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the Wind Word

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Happy Valentine's!

Wow, how did it get to be February already! Hope you are ready for lots of fun and camaraderie in 2020. BYC has lots of events planned, some new, some traditional. You should have tickets for the Crab Feed on Feb. 1—hope you enjoy. Then be sure to reserve your spot for our Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 14. And for you cruisers, we're headed to Pittsburg on Feb. 21, always super fun.

Special notes: We have an opening for a bookkeeper—we're losing Darlene in early March. Please contact Faye Cater if you know of anyone who needs a part-time flexible job. And please pay your dues! (see pg 7 & 8). We can't operate (& do all this fun stuff) without your timely support. Thanks!



Editors Vicki & John Garcia

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From the Helm

We are swiftly moving into the new year and decade and the BYC is actively moving forward with plans for the year. **We have formed a By-Laws Committee** that will perform a review and make recommendations for the members to vote on. We anticipate having all the recommendations by the end of August so you will have a chance to evaluate them and cast your votes in October.

By the time you read this, we will have held our **annual Crab Feed—the biggest fund-raising event of the year**—thanks to Jay Stewart, the Chairperson for this event, and to Christine Machado and Sharon McPherson for organizing our wonderful Bake Sale. We appreciate all of you who contributed to its success.

Planning has started for **Opening Day which will be held on April 18, 2020**—should be a great day by the bay!

We have introduced a new Wednesday Buffet featuring cuisines from around the globe. Mexican, Italian, Chinese, All American, Japanese and Hawaiian will be served on a rotating basis. Our chefs (Scott and Carlos) will be preparing food from each of these countries to tempt you, so please plan to join us for Wednesday night buffets and catch up with friends, family and meet other members.

Along with that, preparations are under way for **special Valentine Entrées which will be served on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14** in the Norton Lounge—more information will follow in our Blast E-mails. We will also be **adding a piano to the Regatta Room** thanks to Dan Carnahan—so we look forward to some fun times ahead.

Speaking of the blast e-mail—**we will be replacing the weekly Scuttlebutt with Blast E-mails as our primary form of contact with Club members.** Blasts are a quick, easy way for you to see at a glance what is happening at the BYC—we aim to get these out in a timely manner so you can keep on top of events, dining, cruise outs, etc. We want to thank Bob Bowers who spearheaded this endeavor and continues to keep you up to date on BYC Happenings! Also thanks to Lorie Campbell who makes our flyers at the drop of a hat—thanks so much for all you do!

I'd also like to **thank TJ and John Kitchen** for all the effort they have put into helping the BYC move forward. As many of you know, TJ and John are planning a move to Mexico for a while, although they plan to visit Benicia often. Unfortunately, though, they will not be able to continue to contribute to the leadership of the BYC. TJ has been Secretary for the past 2-1/4 years and is resigning from this position to pursue their new life. John has been Chairperson for both Membership and the Cruise Outs—he has done an amazing job in both areas. I'd like to wish them well in their new endeavors and also thank them for their incredible support of the BYC. We expect to see you often when you are in town—we know BYC will be your first stop! Enjoy your travels and this amazing experience. Again, thank you both for all you have done in support of the BYC.

And thank you to all our volunteers—we couldn't do it without you!



Commodore Pat Bowers

Don't Miss FEBRUARY Events at BYC

Watch for updates, times and/or changes at Beniciayachtclub.org and Future E-Blasts

BYC CRAB FEED – Feb. 1st (5-7pm)

Cruise-Out – Pittsburg Feb. 21st– 23rd

Valentine's Day – Feb. 14th Special Menu/Reservations Required

TRIVIA EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

If you love trivia and even if you are not great at it, join your fellow BYC members for a fun night every Tuesday in the Norton Lounge. The evening starts with a potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by trivia at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share or if you prefer, donate a chit which are then passed out to those who bring a dish. Different formats and different trivia hosts make each week a new and challenging experience. Come on down, join your fellow members and see how much you have forgotten or show us what a wiz you are. Each team consists of 4 people and don't worry, you don't need to have a team since we can pair you up with other BYC members to form a team—this is a great way to meet other members. You can even host trivia night if you want and come up with your own questions to try to stump your fellow members. Come on down, have some fun and learn some very interesting information—and maybe win some prizes! See you there!

Submitted by Alan Zada



Happy Birthday



ANDY	KLEIMAN	2/2	STEPHEN	STULTS	2/14
SHAWN	AYERS	2/3	EDWARD	PERZ	2/17
MARK	KELLER	2/4	SUE	RITTER	2/18
SUSAN	MATHERN	2/5	MARIA	SAULSBURY	2/18
ANDREW	WALLER	2/7	SHAWN	HOOKE	2/19
KAREN	GREEN	2/8	RO	LOGSDON	2/19
AARON	SCHOLES	2/8	MICHAEL	ROBERTSON	2/19
ERIC	AMARO	2/9	JAY	STEWART	2/19
TERRI	DALE	2/9	JUSTINE	MILLER	2/20
RANDY	TROMMER	2/10	YVONNE	WASKOW	2/20
MAJ	YAZIDI	2/10	GORDON	MILLER	2/22
ROBYN	BOLTZ	2/13	JEFF	SHAWSTAD	2/23
PATRICIA	BOWERS	2/14	STEVE	GILLILAND	2/28
			RUSTY	MAYES	2/28



SAVE THESE DATES THIS YEAR!



BYC 2020 Don't Miss Events

FEB	1	CRAB FEED
	1	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	14	Valentine's Day Special Dinner
	14-16	Cruise In—Vallejo (10 boats)
	21-23	BYC Cruise Out—Pittsburg/John Kitchen
March	7	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	6-8	BYC Cruise Out—Loch Lomond/TBD
	17	St. Patrick's Day Buffet
	26-29	Cruise In—Oakland (10 boats)
	28	Ship's Locker Clean-Out Swap Meet (8-3)
April	3-5	BYC Cruise Out—Richmond/Penny's
	4	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	12	EASTER- BYC Brunch Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny
	18	BYC Opening Day Open To Public
May	2	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	10	Mother's Day Jazz Brunch
	22-25	BYC Cruise Out—Marin/Sean Conner
	25	Memorial Day
June	6	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	5-7	BYC Cruise Out—Emery Cove/Penny's
	5-7	Cruise In—Solano (15 boats)
	21	Father's Day BBQ & Music
	27	Shipwreck Ball

July	3	OPEN HOUSE (Special Menu/Band)
		Cruise In—Berkeley (6 boats)
	3-5	Cruise In—Ballena (8 boats)
	4	BYC 4th of July Dock Party
	10-12	BYC Cruise Out—St. Francis/Bob Bohnet (?)
	10-12	Cruise In—Sausalito (10 boats)
	17-19	Cruise In—Marin (10 boats)
	24-26	Cruise In—Emeryville (10 boats)
	25	LOBSTER FEED
	31-Aug2	Cruise In—Sequoia (10 boats)
	31-Aug9	BYC Summer Cruise Out—Janet Booth/Andy Z
Aug	1	Sail Benicia
	1	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	7-9	Cruise In—Discovery Bay (20 boats)
	15	BYC HAWAIIAN LUAU
	16	JAWS
Sept	4-7	BYC Cruise Out—Napa/TBD
	5	JAZZ CUP – OPEN TO PUBLIC
	6	JAZZ CUP BRREAKFAST
	19	CA Coastal Clean Up Day
	25-26	BYC Parking Lot Drop-Off and Sale
Oct	3	BYC 1st Saturday Member Work Party
	9-18	BYC Harvest Cruise/Pat Bowers&Paul Brighton
	9-11	Cruise In—Emeryville (10 boats)
	17	Sailors Award Banquet
	31	BYC HALLOWEEN PARTY
Nov	6-8	BYC Cruise Out—Corinthian/Rusty&Kathy Mayes
	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

Tens of Thousands of Volunteers Participated in the 35th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day

In 2019 our state celebrated the 35th anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD). The boating community demonstrated its interest and commitment to keeping coasts and waterways clean in both 2019's state and international effort.

Sixty-nine boating facilities and boating groups participated in the event, with 2,152 volunteers who cleaned 142 miles and collected 23,864 pounds of trash and recyclables on land and from 265 vessels (kayaks, canoes, and dinghies). Twenty-nine of the volunteers brought their own reusable cleanup supplies. Statewide and with 90% of the cleanup sites reporting, the count stands at 68,428 volunteers. Those volunteers picked up 757,117 pounds of trash and an additional 70,619 pounds of recyclable materials, for a total of 827,736 pounds or 414 tons. Congratulations to all of you who did your part to help keep our coastal areas clean. Hope to see you next year September 19th.



THANK YOU!

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the New Year's Eve decorating.

Janet Booth—For everything you do for this Club

Sam Carr—For stepping in and helping where needed

Carol Estrada—Dynamic Duo!

Dena Stults—Dynamic Duo!

Martina Wolter—For helping out wherever needed

Dee Douglas—Thanks for flashing the Bat Signal

Mal Jester—Holy Cow, Batman!!! Thanks for climbing on ladders

TJ Kitchen—For putting the centerpiece bags together for the Norton Lounge

John Kitchen—For helping out even though you were not feeling 100%

Pat Bowers—For putting the final touches on

Kathy Monroe—For getting the large box organized and moved

It takes a Club ... Thank you all for helping to make my vision come to life.

And, thank you to everyone who helped take the decorations down.

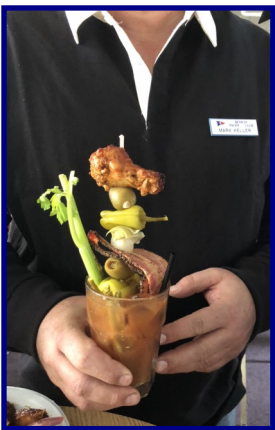
Thanks again to everyone for all of your hard work ... Eve Norman



Open Position: Bookkeeper

We have an urgent need for a new bookkeeper

as Darlene Salvage will be leaving us at the beginning of March. This is a part-time position for three days a week. Hours are flexible. Please contact Faye Cater-Carlisle at fcater@alamedacountyfair.com or 925-200-6197 if you know of anyone who may be interested in this position.



The Bloody Mary Bar

on January 1 was a hit and a welcome addition to our Bring-Your-New-Year-Traditional-Food Potluck. It was a full house—not a empty seat. Not bad considering we were going to be closed that day. This would be nice to add to our planned BYC events. Hosted by Angela & Rich Grigas—Thank You BOTH!



**Just a few pictures from
New Year's Day—a great
way to start 2020!**



Welcome New Members

Evelyne Avrensan



**Kathy Lemke
&
Judy Stiltz**



Membership Dues Owed - The BYC Board is considering publishing a monthly list of members who are past due on paying their quarterly dues. Please pay your dues today!

Committee Chairs - Please review monthly WW Calendar and let us know any date changes before next issue's deadline—event times would be appreciated.

Having an Event at BYC? - Please submit your budget to BYC Board of Directors 60 days prior to the event. Questions? Contact Faye Carlisle.

PLEASE – Wear your name tag—it's helpful for new members and old alike.



Happy 2020! As I leave the Benicia Marina with a list of Cruise-In's scheduled for this year I have the biggest smile on my face. I'm so excited to start welcoming them to our Club. We have 11 already on the calendar and it's only two weeks into the New Year.

Last year a total of 48 Yacht Clubs came to visit. That is a lot and kept me very busy. They all love the cocktails, dinners and company of our members. When they were not enjoying our Club I kept them entertained with all



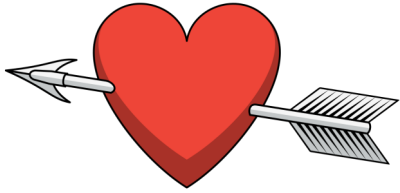
that Benicia has to offer. I worked with Benicia Main Street to keep cruisers informed of all the events happening downtown. Wine walks, treasure hunts, art shows & live music just to name a few. Some of the most special times were enjoyed at Happy Life Pottery and Lindsay Glass, where cruisers made platters and blown-glass ornaments to have as souvenirs from their visit.

This year I plan on keeping them busy again. There have been many times when one of the cruisers' boats breaks down or someone may not have a boat but still wants to enjoy the festivities with their friends and are just not sure where to stay. I've been working with the new owners of The Inn at Benicia Bay. They have been renovating the Inn and will be doing a special package for the cruisers who decide to visit on land. The Inn is only a half block away from the Marina so this works out very well for everyone.

Thank you again for making our Cruise-In guests feel welcome. As always, if you see them at Club, please say hello.

Cheers!
Angela Grigas, Port Captain





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>1st SAT WORK PARTY</u> CRAB FEED!!! 
2	3 BYC CLOSED	4 Trivia Nite Potluck 6:00 pm Questions 6:30 pm	5 International Wednesday Menu	6	7 1st Friday Happy Hour	8
9	10 BYC CLOSED	11 Trivia BYC BOD Meeting 7:00 pm 	12 International Wednesday Menu	13	<div>  </div> 14 BYC Valentine's Cruise-In Vallejo <i>Feb. 14-16</i>	15
16	14 President's Day  BYC CLOSED	18 Trivia Nite Potluck 6:00 pm Questions 6:30 pm	19 BYC General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm 	20	21 Cruise-Out Pittsburg <i>Feb. 21-23</i>	22
	24 BYC CLOSED	25 Trivia Nite Potluck 6:00 pm Questions 6:30 pm	26 International Wednesday Menu	27	28	29