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the Wind Word



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Merry Christmas!!

As this unusual year comes to an end, we hope you and your family are well and ready to enjoy our unique Christmas holiday.

Although it may be different, we need to do our best to make it no less festive. Decorations are already going up and before you know it, wrapping paper will be covering the floors from opened gifts.

We hope you will keep BYC in mind during this gift giving season. BYC requires many repairs, and your donation would help us meet the most immediate needs—like new Heating/AC and roof repair. These are just the tip of the things that are needed and your contribution would help greatly. If you can please donate your money and if not money, your time—and both if you can. We want our BYC home to be in the best shape we can make it so it's comfortable for all.

With the year end nearing, we hope that everyone stays safe and is able to celebrate creatively! We look forward to seeing you soon at BYC.

Editors: Vicki & John Garcia



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FROM THE HELM



Happy Holidays!

This has been a very challenging year for all and I want to thank you for your continued support of the Benicia Yacht Club.

As in previous months, we are not sure what the holiday season will bring. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to hold our traditional Children's Christmas Party, but do plan to have a Sunday Brunch on December 20th. We'll then remain closed for Christmas Week.

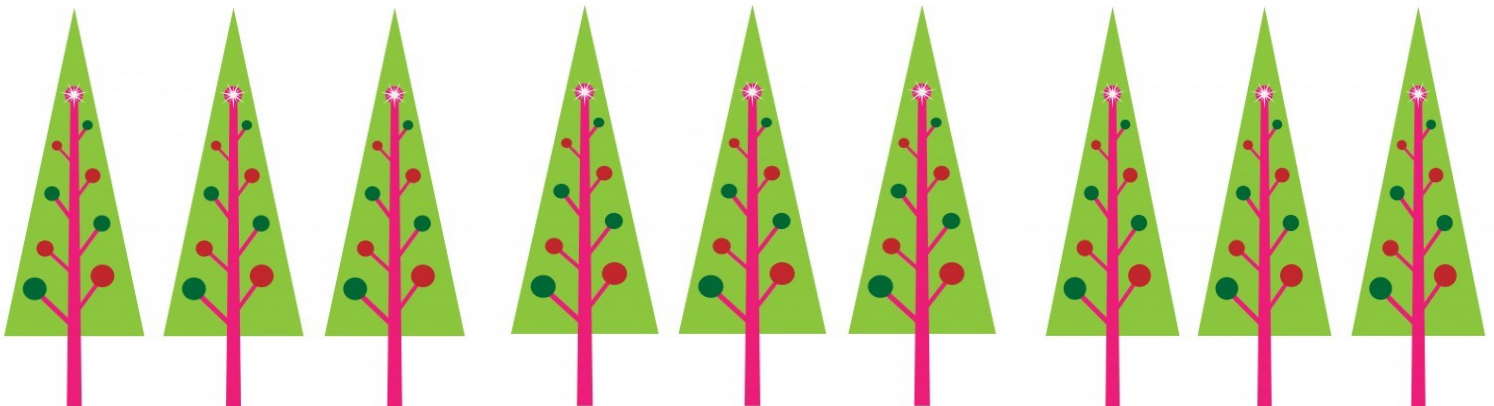
We are trying to bring in music for Saturday nights and special dinners (like a New Year's Dinner)—all solo performances but a lovely way to enjoy an evening at the Club and escape to more enjoyable times.

I again want to thank our staff, our members who continue to help out at the BYC, the Board and all of our members who have supported us through this very tough year.



Happy Holidays to you and yours—may 2021 bring new light and smooth sailing to all!

Pat Bowers
Commodore



MARK CONNERS — SPECIAL THANKS!

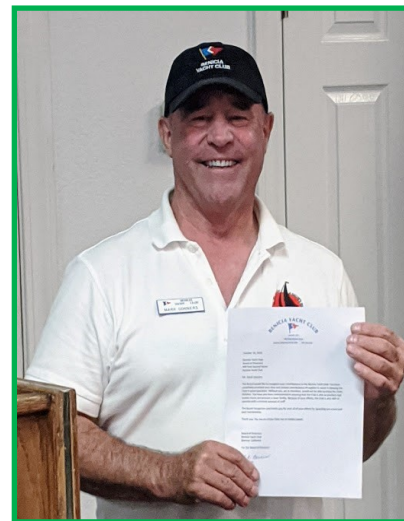
Mr. Mark Connors,

The Board of Directors would like to recognize your contributions to the Benicia Yacht Club. You have unselfishly provided your time and various contributions of supplies to assist in keeping the Club in good operation. Without you, we as members, would not be able to enjoy the Club's facilities. You have also been instrumental in ensuring that the Club is able to produce high-quality meals and present a clean facility. Because of your efforts, the Club is also able to operate with a minimal number of staff.

The Board recognizes and thanks you for your all of your efforts by awarding you a one-year paid membership.

THANK YOU. You are one of BYC's not so-hidden jewels.

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Back Story About Our November WIND WORD Cover

Unfortunately we were educated about the US Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle*, the ship featured on the *Wind Word's* November cover, after the publishing date.

But her history is so fascinating—we just had to share what we have learned!

The *Eagle* once featured a swastika (!) and was built in Hamburg, Germany's shipyard of Blohm + Voss, who also built the *Bismarck*. She was built before the war began in 1936, as the Nazis were rapidly growing their navy. Similar to its use today, the *Eagle* was commissioned to train German sailors.

The *Eagle* wasn't used in active service until 1942, when she was deployed to the Baltics. When the Allies liberated Europe, the British Navy seized the *Horst Wessel* (her original commission). Taken by the US as a war prize, she set sail for America in 1946 with a US Coast Guard crew—aided by the German captain and crew still on board—until she arrived in New York, and later moved to her home port of New London, CT. Ever since the end of World War II, the ship has been used to train US Coast Guard cadets to become officers. The *Eagle* enables cadets to be trained the old way—on a traditional tall ship, where they handle more than 22,000 sq ft of sail and 5 miles of rigging, building leadership and teamwork skills—and character.



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HEIDI	GALLAGHER	12/9		IRMA	MC INTOSH	12/23
MIKE	MATHEWS	12/9		JOHN	LONGWELL	12/24
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NORA	TRYON	12/10		IRMA	WARD	12/26
JUDY	GIZZI	12/11		DENISE	LONGWELL	12/27
CYNTHIA	SEGUIN	12/13		KATHLEEN	BERRY	12/31
JACQUELINE	WERBLOW	12/13		PAT	SHUE	12/31
DEBORAH	STOKES	12/15				

NEW NIGHT FOR BYC TRIVIA!

Now on Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Check out BYC Trivia and join the fun • Strut your trivia knowledge • Become a trivia master and ask the questions • Play on different teams and get to know other members!

In tribute to Alex Trebek: the question is—WHAT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND GET MORE VALUE FROM YOUR BYC MEMBERSHIP?

I want to share with my fellow Benicia Yacht Club members some changes during the cold season with BYC Trivia, and the value it might have for you and your family.

My wife Terri and I have been members of yacht clubs for over 30 years, and often getting to break the ice with others in the club is the hardest part of joining a new club. Part of it is getting over the anxiety of not knowing anyone and making those initial contacts. We moved to Benicia 8 years ago, moved our membership from Oakland Yacht Club to the Benicia Yacht Club, and in no time at all we were invited by Lorie Campbell to join a group of members for Trivia night. Trivia gave us the opportunity to meet new members and make new friends that we expect to have for the rest of our lives.

We have enjoyed Trivia Tuesdays with the weekly potluck and the chance to make new friends. It is also a chance to welcome new members to the Benicia Yacht Club and help them to integrate with our BYC family and enjoy the community that has so enriched our lives. Unfortunately because of COVID, we will not be able to do our Tuesday potlucks until the virus is conquered. Personally, when the pandemic is over and it is safe to go back to our weekly potluck I want to see Trivia back to Tuesdays, but my belief is that the fastest path to get there is to adjust for the winter season to Thursdays, and not only maintain the friendships we have made from BYC trivia, but work on expanding our outreach. Remember, to order alcohol, there must be a food purchase to comply with state and county laws, and social distancing rules need to be followed. Even so, it was good last week to see our BYC friends face to face.

So for my BYC family, consider joining us on Thursdays, and take this opportunity to connect with other members. Also to invite your non-BYC friends to come and see what the Club has to offer for them. The true value of BYC is not the facilities, and it is not even boating. It is the members and the sense of community. Quite honestly— isn't that what we all need right now?

On November 12 we inaugurated Trivia Thursdays with a tribute to Jeopardy's Alex Trebek. The trivia master was my guest Alan Zada.

We are planning an interesting year of competitions, tough questions/fun questions and challenges with PRIZES!

So the question is WHAT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND GET MORE VALUE FROM YOUR BYC MEMBERSHIP? To learn the answer—join us Thursday at 6 pm in the Regatta Room and find out.

Stephen W. Dale
Playen2

*****ONLY BYC FOOD & DRINK ALLOWED*****



EDITOR'S NOTE: due to the recent Covid-19 lockdown, Trivia Thursdays may well move temporarily to Zoom. Contact Stephen Dale for updated information.



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<u>PENDING FURTHER NOTICE</u>						
6 Children's Christmas Party!!  CANCELLED	7 BYC CLOSED	8 BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm 	9	10	11	12
13 BYC CLOSED	14 BYC CLOSED	15 BYC CLOSED	16 BYC General Membership Meeting 	17	18	19
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