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the Wind Word



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BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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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.	

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, please remember to honor those who gave their all fighting for our freedoms.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, July 3

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN BENICIA
Feel free to walk alongside BYC's float!

Saturday, July 19

Tommy's LUAU! Featuring Hawaiian dancers

BENICIA YACHT CLUB ELECTIONS

Time to get ready! If you are interested in serving on the BYC Board as a Flag Officer or Director, please see page 3 for info and contact Junior Staff Commodore Dena Stults asap.



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**Fireworks burst, painting the sky,
A kaleidoscope of colors, oh how they fly!
Happy Independence Day, let freedom ring,
As we honor the principles our forefathers did bring.**

At June 18's Membership Meeting we swore in all the new members who joined BYC on Opening Day. It's been very exciting to see all the new faces coming into the Club. Then we had a wonderful new members meet-and-greet on Sunday, June 29. Thanks go out to Andy Z and company for all they do for membership. Thank you, Vice Commodore Natalie, for the generous wine donation for this event.

**Please extend a warm welcome to the new members
who have recently joined our Club.**

On Saturday, June 7 we sponsored a PICYA RBOC benefit at our Club. Thank you to our PICYA delegates Randy Norman and Rick Albers for setting this up.

Then we honored Juneteenth on Saturday, June 14 with some Ol' School R&B that put many on the dance floor. So much fun!

On July 3 BYC will participate in Benicia's Independence Day parade.

Randy Norman and friends will set up the boat that we will tow up 1st Street. Members are welcome to walk alongside our "float" and join in the fun. Then celebrate Independence Day on the 4th of July with friends and family!

Aloha! Come to the Club for a **special Luau on Saturday, July 19**, featuring dancers performing traditional Hawaiian dances.

Several other yacht clubs will be cruising in during the month, so let's make them feel at home. Warm days and beautiful evenings will make our place, the place to be!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB! CHEERS!

**Bob Bohnet
BYC Commodore**





MICHAEL	KINNEY	7/1		KATY	LAMB	7/14
RODRIGO	VIDAL-MACKAY	7/5		RYAN	MLADINICH	7/14
JEFFERY	COOPER	7/7		MICHELLE	BROWN	7/15
DAN	FAUSTINO	7/7		CYNTHIA	BRUNER	7/15
LEVON	REPOSA	7/7		SHERYL	PANGMAN	7/16
MERLE	KLEINSCHMIDT	7/8		SUSAN	ALTON	7/18
CHERIE	MCCAMMON	7/8		BILL	MCCRORY	7/18
DENNI	BAUMER	7/9		SONECHA	JONES	7/19
CAROL	ESTRADA	7/9		AMY	STELLATO	7/20
ANGELA	GRIGAS	7/9		MELISSA	TROMMER	7/23
LORI	MARTIN	7/9		MARGO	CAMPBELL	7/26
MJ	SCHMIDT	7/9		KATHY	VANSTORY	7/26
MARCIA	WISGIRDA	7/12		ELLEN	WHITEHEAD	7/28
KELLI	NIELSEN	7/13		ERIN	JACOBS	7/30



Election 2025 – Benicia Yacht Club Needs You!!

**** Candidate Nominating Committee and Board Openings ****

Calling all fellow Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) Owners!

Members of BYC share ownership and oversight of the Club and facilities.

Believe it or not, it's already that time of year when BYC starts the process to establish next year's nominations for the Board of Directors and Flag Officers. Aside from two of the four Director positions, all other positions will be open in this year's election: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. **We are now looking for interested Board candidates as well as people willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2025.**

BYC Bylaws Specify How Our Elections Take Place

By August 23 a Nominating Committee will be formed by final approval from the current Board of Directors. This committee will solicit applicants for each open Board position, verify applicant eligibility and qualifications, interview the applicants, and develop the final election slate. Nominations can also be made by petition. The Nominating Committee will be led by me as Junior Staff Commodore in accordance with the bylaws.

The election takes place in October, but the Nominating Committee must make its report by the September Board Meeting (Sept. 9) 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 THE END OF AUGUST

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 and can wear a uniform** at meetings and on special occasions.

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or being a candidate for a Board position, please contact me right away. I can be reached via text or call at 707-208-4498 or by e-mail at denastults@gmail.com. If you are not sure or just have questions about the details, feel free to call.

Many thanks,
Dena Stults, Junior Staff Commodore



COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT BYC!



Cruise-Out 2025 **Benicia YC to Marin YC**

Once again, we had a wonderful time at the Marin Yacht Club. They really took care of us on our visit. After we got through some last-minute changes such as menus and slip assignments, all went extremely well. We had some early-bird members cruise over on Thursday, and the rest followed on Friday and Saturday. In total, 8 boats made the cruise. On the cruise over San Pablo Bay was very kind to us. A beautiful day on the water.

Thursday evening, we had a get-together on the back deck of the Marin Yacht Club enjoying their “Thirsty Thursday.” It was a nice way to kick off the weekend. Friday we were pretty much on our own to do as we wished during the day and helped the remaining cruisers tie up. A relaxing day that ended with a very fine dinner at the Marin Yacht Club. It was a very nice evening. Many of the Marin Yacht Club members were also in attendance. It was a great opportunity to thank them for their hospitality and to let them know just how much we enjoy this cruise-out. A cruise-out our Club has enjoyed for many years.

Well rested now, we hit the ground running starting Saturday morning. Right away we started with a Bloody Mary Bar with Mimosas and a breakfast potluck to be proud of. Shortly after that, and I do mean a two-hour break, the Bocce Ball Tournament started—the first day of a two-day event. And that means even more food, more spirits, camaraderie, and great competition. The weather gods shone down upon us with a gorgeous day. So, after spending the entire day munching great food and sipping our favorite beverages, we finished the day off in true Benicia fashion—we dined on a Marin Yacht Club BBQ dinner and yes, even more beverages. Land cruisers Jim Peterson, Robyn Boltz, Mark Keller, Natalie Boltz Keller, Randy and Eve Norman, Steve and Terri Dale joined us for dinner. We welcomed first-time cruisers Mike Bernico and Rachel Bhagwat to our group of cruisers.

So, Sunday is supposed to be a day of rest, right? Not on this cruise-out. The day started with a wonderful breakfast brunch put on by the Marin YC. As always, the service at this club is amazing. The people are so kind and attentive. One of the many reasons this cruise-out is always well attended. After brunch it was time for the Bocce Ball finals. After all was said and done on day two of the tournament, Cindy Webster and Chad Hummel were crowned champions. Thanks to all who helped with this event, including everyone who brought those great munchies! Sunday evening finished up with a BYC happy hour with apps on the back deck of the Marin Yacht Club. This weekend was filled with great Food, Spirits, & Camaraderie.



On Monday, Memorial Day, we set sail for home. Once again, San Pablo Bay was very calm and that made for a beautiful cruise home. Thank you to all cruisers, as well as the land cruisers, who made this such a great weekend. Can't wait until next year! Cheers



2025 Cruise-Ins



July 3-6	Island YC	5 boats		August 29-30	Marina West	6 boats
July 11-13	Delta Marina	10 boats		September 12-14	Marin	8 boats
July 18-20	Hidden Harbor	10 boats		September 19-21	Caliente Isle	7 boats
July 24-27	Discovery Bay	12 boats		September 26-28	San Joaquin	10 boats
August 1-3	Sequoia	10 boats		October 1-3	Corinthian	8 boats
August 8-10	Napa	10 boats		October 24-26	Dos Rios	5 boats



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: MIM & BOB QUINE



BYC LUNCH-TIME HAPPY HOUR EXTENDED INDEFINITELY!

Come hang out for a no-stress lunch—Happy Hour runs from 12-3, Wed-Sat.*
Enjoy \$5.00 well drinks with your lunch (beer, wine or cocktail).

**Excludes during special events*



PICYA JUNE NEWS

Established in 1896, PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association) is the only organization in Northern California that supports the promotion of recreational boating through the coordination and dissemination of information for the benefit of boaters. Its purpose is to constitute an association of yacht clubs and boating organizations, to promote inter-club communications, yachting activities and the social interaction relating thereto, and to organize and conduct programs which enhance the general welfare of its member organizations.

—BYC Representatives Randy Norman & Rick Albers

- **2026 PICYA Board elections**—contact Colleen Strauss at picya.org@gmail.com to learn what positions are open and how to nominate candidates.
- **COTY (Club of the Year) events and activities**—Below is a brief overview of events which member clubs of PICYA can do to garner COTY points. All BYC Committee Chairs should review what their committee is doing to earn points toward BYC's goal of becoming a "Club of the Year." Submissions are due to PICYA by October 14, 2025.

—**INTERCLUB BOATING EVENTS—Max 50** (SAIL: 10 points per club boat in each race or event. POWER: 10 points per club boat in each race or event. CRUISE-IN: 10 points per event for host club and visiting club(s) for cruising to another club for one or more nights.)

—**COMMUNITY SERVICE—Max 30** (5 points for each service activity)

—**BOATING SAFETY—Max 20** (5 points for appointing a Safety Officer for the current year. 5 points for holding a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) day. 3 points each for conducting an ongoing, formal safety education program.)

—**CLUB NEWSLETTERS PICYA/ RBOC—Max 10** (5 points for each service activity)

—**RBOC LEGISLATIVE LETTERS—Max 10** (5 points each for Response to Alerts)

—**OPENING DAY—Max 30** (Regional Opening Day & Opening Day on the Bay Boats)

- **Scholarships**—There are no applicants as of June 7. The scholarship is approximately \$2600. Apply here: <https://picya.org/picya-scholarships>

- **International Order of the Blue Gavel Picnic is on July 12.** All past commodores should have received information.

- **A great "Thank You!" to all members and staff who supported the talk presented by the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) on June 7.** A total of 37 attendees donated more than \$700 to support lobbying efforts done by RBOC to protect the rights of California boaters. RBOC, the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association (PICYA) and the BYC Board are grateful for those who came out to show support and interest in boating issues and for presenting the best face of BYC to visitors from other yacht clubs.

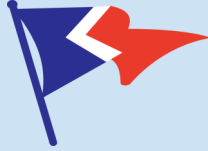
- **The next PICYA Delegates meeting is on July 7.** BYC Secretary Randy Norman and Director Rick Albers will attend to present donations to RBOC from the talk of June 7. Each yacht club is allowed to have up to three delegates at meetings so if anyone else is interested in attending, please contact Randy or Rick (ask the Club office for contact information).

—BYC Secretary Randy Norman & Director Rick Albers



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 - Planned Projects



8:00am to 11:00am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Watch e-blasts for UPDATES		1 CLOSED	2 Trivia 6pm 	3 NO Sail Race CRUISE-IN 7/3-6 ISLAND YC INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE	4 	5 NO <u>BYC</u> Work Day
6 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	7 CLOSED	8 <u>BYC BOD Meeting 6pm</u> 	9 Trivia 6pm	10 Beer Can Sail Race 	11 CRUISE-IN 7/11-13 DELTA MARINA	12
13 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 Trivia 6pm  <u>BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm</u>	17 Beer Can Sail Race 	18 CRUISE-IN 7/18-20 HIDDEN HARBOR	19 <u>Tommy's</u>  Light House SailRace
20 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK 1-5pm NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 Trivia 6pm	24 Beer Can Sail Race  CRUISE-IN 7/24-27 DISCOVERY BAY	25 	26 Encinal Regatta
27 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK Benicia Water-front Festival Regatta	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 Trivia 6pm	31 Beer Can Sail Race 