicki Garcia



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The Building Project Has Launched

The BYC building project has begun! The purpose of this article is to report on progress and ask for Club input and help.

At the beginning of June, Club members approved the proposal of the BYC Board to initiate the borrowing process to procure funding for much needed repairs and updates to the building. Lenders are currently being sought and loan application materials are being assembled. The ideal loan would be a construction and mortgage package with a defined fixed-interest rate up front. To repay the loan, the Board is planning for a modest dues increase (~\$25 per quarter) to cover debt service starting in January 2022. At the present time, we have funds sufficient to begin with some critical projects that can now be carried out with a view toward the larger project to come.

A few critical projects are in the design and/or bidding stages:

- Quotations to upgrade and replace our leaking water supply line are being obtained.
- Our HVAC air-handling system was inspected and plans to relocate and repair the system are underway.
- We are obtaining quotations for windows and carpentry to address the deterioration on the East and North walls.

These projects are critical and cannot wait. Meanwhile, we are working with an architect to develop the master plan for the Club building and grounds.

The Capital Project Steering Committee has been re-energized. The members are: Richard Boltz, Pat Bowers, Daniel Demmon, Susan Garske, Noble Griswold, Matt Nattenberg, Randy Norman, Brian West and Andy Zinkevich.

However, the WE of the project includes ALL members and friends of the Club. If you have ideas, skills, materials, cash or comments you would like to share, please let me know. There is much to be done ... phases of the project will be going on for a long time, so any help and input will be greatly appreciated.

—Andy Zinkevich, Vice Commodore

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Happy

BIRTHDAY!

to you.

TOM	GIERYNG	8/1		LORIE	CAMPBELL	8/20
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RICK	LOVE	8/3		DEBORAH	SELMAN	8/22
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PAT	BRIGHTON	8/17		JOY	MARTIN	8/29
DAVID	STELLATO	8/18		DURELL	NORMANDIN	8/30
PAUL	DUFRESNE	8/19				

Here's Your Chance!

Join the Benicia Yacht Club Board of Directors

It's that time of year again. The Club is looking for members who want to run for the Board of Directors. All positions but one will need to be filled. If you would like to help guide the Club into the future, please send me your name and indicate the position for which you would like to be considered. Here are the positions that will need to be filled:

Commodore (can only be filled by a Flag Officer)



Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore

Secretary

Treasurer



Director (two positions for a two-year term)

Director (one year term)

Please contact: Richard Boltz, Staff Commodore at r3bv@yahoo.com to learn more about the responsibilities of each position (or just ask me if you see me around the Club).

You Can Make a Difference!

Cruise-In Schedule

August 6-8	Discovery Bay	10 boats		Sept 14-17	Caliente	10 boats
August 13-15	Sequoia	10 boats		Sept 17-19	Stockton	8 boats
August 19-22	Delta Marina	10 boats		Oct 9-10	Dos Rios	8 boats
Sept 3-5	Oakland	8 boats				



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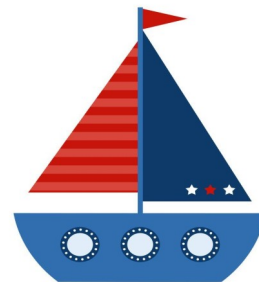
- Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Before every Monthly General Membership Meeting, 5:00 to 7:00 pm





The Lighthouse Race

This race on Saturday, June 20, was from Benicia to the Brothers Islands (close to Richmond Bridge) and back. At approximately 30 miles, this is Benicia Yacht Club's longest race of the season. The weather was forecasted to be moderate in temperature and winds (8-12 mph). The starts were staggered according to our handicaps.



We started at approximately 8:00 a.m. in about 8 mph of wind. We had our number one sail up and sailed smoothly into the Carquinez Strait heading West. The seas were flat with a small ripple on the water and we glided in the breeze. The current was a flood. We were sailing smoothly.

Suddenly there was a loud thud and the head sail started sagging and flogging in the wind. We quickly realized the jib halyard had snapped. Our able crew quickly pulled the sail down and re-hoisted the jib on our spare halyard. Now we had no spare halyard and would need to drop the head sail if we needed to change our sail.

Over the next hour or so, we caught most of the slower boats that started ahead of us. We worked our way into San Pablo Bay and begin stretching out into long tacks into the East side to avoid the incoming flood.

The wind was forecasted to slowly build and it did. As we approached Point Pinole, we decided to change to our #2 sail. We dropped the #1 and hoisted the #2. The wind continued to build into the 20+mph range. We were a bit overpowered. We expected that the wind would level off. Instead, the wind built into the mid and high 20's. We were almost to the weather mark (Brothers Islands) so we held onto our sail plan knowing that we would change sails after the rounding.

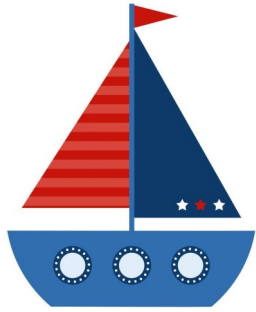


I looked up and noticed the main sail developing a split in the aft portion about halfway up. I hailed to drop the main. Our crew scrambled and got the main down and secured on the boom. We were now sailing on our #2 alone and going about 7 knots as we rounded the islands. We had enough wind that we were doing 7 and 8 knots just on our jib.

We decided to put up our smallest spinnaker and see if we could carry it. And carry it we did ... rocking and rolling and surfing across San Pablo Bay on our way back. Our boat speeds had increased into the 9-10 knot range and we were surfing the waves and surging up to 11.4 knots! We cheered as we hit new record speeds.

We approached the *Black Swan* who was sailing back from the bay after deciding conditions were too rough for them. We were passing them with our spin up, when a corner of spinnaker tore off of the rest of the spinnaker. We quickly doused and now were sailing on just the wind blowing through the rig until we could hoist our faithful #2 again. During this time, Marie Alex who was on the *Black Swan* took videos and pics capturing many of the day's challenges.

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The Lighthouse Race (cont'd)

We prepared our 1.5oz (heavy duty) all red spin to hoist. Called the hoist and once lofted ... we took off towards Benicia. As we approached Benicia the winds subsided and we were able to finish smoothly the way we started ... except for lots of broken gear; tired, wind-whipped and sunburned crew; and a good amount of water in the boat and a bit more salt on us all.

We finished a bit after 2:30 p.m.—a 6.5-hour race. **We were the only boat to finish this race!** Most of our crew was well-seasoned and gave all their efforts to make this a successful day. A big shout-out to them all: Justin, David, John, Angela, Jim, Dave, Jay and Tim. It is a true honor to lead this excellent crew.

—Submitted by Noble Griswold

It's Back! The 2021 Jazz Cup

The Jazz Cup is scheduled for **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. The last Jazz Cup we were able to have was in 2019, and what a grand sailing race and party that was! During 2020, the “Covid year,” we were unable to do much of anything, let alone host one of the best sailing races held on the bay, the Jazz Cup.



The race is hosted by the South Beach Yacht Club (SBYC) and the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC). If it is anything like the 2019 race, we can expect 100+ sailboats podding up in front of our Club. There are also two parties to celebrate the race: one on Friday night at SBYC and one at the BYC on Saturday night. It's always fun to get as many people as possible to go to the SBYC for the Friday night party. We've had buses, limos, and private cars go. It's great fun. It's also nice to have a driver in case we get overserved (always a possibility). Saturday at the BYC is an all-day party. We have food pretty much all day, a DJ or a band in the afternoon, and a good rock band in the evening. We take a break to present the awards to the winning boats. The Club is also open to the public, so don't hesitate to invite your friends.



To make all of this happen, **we'll need to have lots of volunteers to help**. We'll need people to man the finish line, set the line marks, help make sure the boats are guided to their overnight resting place, ensure visitors have badges, assist with the set-up and tear-down, and sell “Jazz Cup” shirts (this year we may also have to monitor visitors for Covid issues). **WE NEED YOU!** There will be sign-up lists posted in the Norton Lounge, but you can ask any Board member for information about how to sign-up.

Thanks for your help!

—Dan Demmon, Rear Commodore



Matthew T. Powers

You Will Be Missed!

January 8, 1961—June 20, 2021

Thank you for the
beauty you shared
with all of us thru
your photography and
love of Benicia.





Photo by Stephen Dale



Recognition (above) of Matthew T. Powers by Daniel Carnahan at BYC sail boat racing awards dinner. His photos on Benicia Beauty Facebook were posted regularly of our Thursday Night Races. He and his beautiful postings, of our races and scenes around Benicia, will be remembered and missed. Photos by Matthew T. Powers.



Welcome New Members

Terri Canepa

and

Kevin & Carol Lyons (No Photo)



Hey Members! Have A Friend?



We hope you do! Have a friend that might be interested in joining BYC, that is! Guess what! The Joining Incentives that used to be promoted on Opening Day are available right now. And your friends are eligible to use the Club on their own from the day their membership application and one-quarter dues are received (\$258.50).

There will be **NO application fee**, a savings of \$75, and **NO initiation fee**. Furthermore, the dues they pay with their application are applied to the three months of October, November and December. They pay NOTHING additional for the summer quarter in which they apply and will not be billed until January 1, 2022!

And you, their dear friend, will receive an immediate \$50 credit to YOUR BYC ACCOUNT the day after they are voted into membership at the general meeting if your signature appears on the back of their application as their sponsor.

The Membership Committee is ready to help you with the application process if you have any questions (707-297-6606). Paper applications are at the top of the stairs and in the office. Or they can be printed out from the website.

Please think about those in our community that YOU would like to talk to and sponsor!
Promote your Club!

—Kathy Monroe, Membership Committee Chair



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8 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	9	10 BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm 	11 Trivia 6 pm	12 Sail Boat Races 	13 Cruise-In Sequoia 13-15	14
15 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm	16	17	18 Trivia 6 pm  BYC Member Meeting 7:30pm	19 Cruise-In Delta Marina 19-22 Sail Boat Races 	20	21
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