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the Wind Word



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Ahoy BYC—

Spring is upon us! Although we're grateful for April showers (not to mention January, February and March showers), let's hope we're in for those May flowers soon.

BYC has certainly been ramping up our events and there is more fun to come. Join us for our Easter Brunch/Egg Hunt April 9, and don't forget Trivia & Karaoke. In the works soon: a Cowboy Steak Night and Beetlemania Night.

April's Cruise-Out to Pittsburg is always fun. And the Beercan Sail Races start up April 6, yay! Everyone is looking forward to fine weather on the water.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER—there are plenty of opportunities step up. Put your green thumb to work (see pg 9) and get ready for Opening Day on the Strait May 20—all hands on deck! :) It's a great way to meet and get closer to your fellow members.

Editors
Vicki & John Garcia



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FROM the HELM



Hello everyone,

I am writing this in the rain—hopefully the sun is shining down on us now as you read this.

The sunshine brings more of us out to our beloved Club, and lets us get out on the water.

Thanks to Director Goldie Pierce for hosting Mardi Gras in March, it was a hit! A fun Friday night Saint Pat's has come and gone, as well as our Chili Cook-Off hosted by Vice Commodore Brian West—thanks Brian. I love how our board is stepping up for events. In the works we have an **Easter Brunch**, a **Cowboy Steak Night** with a country band, and a **Beetlemania Night** with the band *Hey Jude*. Special thanks to Vikki Taylor for helping me with band bookings.

A big thanks to Steve Stults and Mark Connors for cleaning up the back deck and side deck area, that was such a big job. Thanks to Linda Perz for cleaning up and organizing the Norton Lounge storage room. Thanks also to the members who come out to the clean up Saturdays—we appreciate all of you.

I have met with the Ocean Cup Racing team and they have secured parking, so it looks like we will be hosting **offshore powerboat racing** once again here in Benicia. The event is scheduled for August 16-19. More info to come as we near the event.

Randy Norman will have held his third **Nautica Group** meeting by now; if you haven't been to a meeting you should attend. The Nautica Group was formed to provide a forum for discussion on how, in our current-day environments, to fulfill the intentions of the BYC charter. *Latitude 38* magazine did a story on the Nautica Group with Randy and Stephen Dale, check it out.

A dry-erase white board has been installed at the base of the stairs for Chef Carlos—it will show specials and secret menu items as well as let you know if we are out of something. Please do not post there, it is for the kitchen only. Thank you Mark Connors for installing it.

If you would like to host a Club event, please bring your ideas to any board member. We are always happy to get new ideas for fun events.



**Commodore
Dena Stults**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MICHAEL	LEWIS	4/2		LORI	LOWREY	4/17
BONNIE	SILVERIA	4/2		DON	MURRAY	4/18
TIA	MC CORMICK	4/3		CONNIE	COUGHLIN	4/19
REGINA	NAGLE	4/3		PHIL	JOY	4/21
CHARLES	REED	4/3		KEN	OXMAN	4/21
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JOE	MACHADO	4/9		GARY B.	CALLAHAN	4/24
BEVERLY	CONLEY	4/10		KYMBERLI	BRADY	4/26
JENNIFER	LARGAESPADA	4/10		GERALD	MARTIN	4/26
MONIQUE	MARKER	4/10		CINDY	REED	4/26
KATHRYN	RICH	4/12		GETHSEMANE	MOSS	4/27
LIONEL	LARGAESPADA	4/14		ROBERT	CATES	4/29
JOSEPH	RIZZI	4/16		LEEANN	CAWLEY	4/29
DONNA	DIMMICK	4/17		BRIAN	BARRY	4/30



SAVE-the-Date—BYC OPENING DAY on the STRAIT— SATURDAY MAY 20

Many hands make light work—so the saying goes. We need many hands (volunteers) to make Opening Day 2023 a success. I'm hoping to get enough participation so that no volunteer has to invest more than an hour of time. There will be a volunteer sign-up board in the Norton Lounge on or about May 1.

In particular, we will need an "Officer of the Day" continuously at the top of the stairs to help badge visitors. Volunteering to serve up flagons of beer at the Brühhol tent is always a popular job (remember—you must be State certified), but there are many less glamorous jobs—like taking out the trash, just as important. I am confident our Membership will step up to make Opening Day 2023 an event to remember.

*Look for the sign-up board next month and **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** —Vice Commodore Brian West*

2023 Cruise-Ins

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

BYC 2023 Cruise-Outs

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR(S)	EMAIL(S)
April	21-23	Pittsburg Yacht Club	Paul Brighton	pbrighton73@yahoo.com
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	

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

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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, or Tom Hurley at (707) 208-6738 or 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.



Our very own past commodore, Andy Zinkevich, was honored to be inducted into the International Order of the Blue Gavel, Delta District, on February 19. Congratulations Andy!



SUNDAY, APRIL 9

EASTER BRUNCH/

EGG HUNT

Watch e-blasts for more info.



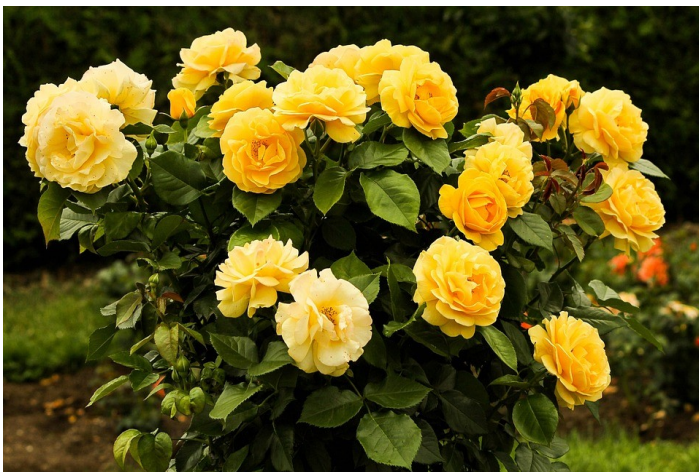
Adopt-a-Planter Program

I hope by the time this article is published, the rains will have subsided, our days will be filled with sunshine, spring will have sprung and the foliage that graces the grounds of the Benicia Yacht Club will be calling out for care and feeding. Our Adopt-a-Planter Program has successfully maintained the landscaped areas at BYC for the past five years and it is time again to re-engage our commitments. So, 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 will 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.

Rich and Angela Grigas, Susan Alton, Kathy Monroe, Kay Jaeger and Penny Trexler are just a few BYC members who have participated and supported this program in past years. Andy Zinkevich monitors and adjusts the irrigation systems, keeping the grounds appropriately watered, while the First Saturday Clean-up Crew also jumps in with hacking and whacking, and sprinkler system repairs.

Please join us in maintaining our BYC curb appeal. Contact House Committee Chair Randy Norman (randydnorman@msn.com) / (209) 470-2522, to participate or for additional information on our **Adoption** services.





The Strait on a Rainy Saturday – Nautica Group and Frostbite Race #3

I am writing this on a rainy weekend after weeks of constant rain bringing us much needed precipitation. This would have been a good Saturday morning to stay in bed, cuddle with the wife, put a

Bogart movie on and keep an eye on the Strait through my window where it is warm, safe and dry.

Instead, January 14 started off with a meeting called the Nautica Group at the Benicia Yacht Club set up by my crew member, friend and BYC Director Randy Norman. The purpose of the group is to focus on ways that BYC can expand its water activities. We had a great turnout with some terrific input from the attendees. I especially liked discussions about expanding programs for youth and families. The meeting was held at 9:30am so it would not interfere with the Frostbite race scheduled at noon.

You might think that the Strait does not talk, but that couldn't be further from the truth if you take time to listen. In fact, there are times when I wish she would keep her opinions to herself. Truth be told, I had no intention to participate in the race because of the weather, but as the meeting was ending a weather window opened, She was basically telling me and the crew to come out and play, what are you a bunch of sissies? What could we do? So the crew and I decided to brave the conditions and accept the challenge.



We only had 3 boats, *Warwhoop* with Chuck Hooper, *E Ticket* with Noble Griswold, and our crew of D.J. Wood, Gary Johnson and Randy Norman on *Playpen2*. The winds were from the Southwest with a building ebb. At the skippers' meeting held at the docks we decided to go to the Joe Mara mark by Glen Cove and back, about 6 miles. We had the normal reverse start, and *Playpen2* started first, followed by *Warwhoop* and ending with *E Ticket*. *Playpen2* was able to make the mark on a single tack. After we passed the mark on the return, I turned the wheel over to Randy to take us home.

Even though this was not a romp in the sun, we had a great sail. The good news, despite all the debris in the water from the storms, Randy only hit one tree—woo hoo. On top of that, the Nautica Group with Randy at the helm looks like we may be adding more dimensions to the Benicia Yacht Club, so that we can share this wonderful resource of the Strait with more activities and ideally attract families and youth to the wonders of boating.



So it looks like fair winds and following seas are in our future for 2023—all you need to do is get out of bed and let the Strait be your guide!



Here's looking at
you kid.
—Stephen W. Dale





Karaoke

Karaoke



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Thursday, May 11,

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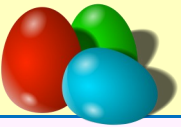






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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website and on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day! Member Work Day 8-11 am 
2 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	3 <u>CLOSED</u>	4 <u>CLOSED</u>	5 Trivia 6pm Passover begins	6 Sail Boat Races Begin 	7	8
9 <u>EASTER</u> <u>Brunch and Egg Hunt</u> 	10 <u>CLOSED</u>	11 BYC BOD Meeting 6pm 	12 Trivia 6pm	13 Sail Boat Races 	14	15 Singlehand/Doublehand Sail Race #1
16 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	17 <u>CLOSED</u>	18 <u>CLOSED</u> <u>TAX DAY!!</u>	19 Trivia 6pm  BYC Members Meeting 7pm	20 Sail Boat Races 	21 <u>BYC Cruise-Out</u> Pittsburg 21-23 	22
23 1-5pm 30 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	24 <u>CLOSED</u>	25 <u>CLOSED</u>	26 Trivia 6pm	27 Sail Boat Races 	28	29