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the Wind Word



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

Happy Fourth of July!

As we celebrate Independence Day, please remember all those who have given their all fighting for our freedoms.

Do you have recommendations on what our Club should be doing? Are you tired of nobody listening to you? Do you have great ideas about how to make our Club better going forward? Then it is time for you to step up and run for one of the positions of Director or Officer in the upcoming election. See pg 6 and contact Jr. Staff Commodore Andy Zinkevich for info via text or call at 707.210.5874. **COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT BYC!**

BYC's 4th of July celebration will be held on Saturday July 1.
Hope to see you there.

Editors
Vicki & John Garcia



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FROM the HELM



Hello everyone,

It is now time to start thinking about BYC elections!

Here are 10 reasons to join our Board of Directors.

- 10. You will learn patience.** A group of smart and passionate folks sitting around a conference room table can argue and pontificate. They can say stupid things but also make the most brilliant observations. And you will learn patience to wade through it.
- 9. You will learn how to ask for money.** You did it when you were eight years old carrying that orange UNICEF box but the skill might have lain dormant since. I believe every grown-up should know how to ask for money for a worthy cause. I'll take it one step further. I'd argue that until you ask for money for a worthy cause, you have not reached "grown-up" status.
- 8. You will have an experience that enriches your resume.** OK, this one is a bit selfish but it's true and it's OK to be honest about it.
- 7. You will meet interesting people who will add to your sphere of influence.** People who join boards are a wonderful breed. They have chosen to get off the bench and onto the field. You will be enriched by being in their company.
- 6. You will learn to play nicely in the sandbox.** This is about diplomacy and making sure that your colleagues get their say (even if you think your comment said it all). The very best board members are teams.
- 5. You will learn to appreciate that assets = liabilities.** I mean this quite specifically. You will be able to read and understand financial statements and ask a related question or two that actually make sense.
- 4. You will have another excuse to skip the gym.** (OK, just wanted to be sure you were paying attention.)
- 3. You will learn how to run an effective meeting of people who don't work for you.** Perhaps you'll find yourself as a committee chair. Trust me, you learn a very different set of skills. These fellow board members are volunteers, not paid employees, and they may have more business experience than you do.
- 2. You will stretch all your intellectual and emotional muscles.** Board service at its best allows you to bring your full self to the organization—your emotional connection to the work, your commitment to the overall sector, your life experience, your skills, and the good head you have on your shoulders. There are precious few tables you will sit at that will need all of what you bring the way a not-for-profit does.
- 1. You will fall more in love with your organization.** The closer you are to the work of your not-for-profit, the more that work comes to life for you, the more passionate you will become. And you will feel another emotion. **You will feel lucky.**

We need you! Please see pg 6 and contact Jr. Staff Commodore Andy

Zinkevich by text or phone at 707.210.5874 for more info.

Fair Winds & Following Seas

**Commodore
Dena Stults**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

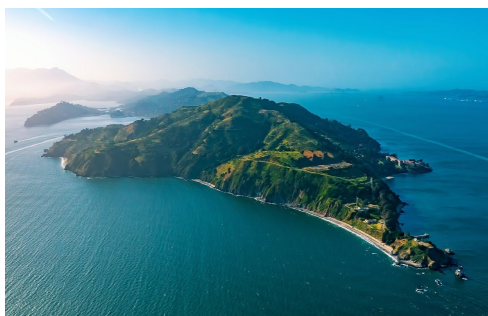


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Newport Harbor in
Bratenahl Ohio
&
Lakeside Yacht Club
of Cleveland



ADVENTURE CRUISE-OUT!

Is anyone interested in a cruise-out where there is no welcoming yacht club, no berthing (you have to dinghy to land), no electric hook-up, no water, no stores, no restaurants, and (saving the worst for last) no bars! Then I have the cruise-out for you—Angel Island! If there is sufficient interest, I will organize a cruise-out for September 28 to October 1. Please let me know by end of August if interested. If it's a go I will circulate an itinerary and other logistical information by the first week of September.



—Brian West, Vice Commodore,
brian@westengineers.com

2023 Cruise-Ins

July 7-8 Oakland YC—10 boats
July 14-15 Sausalito YC—5 boats
July 19-20—Stockton Sailing Club
July 21-22 Discovery Bay YC—8 boats
July 28-29 Emeryville YC—6 boats

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August 4-6 Diablo YC—10 boats
August 10-13 Delta Marina YC—10 boats
August 18-19 Napa YC—10 boats
August 25-26 Sequoia YC—10 boats

SEPTEMBER 2 -JAZZ CUP

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Oct 7-8 Dos Rios YC—5 boats
Oct 11-12 Corinthian YC—8 boats

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Nov 3-5 Solano YC—3-4 boats
November TBD—Richmond YC

BYC 2023 Cruise-Outs

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR(S)	EMAIL(S)
August (Summer Cruise)	5-9	Delta Marina, Pittsburg Yacht Club (RV camping at Delta Marina)	Doug Vaughan Steve Penny	dugvon@sbcglobal.net sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	28-10/1	Angel Island	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	20-29	Richmond Yacht Club, Schoonmaker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed	
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested	
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	



Election 2023—Benicia Yacht Club Needs You!



Calling All Fellow Benicia 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 willing to serve on the nominating committee for 2023.

BYC bylaws specify how elections take place. A nominating committee is named by the current Board of Directors to prepare a slate of potential candidates and to interview them 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.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING BECAUSE:

- **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.
- **Ownership decisions are needed** to upgrade our facilities, to keep our finances in order and generally to move the Club in a positive direction.
- **The Board of Directors determines the house rules of the Club** in accordance with our bylaws. Rules need review to keep them up to date.
- **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members.
- **Being on the Board is a good opportunity** to know what is going on and to get to know others in the Club better.
- **You get a special name tag.**

The nominating committee will be led by me according to the bylaws.

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or taking on a Board position, please contact me or another Board member. 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





2023 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP

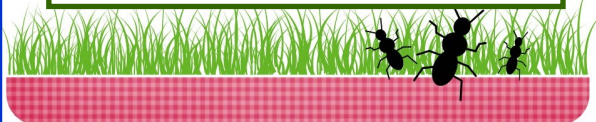
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Karaoke



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YET???**

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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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4th of July Celebration Live Band-NL 
2 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	3 <u>CLOSED</u>	4 <u>CLOSED</u> 4th of July	5 Trivia 6pm	6 Sail Boat Races 	7 Chasing the Moon Race CANCELLED <u>Cruise-In</u> Oakland 7-8	8
9 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	10 <u>CLOSED</u>	11 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 6pm 	12 Trivia 6pm	13 Sail Boat Races 	14 <u>Cruise-In</u> Sausalito 14-15	15
16 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	17 <u>CLOSED</u>	18 <u>CLOSED</u>	19 Trivia 6pm  BYC Members Meeting 7pm <u>Cruise-In</u> Stockton 19-20	20 Sail Boat Races 	21  <u>Cruise-In</u> Discovery Bay 21-22	22 Singlehand/ Doublehand Sail Race #4
23 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	24 <u>CLOSED</u>	25 <u>CLOSED</u>	26 Trivia 6pm	27 Sail Boat Races 	28 <u>Cruise-In</u> Emeryville 28-29	29 BRITISH INVASION DAY 3pm 
30	31					