

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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photo: Rey Neville

Tapas on the Docks celebrants on Easy Street. Fun, games and excitement everywhere.

Tapas was tops!!!

What a party. Tapas, hors d'oeuvres or snacks, were in abundance on every dock. As we rang the ancient camel bell the gang headed off from Dave and Diane's registration desk to sequentially visit the docks. Right behind the swarm of sailors were Gary (Luttrell) and his other brother Gary (Vogel) pulling dock carts filled with refreshing beverages.

On every dock we found folks had "dressed ship" and made their boat available for boarding. Oooh's and aaah's were heard as partying dock crawlers emerged from the companionways of the visited yachts.

Enthusiasm ran high as revelers enjoyed the fun and games on Easy Street with residents sporting Easy Street tee shirts and "mast to mast" banners marking this as a "happening" spot.

After reaching Margaritaville, and everyone had an opportunity to taste the plentiful tapas and view the open boats, Gary and Lila Luttrell presented the attendance prizes. Karen Kraft won with the grand prize — a cornucopia of elegant food and beverages packaged an attractive basket. Other prizes were won one of three of Gary Luttrell's art photographs and from West Marine, a knot book and zippered bag.

The party atmosphere lasted well into the evening with camaraderie and friendship in abundance. Everyone was heard saying that we should do this again next year and thanking Gary and Lila for putting on one great party.

4th of July fun: Fireworks at the Dam and Shed Fest

The first event on July 3rd is the raft-up at the Dam in cove 1 to view the fireworks "up close and personal." Many folks will be staying the night, but that is not a requirement. The fireworks start at dusk and the cove is a popular spot so plan accordingly.

We plan to have a potluck on the water, so bring something to share that is easily passed from boat to boat. Then lean back, dine al fresco, relax and view fireworks practically overhead - if they are fired from the same location as last year.

Then on Sunday plan on attending the 2nd Annual 4th of July Shed Fest put on by Bolder Marina featuring a pig roast and live music. All are invited and admission is free - but participants are requested to make a contribution to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. See the attached flyer for details.

Time is fast running out to make Big Fat Greek Dinner reservations

The BYC Big Fat Greek Dinner hosted by Susan and John Carnasiotis is coming Saturday, July 10th. If you have never sampled the fabulous Greek food John and Susan lovingly make from scratch, you are in for a fantastic treat. But, reservations must be in by **Monday, July 5th**. Everything is homemade so there can be no exceptions to the reservation requirement. Likewise, we will be unable to accept any walk-ups. So, get your reservations in - we hope to see you there. If you decide at the last moment, you can call Dave Commens (636) 441-7880 with your reservation - but be sure to mail the reservation form and the check.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat July 3 Fireworks at the Dam - raft-up and potluck
- Sun July 4..... 2nd Annual Shed Fest
- Sat July 10..... The Greek Party
- Sat July 31..... Moonlight Regatta at CYC
- Sat Aug 7 On-the-Water Party
- Sat Aug 21..... Renshaw Race & Potluck Dinner
- Sat Aug 28 Midnight Fun Race

NOTE: FALL RACING SCHEDULE TO BE REVISED

***For complete schedule see the web site**

NEW BYC MEMBERS

A SPECIAL WELCOME!!

**Bill Rathbun & Pam McBride, Orca, Jost Van Dock
Todd & Deanna Schroeder & Samantha & Charlotte**

BYC membership is looking forward to meeting all of you and sharing our great times at Boulder with you!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

What a fabulous party Gary and Lila Luttrell put on Saturday. It was fun and interesting to visit the other docks, sample some great food and have a chance to see other boats and how captains and crew have outfitted and decorated them. The feedback I have gotten is that members want to make a dock party an annual event. I completely agree with them. This party gave us a great opportunity to get better acquainted with members on other docks, have a lot of fun and get some great ideas we can use for our own boats. On top of that, the docks look splendid. Boats were in found in Bristol condition with pennants, flags, burgees flying everywhere. It was a delightfully festive atmosphere - many thanks to our party hosts and to all the captains and crews for contributing to make this great party.

Speaking of parties, don't forget to sign up for the Big Fat Greek Dinner hosted by John and Susan Carnasiotis. This is a gastronomical event not to be missed. The flyer is attached and available on the web site.

This weekend we will have our Independence Day fire-

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photo: Rey Neville

Tapas on the Docks. Good food, good drinks, good fellowship in abundance.

works raft—up in Cove 1. Our experience in past years was phenomenal. The fireworks seemed as if they were directly overhead. It was a spectacular display. If you plan to attend, early arrival is recommended and don't forget to bring something to share.

On Sunday come on by and have some pig and music at the Shed Fest put on by Dennis and Stuart. Although attendance is free, they are asking for donations to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - great idea and it looks to be great fun.

Commendations are in order for the marina management team. The new pump-out works fast, easily and flawlessly. It really is *really* fast. Thanks from all of us who could barely push the cart up the hill. No comments about the volume in the cart — please.

Our activities are functioning quite well this year. Of course it could not happen without the dedicated efforts of volunteers who step forward and take a leadership role in making our



Photo: Parks Smith

A breezy day on Carlyle. *Lady Rosetta* and *Water Music* in Race 3.

club more enjoyable. If you have a chance, please give these dedicated sailors a big thank you. Without them, Boulder would just not be the same.

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Last month I wrote how pleased I was that *Serenity* was in the water, painted, rigged, and cleaned (more or less). I was very happy to be ready in time for the Leukemia Cup Regatta, sailed on Memorial Day weekend, which turned out to be exciting for more than one reason. Our new (slightly used) headsail was terrific, my mast—tuning job was adequate, and, unlike some other years, there was plenty of wind. If not for several egregious tactical errors on my part, we might have done better in the two Saturday races. After a fine dinner and party that Saturday night, Sunday's forecast was a little ominous. Eventually the Sunday race was abandoned due to high winds, but my Sunday crew, Bob Weber, and I went for a little sail anyway. We had a fantastic time, sailing in 30-plus knot winds (a rough guess, since I have no wind instruments), and hitting 8.4 knots on the fun-meter. To power-boaters and multi-hull sailors 8 knots may not seem like much, but I knew *Serenity's* approximate hull speed of 6.7 knots. How then were we doing more than 8 knots? Was my knot meter a huge liar or were we really surfing a (nearly) 11,000-pound boat downwind, with only a half-furled jib and no main? I know which story I prefer to tell. This is pretty exciting stuff for Carlyle Lake.

When the wind continued to build, and the boat began to get

a little squirrely, we headed back to the dock. Not long after tying up, we saw two different funnel clouds form off to the west. As I mentioned, the weekend was exciting for more than one reason. Neither cloud came close to Boulder, but I was very glad to have *Serenity* tied up in her slip.

I am telling this story because it highlighted to me how much I can learn every time I go sailing. First, on Saturday, I made mistakes in the race, but learned several things. Specifically, how I need to plan ahead and make an early decision about ducking a starboard-tack boat closing at over six knots while on port (Oops!). Second, on Sunday, Bob suggested a different way of handling the wind than I would have thought to try, and it worked very well. Bob also steered *Serenity* downwind, riding the crests of waves longer than I thought possible. Bob gives sailing lessons on his boat, *Ruba*. I learned some things from Bob that day on my boat, but don't tell him, he might charge me. One of the great things about sailing is that no matter how much you think you know there is always plenty to learn. And last I learned (again); don't take the weather for granted.

Between work and fatherhood (Ted is now 19 pounds!), I haven't been out to the lake quite as much as last year. But if you see me, stop by *Serenity*. I can sell you some BYC apparel (we have a great selection), or I can tell you all about sailing *Serenity* in big winds. By then I may tell the story with 50 knots of wind and 10 knots of boat speed.

See you on the lake,

Bob Bender
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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

June has been a wonderful sailing month at Carlyle Lake with lots of wind, pleasant nights, exciting racing, nice parties and just plain fun! On Father's Day many sailors had their families with them and it's great seeing parents, children, grandchildren having a happy family day on the lake.

We now have **107** BYC memberships comprising of approximately 212 adults and many children.

Welcome new members for June:

Bill Rathbun & Pam McBride, Orca, Jost Van Dock

Todd & Deanna Schroeder & Samantha & Charlotte

Note: If you have not received your BYC Membership Cards or your Yachting Club of America Reciprocal Courtesy Card please contact me either by e-mail or phone and I will be happy to promptly mail them to you. Also, we ask that you review the BYC Membership Roster to ensure your information is correct. If it is not, once again e-mail or phone me with the corrections.

Yo Ho Yo Ho, It's a Pirates Life for me!! See you at the lake.

Dave Commens
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FROM THE RACE CHAIR

Although the racing season has gotten off to a slow start this year, we have had some very good races the last couple of weeks.

The first race of the Spring Series took place on May 22nd. The wind and lake conditions were brisk – 15 to 20 knot winds with 3 to 4 foot waves. Parks Smith stood in as committee boat. *Water Music* followed by *Desperado* and *Lady Rosetta* took first place. *Casa Cita* did not finish because of running hard aground. Dennis Smith did a great job of heeling *Casa Cita* over enough to get the boat afloat. Congratulations to our Commodore Rey Neville and crew for winning the first BYC race this season.

The second and third regular BYC Spring Series races were held on Sunday, June 13th. These were actually make-up races for races that were previously cancelled. Eight boats participated in these races.

The first race of the day got underway with about a 10-knot breeze from the Southeast and smooth water. It was an Olympic Modified 210 degree starboard course. *Desperado* nailed the start but *Rascal* took an early lead. At the 3rd mark rounding, one of the boats hit the mark and tore it loose from its anchor. The mark then proceeded to drift toward the railroad

tracks. By the time *Rascal* finished the first leeward leg, the mark was in dangerously shallow water. It looked as though the race would have to be abandoned after the lead boat had already sailed more than 5 miles when Parks Smith saved the day by suggesting that Erik Eaves drop one of his red fenders on an anchor to serve as a mark. This worked very well and the race was completed. Garen Miller did a great job of passing most of the fleet on his first race with BYC. On corrected time, *Rascal* finished first followed by *October Breeze* and *Desperado*.

After the first race, Dennis Smith arranged to have the mark retrieved and used his own anchor to hold it in place. This damaged mark held up for the second race.

The wind and waves came up for the second race. It used the same course as the first race. This race was led by *October Breeze* from start to finish. The first 4 boats were very close together throughout most of the race. There were some exciting mark roundings and several changes in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions. The corrected time finish order was *October Breeze* first, *Casa Cita* second and *Déjà Vu* third.

We are in the process of changing our Fall schedule to free-up the weekend of September 18th because several BYC boats will sail the *Whale of a Sail* this year. The updated schedule will be posted on the BYC web site and covered in the first Fall Series skippers' meeting.

We have our last 2 Spring Series make-up races coming up on July 10th. We have several special racing events and the beginning of the Fall series in August.

We would *really* like to see more boats at our races. The Renshaw Regatta and the Midnight Fun race in August provide a great opportunity for new racers to begin racing or some not so new racers to get back into racing. The other clubs on the lake have much higher turnouts for these types of races. I think it would be good for BYC to have more boats come out for the specialty races.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the lake!

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LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA NEWS

The Leukemia Cup Regatta was held over Memorial Day weekend at CSA. Through the joint fund-raising efforts of BYC, CSA, CYC and Tradewinds YC \$40,000.00 was raised. All of the funds stay in St. Louis and four researchers at Washington University and one at St. Louis University receive grants from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, partially funded by these efforts.

Fund-raisers competed for a variety of prizes and trophies.



The top fund-raiser raised \$7,000.

Top Fund Raiser - Bob Mc Laughlin

Second Place - Judd Worley

Third Place - Tom Aquino

Top Fund Raising Boats:

1 - 2 Person Crew - Nelson Laffey

3 - 4 Person Crew - Tom Aquino

5 - 6 Person Crew - *Martha J* (Judd Worley)

7+ - *Desire* (Bob McLaughlin)

CYC won the Krieger's Plaque for the most money raised by a club.

Efforts to fund-raise continue year round for individuals, boats and their crews, and by the four clubs on Carlyle. Sailors from Valley Sailing Association (on Alton Lake) joined us again this year and one of them was a top fund-raiser in his category.

In addition to events such as the Maying Party hosted by Alan Stewart and Karen Kraft which raised over \$400 thanks to the generosity of those attending and to BYC, as there were a number of BYC members who registered their boats as a contribution to LLS and did not enter the races. Thanks to registered supporters of the LCR: Rey and Mary Neville, Dave and Diane Commens, Bob Bender, Bob Weber, Rick Efthim, Parks Smith, Erik Eaves and Bob Howard.

Thanks to the Seises, the Gates', and the Lutrells for their non-racing support.

As you may have read in the last Bits, Rick Efthim very generously donated his winning half of a very sizeable 50/50 held at a Tradewinds fund-raiser. Rey Neville's design

was a winner again this year and is featured on the t-shirts (a few still available for purchase) and on the skipper bags.

The next issue of *Bits* will have a list of fund-raising ideas that have been utilized by Leukemia Cup Regatta fund-raisers nationwide. So many wonderful and generous people have responded with cash, checks, merchandise, goods, services and the reward we receive from this is when THEY thank US for asking them, or providing them a vehicle, to be part of working toward finding the cure for leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers.

Thank you BYC for again enthusiastically responding to the LCR. The \$40,000 raised this year represents a significant 20% increase over last year's total. The entire committee (Rick Bernstein, Bonnie DiMercurio, Pam Wheeler, Karen Schwartz) has already begun to plan next year's LCR, which will be held at CSA over the Memorial Day weekend.

Karen Schwartz

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2004 LEUKEMIA CUP Division Race Winners

Spinnaker

Terry Burke, Topnotch, J-80

John Huhn, Katana, J-105

Tom Wyman, Northstar, J-24

Non-spinnaker, Low PHRF

Mark Schnitzler, Foghorn

Chuck Alyea, Bullet

Joan Hall, RJ

Non-spinnaker, High PHRF

Bob Lischer, Yankee

Bob Levin, Mean Machine

Phil Holland, Spitfire

San Juan 21

Cal Guthrie

Bill Coullson

Ford Miller

Buccaneer

Jim Irwin

Dwayne Springer

Low Portsmouth Rating

Nick Beckman, Lightning

Ian Schillebeeck, Lightning

High Portsmouth Rating

Comet, #4011

Bill Clark, Flying Scot, #5270

Comet, #4089

Open Catamaran

Mike Hill

Dave Stahl

Tom Paoli

Hobie 18

Denny Taylor

Dave Leimback

Joe Leonard

EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is July 15, 2004. Please submit articles to Ken Schowe, brumbear@earthlink.net. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

Wild Nights!

By Emily Dickinson

Wild Nights! Wild Nights!

Were I with thee,

Wild Nights should be

Our luxury!

Futile the winds

To a heart in port, --

Done with the compass,

Done with the chart!

Rowing in Eden!

Ah! the sea!

Might I but moor

To-night in Thee!



BYC BIG FAT GREEK DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2004

6:00 P.M.

BOULDER CLUB HOUSE

HOSTED BY: SUSAN HAASE AND JOHN CARNASIOTIS

MENU*

PITA WITH TZATZIKI & HUMMUS

CHEESE/OLIVES

STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES

SPINACH PIE

PASTITSIO

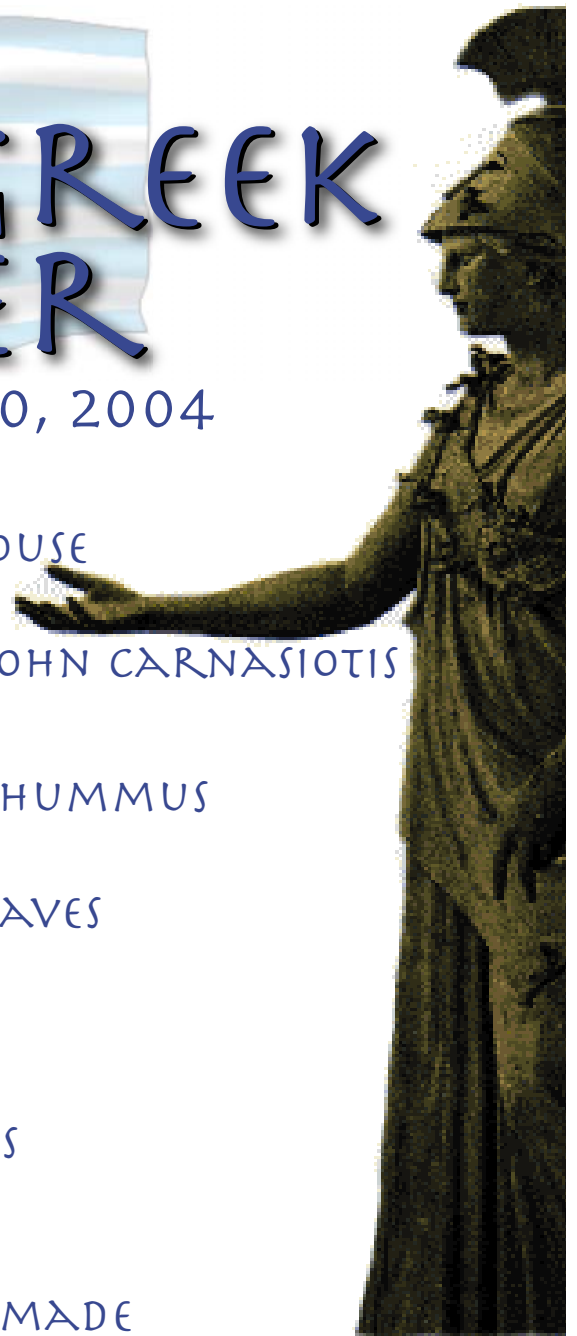
GREEK SALAD

GREEK PASTRIES

RICE PUDDING

ICED COFFEE

*ALL FOOD IS HOME MADE



DINNER IS \$10 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS  MUST  BE IN BY MONDAY, JULY 5TH. NO EXCEPTIONS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BYC

SEND CHECKS TO: DAVE COMMENS, 144 TIMBER RUN, ST. PETERS, MO 63376

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING: _____

BOULDER MARINA'S

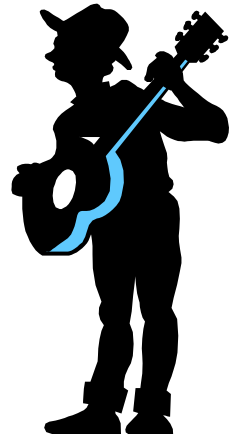
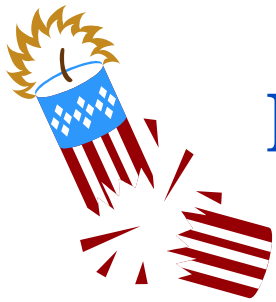
**2nd ANNUAL
4TH OF JULY
SHED FEST!**

The main title is set against a background of a waving American flag. There are several stylized firework bursts in blue, red, and white around the text.

July 4th, 3 to 9 PM

Pig Roast - Live Music

BYOB



**Free to all patrons, guests and
friends of the marina**

**Donations are requested
to benefit**

**The Leukemia and
Lymphoma Society**