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the Wind Word

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Happy Thanksgiving!

BYC will be celebrating this month at the Board of Directors “Change of Watch” dinner, as some board members’ terms come to an end and our new board members are sworn into office. Hope you will attend to support them.

The “Meet the Candidates” night was exciting and enlightening. We learned more about our newest board members and their backgrounds as well as their priorities in their coming terms.

Thank you to all the new members who are stepping up to serve, and to those board members whose terms have come to an end. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated.



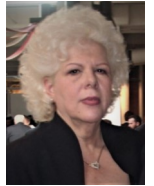
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FROM the HELM

Commodore Pat Bowers



The last two years in their own way have passed quickly. When I became Commodore in December of 2019 who'd have thought what the next few months would bring. How unsettled all of our lives would become, sometimes highs and sometimes extreme lows, so much isolation, and yet through it all the human spirit has survived and so has the Benicia Yacht Club.

Yes, we have changed. We have lost members and we have gained many new members. We changed our habits and thanks to the efforts of a great group of guys, we changed our lower deck into a dining area. We now enjoy dining both on the deck and in the Regatta Room. We are struggling to get the Norton Lounge open consistently, but the labor market is simply not cooperating. But, promise you, it will be done and we are starting up Monday Night Football again thanks to Richard Boltz. We also survived with a very nice surplus due to strategic budgeting that allowed us to save the monies from the PPP and that is something I am very proud of. We are on the way to repairing and fixing up the BYC and the extra funds will go a long way. We have kept the Club on course thanks to your patronage and your dues—again, we couldn't have done it without you.

We have introduced Saturday Night Music in the Regatta Room—oh, and even a fantastic BYC talent show—think I should have really named it “BYC's Got Talent” but that we can do in the future. We are having bands once a month in the Norton Lounge which has been extremely popular and when you read this we will have had our Halloween Party. There is so much more in the works and I'm sure our new Commodore will keep things moving along.

I do want to thank all the members of the BYC who have given so much of their time and effort and also the Board for their work. As they say, it takes a family.

As for me, I wanted to try to make a difference (preferably positive) in how we managed the Club, take a hard look at our finances (thanks to Andy Ahn, Andy Z, and Fred Gibson for their diligence in this area). I wanted to streamline systems and enhance our food services, etc. I felt it was important to work closely with the Vice Commodore, Andy Z and make the most of our individual talents—and they are different but very complimentary (sic), and often sought the advice of the Jr. Staff Commodore as well. We didn't always agree but we did find amicable solutions. We worked together with the Board with both informal meetings and, of course, the monthly Board Meetings. I am sure the years ahead will bring new challenges and ideas and the BYC will continue to be a place where friends come together for boating, comradery and friendships.

So, I hope I have made a difference, and I look forward to the continued success of the Benicia Yacht Club, its members, friends and families.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL (MNF) POTLUCKS AT BYC

Mondays—Games start at 5:15 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Cost: \$10

Guest hosts donate food and their prep time. Money raised is used to buy misc. items for the Club (e.g., chairs, TVs, outside heaters, etc). Come join the fun!

NEED Guest Chefs, Chef Coordinator, Help w/Set-Up & Tear Down

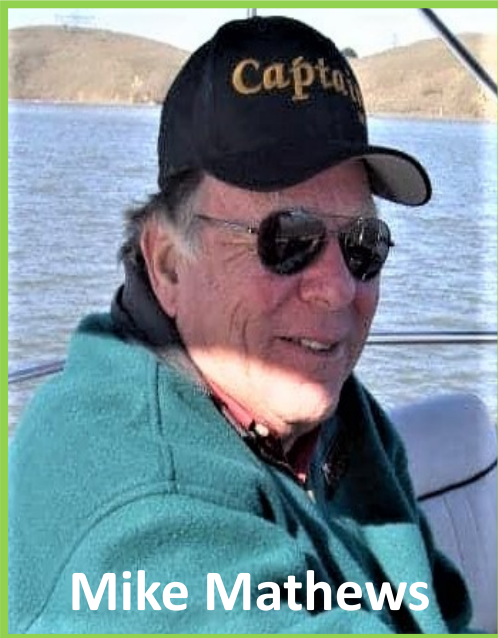
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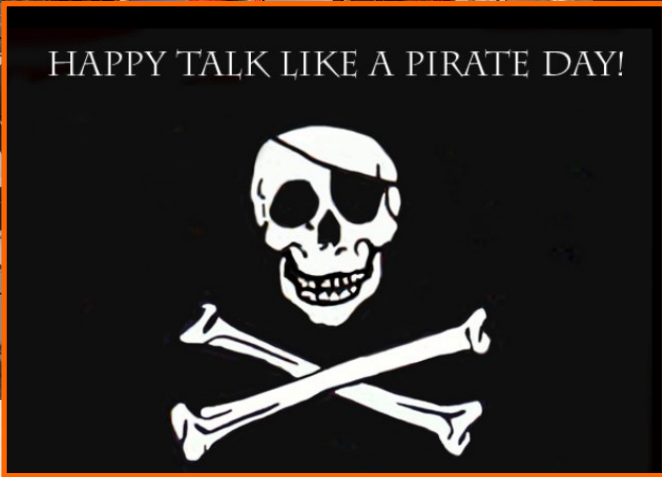
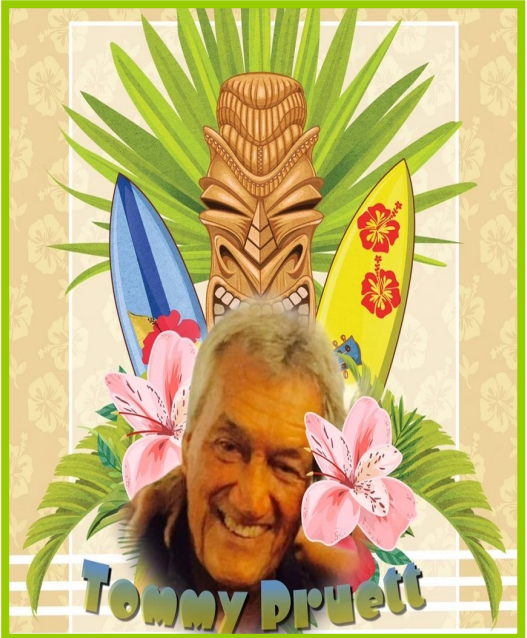
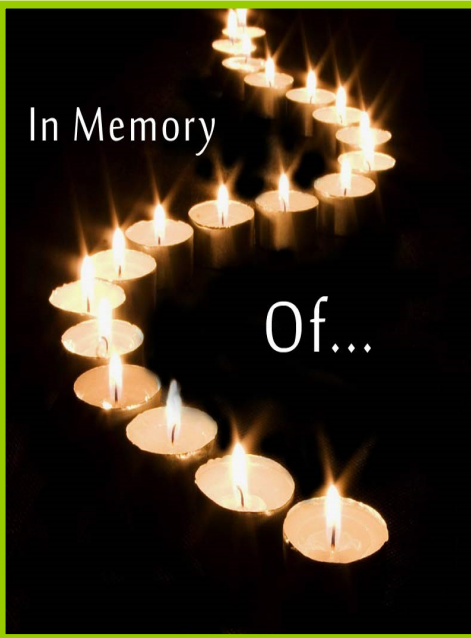
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



<i>GERALD</i>	<i>COSTA</i>	<i>11/1</i>		<i>JOHN</i>	<i>GARCIA</i>	<i>11/12</i>
<i>KAY</i>	<i>JAEGER</i>	<i>11/1</i>		<i>RACHEL</i>	<i>O'SHEA</i>	<i>11/12</i>
<i>PAM</i>	<i>MARTIN</i>	<i>11/1</i>		<i>MACK</i>	<i>WILLIAMS</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>MICHAEL</i>	<i>ALLEN</i>	<i>11/3</i>		<i>ANDY</i>	<i>ZINKEVICH</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>STEPHEN</i>	<i>DALE</i>	<i>11/3</i>		<i>EVELYNE</i>	<i>AURENSAN</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>CURTIS</i>	<i>HOFFMAN</i>	<i>11/3</i>		<i>SARAH</i>	<i>GREBE</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>ROCHELLE</i>	<i>SHERLOCK</i>	<i>11/3</i>		<i>RYAN</i>	<i>OPFER</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>NANCY</i>	<i>CHUDNOFSKY</i>	<i>11/4</i>		<i>CYNTHIA</i>	<i>GILLETTE</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>LILLIAN</i>	<i>GARCIA</i>	<i>11/4</i>		<i>STEVEN</i>	<i>HILL</i>	<i>11/21</i>
<i>BRYAN</i>	<i>PRINCE</i>	<i>11/4</i>		<i>COLLEEN</i>	<i>MCKINNEY</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>MARIA</i>	<i>VILLANUEVA</i>	<i>11/5</i>		<i>ROSS</i>	<i>OXMAN</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>NICK</i>	<i>GREBE</i>	<i>11/6</i>		<i>LISA</i>	<i>TRAPANI</i>	<i>11/24</i>
<i>DANA</i>	<i>BUSCHE</i>	<i>11/7</i>		<i>JULIE</i>	<i>MILLARD</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>LETTY</i>	<i>THOMAS</i>	<i>11/7</i>		<i>PHYLLIS</i>	<i>RITTER</i>	<i>11/29</i>
<i>DIANE</i>	<i>PIPER</i>	<i>11/8</i>		<i>MARTINA</i>	<i>WOLTER</i>	<i>11/29</i>
<i>GARY</i>	<i>JOHNSON</i>	<i>11/11</i>		<i>ROGER</i>	<i>RUUD</i>	<i>11/30</i>
<i>BROOK</i>	<i>SEYMOUR</i>	<i>11/11</i>		<i>JUDITH</i>	<i>SURRATT</i>	<i>11/30</i>



Mike Mathews



WELCOME

NEW BYC MEMBERS



Kouloub Cotrell



Andrew & Gina Inks



Diane Piper & Kymberli Brady



Gerry Gitchell &
Sierra Van Der Kamp



Ken Buske



Harold Diehl & Debi Freeland



Jennifer Sirianni & Scott McKay



Kirsten & Ken Schultz



Kathleen & Theron Jones

NEW BYC MEMBERS



Not Pictured: *Jaeme Koyil / Jim & Sharon Petrellese / Richard Jenny & Mike Hill / Leiko & Doug Silva*



**Michael Charles &
Beth Amatrone**



Phil & Cyndi Hill



Phillip & Maria Villanueva



Rob & Nancy Forrest



Shaula Patchett



**Shannon &
Wayne "Dr P" Pernell**



Sonny Jones & Penny Trexler



Steven & Shannon Walsh-Hill



Zelma & Michael Lewis

JAZZ CUP RACE—Captain Noble Griswold of E-Ticket

BYC and *E-Ticket* got real close to winning 2021 JAZZ CUP this past Labor Day weekend! *E-Ticket* finished 1st in our fleet of 12, 1st for Benicia racers and 2nd for Jazz Cup and 6th overall out of approximately 60 racers. *Goose*, a Catalina 30 from South Beach YC, won the Jazz Cup and beat *E-Ticket* by one position.

E-Ticket started at 11:20 am in the fourth starting fleet of approximately 60 racers overall. The winds were 10-15 mph and the current was flooding. The starting area was close to Treasure Island. The race course is approximately 25 miles. There is approximately a 1-mile upwind leg to Alcatraz Island and then all the way to Benicia.

We started on Starboard tack, close hauled at the Committee Boat (CB). We were able to shut the door to a few barging competitors. Our first upwind race mark was near Alcatraz.

Soon after the start, we tacked to Port while the rest of the fleet continued on Starboard. This tactical decision put us in the top few boats for our fleet as we rounded the windward mark and headed toward Richmond Bridge.

We stayed on the West side of the course through SF bay. Many of our competitors set spinnakers and sailed deeper toward Richmond YC and the East side of the bay.

We approached the shadow of Angel Island and noticed that the fleets ahead had split with some competitors going far West and some far East. *E-Ticket* split the middle. The wind died down to less than 2 mph. We were seeing 1-2 mph of favorable current helping us along where we were.

The East-side boats included Gordie Nash, who often wins his fleet. Gordie and the boats around him established a considerable lead compared to us.

After 30 minutes of drifting in the current and wind whispers, the wind strengthened from the West to 7-10 mph. Once we got going we stayed to the West side of the course in the stronger current.

We passed Red Rock and the Brothers islands and entered San Pablo Bay on the West side close to the deep water Channel. This strategy takes advantage of the dying flood current that last longer in the deeper water. It is, however, a longer course to the finish and is often a dilemma which course is best.



As we looked ahead we could see flat shiny water (no wind) around Pt Pinole, which is about 1/2 way across San Pablo Bay. We continued with our strategy of taking a wider course and staying in the deep water. We watched the current lines and check each side of them to find the most favorable current. We trimmed our sails attentively and rotated trimmers to stay fresh.

Very slowly we started passing competitors who were on the East side. We were making trees on them. We had better current and at times better wind. We started counting the total number of spinnakers ahead to keep track of how we were doing. We counted 30, 26, 22, 17, 13 and finally 10! We had passed over 20 boats with our deep water strategy.

Then it got hot in the middle of San Pablo Bay. The wind had dropped to 0-4 mph. The temperature soared into the 90's. The sun was directly on us in the early afternoon. This was becoming an endurance race. Many competitors radioed in and withdrew from the race due to the adverse conditions.

As we approached the North end of San Pablo Bay, the flood we enjoyed changed to the dreaded ebb current and was now in our face. We continued to look for more favorable current lines to cross for advantage. We changed our course from the middle of the channel to the South side as we entered Carquinez Straits.

Now we were on our home turf where we are the most experienced with racing. After Dillon Pt. we headed North into the shallows for relief from the ebb current. This area is where the drone pictures were taken.

We passed 1st Street Benicia Pier with less adverse current and similar wind resulting in passing several competitors.

We finished around 5:30 pm with only a few boats ahead of us and dozens of spinnakers behind us far into the distance.

We were so tired that we did not fully appreciate what we had accomplished. Several of us had some form of heat exhaustion with one crew needing aid.

Our crew of 10 was simply amazing. We had our regular Thursday night racing crew who is experienced and works very well together. They had great attitudes and we all gave it our best. Without them, this simply would not have happened!

Thank you Benicia Yacht Club for hosting such a great event. The after-party and hospitality were excellent. We appreciate a Yacht Club and community that supports sailing and boating in our local waters.

Submitted by:
Noble Griswold
Captain of *E-Ticket*

Thanks to Chris Southerly
and Eric Simonson for the
excellent pictures!





October 2021 BYC Facility Renovation Update



Project planning and development continues and by press time some work should have begun.

Finance

We continue to work with our financial partners to put together our information in a form satisfactory to lenders. This is not made any easier because we are working with a new accounting staff and consultants. Obtaining financing for the project is the priority now and we are making progress. In addition, we are beginning to speak with additional potential lenders.

Architect

The team contacted 2 Architects who knew BYC. We are currently discussing terms with one of them and expect to have them hired in time to begin work on our interim heating and cooling as well as updating base drawings.

Interim Projects

Some work is underway in the planning process or outside of the major project.

We decided not to wait for financing to seal and coat the parking lot. Brian West had some left-over material and coordinated that project.

There has been lots of discussion on siding. One current consideration is to do interim sealing of the north wall and part of the east wall. We also measured up the worst of the walls for acquisition of siding.

We are getting pricing on luxury vinyl planking to replace flooring upstairs and down. Interior painting should precede that effort. These items will likely follow financing, but can be done during the rainy season, so may end up being some of the earlier projects to be completed.

Plans are underway to upgrade and redo the awning on the Regatta Room deck. This will be partially complete by press time.

This month we worked with the water department to try to get our water leak information better quantified. The repair will cost \$18,000 so it is important to get the remediation right. We tested the water supply two more times in October. The financing is in place for this and will begin to reduce our water bills right away.

The heating and cooling project is awaiting selection of an architect so that drawings can be prepared. We may be able to accomplish that with an engineer, but that has not been settled yet. Like the water connection, financing is already in place outside of the larger project.

Andy Zinkevich for the Steering Committee: Noble Griswold, Brian West, Dan Demmon, Pat Bowers, Richard Boltz, Randy Norman, Matt Nattenberg, Susan Garske



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Football Potluck 5:15 pm <i>CLOSED MON & TUES except for Monday Night Football Potluck</i>	2	3 Trivia 6 pm	4	5	6 BYC Members Work Day 8-11 am 
7 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm Daylight Savings Ends	8 Football Potluck 5:15 pm	9 BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm 	10 Trivia 6 pm	11 Veterans Day Dinner 5:30 pm 	12	13 Frost Bite Sail Race #1 
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