

OCTOBER 2020

the Wind Word

The Official Publication of The Benicia Yacht Club—Founded In 1977





BENICIA YACHT CLUB

400 E. Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510

www.beniciayachtclub.org
Lat: 38o 02.510N Lon: 122o 09.4W

Main Number

707-746-0739

TAKE OUT

Option 1 (or 707-750-5139)

Reservations

Option 2 (or 707-297-6606)

(call between noon & 4)

Membership

Option 3 (or 707-750-5554)

Commodore

707-750-5496

Accounting

Option 5 (or 707-361-5197)

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

CLUB HOURS

Mon, Tue & Sun

CLOSED (Except for Special Events)

Wed - Sat

12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

FOOD SERVICE

Wed - Sat

12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

As I tried to come up with something scary to write about, I just couldn't come up with anything more than—"It's 2020!!!"

The part that worries me most: what about Halloween candy? Do we buy way more just in case kiddos show up (hoping we have lots left over for us), or do I just keep buying the same amount as we've been all year and know that we have plenty already if kids do show up? Running out of candy—now that can be scary!

As we continue to fight our way back to a new normal we hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Many are now playing it safe at BYC on Wed-Saturday having lunch, dinner and drinks with family and friends they have missed for too long. You can come, practice social distancing and still see and be around others who can brighten your day with just their smile. (Unfortunately you'll have to assume they too are smiling back at you under their mask.)

This month we vote for our BYC Board of Directors who will determine the future of our Club. **Please take the time to vote!**



Editors: Vicki & John Garcia

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

Office / Events		707-746-0739 opt. 1	
Norton Lounge	Jeannie Northup	707-750-5554	Lounge@BeniciaYachtClub.org
Chef	Carlos Quintanilla	707-750-5554	Chef@BeniciaYachtClub.org
Commodore	Pat Bowers	973-432-5710	Commodore@BeniciaYachtClub.org
Vice Commodore/Personnel Committee	Andy Zinkevich	908-295-1030	azinkevi@hotmail.com
Rear Commodore	Janet Booth	925-765-0863	crrfmly@sbcglobal.net
Secretary	Bob Bohnet	707-745-1877	robertbohnnet@yahoo.com
Treasurer	TBD		
Director	John Garcia	707-746-1905	john-vicki@sbcglobal.net
Director	Dena Stults	707-751-1582	denastults@comcast.net
Director	Bob Cates	925-408-3094	mrcates53@aol.com
Director	Letty B. Thomas	609-290-7472	lbimomof2@aol.com
Jr. Staff Commodore	Richard Boltz	707-746-1194	r3bv@yahoo.com
Fleet Surgeon	Deb Murray		dmurray@jps.net
Audit Committee	TBD		
Historian	Kathleen Treese	707-746-5553	khtreese@yahoo.com
House Chair	Randy Norman	209-470-2522	randydnorman@msn.com
House Keeping Coordinator	Kay Jaeger	707-974-1054	
Membership Chair	Kathy Monroe	707-297-6606	kmonroe77@msn.com
Port Captain	Angela Grigas	707-208-2207	angelagrigas@hotmail.com
Fleet Captain / Cruise Director	Rusty Mayes	707-758-8356	rustysmaule@gmail.com
Entertainment Chair	Jackie Newell	707-749-3493	newells0707@gmail.com
Race Chairman	Dan Carnahan	707-319-5706	dan@skipperdan.com
Safety & Protocol	Paul Brighton	707-746-8852	pbrighton73@yahoo.com
Ship Store Manager	Kathy Berry		
Social Media Chair	Dena Stults	707-751-1582	denastults@comcast.net
Sunshine Chairman	Roz Oxman	707-745-6159	rosseen@comcast.net
Wind Word Editor	Vicki & John Garcia	707-745-3738	vicki@mktgalacarte.com/john-vicki@sbcglobal.net
Youth Sailing Director	Derith Lutz	401-258-7304	fotoderith@sbcglobal.net



FROM THE HELM

October has arrived and things seem to be improving a bit with the virus but we have been plagued by fires and smoke descending on our beautiful Bay Area. I hope you all are well and staying healthy. As for the BYC, we are looking forward to hopefully re-opening our indoor services—time will tell.

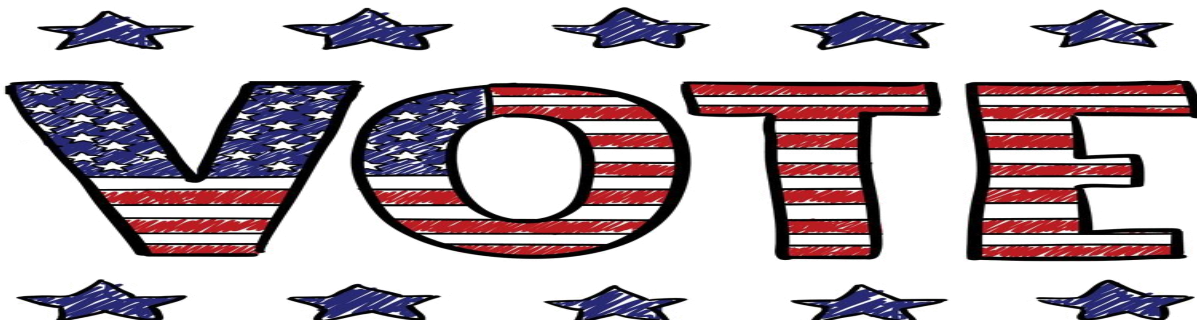
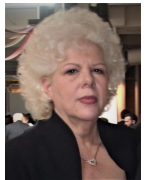
In the meantime, **we are looking into ways to continue dining outside** as the weather turns colder. We are glad you are enjoying our new specials and outdoor dining on the lower deck. We are also looking forward to bringing back some entertainment and to that end, we have a **new Entertainment Chair: Jackie Newell**. Jackie is a new member who has background in this area—I also hear she is an amazing singer. Please welcome Jackie to her new position and please volunteer to help out when we can once again dance the night away!

I also want to **introduce Andy Ahn, our accountant/bookkeeper**—he has made several cost-saving recommendations and is the person to contact for billing questions (dues, etc.). Just call the BYC main number (707-746-0739 prompt 4) to speak to Andy and he will do his best to help you.

A **special thank you to all our volunteers, and especially Mark Connors**—our famous volunteer dishwasher. Mark has worked just about every day since we re-opened and handles a lot of day-to-day maintenance. Also, Randy Norman, who gives his all—we are so lucky to have such a great House Chairman! Thanks to Bob Bohnet for the umbrella lighting and to Steve and Dena Stults for our bistro lighting—we are now enjoying evening dining under the lights. Thank you to all of you for all you do. And thank you to the countless volunteers who work so hard to make the BYC a warm and friendly environment.

Please remember to vote for the new slate of officers—while I realize the positions are uncontested, the people who are running are giving their time and effort to the success of the BYC—it feels good to get a vote even if it's just to cheer us on.

Pat Bowers, Commodore





ILENE	CRESS	10/1	DERITH	LUTZ	10/16
MOIRA	SULLIVAN	10/1	JORGE	PENA	10/16
PAUL	WERBLOW	10/1	LINDA	PERZ	10/16
BEN	CARR	10/2	MARK	CAMPBELL	10/18
WILLIAM	SOUZA	10/2	PAM	KNUTSTAD	10/18
SANDRA	RAGLAND	10/3	CAROL	MARSH	10/19
RAY	MC ENEANEY	10/6	ELLIE	BOWDEN	10/20
JOE	SHERLOCK	10/6	GREGORY	SPENCER	10/21
KEN	VANSTORY	10/7	DONALD	GLIDEWELL	10/23
GREGORY	GALLAGHER	10/8	RALPH	AGUIAR	10/24
TRACEY	SPENCER	10/8	NICOLE	CORE	10/24
RANDY	LARSON	10/9	SUSAN	GIBSON	10/25
CAROLYN	REED	10/9	CHRIS	KERZ	10/26
STEPHEN	GIZZI	10/11	DEB	MURRAY	10/26
BRIDGET	WALLER	10/13	KATHY	MAYES	10/29
KELLY	STEWARD	10/14	DEBI	HALL	10/30
ADAM	KLEIMAN	10/15	LARA	IRELAND	10/31
KIMBERLY	MILLER	10/15	BRAD	PRODGER	10/31



MEET YOUR CANDIDATES for **BYC BOARD of DIRECTORS** **ELECTION DAY-OCTOBER 21st!**



Pat Bowers—Candidate for Commodore

I think most of you know me—yes I'm the "Jersey Girl" who is currently Commodore of the BYC and I would like to be your Commodore again. I, along with others, have worked very hard this year to keep the Club on an even keel during unprecedented times. I am pleased to say that we have done a good job with coping and keeping the BYC afloat during these extremely difficult times and I would like to continue the forward movement to reorganize as necessary, and reintroduce services and events as we evolve through the pandemic into brighter times.

I have the pleasure of working with an excellent Board and great members who have contributed so much to our Club. Without all of you, we would not be where we are today. We have introduced new dining alternatives which have allowed the BYC to continue operations and provide an atmosphere where we can relax and see each other while still maintaining Covid-19 protocol.

I am hopeful that in the coming year we will be able to fully re-open and be able to once again enjoy all the programs that the Club offers and I would like to be able to re-instate our services in an efficient and judicious manner.

My husband, Bob (you know him as the The Blast Guy), and I have been members of the BYC since we moved to Benicia about five years ago. I have been Secretary, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and currently Commodore of the BYC and want to continue to contribute to its growth and success.

I am asking for your vote and support in the current election.

Thank you, Pat Bowers

973-432-5710 E-mail: pvbowers@comcast.net

Marcia Wisgirda—Candidate for Secretary

I am Marcia Wisgirda and I am running for Secretary.

I have been a member of the Club for about 10 years. Robert Cates and I own a 38-foot power boat that we enjoy taking out for cruise-outs and just puttering around in the Strait and up the Napa River. I have been cheerfully retired for a year and a half now and I'm ready for a new challenge and a chance to give back to the Club I so enjoy.





Andy Zinkevich—Candidate for Vice Commodore

I am running for a second term as Vice Commodore because I believe that I can continue to contribute as a member of the board.

Since joining the Club, I have been active on the board, the membership, bylaws, personnel and finance committees. Over my first few years at the Club I was proud of helping with growth and maintaining the roster, which I still do, but 2020 was more about survival. I am proud to be a part of the board that stepped up and kept things together under such extreme conditions. I want to be a part of that for next year too. I am praying that we will be able to put COVID behind

us for the most part in 2021 and get back to spending more time with each other in Club events and programs. I also look forward to getting back to taking care of our facilities because in spite of everyone's best efforts there is a lot of work to be done.

I have always been a water guy and still have houses on the waterfront on both coasts. My boats are on the east coast with my youngest son who enjoys and cares for them. My wife, Kathy Monroe, and I moved to Benicia in 2016, settling down following 15 years of commuting coast to coast. We moved in next door to the Club. I enjoy sailing and cruising with friends at every opportunity, especially Thursday night beer-can-races and cruise outs. This past year I have also found some fellow golfers at the Club and I am having a blast getting back to golf.

I am now fully retired, following a rewarding 47-year career in environmental engineering and water plant construction and operation. I held a variety of posts in general and financial management. Before my first professional role I worked part-time in dozens of jobs including caddy, cab driver, busboy and dishwasher—rich experiences that I don't regret that helped me understand some of the kitchen and restaurant and bar operations of the Club.

I am ready to serve, I promise to listen, and I humbly ask for your vote and your help if I am elected.



Brian W. West—Candidate for Director

I am a long-time Solano County resident having moved here in the 80s with my wife Eileen and daughter Jessica. We joined the BYC in December 2018 and were formerly members of the Oakland Yacht Club.

I am a licensed civil engineer and have operated my own consulting business in Vacaville since 1989. I also have an engineering contractors license.

Our 36-foot boat *LegaSea* is berthed in the Benicia Marina. Previously we owned sailboats (30' and 32' Catalina's) and a Bayliner cuddy cabin we berthed in the Delta Marina in Rio Vista.

For more than 20 years we owned a house at the Northstar Ski Resort. I served for eight of those years on the Northstar Property Owners Association Board of Directors. During that time I was Board Vice President for two years and Board President for two years.

I look forward to bringing my Board experience and love of boating to the BYC Board of Directors.



Dan Demmon—Candidate for Rear Commodore

Hello BYC Members—I have been a member for 24+ years (April 20, 1996).

I have worked for the GE Corporation for 39+ years and have had various roles in Engineering, Engineering Management and for the last 22 years have been a Senior Program/Project Manager, having successfully executed over a 1/2 billion dollars in Marine and Power System/Utility related Engineer, Procure and Construct projects. My position with GE is essentially to manage people and cost/profit, all the while providing the highest level of safety and customer service.

I think my most significant contribution to the board will be in helping to guide and support the many proposed largescale Club renovation projects. I possess my company's General Engineering "A" License (same license you need to build the Bay Bridge) so that they can do Construction in California and as such, have significant construction experience. In my 30 years I have acquired significant business acumen that I know I can apply to this position.

I am for running for Rear Commodore with the hope that I can improve our viability and sustainability, especially in these most challenging times (Covid and wildfires). If elected, I will carry out the specific duties of the Rear Commodore and support all events as needed. I would like to see more Club events with a few more available to the public if we are allowed by State and County rules. I intend to help implement good ideas relative to increasing BYC membership.

With more than 24 years with the Club, I am not planning on going anywhere, so my motivation is solely that the Club sustain and continue to improve and grow!!!

I am still working, but will make the time to give this important position the time it deserves.

Thanks and please vote for me!!!

Scott Newell—Candidate for Director

Hi Everyone! I have been a mariner and avid yachtsman for almost 20 years—from a 10-foot dingy to a 1000-foot oil tanker, I have been on them all!

I served four years in the US Navy aboard the USS Preble before attending the California Maritime Academy to major in Marine Transportation and earning a USCG Third Mates License. This past spring, I completed a Masters of Science in Transportation and Engineering Management with an emphasis in project management. I currently work in the technology industry with sensor implementation and automation.



I am passionate about sailing our Catalina 27 with my wife, Jackie, and making the best Mai Tai's this side of the Carqinuez Strait. We recently bought our first house in Benicia and have two dogs, Noa and Ollie.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of the members and taking the Club to new levels of success. Always feel free to say hi if you see us around!

Welcome

NEWEST BYC MEMBERS

Scott & Jackie Newell



Happy Halloween



**SAVE THE DATE
UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOV	7	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	10	Marine's Memorial Birthday Breakfast
	11	Veterans Day—BYC Spaghetti Feed
	21	Change of Watch
	26	THANKSGIVING—BYC Potluck Dinner
DEC	3	BYC Christmas Tree Decorating Party
	5	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	13	BYC Children's Christmas Party
	19	BYC CHRISTMAS PARTY
	24-25	Christmas—BYC CLOSED
	31	New Year's Eve PARTY



Nautical-Only Classified Ads

COMING SOON!!

\$25 UNTIL SOLD-max. 3 mos.

Business Card Size Ad 2" x 3 1/2"

**Contact John Garcia for more
Information & Submittals
John-Vicki@sbcglobal.net**





Janet Brock Hughes ARTIST • Water Colors

707-246-9531 • beniciajanet@aol.com
991 Tyler St. Studio 216 • Benicia, CA 94510

Advertising Space is Available

Ad Size	Month	Year
2" x 2"	\$20	\$220
Business Card	\$25	\$275
1/4 pg	\$45	\$495
1/2 pg	\$85	\$935

Contact Mike Mathews
707-745-0610



2020 First Saturday Clean-Sweep at BENICIA YACHT CLUB

Maintain Curb Appeal
Planned Projects
General Restoration
Landscape Upkeep

8:00 am to 11:00 am

The first Saturday of
each month



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

"PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE..."



Repair or Replace • Water - Gas - Sewer
Trenchless Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation - Pipe Bursting
Garbage Disposal • Drain Cleaning • Water Heaters
Video Camera • Slab Leaks • Free Estimates

Residential and Commercial
Service 24/7

(707) 745-2930

www.BeniciaPlumbing.com

CA Lic. #329632

Best of 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012



SCOTT D. REEP
Senior Partner

Reep & Mitchell, LLP
1001 Madison Street
Benicia, CA 94510

p 707.748.0900 x102
f 707.748.0921

Scott@SolanoLawGroup.com



One Block to Fine Restaurants & Unique Shops

Double Fingered Berths
Marine Fuel & General Store
Launch Ramp, Dry Storage, Guest Dock

707-745-2628
266 East "B" St. Benicia

Open 7 Days
Monitor VHF 16



OCTOBER 2020

Watch for calendar updates on byc website and on e-blasts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>PENDING FURTHER NOTICE</u>				1	2	3 1st Saturday Work Party!!!!
4 BYC CLOSED	5 BYC CLOSED	6 BYC CLOSED	7	8	9 Emeryville Cruise-In Solano Cruise-In 9-10	10
11 BYC CLOSED	12 BYC CLOSED	13  BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm BYC CLOSED	14	15	16 Berkeley Cruise-In 16-18	17 Sailors Award Banquet 
18 BYC CLOSED	19 BYC CLOSED	20 BYC CLOSED	21 BYC  General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm <u>BYC</u> <u>ELECTION</u> <u>DAY!</u>	22	23	24
25 BYC CLOSED	26 BYC CLOSED	27 BYC CLOSED	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Party! 