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# *the Wind Word*



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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
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	<i>Last Food Orders at 7:45pm</i>
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Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)
*Groups of 15 or more can be accommodated for lunch with at least 1 week's advanced notification & reservation.	

Hello BYC Members,

We hope you enjoyed our traditional JAZZ CUP races recently! Next up: BYC's 1st Annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 28—we start at noon and feature three great bands and ... beer! Come have great fun and support your Club—Prost!

As the first day of Autumn approaches, BYC's board elections are upon us. I hope those who are running for a position will not only want a seat on the board, but intend to be actively involved in producing and attending events. Hopefully they will lead by example (i.e. before asking others to sign up as volunteers when needed, we see board members' names at the top of the list).

Thank you to those who have stepped up to help with the direction of BYC and to all those who do volunteer—we couldn't do it without you!

Editors Vicki & John Garcia



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## FROM the HELM



*Happy September,*

When we get some of the most beautiful boating weather, it's perfect for dock parties, too. Our sailboat racers color the Carquinez Strait with such beautiful colors that Pancho Muñoz captures perfectly with his camera. If you aren't crewing on a boat, grab a cocktail or glass of wine and enjoy the view.

Our 36th Annual Jazz Cup was a blast as usual! Thank you, Rear Commodore Natalie Boltz Keller, for planning another successful party and thank you to all our volunteers who stepped up to help.



We are going to start a new tradition this year with our **first-ever Oktoberfest Celebration on September 28**. We will start at noon and feature three great bands as well as Brühhol beer, among others. **Please volunteer as we will need all hands on deck for this as we will be open to the public.** Look for sign-up sheets for Oktoberfest in the Norton Lounge.

A special thank you to Andy and the Membership Drive Team who brought in new members at the Red & White Fleet pop-up tent. You are all stars! **Look for new faces around the Club and please make them feel welcome.**

I was so pleased to see our BYC family come together in support of Chef Carlos' trip home. When we come together, we can do good things. Carlos has asked me to thank you all for your kindness in a very stressful time. He was surprised by the outpouring of giving and I explained to him that he is well loved by us all.

**It's election time and hopefully any interested parties have got their applications in as the deadline is September 3.** Applications are also available online. Serving on a board can be very fulfilling and is a great way to show love for our Club.

Fair winds and following seas,

Commodore Dena Stults





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MITCHELL	CHERNOCK	9/2	WILLIAM	PANGMAN	9/17
PHILIP	HILL	9/3	PEGGY	CRIBBS	9/18
LINDA	HUDSON	9/3	DORI	MCENEANEY	9/18
CHRIS	AUTZ	9/5	MOLLY	PETRIE	9/18
DEE	GILLILAND	9/7	KRISTINA	WOLF	9/18
JOSEPH	KALLIOS	9/8	KEVIN	LYONS	9/20
JASMINE	HEIRENDT	9/11	PHILLIP	VILLANUEVA	9/21
ABBY	RINCON	9/13	JANET	HUGHES	9/23
NOBLE	GRISWOLD	9/14	NANCY	ROUNDS	9/24
SHANNON	WALSH-HILL	9/14	DON	STERKEL	9/24
SUSAN	GARSKE	9/16	PENNY	TREXLER	9/26
ALBERTO	MADUENO	9/16	JOHN	CANNY	9/28
JOHN	MCGINN	9/16	BILL	HENRETTY	9/28
RHONDA	IMEL	9/17	SUSAN	LINN	9/29
MAUREEN	LOZA-DODSON	9/17	BRIAN	BARRY	9/30

Benicia Yacht Club's

# Oktoberfest

Beer Festival



The Shuffle Band 12-3pm

2Track'n 3:30-6:30pm

West Coast Strut 7-10pm

**September 28 • 12-10pm**

**DRINK • FOOD • MUSIC • DANCE**

Break out your lederhosen and come join us  
for a great time at Benicia Yacht Club!

400 East 2nd Street, Benicia



**Open to the public**

# Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule



Generally 3rd weekend of every month • Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board or contact [sjpenny5@gmail.com](mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com) • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!



Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	TBD Schoonmaker Point Marina	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

## Benicia Yacht Club Welcomes Multiple Cruise-Ins

Hi everyone—Just a quick update about the clubs that came to visit the last two months. Boy, were we busy!

July brought us Encinal (29 people) who enjoyed our Country Western Day. They had a blast dancing and talking to our members. South Beach (16 people) and Emeryville (10 people) followed the next two weeks.



Encinal July 12-14



Discovery Bay July 25-28

Discovery Bay (29 people) really enjoyed our hospitality. They couldn't get enough of our Club and showed up Wednesday-Friday for drinks and food, then Saturday for dinner. They loved everything so much and said so many great things about Jeanie, Maya & Carlos.

Cruising in for August we had Delta Marina (34 people) and Sequoia (20 people) who loved our Club as well.

Out of the blue, Napa and Solano brought in two nice size groups to celebrate their members' birthdays. We always love the company.

September as of now, we have three clubs coming in. If you're around the Club please say hi to our guests and make them feel welcome. They really do love it.  
—Cheers, Angela Grigas, Port Captain



## 2024 Yacht Club Cruise-Ins

September 19-21 • Cruiser Haven—7 boats

September 21-22 • Stockton—10 boats

September 27-29 Hidden Harbor—10 boats

October 2-5—Stockton—10 boats



Napa August

**We need**  
**YOU!**



# **ELECTION 2024** **TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO** **RUN FOR OFFICE!**

## **Calling All Fellow 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 to serve on the nominating committee for 2024.**

BYC bylaws specify how elections take place. By August 13 a nominating committee will be appointed by the current Board to prepare a slate and to interview candidates 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. **THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 3.**

### **AS A CLUB OWNER, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING BECAUSE:**

1. **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.
2. **Ownership decisions are needed to keep our finances in order** and to move the Club in a positive direction.
3. **The Board of Directors determines the house rules of the Club** in accordance with our bylaws. Rules need reviewing to keep them up to date.
4. **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members.
5. **Being on the Board is a good opportunity** to know what is going on and to get to know others in the Club better.
6. **You get a special name tag.**

The nominating committee will be led by me in accordance with the bylaws. **If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or being a candidate for a Board position, please contact me or another Board member right away.**

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

# 2024 Racing Season



Date	Regatta	Date	Regatta
<b>September 2024</b>		<b>October/November/December 2024</b>	
Thursday, September 5	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #22	Saturday, October 5	TBD
Thursday, September 12	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #23	Saturday, October 26	RYC Great Pumpkin Fleet Race
Saturday, September 14	BenYC/VYC Carquinez Challenge—TBD	Sunday, October 27	RYC Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race
Thursday, September 19	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #24	Saturday, November 9	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1
Thursday, September 26	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #25— <b>CHAMPIONS RACE</b>	Saturday, December 14	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #2

## Sea Scouts Enjoy Thursday Night Sail Racing

About six boats full of Sea Scouts sailed into the Benicia Marina at 4:30 pm on August 1 and tied up to the guest docks. And as it happened, the skippers and crews were readying for the Thursday Nights Benicia Yacht Club Beer Can races. Conversations struck up between the Sea Scout sailors and the BYC racers, and a couple of kids asked if there was an opportunity for them to crew on one of the boats. Word spread



across A and B Docks, and within a few minutes, seven or eight Sea Scouts were onboard and off to the races. All participating skippers reported that the kids were experienced and added to the fun and excitement of the race.



Comments from some of our skippers:

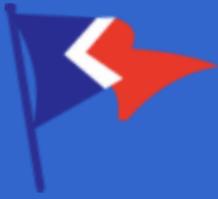
Vitamin Sea reported, “We took two—they had great skills and contributed to a great experience for all of us on board!” Steve Dale reflected, “We had one of the scouts on the Playpen2, and we figured out that she was 1/5th the age of our average crew member. A great group of kids, and I am sure the skills they are learning will guide them the rest of their lives.” Noble Griswold added, “E Ticket had two young, focused and seaworthy scouts join

us in our race and we all had a great night of sailing!”



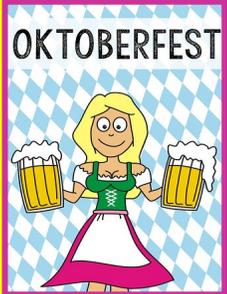
—Randy Norman,  
Benicia Yacht Club  
Nautica Group





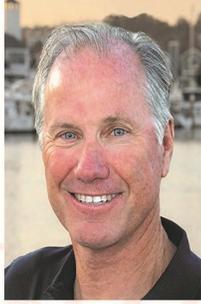
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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website & on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 SUNDAY</b> <b>FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	<b>2 LABOR DAY!!</b> 	3	4 Trivia 6pm	5 Sail Races 	6	7 <b>BYC Members Work Day!</b> 8-11am 
<b>8 SUNDAY</b> <b>FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	<b>9 CLOSED</b>	<b>10 CLOSED</b>  <u>BYC BOD Meeting</u> <u>6pm</u>	11 Trivia 6pm	12 Sail Races 	13	14
<b>15 SUNDAY</b> <b>FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	<b>16 CLOSED</b>	<b>17 CLOSED</b> <u>Constitution Day</u> 	18 Trivia 6pm  <u>7pm BYC MEMBERS MEETING</u>	19 Sail Races  <u>Cruise-In</u> Cruiser Haven 9/19-21	20 <u>Cruise-Out</u> Petaluma 9/20-22 POW/MIA Recognition Day 	21 <u>Cruise-In</u> Stockton 9/21-22
<b>22 SUNDAY</b> <b>FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	<b>23 CLOSED</b>	<b>24 CLOSED</b>	25 Trivia-6pm	26 Sail Races 	27 <u>Cruise-In</u> Hidden Harbor 9/27-29	<b>28</b> 
<b>29 SUNDAY</b> <b>FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	<b>30 CLOSED</b>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>New Regatta Room Rental Rates</b></p>  <p><i>Members \$800</i> <i>Non Members \$1,400</i></p> </div>		<p><b><u>NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO RENT!</u></b>            Have an upcoming Holiday Gala, Birthday, Wedding, Company Meeting, Group Event, Presentation, Surprise Party? We have full bar and food services on premise and lots of tables and chairs, audio and more.            CALL 707.746.0739 opt1</p>		



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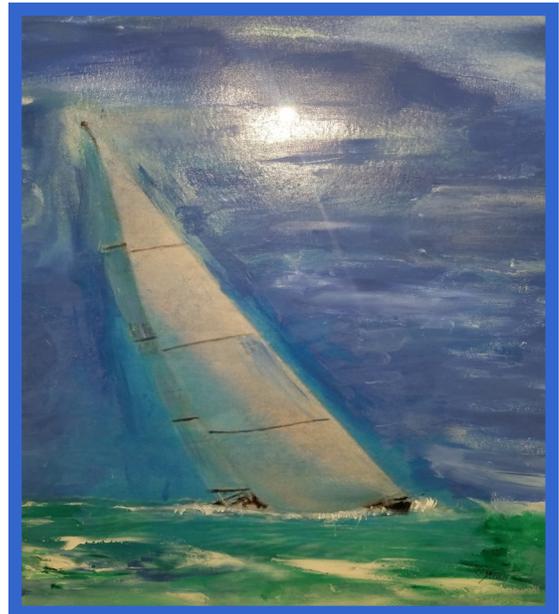
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