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the Wind Word



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Ahoy BYC Members!

Well, the end of summer comes this month but we are not going to allow summer to escape us just yet. Join us **Saturday, September 4 for the Jazz Cup Sail Race** from South Beach Yacht Club to our Club here in Benicia.

We are expecting approximately **100 race boats** which will finish the race right here. Come visit with sailors from all over—enjoy good stories, yummy food, live music (two bands!) and fabulous friends. If you have never watched the boats sail, with their beautiful spinnakers flying towards us from the Carquinez Bridge, come out and appreciate their beauty. When the race is done, join us—**BYC will be open to the public** that day with plenty of fun, food and music. Let's show our guests some warm BYC hospitality.

Don't miss it! Join us and bring your family and friends!

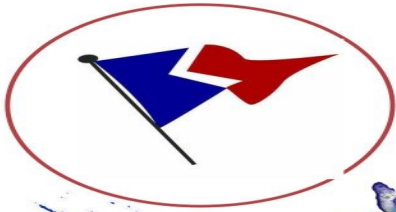
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Benicia Yacht Club Presents Our 33rd Annual



Jazz Cup

**SBYBC to BYC
Downwind
Sailing
At It's Best**

**2PM
--TO--
10PM**

**SEPT.
4th**

Entertainment

**2:30-5:30pm
The Shuffle Band**

**7:00- 10pm
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TALENT SHOW

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SATURDAY
**Sept.
25**

Singers, dancers,
musicians, comedians,
magicians, karaoke,
card tricks, skits &
routines etc.
Anything goes



For the ***Chasing the Moon Race***, the challenge is to sail to Red Marker #8 just off Point Pinole at the center of San Pablo Bay, and return in the dark. On July 23, we were blessed with an ebb current that help push us to our mark, and brisk winds at about 25 mph.

This race starts differently than our normal races. Instead of a starting line with a committee boat, we had a reverse start from the entrance of the marina at times assigned to each boat. (A reverse start gives specific times for each boat to cross the start line based on their rating, the object being that ideally all boats could finish at the same time.) Our start was at 6:07 30 sec pm.

We had a great start, and headed up the Strait to the Carquinez Bridge, averaging 7 knots between the speed of the boat and the ebb current—not bad. Within about 40 minutes we passed under the bridge into the open waters of the bay, where we started to experience the building chop. After a couple of tacks around the opening of the Napa River, we were able to set a lay line to Marker #8, which was

about 8 miles away. We were averaging 6 knots, meaning it would take us about 1-1/2 hours to get to the mark, and then an 11-1/2 mile trip back home for the finish.



Winds stayed pretty brisk for the entirety of the San Pablo Bay portion of the race, and keeping control of the boat without being overpowered required constant attention by the crew and—at this point—the weary captain. Even so, the guys did great and we stayed ahead of the pack, trailing *Sand Piper* who remained our class' leader throughout the race. We finally reached Marker #8 a bit after 8 pm, and just like last year, *E-Ticket* and *Warwhoop* were right behind us

as we rounded the mark and set our sails for the 11-1/2 mile downwind sail back.

The sunset was beautiful as we headed into darkness, and shortly after sunset the moon rose over the refineries with an orange tinge from the fires. Sailing in the dark requires keen attention to the instruments, as well as watching for other vessels and obstacles. As we approached the Bridge and entered the Strait, the swells lessened as we headed to our familiar sailing grounds. We finished at 10:14:07 pm, and the crew put the sails away in short order, all of us invigorated by the experience.

I would like to finish with a special acknowledgement to Captain Daniel Carnahan, our leader for the BYC races. These events don't happen on their own, and Captain Dan puts in hours of work making sure that everything is in order, including planning the events, coordinating all the paperwork for each boat (yes, there is paperwork) notifying all of the authorities about the race, and whatever must be done. Without his dedication to Benicia Yacht Club and those of us where sailing is not just recreation, but a passion, the vigorous sailing program we enjoy simply would not happen. I certainly would not have considered venturing into the middle of the San Pablo Bay in the dark for entertainment were it not for Captain Dan!

So to Captain Dan, fair winds and following seas to you, and even though we did not finish first this week, because of your efforts, there is always next week.



By Stephen W. Dale
Captain Playpen



Cruise-In Schedule

Sept 3-5	Oakland	8 boats
Sept 14-17	Caliente	10 boats
Sept 17-19	Stockton	8 boats
Oct 9-10	Dos Rios	8 boats

It's Back! The 2021 Jazz Cup

The Jazz Cup is scheduled for **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. The last Jazz Cup we were able to have was in 2019, and what a grand sailing race and party that was! During 2020, the “Covid year,” we were unable to do much of anything, let alone host one of the best sailing races held on the bay, the Jazz Cup.



The race is hosted by the South Beach Yacht Club (SBYC) and the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC). If it is anything like the 2019 race, we can expect 100+ sailboats podding up in front of our Club. There are also two parties to celebrate the race: one on Friday night at SBYC and one at the BYC on Saturday night. It's always fun to get as many people as possible to go to the SBYC for the Friday night party. We've had buses, limos, and private cars go. It's great fun. It's also nice to have a driver in case we get overserved (always a possibility). Saturday at the BYC is an all-day party. We have food pretty much all day, a DJ or a band in the afternoon, and a good rock band in the evening. We take a break to present the awards to the winning boats. The Club is also open to the public, so don't hesitate to invite your friends.



To make all of this happen, **we'll need to have lots of volunteers to help**. We'll need people to man the finish line, set the line marks, help make sure the boats are guided to their overnight resting place, ensure visitors have badges, assist with the set-up and tear-down, and sell “Jazz Cup” shirts (this year we may also have to monitor visitors for Covid issues). **WE NEED YOU!** There will be sign-up lists posted in the Norton Lounge, but you can ask any Board member for information about how to sign-up.

Thanks for your help!

—Dan Demmon, Rear Commodore



The Building Project is Underway

The BYC building project is moving forward through planning. The purpose of this article is to report on progress and ask for Club input and help.

You may not see much happening yet, but the planning is moving forward. The steering committee has met and various members are working on parts of the project and critical pre-project activities.

Finance: We worked with our accountant to make our first bank submission. We are on round 2 of responding to questions.

Planning and Design: We met with an architect to discuss some short-term issues, project permitting and the overall project plan. We will be contacting another architect and a couple of general contractors to work out short-term and longer-term plans. In early September the steering committee will be meeting, where we will work to agree on a shared vision for the project. If you have any ideas, please feel free to forward them to Andy or Richard.

Work Progress: Some related work outside of the main project continues. Quotations to upgrade and replace our leaking water supply line have been obtained and are being reviewed. We have obtained quotations for HVAC work and are working on plans for related building modifications to ask for refinement of those quotations. We will be looking at siding, framing repair as needed and window modifications for the East and North walls soon.

If you have ideas, materials, skills, cash or comments you would like to share or if you have any questions, please let us know.

Steering Committee: Richard Boltz, Pat Bowers, Daniel Demmon, Susan Garske, Noble Griswold, Matt Nattenberg, Randy Norman, Brian West, and Andy Zinkevich.

Submitted by:

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Join the Benicia Yacht Club Board of Directors

It's that time of year again. The Club is looking for members who want to run for the Board of Directors (BOD). All positions but one will need to be filled. If you would like to help guide the Club into the future, please send Richard Boltz your name and indicate the position for which you would like to be considered. Here are the positions that need to be filled:

- Commodore** (can only be filled by a Flag Officer) • **Vice Commodore** •
- Rear Commodore** • **Secretary** • **Treasurer** •
- Director** (two positions for a two-year term) • **Director** (one-year term)

Schedule of Dates for the Election:

Nominating Committee Established — August 18

Post List of those Running for the BOD — September 30

Nominations by Petition — October 5

Mail Ballots — October 10

Elections — October 20

Please contact: Richard Boltz, Staff Commodore at r3bv@yahoo.com to learn more about the responsibilities of each position (or just ask him if you see him around the Club).

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CHRIS	AUTZ	9/5
JOSEPH	KALLIOS	9/8
KAINOA	RISKO	9/10
NOBLE	GRISWOLD	9/14
SUSAN	GARSKE	9/16
MITCHELL	CHERNOCK	9/2
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WILLIAM	PANGMAN	9/17
PEGGY	CRIBBS	9/18
MOLLY	PETRIE	9/18
KEVIN	LYONS	9/20
JANET	HUGHES	9/23
DON	STERKEL	9/24
TOBY	TOVER	9/25
SCOTT	NEWELL	9/26
BILL	HENRETTY	9/28
SUSAN	LINN	9/29



September 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm</p>	<p><u>CLOSED</u> <u>MON &</u> <u>TUES</u></p>		<p>1 Trivia 6 pm</p>	<p>2 VJ Day End WWII NO Sail Race</p>	<p>3 Cruise-In Oakland 3-5</p>	<p>4  <u>JAZZ CUP</u> </p>
<p>5 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm</p>	<p>6 Labor Day</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Trivia 6 pm</p>	<p>9 Sail Boat Races </p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14  BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm Cruise-In Caliente 14-17</p>	<p>15 Trivia 6 pm</p>	<p>16 Sail Boat Races </p>	<p>17 Cruise-In Stockton 17-19</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Autumn Equinox-Trivia BYC  Member Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>23 Sail Boat Races </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 BYC TALENT SHOW </p>
<p>26 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN <u>DRINKS ONLY</u> 1-5 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Trivia 6 pm</p>	<p>30 Sail Boat Races  POST BOD NOMINEES</p>		



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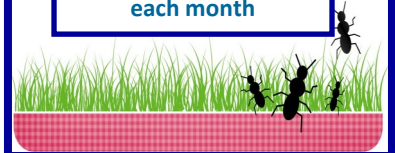
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