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# *the Wind Word*



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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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<b>Reservations</b>	<b><u>Opt. 2 Call 12-4pm Wed-Sat ONLY</u></b>
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<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	
<b>Wed – Sat</b>	<b>Noon-4pm</b>
<b>CLUB/FOOD</b>	<i>Hours subject to fluctuation</i>
	<i>Last Food Orders at 7:45pm</i>
<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b>	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	<b>Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm</b> (by reservation only) <b>Norton Lounge: noon-9pm</b>
<b>Fri &amp; Sat</b>	<b>Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm</b> (by reservation only) <b>Norton Lounge: noon-10pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar &amp; Potluck)</b>

\*Groups of 15 or more can be accommodated for lunch with at least 1 week's advanced notification & reservation.

## Fellow BYC Members,

February is here and it's time to show your love.

Not only to your family and friends but to complete strangers who have suffered complete losses of everything they owned. Be it from floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires or any other disaster, our fellow Americans need your help and donations.

We hope that this year when you share your love, you will remember all those who have lost so much. If you are able, please contribute to one of the many legitimate organizations that are helping them.

Our favorite is Samaritan's Purse.

Love to all of you and please send your prayers and love to those who need it most.

Happy Valentine's!



**Editors**

**Vicki & John Garcia**



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# FR♥M THE HELM



Benicia Yacht Club welcomes you to February. The month of cupids, hearts, flowers, and of course, **Valentine's Day!** We will be open that day and we will have a special dinner planned—we'd love to see you at the Club that evening. At the end of this month, we will be gearing up for our big **Mardi Gras Party** that is planned for Saturday, March 1. Based on last year, this should be a packed-house event. As I did in January, I may sneak in another evening event. Cupid may have an arrow for the Club.

January brought us a very well attended New Year's Day potluck and Bloody Mary bar hosted by Angela & Rich Grigas—a wonderful annual event. We also brought in a local musician, Doug Houser, who gave us a very nice evening of tunes on January 9. The Norton Lounge was packed. I am sure we will welcome him back again. Then we ended the month with a fun night—the BYC Talent Show/Karaoke/DJ hosted by Goldie Pierce and featuring the master of ceremonies Johnny Ramos.

## **January also brought us heat in the Regatta Room!**

Special thanks to all the Members involved for supporting this financially, and a very special thanks to Randy Norman for your dedication to our Club and seeing this through!

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB! CHEERS!**



**Bob Bohnet**  
**BYC Commodore**







MARK	KELLER	2/4	MARIA	SAULSBURY	2/18
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JEAN	NADOLNE	2/8	JEFFREY	RAPP	2/20
TERRI	DALE	2/9	NOUSHIN	TABAN	2/20
RANDY	TROMMER	2/10	PEGGY	CULLIVAN	2/21
ROBYN	BOLTZ	2/13	JEFF	SHAWSTAD	2/23
PATRICIA	BOWERS	2/14	LYNN	CHAVEZ	2/26
TED	MIDDLETON	2/14	CORT	ROUNDS	2/26
STEPHEN	STULTS	2/14	STEVE	GILLILAND	2/28
EDWARD	PERZ	2/17	GERALD	MCKAY JR	2/28
PRISCILLA	ALLEN	2/18	RHONDA	SHEA	2/28
JENNIFER	GALLINATTI	2/18			

**COME JOIN FANS  
& FRIENDS!**

**FEBRUARY 9  
SUPERBOWL  
PARTY**

**Potluck in the  
Norton Lounge**



**FEBRUARY 14**  
**Valentine's**  
**Dinner**  
**Special!**

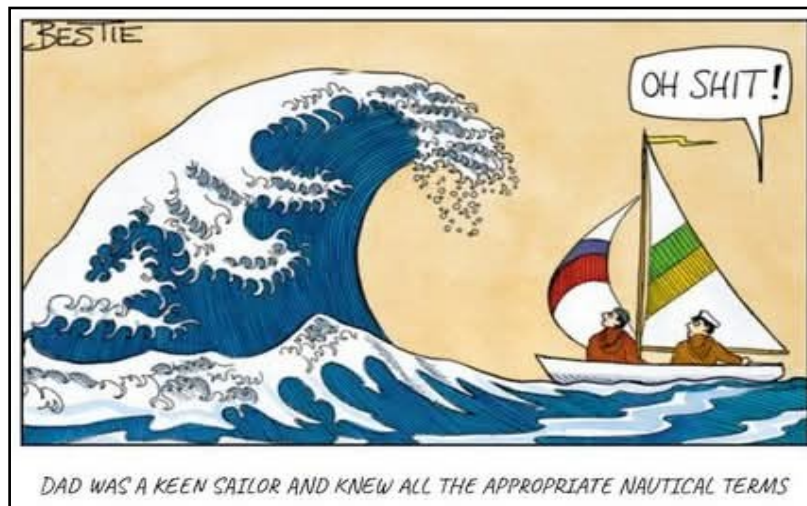




# 2025 Cruise-Ins



April 11-13	Oakland	10 boats	August 1-3	Sequoia	10 boats
May 23-25	Alameda	10 boats	August 8-10	Napa	10 boats
June 27-29	San Francisco	10 boats	September	Marin	8 boats
July 11-13	Delta Marina	10 boats	September 26-27	San Joaquin	10 boats
July 24-17	Discovery Bay	12 boats			



## NAUTICA GROUP NEWS



**Meeting • Saturday • February 15 • 9:30 am Regatta Room**

As the excitement of the holidays winds down and playoff football provides only a short-term spark for our conversations and social calendars, we are left with the question of WHAT'S NEXT? BYC's Nautica Group is meeting again in February to explore WHAT water-related opportunities are in store for the 2025 season. Whether you are a sailor, powerboater, kayaker, paddleboarder or just have the means, two eyes and that unrelenting desire to experience the fun available at the Benicia shoreline and along the Carquinez Strait, come down and join us! Bring your ideas and passions. We can discuss them, promote them and get ready to enjoy them in the 2025 season.

**Allegory Project Launch • February 15 • 9:30 am Regatta Room**

BYC is proud to host the launching of the *Allegory Project—Sailboats as Art* at this February meeting. This City of Benicia sponsored project will display two boats designed and built by Joe Luis Varto, illustrating the history and artistry in sailboats. Watch for more info as we get closer to launch day.

—Randy Norman



**2025 First Saturday  
MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP  
Benicia Yacht Club**

- **Maintain Curb Appeal**
  - General Restoration
- **Landscape Upkeep**
  - Planned Projects

**8:00am to 11:00am**

**First Saturday of each month**

**BYC NOTICE:**

**The Club is now  
OPEN FOR LUNCH  
Wednesday thru Saturday.**



**COME HAVE  
LUNCH!!**



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# SAVE THE DATES – UPCOMING BYC EVENTS



EVENT DATE	EVENT
Sunday, February 09, 2025	BYC Super Bowl Party / Potluck
Friday, February 14, 2025	Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner Special
Saturday, February 15, 2025	Nautica Group Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025	Music by Kevin Frazier in Norton Lounge
Saturday, February 22, 2025	Coast Guard Group in the Regatta Room
Saturday, March 01, 2025	Mardi Gras Dinner and Music
Saturday, March 22, 2025	BYC Crab Feed
Thursday, March 27, 2025	BYC Beer Can Sail Races Kick-Off Norton Lounge
Sunday, April 20, 2025	BYC Easter Brunch
Friday, April 25, 2025	Opening Day Setup
Saturday, April 26, 2025	<b>OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT OPEN HOUSE</b>
Sunday, May 11, 2025	Mother's Day Sunday Brunch
Saturday, June 14, 2025	Juneteenth Classic R&B Night
Sunday, June 15, 2025	Father's Day BBQ
Thursday, July 03, 2025	<b>4TH OF JULY PARADE / OPEN HOUSE</b>
Friday, July 04, 2025	4th of July
Saturday, July 19, 2025	BYC Tommy's Luau
Saturday, August 8 or 16 2025	BYC Lobster Feed
Saturday, August 30, 2025	<b>JAZZ CUP OPEN HOUSE</b>
Sunday, August 31, 2025	Jazz Cup Breakfast
Saturday, September 27, 2025	<b>BYC OKTOBERFEST OPEN HOUSE</b>
Friday, October 17, 2025	Sailing Awards Decorating
Saturday, October 18, 2025	Sailing Awards Dinner
Friday, October 31, 2025	BYC Halloween Party
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, November 22, 2025	BYC Change of Watch
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving / Friends-Giving
Friday, December 5, 2025	<b>BYC CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE</b>
Sunday, December 14, 2025	Kids' Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	BYC New Year's Eve Party



# FEBRUARY 2025



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>REGATTA ROOM RENTAL RATES</b>            Book your event now for 2025!            Members \$800—Non-Members \$1,400</p> </div>						<p><b>1</b> BYC Members Work Day! 8-11am</p> 
<p><b>2 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Trivia 6pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> RACERS Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Frostbite #4 Sweet Heart Race</p> 
<p><b>9 BYC SUPER BOWL PARTY</b> Potluck</p>  	<p><b>10</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>  <p><u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u></p>	<p><b>12</b> Trivia 6pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Dinner Special</p> 	<p><b>15</b> Nautica Group Meeting 9:30-noon</p> 
<p><b>16 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u></p>	<p><b>17</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p> <p>Presidents' DAY</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Trivia 6pm</p>  <p><u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u></p>	<p><b>20</b> Music by Kevin Frazier 6-8pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Coast Guard Group</p> 
<p><b>23 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ &amp; POTLUCK</b> 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u></p>	<p><b>24</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Trivia 6pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	