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Call to all Members

Whether a new or longtime member, we are coming into the season for boating and enjoying many annual club events, hopefully COVID-19-free. Of special note to get on your calendar in advance, and make reservations now, are Closing Night/Prime Rib Night (May 6), Opening Day (May 7) and Mother's Day Brunch (May 8). This will be a very busy, high-energy weekend of events. We are also reminding marina tenants and boaters attending Opening Day to dress their boats and celebrate the day. These events are open to all club members and their guests. Please stop by the club office if you have questions about these events or need to get a copy of the 2022 BCYC annual calendar.

Other upcoming events to mark early on your calendar are the Commodore's Ball, rescheduled to July 16, The Gala annual wine event on July 30, and The Gala, a fundraiser for junior sailing, Sept. 10. Showboat, BCYC's annual variety show, Oct. 19-22, is always very entertaining. Although the Commodore's Cruise was cancelled due to the Crystal Cruise bankruptcy, we are focusing on a pre-Clambake club event in August – details will be announced in the near future.

As a reminder, most club committees are open to all members, so if you have any interest in participating, or just want to see what goes on for one meeting, check your calendar and please join in.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - author unknown -



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New Members

BCYC continues to attract new members joining the club, which speaks volumes as to how BCYC is perceived within the sailing/boating community. Each prospective member who I have interviewed tells of how they were told BCYC has great members and of the many opportunities to become involved.

Our newest members will have their BCYC blue nametags and have been encouraged to wear them proudly. Each of us needs to take a moment and introduce ourselves and welcome each new member into the BCYC family. Welcome aboard to Bridget Shaefer, Tom and Kathleen Thacker, and Jason and Michelle Zenk.

**WELCOME TO BCYC
 NEW MEMBERS
 March 2022**





Michelle & Jason
Zenk



Bridget Schaefer



Thomas & Kathleen
Thacker

**The
 Gala**



*Supporting High Achievement
 on the Water*

The new date for The Gala is Sept. 10, 2022. Even though the date has changed, The Gala will still be a fabulous event that you will not want to miss! This unforgettable evening, supporting high achievement on the water, will include live music, gourmet food and silent and live auctions.



Junior Sailing Director
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Great Year

BCYC's Newport Beach Club 420 Team (NB4T) attended the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA) Perry Series #4 at San Diego Yacht Club on April 2-3. This event also served as the Area J Bemis Qualifier to US Sailing's Bemis Double-Handed National Championship, hosted by Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (Macatawa, MI), Aug. 8-12. We had five excellent coaches working with 40 sailors (20 boats), including two from Seattle, plus sailors from Long Beach, Marina del Rey, Newport Beach, San Diego and Santa Barbara who joined our team. NB4T sailors took first through eighth place, and nine of the top 10 places, for another fantastic performance to close out the Perry Series. Overall, BCYC's NB4T took the top five spots and eight of the top 10 spots in the 2021-2022 Perry Series.

Our next event is the C420 National Championship hosted by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, July 8-10. We will prepare for this regatta in hopes of defending our team's 2021 National title.

I think it is worth noting that BCYC and NB4T sailors took first and second place at the SCYYRA North Series in Sabots. And we also took first through fifth at the SCYYRA Perry Series. As far as junior sailboat racing in Southern California, that's a great year!

Perry Series #4 @ SDYC Results:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3wUBq07FOI/results>
Perry Series Results (Cumulative all 4 events):
[SCYYRA Series 2021/2022 \(theclubspot.com\)](https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3wUBq07FOI/results)





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*2022 On-The-Water Cruise Season
Starts NOW!*

Cruise season is on with May being the official start of on-the-water cruising! You don't want to miss the [Catalina Island Yacht Club \(CIYC\)](#) Cruise May 13-15. Friday we will have a lunch spread of deli sandwiches, sides and desserts, and time to enjoy the beautiful and historic CIYC clubhouse. On Saturday, head over to the picturesque [Golf Gardens](#) to participate in the prestigious Konapelsky Miniature Golf Tournament. Stakes are high and the winner of this mini-golf tournament will have their name emblazoned on the Konapelsky perpetual trophy on display in the BCYC trophy case for all to see. After the morning tournament, enjoy lunch in town and then head over to the CIYC clubhouse for happy hour and appetizers, and the golf awards ceremony. Make your reservation by May 4.

The following weekend, May 21-22, join your fellow BCYC cruisers to anchor-up in Newport Harbor for some hometown enjoyment. We will have host boats with snacks, drinks, games and fun for the entire family. Cruise out on Saturday for music and a signature cruise cocktail – look for the BCYC mega cruise burgee to find the fun! See Scott Vernier (scottvernier@me.com) about side ties or hosting a game or snack for this local event. Sign up!

2022 Upcoming Cruiseaplooza Tour Dates

Avalon – Catalina Island Yacht Club • May 13-15

Newport Harbor Raft-Up • May 20-22

Long Beach or Dana Point – TBD • June 24-26

Cat Harbor Clambake and Commodore's Cruise
Aug. 11-14

Emerald Bay • Sept. 23-25

Avalon – Catalina Island Yacht Club – JSC* Cruise
Sept. 30-Oct. 2

(*Junior Staff Commodore Cruise)

We are adding some festive cruise wear merchandise to go along with our Cruiseaplooza Tour so look out for some great shirts, hats and on-the-water gear to add to your BCYC wear collection. We welcome any volunteers or ideas to help make our BCYC cruises the best. Reach out to Julie Granbery or Scott Vernier with ideas!





Cruising



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instructors!



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Ronald McDonald House Charity Update

On Wednesday April 20, several BCYC members met with representatives of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) to discuss moving forward this year with fundraising activities.

Representing BCYC were Staff Commodore Ginny Lombardi; Staff Commodore Barry and Nancy Levy; Secretary Mike Means; Staff Commodore Ted O'Connor; and Jen Pfeiffer. RMHC was represented by Noel Burcelis; Fran and Frank Hill, the couple who started RMHC in Orange County; and Ruth Wu.

Our commitment to RMHC includes the Harbor 20 races on May 22, the ever-popular July 9 Poker Run and the PHRF race on July 10. Make plans to participate in these events to support this important charity.

- Ginny Lombardi, Staff Commodore -



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Reservations Please

May is loaded with exciting activities at the club! Prime Rib and Closing Night are both on Friday, May 6. On Saturday, we usher in the beginning of the yachting season with the Opening Day ceremony and afternoon dock party. Sunday, May 8, we celebrate mothers with the annual Mother's Day brunch from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 10 is the first day of Taco Tuesday, which takes place each Tuesday through Aug. 23. The club opens at 4 p.m. with the fabulous Mexican buffet service starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Cruise Committee has an exciting weekend planned, May 13-15, for the cruise to Catalina Island Yacht Club in Avalon. No need to cook when you return from the island, since the Food and Beverage Committee has the extraordinary Sunday Night Supper planned! The Cruise Committee has also planned a Newport Harbor raft-up and harbor cruise on May 20-22. This will be lots of on-the-water fun.

BCYC will host the Ronald MacDonalD Charity Regatta on Sunday, May 22. Watch for eblasts, the Weekly Update and club website for additional information!

The Columbia Room will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Memorial Day. Make sure to call the club office to make reservations for any or all these great activities. We hope to see you there!





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*Celebrations
at BCYC*

May is one of our busiest months of the year for the Activities Committee. On Friday, May 6, BCYC will hold its annual Closing Night ceremony, starting at 6 p.m. You will not want to miss this event. We'll honor the Steering Committee chairs, who will also be available to meet BCYC members in person. And come for Prime Rib Night at 5 p.m., for which reservations are required.

On Saturday, May 7, we will celebrate Opening Day, when we honor our officers and directors. If you are unable to attend either event, both will be streamed live on our Facebook page at @BCYClub.

Following these two fun-filled days celebrating the club, we will honor mothers at our annual Mother's Day brunch May 8, starting at 10 a.m. This is the perfect time to show our moms just how much we love and support them. If you have not made reservations, please call the club to see if there are any available openings.

The Activities Committee's next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions regarding our committee, please contact chair Artesha Harvey at bcyactivities@gmail.com

TRADITIONS
of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

Closing Night

On the night before Opening Day, the commodore delivers the news that there is "fog in the harbor, icebergs have been spotted, and I officially close the club for the yachting season."

Opening Day

Against a colorful backdrop of code flags decorating the clubhouse, docks and boats, a cannoneer fires off the canon, signaling the start of Opening Day and the traditional boating season. This special celebration brings together BCYC members, sailors, guests and visiting dignitaries, and will proceed as follows:

- The presentation of the Color Guard, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and Star-Spangled Banner
- Introductions of the Staff Commodores, directors, Junior Board of Directors, club officers and Las Commodoras officers
- Honor individuals in uniform and those who have served our country
- Remember members who have embarked on their last voyage by ringing eight bells
- Introduce and thank representatives of visiting yacht clubs for their support of BCYC and the yachting community
- A water cannon display by the Newport Beach Harbor Patrol to celebrate BCYC's Opening Day
- Celebrations in the clubhouse and with dock parties

*A Note from our
Chaplain . . .*

*"A mother is
she who can
take the place
of all others,
but whose place
no one else can take."*

Cardinal Mermillo

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Spicy and Progressive

We kept it spicy in April, hosting our first annual Chili Cook-Off. Eleven teams participated in this fun and tasty event. From the creative themes, amazing decor and delicious chili, everyone brought their “A” game. Over 100 members attended and voted on their favorites. Chef Georges Rapicault added his expertise to the judging with the Chef’s Choice awards. Huge thanks to Junior Staff Commodore Rhonda Tolar for her vision and chairing this event. Special thanks to the Las Commodoras Board of Directors for donating raffle items and assistance. We all had a blast and were thrilled with everyone’s support of this event.

Las Commodoras looks forward to welcoming members at Opening Day. We’ll be there wearing our red jackets, ready to enthusiastically celebrate our club.

Our next event will take place on Thursday, June 17. We’re bringing back the member favorite, Progressive Luncheon. Save the date and RSVP as this event has limited spots and will fill up quickly.

Lastly, I have to share just how grateful I am for everyone’s support of our events this year. I hope you all are enjoying them as much as we are, and we have so much more to come! Thank you ❤️

Members Choice – Chili Cook-Off Winners

- Best Chili - “Chaps and Chili”
 EB Barden, Susan and Rich Barden, Jane Fallon, Lynn Hackman, Carl Jones, Paul Secard
- Best Overall Table Decor - “The Real Housewives of BCYC”
 Shane and Rebecca Corbin, Mike and Lori Curtin, Lisa Morris
- Best Food - “Texas Means Chili”
 Secretary Mike Means and Nancy and Family
- Best Cocktail - “Moroccan Chili” Ian and Nesrine Hardy

Chef Georges Choice – Chili Cook-Off Winners

- Best Chili - “Texas Means Chili”
 Secretary Mike Means and Nancy and Family
- Best Cocktail - “All American Chili”
 Barbara Eden, Tara and Jon Kraushaar
- Best Theme - “Moroccan Chili” Ian and Nesrine Hardy
- Best Appetizer - “Taco Tuesday Girls”
 Rhonda Tolar, Mary Kay Whelan, Jennifer Pfeiffer and Simone Pfeiffer
- Best Overall Table - “Chaps and Chili”
 EB Barden, Susan and Rich Barden, Jane Fallon, Lynn Hackman, Carl Jones, Paul Secard



Team Hot Shots



Team All American



Team Means Chili



Team Tailgate

Team Moroccan

BCYC NEWS CHANNEL
EPISODE NUMBER 3
COVERING THE CHILI COOK-OFF



Team Real Housewives of BCYC



Team Taco Tuesday Girls



Team Chaps and Chili



Team Junior Board



Team Not My Mother's Chili



Team Captain's Choice

DID YOU KNOW ?

Important Stuff

Did you know that there are safety-striped speed bumps in the parking lot? They are intended to have a calming effect and support the safety of our members walking to their cars, along with all the young sailors who sometimes populate our parking lot.



Did you know that our Food and Beverage Committee has decided to make Sunday Night Suppers (SNS) a club event? This means your reservation must be canceled three (3) or more club open days prior to the event to avoid a cancellation charge. Lately, several members on the wait list have been unable to attend SNS while other members did not attend and didn't cancel their reservation.

Did you know that our club operations have still been unable to fill all the needed shifts? This applies to the Columbia Room, Dining Room and kitchen. Presently, we are utilizing temps in all areas. You can help us by making reservations whenever possible.

Meet The Staff

Sara Riley, Server

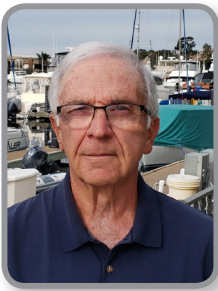


Meet Sara Riley, one of our food and beverage team members. Sara has served our members and guests for nearly five years, during which, she has gotten to know many of our members and guests, and their favorites from the bar and kitchen! When not at BCYC, Sara serves diners at Sapori on Bayside Drive during the week.

Sara worked at BCYC throughout the pandemic and assisted in serving members by delivering takeout meals to cars in our parking lot, as well as cleaning and sanitizing the clubhouse. She grew up in Pasadena and Seal Beach and graduated from Los Alamitos High School. She now lives in Huntington Beach with three roommates, a dog, four cats, a turtle and a fish. In her leisure time, Sara enjoys gardening, including spider plants, succulents and vegetables to name a few. She also has a keen interest in photography and looks forward to spending more time perfecting this hobby.

Sara enjoys being a valued BCYC team member and finds our members "helpful and respectful, and has made several long-term friends through the club." If you have not met Sara, introduce yourself the next time you see her in the Columbia Room or Dining Room. She enjoys getting to know our members!





Sail Fleet Captain
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Good Fun

Looking for a cheap night out? How does \$3.13 sound for a few hours with friends? That's the cost of one Taco Tuesday race. Where else in Newport Beach...or anyplace else...can you spend so little for so much good fun?

Of course, the endless Mexican buffet adds to the good fun. I can remember when two people could enjoy two meals for less than \$20. Now it's more than double...which makes the price for the buffet such a great deal...and no dishes to wash. Taco Tuesdays begin May 10.



A Good Cause

The Charity Regatta for Harbor 20s is May 22, and is in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Charity Regatta for PHRF is July 10. Every Ronald McDonald House is a safe haven that provides all the comforts of home, plus the compassion and hospitality of staff, volunteers and other families. The Orange County house is .4 miles from Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). So, let's go all out and support RMHC. It's a good cause. Sign up for the Harbor 20 Charity Regatta at [Charity Regatta – BCYC Racing](#).

Here are some good hints to improve your race performance:

- Look at the weather websites to understand which direction the wind will be strongest, and if the wind shifts later in the day (it almost always does)
- Read the Sailing Instructions – this means everyone
- Photograph the course board to be sure you sail the correct course
- Locate and follow the winners in your class as they go through the start sequence and as they sail the course
- Skipper...steer the boat. Crew...talk to the skipper about what you see (boats tacking, spinnakers being hoisted, etc.)

Taco Tuesday



Vice Commodore
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Junior Sailing - A
Brief Overview

Although there are many activities and programs at BCYC, probably one of the most important, but least understood, is the junior sailing program. When this program was developed many years ago, its basic premise was to educate, teach and develop young mariners to love the sport of sailing, as well as provide them with the tools to become world class racers. Needless to say, the program has achieved those lofty goals and continues even stronger today. Junior sailing consists of a multitude of programs, including Camp Corinthian, Sabot and Novice Racing, Junior Mariners and NB4T, to name just a few. BCYC Spring Sailing is presently underway and going strong, and our sailors consistently show success on the race course, placing at the top of the podium both at local Sabot regattas as well as national 420 regattas across the nation. The BCYC Junior Program has become one of the most sought-after sailing programs in the country and some would argue that our program is already the top program in the United States.

As we approach summer, we have had incredible interest in our Starfish program (for kids ages five to seven) and Novice program (for kids age eight plus) with each program selling out in 24 hours and resulting in a wait list to participate. The momentum and excitement of our sailing programs leading up to Camp Corinthian, our summer program, is palpating! All these programs are managed by Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer, along with his staff of superb coaches and assistants. Many of these incredibly talented coaches are returning from last year, while some of the coaching applicants are from overseas. This speaks volumes about our program with the core group of coaches returning, augmented by coaches from abroad. BCYC junior sailing continues to see growth and success across all aspects of the program, thanks to all involved, particularly the involved BCYC junior parents. You can learn much more by visiting the BCYC web site and clicking on the Junior Sailing button. Also, when you have a moment, take the time to go talk to Aubrey at his office by the pool patio and learn more about our junior sailing program.



2022 CAMP CORINTHIAN
BCYC Summer Junior Sailing Program



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The Competition is Heating Up!

Members and guests have been joining and scoring in April. One team, The Bikini Babes, are formidable competitors and the top team to watch out for. We also welcome teams Pura Vida-Pork Chop Express, Team Leigh, and Happy Pappy to the tournament. Check out all the anglers, teams, and boats at our [Anglers page](#) and join in. Lorie and I had a great day fishing just around the east end of Catalina last month, catching tons of bass and three beautiful red rockfish. Director Stuart and Terri Leigh also trolled in Newport Harbor.

With the warm water pushing north, the halibut are biting, and everything from yellow tail, tuna and mahi mahi have begun coming up from Mexican waters. The Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race (N2E) has been completed, and if any of those boats trolled a feather, they would have caught plenty of fish! Just outside of Avalon there are plenty of bass, rockfish, and bonito waiting to yank on your line, and with a little dedication and a lot of luck, white seabass are chomping at the squid all around the island.

In conjunction with the upcoming CIYC Avalon Cruise, we will be running daily, local fishing excursions aboard *Shootist* with our guide. To book a spot you must [join the tournament](#) to participate. Use the QR Code below or as displayed in the Columbia Room and club bulletin board. Don't forget to get your fishing license!

What's That Fish?
Sign up and send your answer to Angling@BCYC.org
by June 1 and score tournament points!





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A portrait of Rolf J. Rolnicki, a personal injury lawyer, in an office setting. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. Behind him is a bookshelf with several books and a clock.



N2E Kick Off Party





**75th Newport to Ensenada
International Yacht Race
April 22, 2022**

RACE RESULTS - BCYC ENTRIES

Skipper	Class	Finish	Result
Larry Bjork	Cruz Non-Spin A	Ensenada	7th place
Steve Brown	PHRF UL B	Ensenada	7th place
Mark Jensen	Cruz Spin A	Ensenada	8th place
Rossen/Whitley	PHRF UL & DH*	Ensenada	1st place-both
Terry Schneider	PHRF Spin B	Dana Point	DNC
Thornley/Nistor	PHRF Race B	Ensenada	10th place

*Also racing in double-handed class

**Rossen and Whitley receiving
their first place trophies**



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When Tragedy Strikes

Dealing with a tragedy or trauma in life can be painful, confusing and overwhelming. You can reach out to BCYC for assistance. Providing information to the club that is disseminated to the membership can help members know how to respond. People want to help, but also don't want to interfere with the family's privacy or wishes.

What can BCYC do for you? In the event a member passes away, the club can send an eblast notifying all members. The request to do this must come from a family member or someone very close to the member.

The notification can include the wishes of the family such as: "Please respect the family's privacy at this time" or "cards and/or emails are/are not acceptable at this time." The information provided will help members help you and not intrude on your privacy.

Another situation is when a member becomes very ill. It is difficult to keep everyone informed on a day-to-day basis, but there are sites available to help with this such as Caring Bridge (caringbridge.com). These sites let concerned friends view your posts, keeps them informed and you aren't overwhelmed with responding to individual inquiries.

BCYC is a large group of friends who want to help each other in good, as well as bad times. Members have been recipients of food when needed, as well as transportation appointments, babysitting and pet sitting, to name a few. Some people want and need all of the support they can get, while others want to be left alone.

If you are in need of assistance, reach out and let BCYC and our membership lend a hand.

- Staff Commodores Ginny Lombardi and Jerry Shandera -



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Moving Forward

The month of May is upon us and we enter our fifth month of 2022 on a good run. Though some struggles still linger regarding staffing, Chef Georges Rapicault is filling the vacancies where possible and finding solutions to keep the kitchen delivering the quality of food we all enjoy and are accustomed to. Food and Beverage for the month of February, 2022, outpaced February of 2021 by 59 percent. We are anticipating that each month moving forward, BCYC can continue with positive year-to-year results.

The Sunday Night Supper events have been successful, due to member support, and we thank each of you. We try and mix the selections with the hope that what is presented will satisfy the varying tastes of BCYC members. Our "Chowda House Dinner" in March met with enormous success and was another sellout. However, we ask that members please keep their reservations. The "member event" designation will be assigned to Sunday Night Suppers when the menu features prime selections of cuts of beef and/or fish. When a dining reservation has been made and there is a no-show without a cancellation at least three or more club days open (e.g. not later than Thursday before SNS), BCYC will charge the member for not appearing. With the continuing increases to the cost of food, especially on premium items, BCYC cannot afford to purchase and prepare meals for a set number of reservations only to experience empty tables. Thank you for your understanding of this issue.

The club recently introduced a new menu design, presentation materials and some added menu items. May is also a busy month at BCYC, including Closing Night/Prime Rib Night, Opening Day, Mother's Day, Sunday Omelet Express and two Friday Night Live music events. The May 15 Sunday Night Supper will feature a Margaritaville theme!

MAKE RESERVATIONS.....NOT DINNER

Editor's Note: *Grand Finale* is a 2007 59' Grand Banks Aleutian class that was purchased by Staff Commodore Kenny and Wendy Rozak in June, 2021 in Connecticut. After cruising the New England waters of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York last summer, they began a journey down the east coast on Oct. 18, 2021. They have spent the last four months on Hilton Head Island, SC and are now headed south into Florida where they have a slip reserved for a month in Jupiter.



Captain Kenny

East Coast Trip on *Grand Finale*

After leaving Cape May, New Jersey, on Nov. 16, we headed north in Delaware Bay for the C & D Canal. (The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal connects the Delaware River with upper Chesapeake Bay and was completed in 1829). Delaware Bay transitions into the Delaware River just south of the C & D Canal. We entered the canal around 2 p.m. and headed west for approximately 10 miles, until arriving in Chesapeake City, Maryland. We spent the night side-tied to large pilings, had a wonderful dinner at a restaurant fronting the canal and watched tugs, barges and ships pass throughout the night.

Up early the next morning, we departed our side-tie on the pier for the approximately 65 mile run to Annapolis, Maryland. It was a cold morning, but no wind and the sun was out. The tide was rolling with us, so after a 10-knot cruising speed start and looking at the beautiful homes while having breakfast, we pushed the throttles up and ran past the Patapsco River leading northwest to Baltimore around



C&D Canal

noon. It was a beautiful day with no water on the windshield. THEN, around 2 p.m., the incredible Chesapeake Bay Bridge came into view. At just under five miles long, this incredible engineering feat spans the Chesapeake Bay, connecting the east and west coasts of Maryland from Annapolis to Maryland's eastern shore. A slow approach into Annapolis found us at Annapolis Yacht Club, where the dockmaster guided us to our slip directly in front of the yacht club. Wow, what a destination. The Annapolis Yacht Club is fortunate to have an incredible location with only a seven-minute walk to historical downtown Annapolis and the United States Naval Academy. We ventured off the boat around 3:30 p.m., walking downtown and facing a cold headwind that was making it less than comfortable, *nothing* like Newport Beach. It was now seven days until Thanksgiving and holiday decorations filled the streets and storefronts. It was beautiful! When we passed the Helly-Hansen store with their cold weather gear, I told Wendy I might buy something there; the next day I had a beautiful, warm, waterproof jacket.



Annapolis, MD

Our BCYC membership allowed us to use the Annapolis Yacht Club for the period of time we were there. A two-minute walk to the club from the boat, it provided us with ample food and drink, with outstanding views during our stay. The owner of the Baltimore Ravens keeps his yacht, *Winning Drive*, in the marina. We spent Sunday on a guided tour of the United States Naval Academy. The actual second plane the Wright Brothers built hangs from the rafters of Assembly Hall. We asked why a group of a dozen or so academy students were marching in circles in full dress including rifles on a Sunday afternoon. Our guide replied this was disciplinary action for bad behavior. I thought to myself, "that could be Kenny."

We rented a car Monday morning and were planning to drive to Washington, DC, but decided against it after being warned of potential traffic nightmares. Instead, we drove across the Chesapeake Bay bridge to explore St. Michaels,



which we enjoyed very much. What I did not enjoy so much was the driving trip over the Chesapeake Bay bridge, the longest and highest bridge I have traveled. I cannot imagine the five-mile trip on a commute in the middle of winter with wind, snow, ice and huge semi-trucks. Now, with Thanksgiving only three days away, our plan had been to spend Thanksgiving in a cozy restaurant in Annapolis. Things changed very quickly when I received a text from our weather routing service (WRI) stating that two storms were moving up the east coast and we need to start moving south if we are to make Norfolk, VA by Dec. 1. Oh well, off to Whole Foods Market Tuesday morning in Annapolis to find more masked shoppers than we have seen in a long time. We were buying our Thanksgiving dinner, now knowing it was going to be on the boat, but not yet sure where.



Underway early Wednesday from Annapolis, we headed south in the Chesapeake Bay ahead of the storm and now headed for Solomon Island, still in Maryland. Weather was good for the 43-mile jaunt. Most people don't realize, but the Chesapeake Bay is relatively shallow by west coast standards. We were running in only 30-50 feet of water most of the time around five miles off the western shore. We were scheduled to arrive at Safe Harbor Zahniser's marina around 3:30 p.m. and we did just that. What stands out in my mind about Solomon Island at this point was the main salon television problem as we tried to watch the evening news – it was not working! The pit in my stomach worsened realizing we were still 700 miles from Hilton Head Island, SC, our destination, with the possibility of watching *no college or pro football games* while on board. Further, *don't even think* about finding a Best Buy in this neck of the woods. Fortunately,

and to my relief, Wendy had the problem diagnosed and resolved in short order. We had the best dinner that night at a brand-new restaurant in the marina.

Thanksgiving morning was sunny, very cold, but fortunately, again not windy. Keeping our fingers crossed that the 49-mile trek to Deltaville, VA would remain calm was what we were hoping for, and that's what happened. While traveling, we would have a light breakfast after getting underway, then Wendy would have a great lunch prepared around noon. Today was no different, but we had pro football games on in the salon in the background! By midafternoon, an incorrectly-entered waypoint found us at the wrong marina. My fault – correction was made and by 4 p.m. we were secure on the long dock at Dozier's Regatta Point Marina in lovely Deltaville, VA. Ha, ha, we were literally miles from *anything* in this red-neck town. The marina had a "beater truck" they offered to let us use, but they were closed Thursday and Friday. Oh well, Wendy made a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and right after, the wind started to *blow and blow and blow for three straight days, all day and all night*, with 30 knots at the dock. It was cold so any thought of traveling to Norfolk was now out of the question for a few days. We picked up the marina beater truck at noon on Saturday and drove into lovely downtown Deltaville for lunch. We decided to stop at the second dive bar we saw and give it try. It was actually very fun! See attached pic.

Although small craft advisories were still up Sunday morning, Nov. 28 showed those advisories were being downgraded from the previous gale warning, and our weather routing service indicated things were improving, though far from perfect. We decided to make a run to Norfolk.

As we needed to watch the tides on this departure, we left the marina around 10 a.m. for the 53-mile trip to Norfolk, the southernmost point in the Chesapeake. The trip started out very bumpy, but then laid down nicely. We passed Cape Charles, headed into the,-- James River, then southbound into the Elizabeth River channel and past the *incredible* Naval Station Norfolk, the largest concentration of armed forces in the U.S. We were enroute to the beautiful Waterside Marina where we had a slip reserved and would end this segment of the trip and fly home to Newport Beach. Next month, I will write about our 550-mile trip down the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to our slip on Hilton Head Island, where we are today.

- Staff Commodore Kenny and Wendy Rozak -



Upcoming club events will be publicized in *The Masthead*, Weekly Update, on the website, social media, eboard at the club and in special eblasts.

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Event Highlights in May

Closing Night Event

Friday, May 6

Closing ceremony begins at 6 p.m. on the Compass Rose

Prime Rib Buffet starts at 5 p.m.
Reservations Required



This is a club event
Call the office for reservations
949-644-9530

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

Opening Day 2022 Program
Saturday, May 7 • start time 2 p.m.

Welcome from
Jr. Staff Commodore Rhonda Tolar

Presentation of Colors

Parade of Staff Commodores
with bagpiper

Dock Parties after Ceremony

Columbia Room open
after the ceremony

Opening Day will be for members and their guests.

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Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

Sunday, May 8

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Reservations every half hour

Adults \$48++

Kids (5-11 yrs.) \$24++

(Children 4 & under are free)

RESERVATIONS
NOW OPEN

Contact the office
949-644-9530

WHISKEY WEDNESDAY

4-8 P.M.

With your choice of mixture



Jefferson's Ocean Aged Small Batch
Wyoming Whiskey
Rabbit Hole Kentucky Bourbon
Wyoming Outrider Whiskey
Suntory Whiskey
Rittenhouse US Rye

\$5++

Join us in the
Columbia Room



COME ENJOY THE Taco Tuesday Monster Buffet

EVERY TUESDAY
FROM

MAY 10 - AUGUST 23, 2022

5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

ADULTS

\$18

(inclusive)



KIDS

\$12

(inclusive)

Age 12 & under

FRIDAY NIGHT

live



HAPPY HOUR
and
COLUMBIA ROOM MENU
4-8 p.m.

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
6-8 p.m.

May 13
Andrea Miller



LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
6-8 p.m.

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