



# *the Wind Word*

**NOVEMBER 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
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: 12-8pm (Wed) Noon-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

## Ahoy BYC Members-

What are you grateful for this month? We thank Commodore Dena Stults for her steady leadership during 2023. She certainly wore many more hats than usual. We also thank the outgoing Board of Directors—it is not an easy job!

We are grateful to the new 2024 Board of Directors. It is a big commitment and we look forward to their ideas, knowledge and service. Please join us in celebrating our outgoing and incoming Boards at the Change of Watch on Nov. 18.

We also cannot thank our hardworking staff enough—they are awesome!

Don't miss ongoing fun at BYC: Monday Night Football, Wednesday Night Trivia & Karaoke every third Friday night. Plus, the Friendsgiving Potluck! Watch for eblast info.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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	VACANT
Director	Goldie Pierce	Race Chairman	Steve Corwin
Director	Kathleen Jones	Safety & Protocol	Paul Brighton
Director	Ken Buske	Ship Store Manager	Debi Hall
Director	Randy Norman	Social Media Chair	VACANT
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	Webmaster	Brian Barry



## Hello Everyone,

I am writing this at the end of September in advance for the *Wind Word* as in October, Vicki & Johnny Garcia will be traveling and Steve & I will be visiting the Middle East. So I thought I would just talk about upcoming events. Brian West will be in command in my absence.

I am sure everyone had a great time at our Halloween Party; please keep sending in those ideas for future parties. Themes seem popular as a lot of us like to dress for the occasion.

November is one of my favorite times of the year. The fall colors and cooler temperatures make for nice gatherings around cozy fires with friends. It would be nice to use our fireplace in the Norton Lounge this winter season.

Our elections are now behind us—please welcome our newest additions to the BYC Board of Directors and thank them for serving. Change of Watch dinner event tickets should be on sale now for Saturday November 18. Come on out and enjoy a great meal and celebrate as we install the new Board of Directors. Change of Watch promises to be a great time. Limited tickets will be on sale at the Norton Lounge bar.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to reflect and appreciate what is important to us. I appreciate you, our loyal member volunteers. Soon it will be time for our annual Friendsgiving Dinner. If you don't have plans for Thanksgiving this year, consider attending Friendsgiving at the Club. Susan Linn always organizes a wonderful get-together where you can hang out with your yacht club family. A Thanksgiving toast, God bless the food before us, the friends and family beside us, and the love between us.

We will have a daytime Member Christmas Party on December 16 in the Regatta Room with the band Rockoustix.

I am hoping Katy Lamb, Kathryn Dellarocca and Eileen Joyce will take on the kids' Christmas Party on December 17. They did a great job last year, as well as Matt Nattenberg who brought Santa and his crew to the Club with his boat.

And finally, on New Year's Eve, we will have a masquerade ball with music by the in-demand band Strange Brew. Get your masks ready to rock in 2024!



***FROM THE HELM***



**Commodore Dena Stults**



<b>GERALD</b>	<b>COSTA</b>	<b>11/1</b>		<b>ANDY</b>	<b>ZINKEVICH</b>	<b>11/15</b>
<b>KAY</b>	<b>JAEGER</b>	<b>11/1</b>		<b>RYAN</b>	<b>OPFER</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>PAM</b>	<b>MARTIN</b>	<b>11/1</b>		<b>CINDI</b>	<b>GILLETTE</b>	<b>11/19</b>
<b>JESSICA</b>	<b>SHEEHAN</b>	<b>11/1</b>		<b>STEVEN</b>	<b>HILL</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>RALPH</b>	<b>ANTHENIEN</b>	<b>11/2</b>		<b>LISA</b>	<b>MCGUIRE</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>STEVEN</b>	<b>MYLES</b>	<b>11/2</b>		<b>COLLEEN</b>	<b>MCKINNEY</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>MICHAEL</b>	<b>ALLEN</b>	<b>11/3</b>		<b>ROSS</b>	<b>OXMAN</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>STEPHEN</b>	<b>DALE</b>	<b>11/3</b>		<b>WAYNE</b>	<b>LOWREY</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>CURTIS</b>	<b>HOFFMAN</b>	<b>11/3</b>		<b>MICHAEL</b>	<b>MAHER</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>NANCY</b>	<b>CHUDNOF-SKY</b>	<b>11/4</b>		<b>DANIELLE</b>	<b>SZUCH</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>BRYAN</b>	<b>PRINCE</b>	<b>11/4</b>		<b>LISA</b>	<b>TRAPANI</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>MARIA</b>	<b>VILLANUEVA</b>	<b>11/5</b>		<b>JULIE</b>	<b>MILLARD</b>	<b>11/26</b>
<b>JUDITH</b>	<b>JUDSON-BAKER</b>	<b>11/6</b>		<b>PHYLLIS</b>	<b>RITTER</b>	<b>11/29</b>
<b>GARY</b>	<b>JOHNSON</b>	<b>11/11</b>		<b>MARTINA</b>	<b>WOLTER</b>	<b>11/29</b>
<b>BROOK</b>	<b>SEYMOUR</b>	<b>11/11</b>		<b>ROGER</b>	<b>RUUD</b>	<b>11/30</b>
<b>JOHN</b>	<b>GARCIA</b>	<b>11/12</b>		<b>JUDITH</b>	<b>SURRATT</b>	<b>11/30</b>
<b>RACHEL</b>	<b>O'SHEA</b>	<b>11/12</b>				

Rumor has it that **BYC's Annual "Friendsgiving" Potluck Dinner is back!**



**Watch for more details on upcoming eblasts and Facebook. Don't miss it!**

## **Change of Watch: Saturday, November 18**

Please join us Saturday, November 18 for a special ceremony and dinner to celebrate and thank our previous Board of Directors, and wish every success to our new Board.

In nautical terms, the Change of Watch ceremony is a time-honored tradition which



formally restates the continuity and authority of command and is unique in the world today. It involves the transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

Limited tickets for the ceremony and dinner will be on sale in the Norton Lounge. Please purchase asap so you don't miss out.

### **2023 CRUISE-INS**

**November 3-5  
Solano YC – 3-4 Boats**



**November 17-18  
Richmond YC – 10 Boats**

### **2023 CRUISE-OUTS**

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR
November	9	Planning Meeting	All Interested
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina





## 2023 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP



**Maintain Curb Appeal  
General Restoration  
Landscape Upkeep  
Planned Projects  
8:00am to 11:00am**



### Advertise in the Wind Word

Ad Size	Month	Year
2" x 2"	\$20	\$220
Bus. Card	\$25	\$275
1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
1/2 pg	\$85	\$935

info@beniciayachtclub.org



### ALL SERVICES

#### 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*



## Karaoke

**Hosted by Stephen Wheet—3rd Fridays**

## 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



COLDWELL BANKER  
SOLANO PACIFIC



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

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

# VALLEJO MARINE CRAFT

## LOOKING TO FIX IT YOURSELF

We are a FULL SERVICE YARD or

We offer:

- The Equipment
- The Yard Space
- As much or as little advice as you'd like

**707-554-2813**

**VallejoMarineCraft.com**

*Your Local DIY Boat Yard*

1 Harbor Way Vallejo, CA 94590



## **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







# NOVEMBER 2023

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trivia 6pm	2	3 <u>Cruise-In</u> Solano 3-5	4
5 <u>SUNDAY</u> Open 1-5pm 	6 <u>CLOSED</u>	7 <u>CLOSED</u> 	8 Trivia 6pm	9 <u>Cruise-Out</u> Planning Meeting 6pm	10 	11 
12 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	13 <u>CLOSED</u>	14 <u>CLOSED</u>  BYC BOD Meeting 6pm	15 Trivia 6pm MEMBERS MEETING 7pm 	16	17 <u>Cruise-In</u> Richmond 17-18 	18 CHANGE OF WATCH Dinner Event 
19 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	20 <u>CLOSED</u>	21 <u>CLOSED</u>	22 <u>CLOSED</u>	23 BYC FRIENDS- GIVING DINNER 	24 <u>CLOSED</u>	25 Club OPEN Back to normal hours
26 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	27 <u>CLOSED</u>	28 <u>CLOSED</u>	29 Trivia 6pm	30 	COMING SOON!	