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the Wind Word

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Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Ahoy BYC Members,

We may be waving goodbye to Summer, but Fall holds its own excitement!

- **JAZZ CUP SAIL RACE—Sat. Sept. 3**
 - 34th annual race from South Beach Yacht Club to finish at our Club here in Benicia
 - 100+ Sail boats, spinnakers flying!
- **BYC Open to the public**
 - Live music (2 bands), food, drink & fun
- Join the happy sailors, guests and your fellow members for a blast of a party!
- **Cruise-Out to Encinal—Sept. 2-5**
- **UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION—Oct. 19**
 - Contact Staff Commodore Pat Bowers to find the position for you—WE NEED YOU!
- **Harvest Cruise-Out—Oct. 21-29**

And much, much more! Watch for updates on e-blasts & web-site. Come on down to BYC and join the fun!



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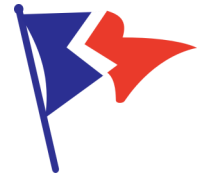
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FROM THE HELM



Ahoy BYC Members!

Last month I wrote about the joys and challenges of serving on the BYC Board. I hope you saw those and that **you strongly consider joining us on the Board to further the betterment of your Club.** See page 7 for more information about nominations for the Board of Directors.

As many of you know, our restaurant manager left for greener pastures in August. We thank Jenn for her service. People who sincerely deserve our gratitude are unpaid members filling the gap:

- **Dena Stults** has taken over scheduling and being our event planner/coordinator. This is added to her Vice Commodore, publicity, entertainment and personnel roles. Dena will be well prepared for next year.
- **Bob Bohnet**. Enough cannot be said. We are lucky to have a member like Bob Bohnet. He has held every role on the Board and is always the first to step up and fill in where needed. As treasurer, his diligence and ability to cut through to the heart of the matter are awesome.
- **Randy Norman** stands for all a Club could ever ask for in a volunteer. Randy takes on not just the easy stuff, but very often the tough tasks that no one else wants to tackle. Examples are our cash management policy and physically moving duct work under the building. So happy to have Randy on the team.

So, when you see Dena, Bob or Randy around, please say THANK YOU!!!

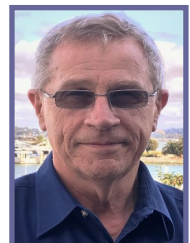
Additional thanks to Bob Bohnet for offering to hold down the Fort while Dan and I go out on the water in the Jazz Cup. Thanks to Port Captain Angela for the love that you send throughout PICYA yacht clubs looking for a friendly place to cruise in. Thank you, First Saturday volunteers—the dedicated staff of BYC—the Board of Directors—Committee Chairs—Committee Members—Anyone who should have been thanked that I missed and everyone else who volunteered this month.

I want to end with Sailing and Cruising:

- We had a great cruise-out to Delta Marina to add to the Marin, St. Francis and other cruises this year. Delta Marina may have been one of the first times that earth ships (RVs) and water ships met. Good times.
- Hard to believe that the Beer Can Sailing Racing Season is drawing to a close end of this month. :-)
- Coming up we have the **Encinal Cruise-Out in September** and my own **Harvest Cruise in October**. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Norton Lounge—come join us!
- **Jazz Cup is around the corner!** It will be within a couple of days after this *Wind Word* comes out. **Don't miss it!** (And please volunteer if you can).

I hope to see you around the Club. May your boat ride and your ride through life be smooth.

**Commodore
Andy Zinkevich**



Happy Birthday

MITCHELL	CHERNOCK	9/2		PEGGY	CRIBBS	9/18
KATHLEEN	JONES	9/2		DORI	MC ENEANEY	9/18
PHILIP	HILL	9/3		MOLLY	PETRIE	9/18
LINDA	HUDSON	9/3		ERIC	STONE	9/18
SEAMUS	HODGIN	9/4		JUSTINE	CHADLY	9/20
EMMA	HUETTENHAIN	9/4		KEVIN	LYONS	9/20
CHRIS	AUTZ	9/5		SHARON	PETRELLESSE	9/20
KENNETH	SCHULTZ JR	9/5		PHILLIP	VILLANUEVA	9/21
JOSEPH	KALLIOS	9/8		GERALD "GERRY"	TOWNZEN	9/22
NOBLE	GRISWOLD	9/14		JANET	HUGHES	9/23
SHANNON	WALSH-HILL	9/14		NANCY	ROUNDS	9/24
SUSAN	GARSKE	9/16		DON	STERKEL	9/24
STACEY	VALLELY	9/16		PENNY	TREXLER	9/26
RHONDA	IMEL	9/17		BILL	HENRETTY	9/28
MAUREEN	LOZA-DODSON	9/17		SUSAN	LINN	9/29
WILLIAM	PANGMAN	9/17				



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TO
10PM**

**Sat.
Sept.
3rd**

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BYC Facility Renovation Update



By the time this is in print you will have seen some progress on the siding repair front. Our contractor has begun work and we are anxiously awaiting the results of the preliminary carpentry exploratory work.

The Regatta Room HVAC project is a bit more complicated. We were hoping to avoid borrowing for it, but that doesn't seem to be the best way forward. Doing half of the project doesn't seem to be a reasonable way to go because of inefficiencies on the contracting end. We are continuing the permitting process considering starting the carpentry, and meanwhile seeking funding to complete the full HVAC project before winter.

We have had some very promising discussions with lenders and believe that BYC can come to a decent deal for a smaller amount of lending. At this point we are seeking to borrow \$200,000 for the priority projects and for refinancing our original member loans.

Thanks to all for your input and support.

Andy Zinkevich for the Capital Expenditure Steering Committee: Bob Bohnet, Brian West, Dan Demmon, Matt Nattenberg, Noble Griswold, Pat Bowers, Randy Norman, Steve Stults, Susan Garske

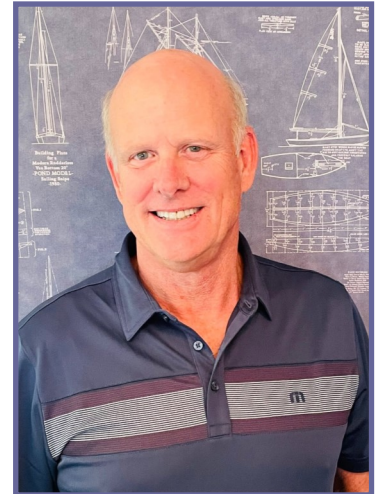


Ted and Heidi Middleton

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jane Chapman



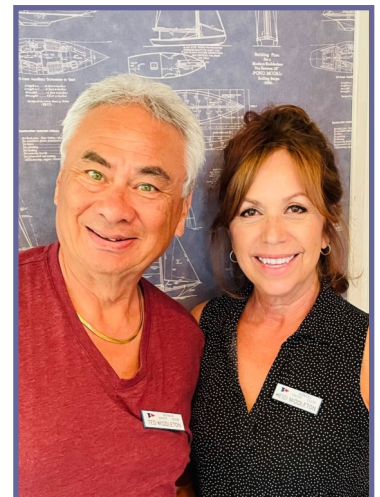
Bill McCrory



Sheldon Scott

Not Pictured

**Eric Stone
Candy Burrows
(Reinstated)**



David and Jean Nadolne



IT'S BYC
ELECTION TIME!
JOIN THE BYC
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Now is your chance to make a difference at the Benicia Yacht Club! You, and all members of BYC, are owners of the Club. We need your experience, ideas, talents and skill sets to continue to keep our Club sailing in a positive direction. **Your participation is crucial to the Club's success.**

We are seeing greater diversity of members and as the Club evolves and grows, it is important that the leadership of the Club evolve as well, so we can best provide activities that reflect the needs of all members.

OPEN POSITIONS

Commodore (must have served as an officer for one year immediately prior to election) •
Vice Commodore • Rear Commodore • Treasurer •
Secretary • Director (one position)

SCHEDULE FOR THE ELECTION

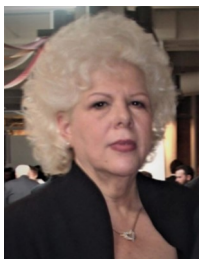
Nominating Committee interviews candidates - Candidates announced in mid-September -
Ballots sent out in early October - ELECTION is October 19

Learn more about the Club at our monthly 7pm meetings (all members welcome):
Board Meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month and General Member Meetings the 3rd
Wednesday. The Club is looking for volunteers not only for the Board, but also for its various
committees and events. Joining the Board or a committee is a great way to get to know
fellow members. GET INVOLVED! You'll make many new friends.

Please consider being part of the BYC leadership team—WE NEED YOU!

I welcome your questions and insights, and want to do what I can to help determine if this
is right for you. On behalf of the BYC, we welcome your interest.

Please contact me at pvbowers@comcast.net or 973-432-5710.



Thank you,

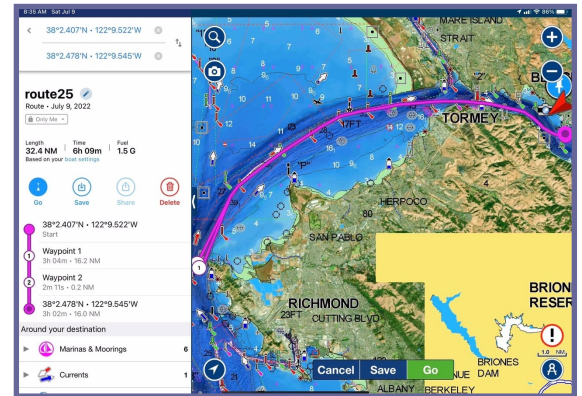
Pat Bowers, Staff Commodore

RACING DURING WEEK 16- Uncle Neal's Wild Ride – July 16th

On this week's race, Randy Norman asked if he could bring his wife Eve McCarthy-Norman's uncle Neal. He and his wife, Aunt Margarite, were visiting from Chicago, and Uncle Neal has always wanted a ride on a sailboat. We were full, but since he was going to keep his role to passenger, he grabbed what we call the margarita seat, strapped in, and off we went.

This week *Warwhoop* was back in the races. It is good to have Chuck Hooper back after some pretty intense repairs.

The winds were typical for this time of year, initially in the mid 20s, and then declining from there. We had no committee boat anchored out, so the committee went to *Let it Be* which is berthed in the marina. The start line was a line from a flag on *Let it Be*, crossing the starting buoy, and as announced for the evening a line across the entire Strait.



The first mark was green 21, off of 9th street, so to get the best course we started as close as we could to the Martinez side of the Strait, and we were able to make the mark in just a couple of tacks. We gave Uncle Neal a little taste of being on a sailboat that was overpowered with rails in the water as we led the race to the first mark. As we rounded the mark, the winds started to subside, and by the time we got to the next mark, we were no longer in the lead. Ah well, it was good while it lasted. We finished 3rd of 4 boats in our fleet. Even so, we had a terrific time and I was glad I could fulfill one item on Uncle Neal's bucket list with what at times was a wild ride.



Our next race was Saturday, the Lighthouse Race. This is the longest race of the year, and if you take a straight route, it is 32 miles roundtrip. Apparently one wild ride for Uncle Neal was not enough, and he showed up again to join our crew of Andy Zinkevich, Randy Norman, Fred and Gary Johnson. I guess folks in Chicago are tough, and windy conditions do not deter

them. Since this was Uncle Neal's second race, he earned his *Playpen2* shirt, so now he is an official member of the crew. Congratulations, Uncle Neal!

The Lighthouse Race is a reverse start, and the challenge isn't so much the distance, as it is the currents and tricky winds of San Pablo Bay. All projections were that the winds were to be mild, ranging from 4-6 mph in the morning to maybe 15 mph. At least those were the projections. In fact, when we left the marina, the winds were about 20 mph with gusts much higher.

The first boat to start was *Sail la Vie*, and we never could get close to her in the entire race. The challenge was to get around the lighthouse before the currents changed, and if we could, this race would be a piece of cake. In fact, that is not what happened, and a lot of our time was tacking at the top of San Pablo Bay, dodging the islands of the Sisters, anchored barges, industrial mooring balls, and then of course the Brother's lighthouse itself.



We spinnakered most the way home. Our finish time was 7 hours and 15 minutes, and we finished 3rd out of 4. Even so—we had a great time, and the bonus was sharing our wild rides with Uncle Neal, who from all indications enjoyed every minute! Fair winds and following seas to all, and to Uncle Neal, glad to have shared the thrill of a couple of BYC races with you.



2022 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE



Month	Dates	Destination	Cruise Director(s)
September (Labor Day)	2-5	Encinal Yacht Club	Steve Penny
October (Harvest Cruise)	21-29	Richmond Sausalito (Schoonmaker) Oakland Yacht Club	Commodore Andre Zinkevich & Brian West
November	11-13	Napa Valley Yacht Club	Rhonda Shea
November or December		Cruisers' Planning Meeting	

2022 CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

September 9-11 • Sequoia (10 boats)
September 16-18 • Discovery Bay (10 boats)
September 20-21 • Caliente (10 boats)
October 5-6 • Corinthian (12 boats)
November 24-27 • Richmond (12 boats)



JAZZ CUP RACES - Saturday Sept. 3rd



2022 Vallejo Yacht Club Bluewater Cruise September 9-18

The 2022 Vallejo Yacht Club Bluewater Cruise has undergone renovation due to logistics problems down the coast. As a result, we will be sailing to and around Monterey Bay as we have done in the past. The cruise will start September 9, a week later, and be extended until September 18 (only 4 extra days).

Schoonmaker • Pillar Point • Santa Cruz • Monterey • Moss Land • Elkhorn YC

Please let me know if you are interested! Noble Brown—707-480-8465—berneb@jps.net

THE SAILING

With Race Chair, Rear Commodore, Capt. Dan Carnahan



Thursday "Beer Can" Series

What a beautiful season we've had! - September is our last month. Warm and gorgeous. And, everyone should know, that Monday, September 19th is "International Talk Like A Pirate Day". So we all need to practice up our talk! The Thursday of that week (22nd) is our pirate-themed race, with competition of the best, piratey-dressed man and wench. It's great fun - want to join us?

Our race results are posted every week on our racing page (see below), and soon, all the videos too!

Upcoming Events!

Sat Sep 3: Jazz Cup
Thu Sep 22: Pirate Race
Sat Oct 1: Championship Race

Get Involved!

If you're curious about what's going on in the sailing scene here in Benicia, we are putting together a wealth of information for you.

Have questions? How do I get involved? Where are the best places to watch? How do I listen to the radio communications? How can I find what the schedules and courses are?

Go to the racing information website shown at the bottom of this page!

If you'd like information about learning to sail, contact Captain Dan at his website, captaindan.com.

Contact Info: Dan Carnahan, race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org
<https://www.regatta-fest.com/benicia-yacht-club/>





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO Sailing Races	2 BYC <u>Cruise- Out</u> <u>Encinal</u> <u>2-5</u>	3 
4 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	5 <u>CLOSED</u> LABOR DAY 	6 <u>CLOSED</u>	7 Trivia 6pm	8 Sailing Races 	9 <u>Cruise-In</u> Sequoia 9-11	10
11 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm Patriot Day	12 <u>CLOSED</u>	13 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 7pm 	14 Trivia 6pm	15 Sailing Races 	16 <u>Cruise-In</u> Discovery Bay 16-18	17 Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #6
18 <u>SUNDAYS</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5 pm	19 <u>CLOSED</u>	20 <u>CLOSED</u> <u>Cruise-In</u> Caliente 20-21	21 Trivia 6pm  BYC Member Meeting 7pm	22 Sailing Races— <u>TALK LIKE A</u> <u>PIRATE</u>    Autumn Equinox	23	24
25 <u>Open 1-5</u> Rosh Hashana 25-27	26 <u>CLOSED</u>	27 <u>CLOSED</u>	28 Trivia 6pm	29 Last Sailing Race 	30	