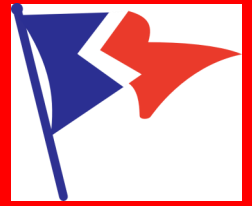


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# *the Wind Word*



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## Happy Independence Day!

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, please remember all those who have given their all fighting for our freedoms.

Do you have great ideas about how to make our Club better going forward? Are you tired of nobody listening to you? Then it is **TIME FOR YOU TO STEP UP and RUN FOR ONE OF THE DIRECTOR OR FLAG OFFICER POSITIONS** in the upcoming election (see pg 5)! Please remember, **ALL BYC MEMBERS SHARE OWNERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT OF THE CLUB.** We are all responsible and welcome fresh ideas on our Board.

We had so much fun on Brit Day in June! Don't miss Country Western Day on July 13!

Editors  
Vicki and John Garcia



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# **FROM the HELM**



***Hello everyone and happy July,***

I hope you are all enjoying our Summer Concert Series which kicked off June 15 with rockin' Brit Day, featuring the Beatles tribute band, *Hey Jude*—and a surprise Tyrannosaurus Rex! Next up: **Country Western Day on July 13**, again from 3-7pm, featuring super fun band Whiskey & Honey—don't miss it! The weather is beautiful and we have the best view in town. We encourage you to bring friends and family along to enjoy our awesome Club.

It's that time of the year where we start thinking about the **election of our new Board of Directors**. If you would like to be considered for any board position, contact any board member or Junior Staff Commodore Andy Zinkevich (call or text 707.210.5874). Please consider moving up through the chair positions in future when applying. I have enjoyed serving you all and look forward to handing over the reins to a fresh Commodore.



As always, we are looking for volunteers to keep our fun events going. **I can't express how grateful I am** to people like Randy Norman who give so much to the Club, and Mark Connors who not only is always there to lend a hand, but also bought all the delicious meats for Father's Day, and grilled all day long. And I can't forget to thank my wonderful husband Steve, who gets roped into everything due to his association with me.

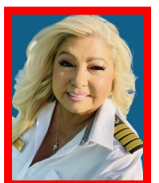
I'd like to **welcome back Angela Grigas as Port Captain** and thank Richard Boehm for his work as our previous Port Captain. I would like to **thank our newest Director, MJ Schmidt**, who bartended and brought in an extra bartender for Opening Day. She also generously purchased two industrial fans to make our Club more comfortable. Thank you MJ!

**Please remember to be kind to one another including staff members;** I know that some of us are going through some tough times. A smile or a kind word can mean a lot. This is why I love our Club so much—you can usually count on getting some support, love or a hug from our Club family.

I welcome your ideas for fun events! We are also actively searching for someone who'd like to host karaoke one Friday night a month.

See you at the Club!

Commodore **Dena Stults**



# Happy Birthday

<b>DAN</b>	<b>FAUSTINO</b>	<b>7/7</b>		<b>SHERYL</b>	<b>PANGMAN</b>	<b>7/16</b>
<b>LEVON</b>	<b>REPOSA</b>	<b>7/7</b>		<b>SUSAN</b>	<b>ALTON</b>	<b>7/18</b>
<b>JEFFERY</b>	<b>COOPER</b>	<b>7/7</b>		<b>BILL</b>	<b>MCCRORY</b>	<b>7/18</b>
<b>MERLE</b>	<b>KLEINSCHMIDT</b>	<b>7/8</b>		<b>SONECHA</b>	<b>JONES</b>	<b>7/19</b>
<b>CHERIE</b>	<b>MCCAMMON</b>	<b>7/8</b>		<b>AMY</b>	<b>STELLATO</b>	<b>7/20</b>
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<b>LORI</b>	<b>MARTIN</b>	<b>7/9</b>		<b>MITTIE</b>	<b>RAILSBACK</b>	<b>7/23</b>
<b>CAROL</b>	<b>ESTRADA</b>	<b>7/9</b>		<b>KATHY</b>	<b>VANSTORY</b>	<b>7/26</b>
<b>MJ</b>	<b>SCHMIDT</b>	<b>7/9</b>		<b>MARGO</b>	<b>CAMPBELL</b>	<b>7/26</b>
<b>SAMUEL</b>	<b>FOX</b>	<b>7/11</b>		<b>SUSAN</b>	<b>DULING</b>	<b>7/26</b>
<b>MARCIA</b>	<b>WISGIRDA</b>	<b>7/12</b>		<b>ELLEN</b>	<b>WHITEHEAD</b>	<b>7/28</b>
<b>JILL</b>	<b>GORDON</b>	<b>7/12</b>		<b>DEBORAH</b>	<b>LYONS</b>	<b>7/28</b>
<b>KELLI</b>	<b>NIELSEN</b>	<b>7/13</b>		<b>REBECCA</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>7/29</b>
<b>KATY</b>	<b>LAMB</b>	<b>7/14</b>		<b>ERIN</b>	<b>JACOBS</b>	<b>7/30</b>



# **ELECTION 2024**

## **Benicia Yacht Club Needs You!**

### **Calling All Fellow Yacht Club Owners**

Members of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) share ownership and oversight of the Club and facilities. Mid-summer is the time to line up next year's Board of Directors and Flag Officers. Most positions are open at this point. We are looking for interested Board candidates as well as people to serve on the nominating committee for 2024.

BYC bylaws specify how elections take place. By August 13 a nominating committee will be appointed by the current Board to prepare a slate and to interview candidates for the next Board. Nominations can also be made by petition. The election takes place in October, but the nominating committee must make its report by the September Board meeting 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.**

The nominating committee will be led by me in accordance with the bylaws. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or being a candidate for a Board position, please contact me or another Board member right away.

I can be reached via text message or call at 707.210.5874. If you are not sure or just have questions about the details, feel free to call. No pressure.

**COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT BYC!**



—Andy Zinkevich, Junior Staff Commodore

# OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT!!—MAY 18, 2024

BYC's Opening Day on the Strait was blessed with fair weather and a good turnout of Members and the public.

Thanks go to the Member Volunteers who made the event a success. Of note, the indomitable Mark Connors was everywhere doing everything all day. Randy and Eve Norman put in uncountable hours spiffing up the Club and decorating. Special thanks to Mark Keller and Natalie Boltz Keller for the very popular Brühhol beer tent.

Other Member Volunteers who helped: Mark Campbell – Membership; Debi Hall – Ships Store; Susan Jones-Szabo and Janet Booth (who came down from Grass Valley) to run the kids games.

Our staff rose to the occasion and all deserve a shout out for making the event run smoothly.

Officers of note include Nancy Chertkow who organized the vendor booths, Rick Albers who sang the National Anthem and Jr. Staff Commodore Andy Zinkevich who worked the Membership Booth. Last, but certainly not least, Commodore Dena Stults booked all three bands and helped out in a hundred ways over the course of several days. My apologies to all the other Members I haven't mentioned who helped out in a dozen different ways.

If you didn't get a chance to pick up an Opening Day T-Shirt there are still a few more available in the Ships Store.

This was my second and last Opening Day on the Strait, but I will be available to help the next Vice Commodore plan another successful Opening Day 2025.

—Brian West, Vice Commodore

## MARIN YACHT CLUB CRUISE-OUT

The umpteenth annual Marin Yacht Club Cruise-Out took place over Memorial Day weekend. San Pablo Bay was its usual self both coming and going, but the water calmed down past Pinole Point and the southerly half of the passage was enjoyable.



Bob and Rachel Bohnet, Merle and Cheryl Kleinschmidt, Chad Hummel and Don Murray went down Thursday, myself and wife Eileen came in on Friday and Craig Butler brought down his sailboat on Saturday.

BYC Members enjoyed dinner at the Marin Yacht Club (MYC) dining room both Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday morning we congregated at the back of Bob Bohnet's boat for bloody mary's, mimosa's and champagne, then headed up to the MYC for a buffet brunch. The rest of the day is a bit hazy.

Thanks to Fleet Captain Steve Penny for organizing the cruise-out.


As an aside, in April I spent three days at the St. Francis YC, three days at the Corinthian YC and in May four days at the Marin YC. My observations and discussions with other yacht club officers revealed that they are encountering the same headwinds as the Benica YC. That is: an aging Membership, slowdown in recruiting new Members and declining Member participation.

We can learn from the experience of other Bay Area yacht clubs what works and what doesn't to breathe new life into our organization.

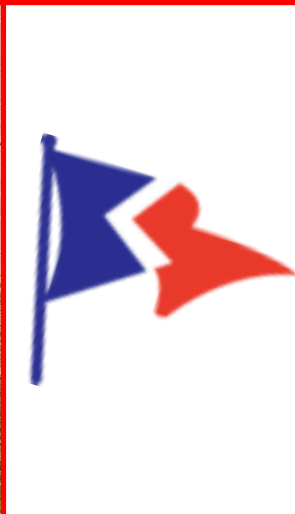
—Brian West, Vice Commodore

EDITOR'S NOTE: we look forward to more specific info on what Brian learned.

# OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT!! MAY 18, 2024



*No Boat,  
No Problem!  
BYC Land Cruisers*





## Cruise-In News

I'm BACK! I guess you couldn't get rid of me that easily. (Trust me that's a joke.) I've been busy organizing 11 yacht clubs coming in for June & July. Willow Berm visited us in June, they had an amazing

time. Our Commodore Dena and Commodore John did a burgee exchange which was exciting for Dena as it was her first one. When the clubs come in, please welcome our guests with a big hello!

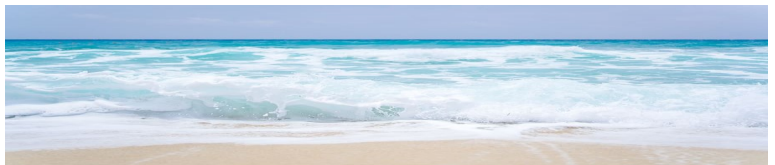
Cheers!

—Angela Grigas, Port Captain



## 2024 Yacht Club Cruise-Ins

July 3-7	Bellini Bay	10 boats
July 12-14	Encinal	8 boats
July 19-21	South Beach	10 boats
July 25-28	Discovery Bay	18 boats
July 26-28	Emeryville	5 boats
August 9-11	Delta Marina	8 boats
August 16-18	Sequoia	10 boats
September 21-22	Stockton	10 boats
October 2-5	Stockton	10 boats



## Benicia Yacht Club 2024 Cruise-Out Schedule

Generally 3rd weekend of every month • Sign-up sheets posted on the Norton Lounge bulletin board or contact [sjpenny5@gmail.com](mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com) • Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!



Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
August (Summer Cruise)	16-19	Delta Marina & RV Park (RV park on-site)	Steve Penny	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	TBD Schoonmaker Point Marina	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	<a href="mailto:sjpenny5@gmail.com">sjpenny5@gmail.com</a>
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	



# BRIT DAY — JUNE 15, 2024





## 2024 Racing

2024 Date	Regatta
<b>July</b>	
Saturday, July 6, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #4 <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday, July 11, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #14
Thursday, July 18, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #15
Thursday, July 25, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #16
Saturday, July 27, 2024	BenYC Light House Race
Saturday, July 27, 2024	YRA Encinal Regatta
<b>August</b>	
Thursday, August 1, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #17
Thursday, August 8, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #18
Saturday, August 10, 2024	BenYC Sail Benicia
Thursday, August 15, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #19
Saturday, August 17, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #5 <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday, August 22, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #20
Saturday, August 24, 2024	BenYC Sardine Can Dinner Rendezvous
Thursday, August 29, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #21
Saturday, August 31, 2024	BenYC/SBYC JAZZ CUP
<b>September</b>	
Thursday, September 5, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #22
Thursday, September 12, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #23
Saturday, September 14, 2024	BenYC/VYC Carquinez Challenge
Thursday, September 19, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #24
Saturday, September 21, 2024	BenYC Singlehand/ Doublehand Race #6 <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday, September 26, 2024	BenYC Thursday Night Beer Can #25
<b>October/November/December</b>	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	BenYC Champions Race
Saturday, October 26, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Fleet Race
Sunday, October 27, 2024	RYC Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race
Saturday, November 9, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #1
Saturday, December 14, 2024	BenYC 2024-2025 Frost Bite Series #2

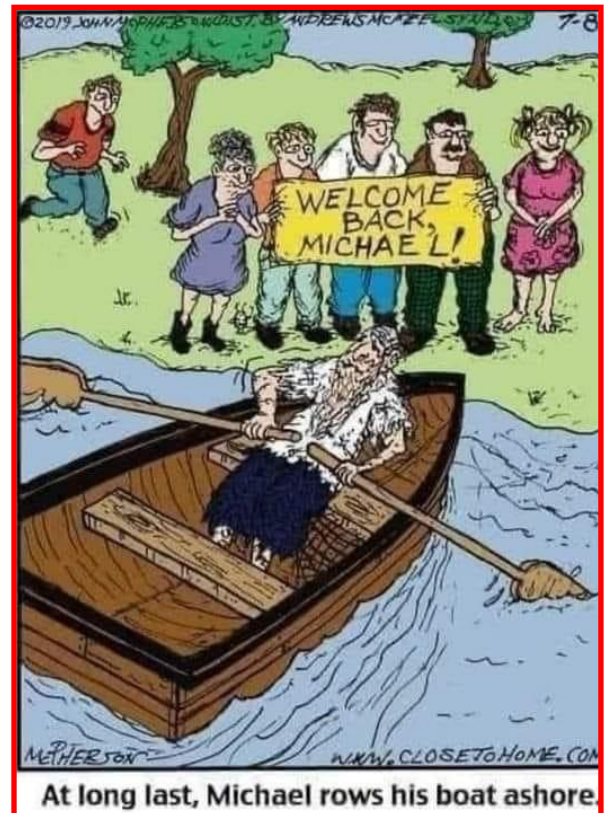


**Bob Bohnet & Tom Kvech**  
**2024 Marin Cruise-Out**  
**bocce ball winners!**

## NOBLE'S NAUTICAL QUIZ

- 1) How many miles per hour is in a knot?
- 2) What does "Red Right Return" refer to?
- 3) What is a pirate's favorite alphabet letter?

\*\*For answers, see calendar page



At long last, Michael rows his boat ashore.



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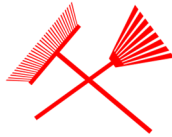
**2024 First Saturday  
MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP  
Benicia Yacht Club**



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- Planned Projects

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <u>Cruise-In</u> Bellini Bay 7/3-7	4  <u>Independence Day</u>	5	6 BYC Members Work Day! 8-11am  
<b>ADVERTISE IN THE WIND WORD</b> <a href="mailto:info@beniciayachtclub.org">info@beniciayachtclub.org</a>						
7 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	8 <b>CLOSED</b>	9 <b>CLOSED</b>  <u>BYC BOD</u> <u>Meeting</u> 6pm	10 Trivia 6pm	11 Sail Races 	12 <u>Cruise-In</u> Encinal 7/12-14	13 <u>COUNTRY</u> <u>WESTERN</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>AT BYC</u> 3-7 PM  
14 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	15 <b>CLOSED</b>	16 <b>CLOSED</b>	17 Trivia 6pm  <u>7pm BYC</u> <u>MEMBERS</u> <u>MEETING</u>	18 Sail Races 	19 <u>Cruise-In</u> South Beach 7/19-21	20
21 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	22 <b>CLOSED</b>	23 <b>CLOSED</b>	24 Trivia-6pm	25 Sail Races  <u>Cruise-In</u> Discovery Bay 7/25-28	26 <u>Cruise-In</u> Emeryville 7/26-28	27 BenYC Lighthouse Race  YRA Encinal Regatta
28 SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ & POTLUCK NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm <u>DRINKS ONLY</u>	29 <b>CLOSED</b>	30 <b>CLOSED</b>	31 Trivia 6pm	<b>NOBLE'S NAUTICAL QUIZ ANSWERS</b> 1) 1.15 mph 2) How to leave channel markers when returning to port 3) Arrrrrrg!  Thanks to Noble Griswold, Nautical Trivia Master		

# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

PRESENTS

# COUNTRY WESTERN DAY

JULY  
13

3-7 PM

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IN THE REGATTA ROOM, FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ONLY