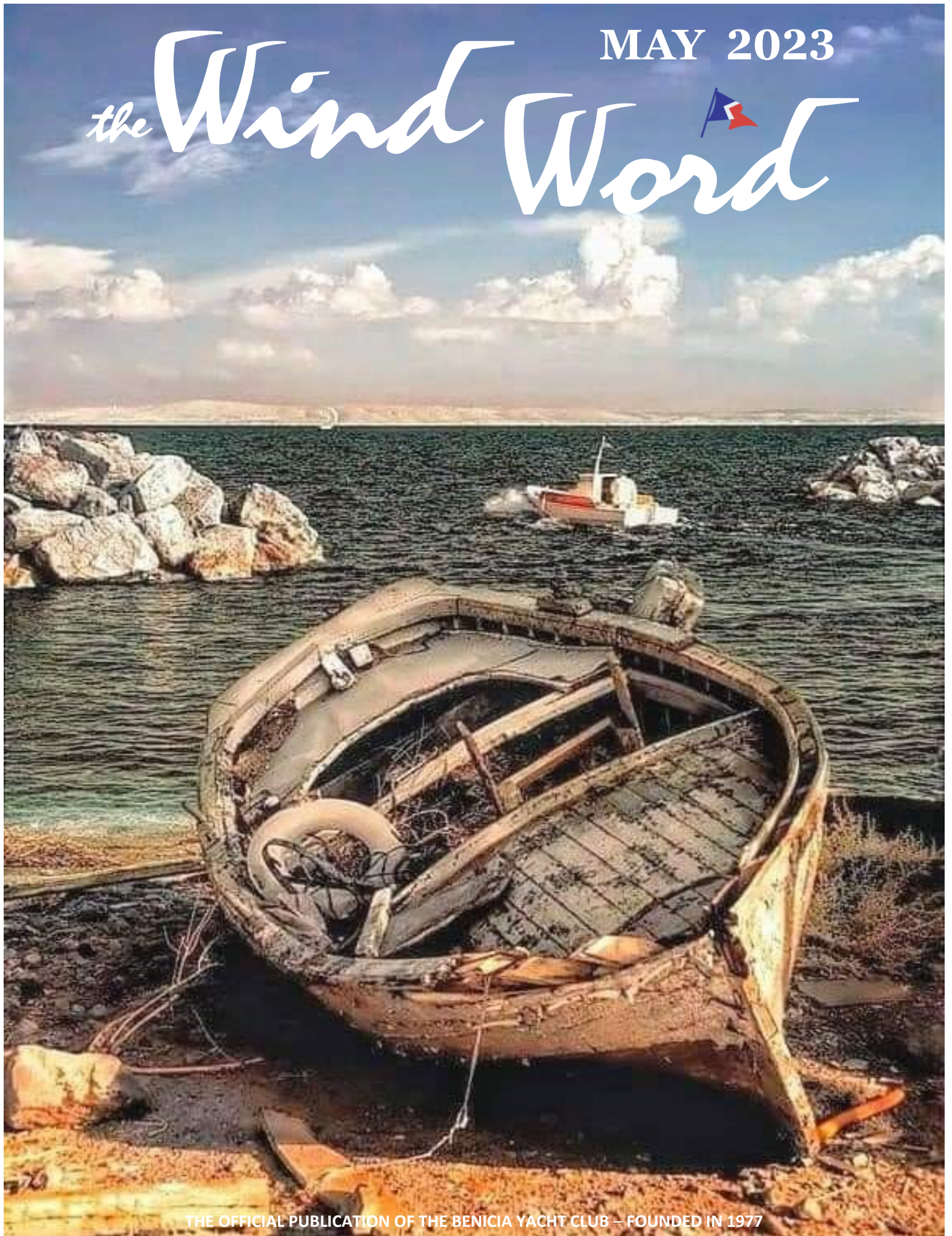


# *the Wind Word*

MAY 2023



THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE BENICIA YACHT CLUB – FOUNDED IN 1977



# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

400 E. Second Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

[www.beniciayachtclub.org](http://www.beniciayachtclub.org)  
Lat: 38o 02.510N Lon: 122o 09.4W

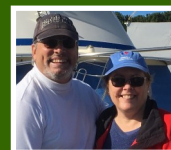
Main Number Manager/Office <u>Reservations</u> Membership Accounting	707-746-0739 Option 1 <u>Opt. 2 Call 12-4pm Wed-Sat ONLY</u> Option 3 Option 4
OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
	Last Order from Kitchen 8pm
Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-8pm (Wed) Noon-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

## BYC MEMBERS-

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER—

Our Club depends on our volunteers, as well as our staff, for our success and it's time for you to step up and volunteer if you never have.

Join a committee, help out on first Saturdays, help set up an event, Adopt-A-Planter, volunteer to help on **Opening Day on the Strait May 20**—we need all the help we can get. It takes a lot of work to produce all the events that our Club hosts and it seems like it's always the same people stepping up to make it happen. It's a lot more fun when more people help out and it is a great way to make new friends in the process. Please remember that BYC is all of ours Club and it's up to us to make it the very best it can be for its members and guests. Hope to see you helping out around the Club soon. **Contact Brian West, Vice Commodore, to help out on Opening Day.** Editors Vicki & John Garcia



Submittals to Wind Word are due by 15th of month by 5:00 pm; will then appear in one of the two following issues.

Office / Events / Mgr / Restaurant Mgr		707-746-0739 opt. 1	
Accounting	Melissa Smithcamp	707-746-0739 opt.4	Melissas@beniciayachtclub.org
Regatta Room		707-750-5197	info@beniciayachtclub.org

Send emails for contacts below to: [info@beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:info@beniciayachtclub.org) and your message will be forwarded.

To leave a voicemail, call the Main Number 707-746-0739, indicate who message is for & it will be forwarded.

Chef Carlos		Historian	VACANT
Commodore	Dena Stults	House Chair	Randy Norman
Vice Commodore	Brian West	Membership Chair	Kathleen Jones
Rear Commodore	Natalie Boltz Keller	Port Captain	Theron Jones
Secretary	Nancy Chertkow	Fleet Captain	Steve Penny
Treasurer	Bob Bohnet	Entertainment Chair	Wendy Peterson
Director	Goldie Pierce	Race Chairman	Dan Carnahan
Director	Kathleen Jones	Safety & Protocol	Paul Brighton
Director	Ken Buske	Ship Store Manager	Debi Hall
Director	Randy Norman	Social Media Chair	Dena Stults
Jr. Staff Commodore	Andy Zinkevich	Sunshine Chair	Kymberli Brady
Fleet Surgeon	Deb Murray	Wind Word Editors	Vicki & John Garcia
PICYA Representative	Richard Boehm	Youth Sailing Director	Derith Lutz
Audit Committee Chair	Fred Gibson		





# *FROM the HELM*



Hello BYC family,

The good weather has started to arrive, and we are getting back out on the water. [Sailboat racing has returned to Thursday nights](#) and the Club is getting back to full swing again.

Our Easter Brunch was absolutely delicious—Chef Carlos knocked it out of the park! Thank you, Eve Norman, for the decorating, you are amazing. And thanks to our volunteers who helped. I am also pretty impressed with Cheyenne's napkin folding, those bunnies were so cute.

[Opening Day on May 20 is approaching fast; to volunteer, please sign up upstairs near the fireplace, we need your help.](#) We will need officers of the day, bar back help, someone to do bathroom checks and trash control, and beer/wine booth servers. Please keep in mind that to be an alcohol server in California you are required to have a Responsible Beverage Service certificate which you can obtain online in a few hours. Opening Day we are open to the public—it is a busy, but really fun day for all.

We said goodbye to bartender Ryley as he returned to school, on his way to becoming a park ranger. We wish him well and will miss that smile. We are hiring new servers/bartenders now. So you should be seeing some new faces around the Club soon.

Thank you, Andy Zinkevich, for sorting out membership dues owed to the Club; that was a daunting job and I know you and our bookkeeper Melissa worked on it for many hours. I appreciate all you do and your support. Special thanks to Armand Seguin and Randy Norman for their time and expertise in replacing the damaged flooring at the rear door of the Regatta Room. This became a much bigger task than anticipated and required a substantial repair before we could install the new/larger threshold plate.

As always, I am open to hearing any fun event ideas and getting member hosts; you can also talk to any board members about that. Now get out there and enjoy the water and the sunshine!

Fair Winds & Following Seas—

Commodore  
Dena Stults



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAL	JESTER	5/2		GERALD	MC KAY	5/19
BOB	HALL	5/4		TAMMY	RIEMER	5/19
CANDY	BURROWS	5/5		CHAD	HUMMEL	5/20
DONNA	CHAPMAN	5/6		MICHELLE	KERR	5/21
STEPHANIE	MARRONE	5/6		CYNTHIA	HILL	5/23
HEIDI	MIDDLETON	5/6		CINDY	TOSCH	5/23
VIKKI	TAYLOR	5/8		JIM	VERRETT	5/23
MONICA	GRISWOLD	5/9		JOE	GARSKE JR	5/24
CHERYL	KLEINSCHMIDT	5/9		TARYN	SHAWSTAD	5/24
SHUN	TYSON	5/10		JACQUELINE	VULLIERME	5/24
SUZANNE	CASTLEMAN	5/11		EILEEN	WEST	5/24
TONY	MC INTOSH	5/11		JOEY	LEGGITT	5/26
MARY ANNE	BRANCH	5/12		TERESA	BADGER	5/27
GINNY	PROSSER	5/12		THERESA	PATTERSON	5/27
ALEX	SCHAUFFERT	5/12		TERRY	WIEGNER	5/28
SAM	BRENES	5/13		NANCY	MATHEWS	5/29
ROBERT	RITTER	5/15		BARBARA	POPE	5/29
RENEE	AMARO	5/16		LINDA	PURDY	5/29
CLARA	NICOLL	5/16		TODD	WATSON	5/29
WAYNE	MC INTOSH	5/17		MITCHELL	KESSLER	5/30
PASCHAL	SMITH	5/17		KEN	HANLEY	5/31
LISA	ZULLI	5/17		TIM	ROSE	5/31
MARK	CONNERS	5/18				



Don't miss one of the best parties of the year!

# Opening Day on the Strait

10am to 10pm

May 20, 2023

Vendor Booths  
Decorated Boat Parade  
Blessing of the Fleet  
Live Music  
Food & Drink at BYC  
Kids Games  
Beer Booth



10am  
Vendor Booths Open  
Children's Activities  
Fire Department Equipment

11:30am  
Opening Day Welcome  
Flag Raising and National Anthem  
Mario Guilliani City Manager

1:30pm  
Decorated Boat Parade &  
Blessing of the fleet

2-5 pm Uncommon Wealth Band - back deck  
7-10 pm The Fabulous Cruise Tones - Norton Lounge

**Benicia Yacht Club**

**400 East 2nd St., Benicia, CA**

**Open to the public ~ brought to you  
by the Benicia Yacht Club & Benicia Marina**

To register for the boat parade & the blessing of the feet email Theron Jones at [brucewaynehd@yahoo.com](mailto:brucewaynehd@yahoo.com)

***Make a date for the Strait***



## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check Day

at Benicia Yacht Club's Opening Day on the Strait  
Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



Here's an opportunity to get your vessel's safety equipment examined by a Coast Guard Auxiliary qualified examiner—FREE. There are NO fines, penalties or reports to any agency. If your vessel is properly equipped, you will be presented with the current 2023 VSC decal. Display of the decal does NOT guarantee that you will not be boarded, but should you be boarded or need equipment, you'll have peace of mind knowing you will have the correct equipment and where it is located.

The complimentary 20-minute Vessel Safety Check includes a check of: Numbering, registration or documentation, lifejackets, visual distress signals, fire extinguishers, ventilation, backfire flame arrester, horn, navigation lights, pollution and trash placards, marine sanitation device and many other important requirements. All required COVID prevention protocols will be followed. Upon completion of the Vessel Safety Check, boaters will also receive a Clean & Green Dockwalker Boating kit, courtesy of CA State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways, the CA Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program, The Bay Foundation, and USCGAUX Flotilla 5-1.



If you have ANY questions regarding the exam or equipment requirements, please contact:  
Jim Minkel at (707) 208-5191 or [jminkel.cgaux@gmail.com](mailto:jminkel.cgaux@gmail.com), or Tom Hurley at (707) 208-6738 or [hurleysfam@aol.com](mailto:hurleysfam@aol.com)

—U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vallejo Flotilla 5-1—

Advanced reservations are requested. To sign up in advance, stop by the Marina office or simply show up with your boat and we will do our best to accommodate you.

### Adopt-a-Planter Program



The foliage that graces the grounds of BYC is calling out for care and feeding.

If you have a green thumb and time available, there is a planter at BYC just waiting for your love and attention!

- **There are 10 planter areas, 7 that are irrigated, ready for Adoption.**
- Caretakers groom, weed and maintain the assigned area, but can also enhance a planter with their vision (*any costs need board approval but are reimbursable*).
- Caretakers work at their availability and schedule, and determine the term of the adoption period.
- House Committee can support with tools and supplies.
- BYC will provide a sign crediting your efforts.

**Please join us in maintaining our BYC curb appeal.**

Contact House Committee Chair Randy Norman  
([randydnorman@msn.com](mailto:randydnorman@msn.com) / (209) 470-2522)

### BYC Cruise-Out



ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB

**June 23-25, 2023**

Cruise Directors: Armand &  
Cynthia Seguin

**Cruise sign ups  
begin: May 20**

To sign up for the cruise-out,  
please email:  
[armand.seguin11@gmail.com](mailto:armand.seguin11@gmail.com)

**Berthing and dining  
spaces are limited by  
St. Francis YC.**



## MAKE A DATE FOR THE STRAIT—

# BYC OPENING DAY on the STRAIT— SATURDAY MAY 20

*Just a couple of weeks to go until Opening Day On The Strait, Saturday, May 20. Mark it on your social calendar—you don't want to miss it! All the pieces are coming together for an enjoyable and memorable event. Note that we will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** There is a volunteer sign-up board posted in the Norton Lounge. In particular, we need at least a half dozen members to be Officers of the Day, which involves sitting at the top of the stairs and making sure visitors put on a badge and sign in. If you don't have the opportunity to sign up in advance, check in with me or another Club officer the day of the event. See you on the 20th!*

*—Vice Commodore Brian West*

## 2023 Cruise-Ins

May 12-13	San Joaquin YC	10 boats		July 7-8	Oakland YC	10 boats
May 19-20	Dos Rios YC	4 boats		July 28-29	Emeryville YC	6 boats
May 26-28	San Pablo YC	10 boats		August 4-6	Diablo YC	10 boats
June 2-3	San Francisco YC	12 boats		August 10-13	Delta Marina YC	10 boats
June 9-10	Encinal YC	TBD		August 18-19	Napa YC	10 boats
June 14-15	Sausalito YC	5 boats		August 25-26	Sequoia YC	6 boats
June 21-22	Discovery Bay	8 boats		<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b>	<b>JAZZ CUP</b>	
				September 15-16	Discovery Bay YC	10 boats

## BYC 2023 Cruise-Outs

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR(S)	EMAIL(S)
May (Memorial Day)	26-29	Marin Yacht Club (RV camping at Marin Park)	Sean Conner Ken Oxman	seanconner@yahoo.com koxman@comcast.net
June	23-25	St Francis Yacht Club	Armand & Cynthia Sequin	stokalo2u@gmail.com
August (Summer Cruise)	TBD	Delta Marina, Pittsburg Yacht Club (RV camping at Delta Marina)	Doug Vaughan Steve Penny	dugvon@sbcglobal.net sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	22-24	Angel Island	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	20-29	Richmond Yacht Club, Schoon- maker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed	
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested	
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	



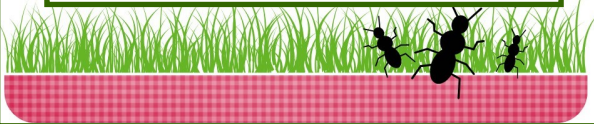
## 2023 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP

BENICIA YACHT CLUB



Maintain Curb Appeal  
General Restoration  
Landscape Upkeep  
Planned Projects

8:00 am to 11:00 am  
The first Saturday of each  
month



## VOLUNTEER



### Advertise in the Wind Word

Ad Size	Month	Year
2" x 2"	\$20	\$220
Business Card	\$25	\$275
1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
1/2 pg	\$85	\$935
info@beniciayachtclub.org		

Karaoke

Karaoke



Hosted by Stephen Wheel—3rd Fridays



## FREE DOCKWALKER TRAINING

This workshop trains you to conduct face-to-face boater education.

Saturdays, 10am-12:45pm

### In-Person Training

May 6—Sacramento Marina

### Virtual Training

June 17

### Refresher Training (virtual)

Thursday, May 11,

5:30pm—7pm

(open to those who have been  
trained in the last 3 years)

### You Must Register to Attend

visit [www.boatingcleanandgreen.com](http://www.boatingcleanandgreen.com) (dockwalker tab)

For more info, contact [vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov) or (916) 764-0989

## Benicia Marina

One Block to Fine Restaurants & Unique  
Shops

Double Fingered Berths

Marine Fuel & General Store

Launch Ramp, Dry Storage, Guest Dock

707-745-2628

Open 7 Days












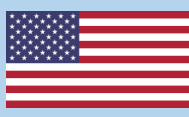

266 East "B" St. Benicia Monitor VHF 16





# MAY 2023

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	2 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	3 Trivia 6pm	4 Sail Boat Races 	5 Cinco de Mayo 	6  Member Work Day 8-11 am  Great Vallejo Race #1
7 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm Great Vallejo Race #2	8 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	9 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>  BYC BOD Meeting 6pm 	10 Trivia 6pm	11 Sail Boat Races 	12	13
14  Happy Mother's Day	15 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	16 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	17 Trivia 6pm  BYC Members Meeting 7pm 	18 Sail Boat Races 	19 	20  <b><u>BYC</u></b> <b><u>OPENING</u></b> <b><u>DAY</u></b> on the <b><u>STRAIT</u></b>
21 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	22 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	23 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	24 Trivia 6pm	25 Sail Boat Races 	26	27 Singlehand/ Doublehand Sail Race #2
28 <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	29 <b><u>MEMORIAL DAY!</u></b> 	30 <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	31 Trivia 6pm			



**COLDWELL BANKER**  
**SOLANO PACIFIC**



**JENNIFER MOORE**  
JenniferMooreTeam.com  
707.319.1933  
DRE# 01329293

*Expect the Best... and Get Moore!*



**Noble Griswold**  
*Broker, Attorney, Property Manager*

Office: 707-745-1927  
Fax: 707-471-6649  
Cell: 707-315-0484  
555 First St. #101, Benicia, CA 94510

noblegriswold@gmail.com  
BRE #01378471  
ngriswold.com

*Each office is independently owned and operated*

## BYC Events Team members Needed

Our club is putting together  
an Events Team to help with  
private and club events.

The team would set up,  
decorate and break down.  
Please contact our Event  
Chair Wendy Peterson at  
petersonjjp@gmail.com  
or text her 925 858-5915



## Janet Brock Hughes ARTIST • Water Colors

707-246-9531 • beniciajanet@aol.com  
991 Tyler St. Studio 216 • Benicia, CA 94510

**"PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE..."**



Repair or Replace • Water - Gas - Sewer  
Trenchless Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation - Pipe Bursting  
Garbage Disposal • Drain Cleaning • Water Heaters  
Video Camera • Slab Leaks • Free Estimates

**Residential and Commercial  
Service 24/7**



**(707) 745-2930**

www.BeniciaPlumbing.com

CA Lic. #329632

Best of 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012

