



SEPTEMBER 2023

# *the Wind Word*

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# BENICIA YACHT CLUB

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<u>Reservations</u>	<u>Opt. 2 Call 12-4pm Wed-Sat ONLY</u>
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Accounting	Option 4
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CLUB/FOOD	Hours subject to fluctuation
	Last Order from Kitchen 8pm
Mon & Tues	CLOSED (Except for Special Events)
Wed & Thurs	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-8pm (Wed) Noon-10pm (Th)
Fri & Sat	Regatta Room: 4pm-8pm (by reservation only) Norton Lounge: Noon-10pm
Sunday	Norton Lounge 1-5pm (Bar & Potluck)

Ahoy BYC Members—

**Election 2023 is upon us!** Please get your nominations for BYC officers and directors in by 6pm on Tuesday, Sept. 5 (see pg 6-7). Candidates' statements will be featured in the Oct. *Wind Word* ahead of the election Oct. 18. As members, you share BYC ownership. Please participate!

## September 2: JAZZ CUP!

Hope you don't miss this 35th annual event presented by BYC & South Beach Yacht Club. Multiple colorful sailboats will race from San Francisco to BYC. We will celebrate —open to the public—with food, drink & live music!

## September 30: Motown & Soul

**Party:** a new daytime event!

Join us at  
3pm!

Editors  
Vicki & John Garcia



Submittals to Wind Word are due by 15th of month by 5:00 pm; will then appear in one of the two following issues.

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Rear Commodore	Natalie Boltz Keller	Port Captain	Theron Jones
Secretary	Nancy Chertkow	Fleet Captain	Steve Penny
Treasurer	Bob Bohnet	Entertainment Chair	VACANT
Director	Goldie Pierce	Race Chairman	Steve Corwin
Director	Kathleen Jones	Safety & Protocol	Paul Brighton
Director	Ken Buske	Ship Store Manager	Debi Hall
Director	Randy Norman	Social Media Chair	Dena Stults
Jr. Staff Commodore	Andy Zinkevich	Sunshine Chair	Kymberli Brady
Fleet Surgeon	Deb Murray	Wind Word Editors	Vicki & John Garcia
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# FROM the HELM



Hello Everyone,

We are currently enjoying some of the best weather of the year right now and it's great to see all the activity on the water. Break out your paddleboards and cruise the marina, take a ride into the delta for lunch, or just chill on BYC's back deck and enjoy the view.

I am hoping that everyone has had a chance to enjoy our new daytime events—they seem to be a hit so I will continue to foster them. Hope you all enjoyed our Country Western Day on August 12. **JAZZ CUP on September 2** will be a blast (see pg 5), and we have a **Motown & Soul party coming up on September 30**. We will still have evening events, too, but wanted to try to mix things up.

Looking forward, **I would like more feedback from members** as to what other kinds of events you would like to have at the Club; for example, would you like a themed New Year's party etc. You could even use our comment box to get your ideas across to our Board as well as email or word of mouth. We want to give our members and guests the best experience possible here at the Club and aim to please.

**We rely heavily on volunteers to make our Club a success** (see pg 8). It is very easy to sit back and criticize our Club, but if you are not actively involved in making it a better place, how can you complain?

It is still very difficult to find and retain good help—many places are still short staffed. We are so lucky to have loyal and dedicated staff who care about our Club. Our members must also care to keep our Club thriving, yet it is always the same few people stepping up. **Please volunteer whenever you can to do your part.**

**Current volunteer positions needed:**

- Entertainment Chair
- Social Media Chair

It may be a good idea to assign events to Board members, and that might lighten the load of the few who do so much all of the time. For example, besides being Commodore, I handle

our entertainment, events, scheduling staff with Jeannie's help, hiring staff, running social media, and producing all our flyers and posters, as well as the *This Week* e-blast that goes out once a week. No Commodore has ever done all of these jobs. My dedication to this Club has not wavered, and I intend to continue to give you all I've got!

*Fair Winds and Following Seas,*

Commodore  
Dena Stults





# *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*



MITCHELL	CHERNOCK	9/2
KATHLEEN	JONES	9/2
PHILIP	HILL	9/3
LINDA	HUDSON	9/3
SEAMUS	HODGIN	9/4
EMMA	HUETTENHAIN	9/4
CHRIS	AUTZ	9/5
KENNETH	SCHULTZ JR	9/5
DEE	GILLILAND	9/7
JOSEPH	KALLIOS	9/8
JASMINE	HEIRENDT	9/11
ABBY	RINCON	9/13
NOBLE	GRISWOLD	9/14
SHANNON	WALSH-HILL	9/14
SUSAN	GARSKE	9/16
ALBERTO	MADUENO	9/16
STACEY	VALLELY	9/16

MARIA	VILA	9/16
RHONDA	IMEL	9/17
MAUREEN	LOZA-DODSON	9/17
WILLIAM	PANGMAN	9/17
PEGGY	CRIBBS	9/18
DORI	MC ENEANEY	9/18
MOLLY	PETRIE	9/18
KEVIN	LYONS	9/20
SHARON	PETRELLESSE	9/20
PHILLIP	VILLANUEVA	9/21
GERRY	TOWNZEN	9/22
JANET	HUGHES	9/23
NANCY	ROUNDS	9/24
DON	STERKEL	9/24
PENNY	TREXLER	9/26
BILL	HENRETTY	9/28
SUSAN	LINN	9/29



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# **Election 2023—Oct. 18**

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

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

Members of the Benicia Yacht Club (BYC) share ownership and oversight of the Club and facilities. Now 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 willing to serve on the nominating committee for the 2023-2024 term.**

BYC Bylaws specify how elections take place. A nominating committee is named by the current Board of Directors to prepare a slate of potential candidates and to interview them 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.

#### **YOU SHOULD CONSIDER RUNNING BECAUSE:**

- **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.
- **Ownership decisions are needed** to upgrade our facilities, to keep our finances in order and generally to move the Club in a positive direction.
- **The Board of Directors determines the house rules of the Club** in accordance with our Bylaws. Rules need review to keep them up to date.
- **You provide a needed service** to your fellow members.
- **Being on the Board is a good opportunity** to know what is going on and to get to know others in the Club better.
- **You get a special name tag.**

The nominating committee will be led by me according to the Bylaws.

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or taking on a Board position, please contact me or another Board member. 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



# **APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION**

## **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2023-2024 TERM**

In accordance with §7.1 of the Benicia Yacht Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Jr. Staff Commodore Andy Zinkevich (707.210.5874, [info@beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:info@beniciayachtclub.org)) is seeking qualified applicants for Nomination to serve as Officers and Directors for the 2023-2024 term. Those interested in being considered for nomination are asked to fill out this form and return it to Andy Zinkevich or the Benicia Yacht Club Office **no later than 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 for the upcoming October 18 election.**

Interviews of prospective Nominees will be held between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Wednesday, September 6 and Friday, September 8. Those unable to attend an interview during these times are encouraged to submit their applications early and to arrange for an early interview.

**There are five officer openings for the 2023-2024 term**, as defined in Article 6 of the By-Laws:

- ☐ **Commodore** (must have served as an officer for the entire 2022-2023 term to qualify)
- ☐ **Vice Commodore**                      ☐ **Secretary**
- ☐ **Rear Commodore**                      ☐ **Treasurer**

**There are two director openings**, each serving for both the 2023-2024 term and the 2024-2025 term as defined in §5.4 of the By-Laws.

- ☐ **Director**

Members in good standing, qualified to hold elected office as defined in Article II of the By-Laws, may apply for Nomination by indicating the position sought above and by providing the following:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Interview Times** (please indicate first, second, and third choices and please understand that not all requests may be able to be accommodated)

**Wednesday, Sep 6**

\_\_\_ **6:00 PM**

\_\_\_ **6:30 PM**

\_\_\_ **7:00 PM**

**Friday, Sep 8**

\_\_\_ **6:00 PM**

\_\_\_ **6:30 PM**

\_\_\_ **7:00 PM**

**Other** (indicate date and time)

# **VOLUNTEER TODAY!!!!**

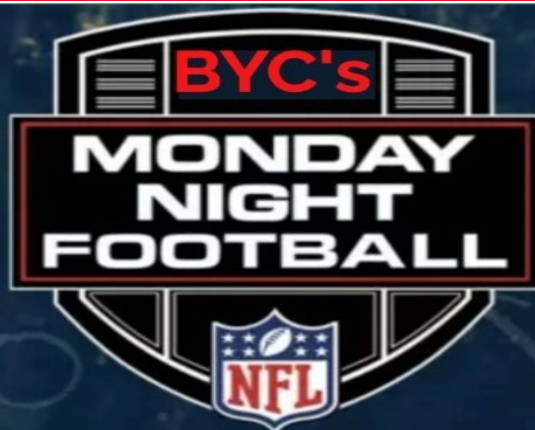
- 1 – **Make connections:** Meet new people with interests similar to yours.
- 2 – **Gain fulfillment:** Gain a sense of purpose and/or accomplishment.
- 3 – **Learn skills:** Learn new practical and social skills.
- 4 – **Be happy:** Studies show volunteering combats depression.
- 5 – **Become self-confident:** Volunteering helps improve self-confidence.
- 6 – **Improve health:** Studies show people who volunteer at 2+ organizations have a 63% lower mortality rate than non-volunteers. Volunteers age 50+ are less likely to develop high blood pressure and more likely to increase physical activity and decrease stress.
- 7 – **Strengthen community:** Volunteers make our ownership and Benicia Yacht Club stronger by addressing our ever-changing needs.
- 8 – **Empower others:** Volunteers teach new skills and help others with resources.
- 9 – **Be BYC OWNER responsible:** Volunteers tend to learn more about BYC and how they can help address some of the problems our Club faces.
- 10 – **Make a difference:** Our Club will never succeed if more people don't step up and get involved. The same 20 volunteers who routinely step up need your help!
- 11 – **Gain perspective:** Volunteers become more self-aware about themselves.
- 12 – **Have fun!** Volunteers have fun meeting new people and contributing to the Club we all own and are responsible for as owners. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Entertainment Chair • Social Media Chair • Event Photographer •  
Monday Night Football Coordinator • Historian • & Many More**

**PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER TO FIND OUT MORE!!!**



### **Coordinatator duties**

Creates a sign up sheet  
Gets members to host by donating meals  
Collects money from meals  
Schedules bartender

**Monday Night Football funds needed repairs  
and/or improvements to our club**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL  
COORDINATOR, IF NO ONE VOLUNTEERS IT WON'T HAPPEN**



# BRIT DAY July 29—FUN & A HUGE SUCCESS!!



## 2023 CRUISE-OUTS

MONTH	DATES	DESTINATION(S)	CRUISE DIRECTOR
September	28-10/1	Angel Island	Brian West brian@westengineers.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	11-15	Richmond Yacht Club, Schoonmaker, Oakland Yacht Club	Volunteer Needed
November	8	Planning Meeting	All Interested
December	16	Benicia Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina

**SEPTEMBER 2**  
**JAZZ CUP**



## 2023 Cruise-Ins

**Oct 7-8-Dos Rios YC**  
**Oct 11-12-Corinthian YC**  
**Nov 3-5-Solano YC**  
**November TBD-Richmond YC**





## 2023 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP

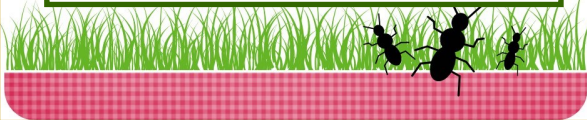
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Zinkevich on  
his recent  
**HOLE-IN-ONE**

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Ad Size	Month	Year
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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website and on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	<b>JAZZ CUP</b> 
<b>3 SUNDAYS</b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	<b>4</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>LABOR DAY!!</b>	<b>5</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>BYC ELECTION APPLICATIONS DUE by 6pm</b>	<b>6</b> Trivia 6pm	<b>7</b> Sail Boat Races 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>SUDDENLY IN COMMAND</b> Coast Guard Training Class
<b>10 SUNDAYS</b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	<b>11</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>12</b> <b>CLOSED</b>  BYC BOD Meeting 7pm	<b>13</b> Trivia 6pm	<b>14</b> Sail Boat Races 	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> Sail Race Carquinez Challenge
<b>17 SUNDAYS</b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	<b>18</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b> Trivia 6pm BYC Members Meeting 7pm 	<b>21</b> Sail Boat Races 	<b>22</b>	<b>23 1st Day of Autumn</b> Singlehand/Doublehand Sail Race #6
<b>24 SUNDAYS</b> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN DRINKS ONLY 1-5pm	<b>25</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b> Trivia 6pm	<b>28</b> <b>Cruise-Out</b> Angel Island 28-10/1 Sail Boat Races 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>MOTOWN &amp; SOUL PARTY</b> 3-8pm Champion of Champions Sail Race