

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## Spring Thaw: A Blast!!!

Wow, Spring Thaw was great fun. It was a beautiful day; we had a great turnout and good fellowship abounded as we looked with enthusiasm to the 2004 sailing season.



Photo courtesy of Ken Schowe

*Many hands make light work of raising the tent.*

The scheduled tent raising went off without a hitch. With the many hands pulling, tugging, pushing and tying, the installation took less than 10 minutes. Thanks to all the guys who helped out.

Many thanks to Mary Neville, Diane Commens and Barb Weber for assembling a great breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, gravy and biscuits. For the nibblers, quantities of donut holes, mini-strudels and a bounteous fruit plate were also available.

Although the call to breakfast came a little later than scheduled (reputedly as a result of Barb Weber's vigorous stirring), reports indicate collective gastronomical satisfaction. Also helping were Barb Gates who saw that we were properly named and tagged and Elva Franklin made sure the tables were attractively covered for the occasion. At the conclusion, numerous folks pulled together to clean up and make the patio and clubhouse

shipshape again.

Before and after breakfast, The Flea Market had numerous interesting items allowing members to reallocate various nautical items among themselves.

Also after breakfast, Rich Carson pulled his nascent group of racing enthusiasts together for a discussion on the basis of the PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) calculations, committee boat assignments and general racing program management. Following that, those who had their boats ready to sail headed to the line for some practice starts. Susanne and Bill Watkins under the tutelage of Steve Kratchman, found the experience



Photo: Rey Neville

*Serving the hungry masses.*

exhilarating. Perhaps Susanne and Bill will become regulars at the start line with Gypsy.

New this year was a visit by the two managers of the local West Marine stores, Art Stankey (Manchester) and Ryan Tate (St. Charles). They brought with them catalogs, cozies, and soft drinks for everyone. It was great having them join us and bring us up-to-date on the West Marine services.

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**NEW BYC MEMBERS**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME!!**

**Greg DeVries & Susan Standish - Slow Poke,  
 Buccaneer 20**

**Joseph & Ann Heiligenstein - Moonshadow,  
 Hunter 27**

**Tim & Diane McKillip - Two Adrift, Compac 16**

**David & Ryan Smith - Conquest 18**

**Tom & Valerie Whitehead - Nemo, Suntracker 24**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sat. May 8 ..... May Day Pagan Party  
 Leukemia Society fundraiser.  
 See attached flyer**
- Sat. May 15..... Spring Race #2**
- Sat. May 15..... Poker Run/Pig Roast at Keyesport  
 to support the Leukemia Society**
- Sat May 22..... New Member Wine and Cheese  
 followed by Potluck Dinner**
- Sat/Sun May 29-30 . Leukemia Cup Regatta**

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

**MEET RECENT NEW MEMBERS**

Here are a some photos of new members seen enjoying themselves at the recent Spring Thaw.



Photo courtesy of Bill and Sharon Schmidt  
 Stephanie and David Porto. They sail CuMara, a Hunter 24.



Photo courtesy of Bill and Sharon Schmidt  
 Connor, Rob, Olivia & Denise Bullock of "Arista Ann", Catalina 30.



Photo courtesy of Bill and Sharon Schmidt  
 Greg DeVries & Susan Standish of "Slowpoke" a Buccaneer 24.



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Mary and I had a good time at the Spring Thaw and were delighted with the excellent turnout. It was good to visit with old friends and get acquainted with our new members.

Coming up in May is one of the important charitable events we, as sailors on Carlyle, have the opportunity to participate in – The Leukemia Cup Regatta and the associated fund raising activities surrounding it. Yes, this is a race and not everyone does that, but it's more than that. It's an opportunity to come together as a sailing community to make a difference in the lives of the thousands stricken with blood related diseases.

There are several Carlyle based activities that offer opportunities to participate in addition to the race.

First on the schedule is the party Allan Sewart and Karen Kraft are hosting on May 8 celebrating May Day in the finest Boulder Tradition — a week late! See the attached flyer for details. All the funds we receive at this party will be going directly to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).



In addition to our BYC event on May 8, there will be a Poker Run and Pig Roast held by the newly formed Tradewinds Yacht Club at Keyesport. Like our party all funds raised from this activity will go directly to LLS. Please see the flyer accompanying this issue of the Bits.

It is worthwhile to note that the money raised as part of the Leukemia Cup Regatta will stay in the Metropoli-

tan St. Louis area and is targeted to cover the cost of six researchers at Washington University and St. Louis University.

In addition to participating in these events, what can we, as Boulder Sailors do? Well, several things. First off, each of us can make a contribution of \$50 to register for the race – even if you don't plan to race. In return for your registration, you will get a captain's bag with numerous goodies donated by local businesses, and most importantly, the opportunity to support your sailing community in a most worthy cause.

To register, just complete the registration forms found on the BYC merchandise display case and send it in, or give it to me or to Karen Schwartz (our representative on the Regatta Executive committee). The form is also available on our website [www.boulderyc.org](http://www.boulderyc.org). Click LLS Cup and then Registration Form. Please make sure you indicate your club affiliation. You will also find materials that describe how you can get even more involved by raising funds from your friends, family and business associates. If you own a business there are opportunities for sponsorship and placing ads in the racing program.

If you don't race, you can volunteer to assist. If you go, be sure to also sign up for lunch and dinner and stay for the entertainment and the auctions. No matter what you decide to do, it is a fun-filled weekend with lots to do and it supports a truly worthy cause. Mary and I hope to see you there.

**Rey Neville, Commodore**  
**reyneville@yahoo.com**  
**618-632-7347**

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The Boulder Yacht Club social season is upon us, the Leukemia Regatta and other lakewide events are fast approaching and you will want to show up dressed in great attire from the BYC Ship's Store. Also, Linda has reminded me that we should all be thinking about Mother's Day gifts. We have a wide variety of BYC logo items, and can even special order items if you don't see them in our clubhouse display. Please give me a call, e-mail or stop by my boat to place an order.

See you at the lake,

**Bob Bender, Vice Commodore**

## FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

With the end of April fast approaching, the Boulder Yacht Club Membership has risen to 88 members and we are still receiving renewals. The turnout and enthusiasm shown at the Spring Thaw indicates it's going to a great Sailing Season at BYC. It's also going to be a diet challenge if we continue to have fabulous feasts such as the breakfast prepared by Mary Neville. Not only was the food great, the tent went up quickly and the Flea Market sales brought \$\$ to the Clubs Coffers.

**Dave Commens**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**dcommens@charter.net**

## FROM THE RACE CHAIR

After a delicious BYC breakfast complements of Rey and Mary Neville, we held a race fleet meeting and practice starts on Saturday, April 17th.

During the meeting, there were discussions on the handicaps, the sailing instructions and some new courses for this season:

We decided to document the process we use to set handicaps – determining base PHRF, adjustments to PHRF, non-spinnaker adjustment and time-on-time correction factors. This document should be completed in a couple of weeks. It should help everyone understand how his or her boat's handicap was developed.

We will also add more detail to the race schedule to show the planned type of course - Olympic Modified, Long Course or Windward/Leeward - for each race in advance. This should help avoid last minute decisions and conflicts on the day of the race.

The updated BYC sailing instructions will be posted to the web site shortly.

We had perfect conditions on the lake for the practice starts. There was a warm South breeze and clear skies. BYC has finally changed to the standard 5-minute start sequence this season. Gypsy, Rascal and Lady Rosetta participated. All of the boats improved their starts during the practice session. We also got to shakedown the committee boat equipment.

### The spring series races will be held on:

Spring Race #1: Sunday, April 25th  
 Spring Race #2: Saturday, May 15th

Spring Races #3 & #4: Saturday, May 22nd  
 Spring Race #5: Sunday, June 13th

So mark your calendar and plan to join us. As this issue of Boulder Bits goes out, you still have time to sign a declaration (download from the BYC website) and start racing. If you plan to race and you haven't sent in your race declaration, please send it in as soon as possible so that we can complete the handicap calculations.

If you have reservations about racing because you feel that you have a lack of knowledge, I would be glad to go over the racing rules and our sailing instructions with you individually. We can probably even find a volunteer if you would like someone with experience to go out with you for one of the races.

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

**Rich Carson**  
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## THE SOCIAL SCENE

### The Big Change.....

Please note that the Meet The New Members Wine & Cheese Tasting has been moved from May 15th to May 22nd. Make a note! We really want to get to know all of the great new folks who have joined BYC. This will be the perfect opportunity for old friends to meet and make new friends!

### Here is a recap of some of the parties planned for this season:

**May 8, 2004:** Allan Stewart and his wife Karen will be hosting the Pagan Rite Of Spring Party in honor of May Day. Proceeds and profits of the event will benefit the Leukemia Society in the name of BYC. If you have never attended one of Allan and Karen parties, you are in for a treat! They give EXCELLENT parties. Allan, Karen..... many, many thanks!!

**May 22, 2004:** The Vogel's and Neville's will be hosting a *Meet The New Members Wine and Cheese Tasting* party for all to meet & mingle with the new members. And, if you really don't like wine, we'll throw in a few exotic beers and a couple of non exotic soft drinks into the cooler. We plan to have a variety of interesting reds and whites for all to sample. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. New members, of course, are invited to join us at no cost. Please try to reserve a spot in advance so that

we don't run short on wine & cheese (that would be as embarrassing as running out of gas on the Lake!).

Plan on meeting under the tent around 5:30 PM or so..

Send your payments for reservations to our Secretary/Treasurer as soon as possible:

Dave Commens  
BYC Secretary Treasurer  
144 Timber Run  
St. Peters, MO 63376

**July 10, 2004:** Don't miss John and Susan's Greek party on this date. 2002's Greek event was well attended and filled up fast. So mark your calendar and wait for details.

**September 18, 2004:** Ken And Monika Schowe will be hosting BYC's version of the October Fest. The sailors of Brumbear have hosted events in the past.

**October 9, 2004:** The Chili Supper. This is always a fun event. Rey & Mary Neville have already snapped up the host & Hostess spots. Thanks!!!! The Vogel's will be assisting. And, we suspect that several more sailors will be volunteering for the fun.

This should give you a taste of events to look forward to this year. Notice that the above folks are "hosting" the parties. That means they will need all of our help to make these party the best. If you are new to BYC, get involved! Volunteer to help out at the parties. It is a great way to met people and make friends.

We are definitely looking for volunteers for party hosts. If you have done events in the past or would just like to give a party, give us a call (Gary & Kay Vogel, 618-235-1837 or contact us be email: garyv@peaknet.net). Kay and Gary will, of course, be there to help!

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

### Dock courtesy:

We have a limited number of dock carts available for use by a whole bunch of us. Please help out and return your carts to the loading zone right after you have finished unpacking your stuff—especially on Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. And, please be sure to remove any trash that might otherwise be left behind. Thanks.

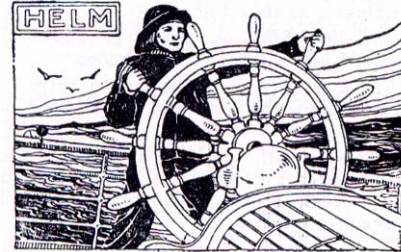
### Items for sale:

Do you want to place classifieds on the web site? Write the ad exactly as you want it displayed and send it to webmaster@boulderyc.org.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is May 19, 2004. Please submit articles to Ken Schowe, brumbear@earthlink.net. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

### Sea-Fever



by John Masefield

I must 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 grey mist on the sea's face and a grey  
dawn breaking.

I must 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 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.



# BYC MAYING FEAST



EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
**ALL PROFITS TO BENEFIT THE LEUKEMIA SOCIETY**

COME A-MAYING  
Boulder Yacht Club at Boulder Marina  
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2004  
6:00 P.M. til THE WEE HOURS

Costumes Optional But Advised  
The Evening Will Climax with the Crowning of the King and Queen of the Fairies

We will attend (name): \_\_\_\_\_

No. of adults @ \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of kids (under 12) @ \$5 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society  
Send checks to: Dave Commens, 144 Timber Run, St. Peters, Mo., 63376



# Meet The New BYC Members

A Wine, & Micro Beer Tasting  
followed by Potluck Dinner Under the Tent

A Great Opportunity For Old Friends To Meet New Friends!

\$5 per person, New members are free!

Following the wine and beer tasting enjoy the best dining in the Carlyle area - our own. Bring a favorite dish to share and whatever you want to grill. We'll have the fires burning and ready right after the tasting.

Where: Boulder Marina

When: May 22, 2004

5:30 PM

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👉 **Reservation Form** 👈

Even new members should submit a reservation form even though new members will be attending as guests. We'll need to have an approximate guest list to plan supplies! You are a new member if you joined after September 30, 2003.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Please Send This Reservation Form with Your payment made out to Boulder Yachtg Club to:

BYC  
C/o: Dave Commens  
144 Timber Run  
St. Peters, Mo 63376

Questions? Contact Kay Or Gary Vogel, 618-235-1837

