



the Wind Word

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Membership	Option 3
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OFFICE HOURS	
Wed – Sat	Noon-4pm
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)

Happy New Year!

Here's to 2024—wishing you all a year filled with fun, adventure, friendships, love and good health!

We hope one of your resolutions is to make a fresh start at the Club by volunteering for a committee, a chairmanship or just answering the call for help. We guarantee you'll make new friends, learn more about fellow members and understand how the Club operates. It takes more than just the Board of Directors and the same crew to make all the fun happen!

Please contact Commodore Dena Stults or any member of the board for more info.

Enjoy!

Editors Vicki & John Garcia



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From the Helm

Hello everyone,

We made it through another year and have welcomed in 2024. I look forward to all the stuff we have planned for this year and am still interested in hearing your ideas, as always. Did anyone learn the Tango? Thank you Shaula Patchett for this fun class idea.

The Norton Lounge Fireplace repair had to be delayed as the previous contractor's price went too high, but we are working with new people and should be starting work on it soon. **We need everyone to get their assessment money in as we can't start work on the HVAC without it.** Thank you to all the volunteers who help out on first Saturdays—you all do so much for the Club and it does not go unnoticed.

We still need to fill these positions: Port Captain, Entertainment Chair, and Social Media Chair—if you are interested in serving, please let any board member know ASAP.

While some people may have favorite places to sit in the Club, please remember: **the Norton Lounge is first-come, first-served when it comes to seating.**

Congratulations to our very own Katrina Monroe's new position as Benicia's Poet Laureate! In that spirit, I leave you with my favorite poem: *Sea Fever* by John Masefield.

*I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a gray mist on the sea's face, and a gray dawn breaking.*

*I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.*

*I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.*

Fair winds and following seas,



**Commodore
Dena Stults**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JONI	PALACIOS	1/1		FRANK	KASTL	1/17
SYLVIA	BARATA	1/3		KEVIN	KIRBY	1/17
BRIAN	WEST	1/4		JANET	BOOTH	1/19
ROBERT	WHITEHEAD	1/4		KATIE	BABCOCK	1/20
VICKI	GARCIA	1/5		DOUGLAS	VAUGHAN	1/20
JANEE	CHAPMAN	1/6		JEAN	GANNETT	1/21
DEBI	FREELAND	1/6		GINGER	PENNY	1/21
MELODY	SEYMOUR	1/10		DON	MUSANTE	1/25
MARC	TRAPANI	1/10		BYRON	ALTON	1/26
MARINA	KOPINEC	1/11		JON	HEIRENDT	1/26
SEAN	CONNER	1/12		BEVERLEY	TROXELL	1/26
GALEN	JAEGER	1/12		LAURA	SIMPSON	1/27
JOE	PUCCI, JR	1/12		LANIE	BIRDSALL	1/28
TAMMY	COUSINS	1/13		JACK	SHEEHAN	1/28
RICH	GRIGAS	1/13		GREG	AMES	1/29
MAHA	HURDLE	1/15		SHAULA	PATCHETT	1/29
NILS	KNUTSTAD	1/16		KERRY	SCOTT	1/30
BETHANN	GAMBLE	1/17		HAPPY	NEW	YEAR



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

Land cruisers & RVer's welcome!

Month	Dates	Destination	Volunteer	Email(s)
January	18-20*	Vallejo Yacht Club	Richard Boehm	rlboehm@yahoo.com
February	16-18	Napa Yacht Club (Elks, Expo & Skyline RV parks nearby)	Martina Wolter & Gary Johnson	martinawolter1@gmail.com deadboltlocks@comcast.net
March	22-24	Corinthian Yacht Club	Armand & Cynthia Seguin	armand.seguin11@gmail.com stokalo2u@gmail.com
May (Memorial Day)	24-27	Marin Yacht Club (Marin & Petaluma RV parks nearby)	Brian West & Steve Penny	brian@westengineers.com sjpenny5@gmail.com
June	21-23	St Francis Yacht Club	Brian West	brian@westengineers.com
August (Summer Cruise)	16-19	Delta Marina & RV Park (RV park on-site)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
September	20-22	Petaluma Yacht Club (Elks & KOA RV parks nearby)	Steve Penny	sjpenny5@gmail.com
October (Harvest Cruise)	18-21 21-24	Richmond Yacht Club Schoonmaker Point Marina	NEED VOLUNTEER	TBD
November	6	Planning Meeting	Interested Cruisers	sjpenny5@gmail.com
December	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Benicia Marina	

* January 18-20 cruise-out takes place Thurs-Sat since the club has a group commitment on Saturday. Friday dinner will be available.

2024 Cruise-Ins

February 16-18—Vallejo Yacht Club

Number of boats TBD

(More dates to be announced)



OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT—2024

Attention Members! Our Opening Day on the Strait has been scheduled for

Saturday, May 18, 2024.

So mark your calendars and keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

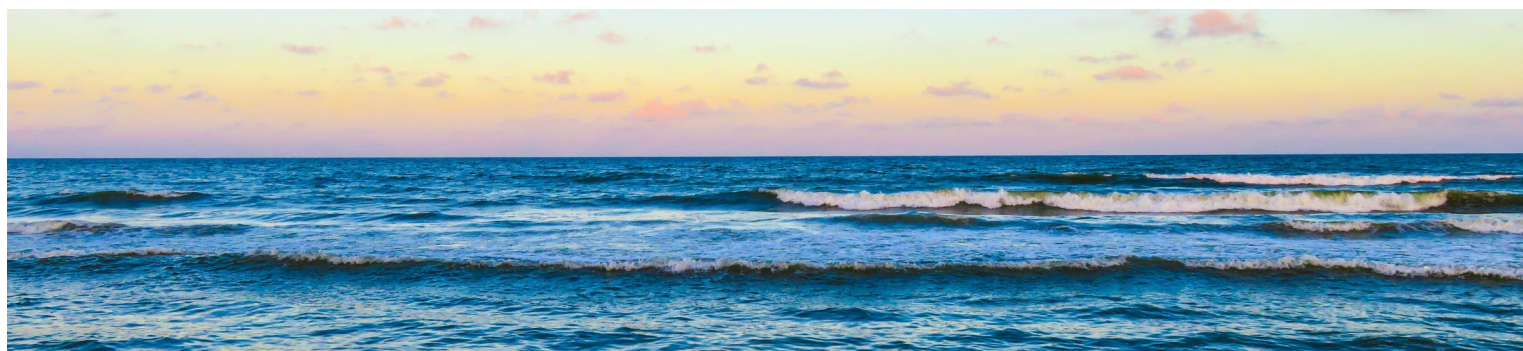
More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

—Vice Commodore - Brian West



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tina Mottram
and
Kristina Wolf



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Benicia's New Poet Laureate: Kathy Monroe

BYC's own Katrina (Kathy) Monroe is the new Benicia Poet Laureate. A founder of the Benicia Poetry Salon, she is a published poet and is active in the First Tuesday Poets program of the Benicia Public Library.

Since moving to Benicia seven years ago, Kathy has mentored teens at Liberty High School. She has also worked with youth at the Kyle Hyland Teen Center, which offers teens emotional support and mental health services. In addition, she has been active in Carquinez Village, a virtual village that helps older adults connect, contribute to their community and support each other.

Kathy will serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2024.

The First Tuesday Poets group meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of every month from September through June. The group is for anyone who writes, reads or is even a little intrigued by poetry. Members are welcome to read their poetry for a supportive community, just listen to others and/or take part in the conversation. For more information, please visit <https://benicialiteraryarts.org>.

Congratulations, Kathy!



John Wright Frostbite Series

The Frostbite Sailing Regatta began Nov. 11, 2023, and will continue on one Saturday each month in the waters off of the City of Benicia. The series consists of five races: Nov. 11, 2023; Dec. 9, 2023; Jan. 13, 2024; Feb. 10, 2024; and March 9, 2024. For more info, please contact Race Chair Steve Corwin at 415.238.3977 or beniciayachtclubracing@gmail.com.



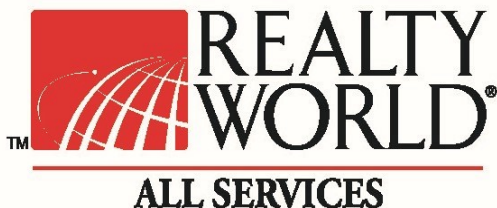
2024 First Saturday MEMBER CLEAN SWEEP Benicia Yacht Club



- Maintain Curb Appeal
- General Restoration
- Landscape Upkeep
- Planned Projects

8:00am to 11:00am

**First Saturday of
each month**



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1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
1/2 pg	\$85	\$935
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Watch for calendar updates on BYC website and on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>CLOSED</u> NEW YEARS DAY	2 <u>CLOSED</u>	3 Trivia 6pm	4	5	6 Dance the Tango! 5-10 pm (demo, lesson & open dancing)
7 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	8 <u>CLOSED</u>	9 <u>CLOSED</u> BYC BOD Meeting 6pm	10 Trivia 6pm	11	12	13 Frostbite Race #3 
14 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	15 <u>CLOSED</u> Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	16 <u>CLOSED</u>	17 Trivia 6pm BYC MEMBERS MEETING 7pm	18 <u>Cruise-Out</u> Vallejo 18-20	19 	20
21 <u>SUNDAY</u> NORTON LOUNGE OPEN 1-5pm DRINKS ONLY	22 <u>CLOSED</u>	23 <u>CLOSED</u>	24 Trivia 6pm	25	26	27
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