

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## Officers set for 2005

Congratulations to our new commodore for 2005, Bob Bender, and his officers and staff for next year. Details of the election are in the the accompanying minutes on page 6.

## Scary, fun, tasty BYC Halloween party a blast

Wow! We closed out the 2004 social season at the lake with a frightfully good party. There was a big crowd, probably the largest we have had for this annual event - and everyone had a great time. Decorations from the Schmidt compound were fabulous again this year and Patty's sloppy joes were delicious as were the bounteous potluck side dishes brought in by everyone.

The partiers' costumes were clever and great fun. From the Schrek Family to Jeanne and Major Nelson to witches to cows, cats and pirates, we had it all topped off with costume judging and jack-o'-lantern carving contests.

Many thanks go to the Patty, Schmidty and everyone else who pitched in and made this event the "screamin-est" ever.

## Commodore's Cup: "Calm" racing & superb chili

Normally the weather for the annual Commodore's Cup Regatta and Chili Supper is "survival" conditions: Wet, high winds and cool temperatures. This year was quite the opposite: Fog, light winds, and a nice warm-up in the afternoon. There was a great turn-out from all of the yacht clubs on Carlyle. In addition to BYC, there were boats participating from Carlyle Yacht Club, Carlyle Sailing Association and Tradewinds Yacht Club.

As usual, the sailors from "down the lake" cleaned up in the trophy area. However, a great time was had by all!

Thanks to Rich Carson for his race planning and Committee Boat efforts. Also, thanks to Mary Neville and her group of volunteers for preparing and throwing a great party.

## Oktoberfest—what a fest

First the Greek Party and now a German Oktoberfest - what a year for great ethnic events. Ken and Monika Schowe put on a splendid feast of brats, ripchen (smoked pork chops),



photo: Rey Neville

Costume winners were: Mary Neville—scariest; Rob and Shelley Schmidt—most original and Kaila Juenger—most precious.



photo: Rey Neville

Jack-o'-lantern carvers and their creations.



photo: Rey Neville

Chili Supper diner Bill Schmidt knows BYC boats may not have placed first in the Commodore's Cup, but our chili is always numero uno!

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#### OFFICERS

Commodore.....Rey Neville  
 Vice-Commodore.....Bob Bender  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Dave Commens  
 Regatta Committee Chairman.....Rich Carson  
     Regatta Committee.....Erik Eaves  
 Social Committee Chairpersons.....Kay and Gary Vogel  
 Boulder Bits Editor.....Ken Schowe  
 Webmaster.....Rey Neville  
 Club Historians.....Bill and Sharon Schmidt  
 Social Ambassador.....Mary Neville

#### DIRECTORS

Allan Stewart, Chairman  
 David Uttendorfer, Secretary                      John Carnasiotis  
 Art Seise    Ken Schowe

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photo: Rey Neville

Hungry and happy diners preparing to feast on Ken and Monika's Oktoberfest German bounty.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat., Dec. 4.....Ladies' Luncheon**  
**Puck's at the St. Louis Art Museum, 11:30 AM**  
**contact Mary Neville (618.632.7347 or**  
**maneville@yahoo.com) before Nov. 30 to**  
**secure your reservation.**

**Sat., Feb. 26, 2004..... NoBoat Regatta**  
**Ces and Judy's Catering at Le Chateau,**  
**10405 Clayton Road. Invitations will be mailed**  
**out in January 2005.**



sauerkraut, potato salad and apple strudel. What a feast, especially with the very tasty German beer to accompany it. Ken and Monika would like to thank everyone that attended the Oktoberfest party and especially all of the helpers that made it possible. In his usual understated manner, Ken said: "We had a good time and we hope everyone who attended also had a good time." The answer is of course a resounding "YES."

## FROM THE COMMODORE

### What a year!

We've had a lot of fun, great social events and great days sailing on the lake this season. Temperate weather made our summer more like spring and the breezes were there more often than not—as close to nirvana as anyone dare ask for of Southern Illinois.

Its been a great year at Boulder Yacht Club, made even more so by the outstanding events our chairpersons, party hosts and race committee members put on for us this year. Hats off to Rich Carson who came out of "race chair retirement" to manage another stellar year on the water for us. We had two exciting series programs and the special events were managed flawlessly. Thanks Rich.

An equally hearty and appreciative doff of the chapeau goes to our social committee, Gary and Kay Vogel. They stepped up and volunteered to manage our social program and what a splendid program it was. Every event was well organized, well attended and fun for all.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to our party hosts and volunteers who offered their time, energy and imagination to make this the memorable year that it was.

Starting with the *Maying Festival* hosted by Karen Kraft and Allan Stewart, followed by the *New Member Wine and Cheese* event hosted by Gary and Kay Vogel to the *Tapas on the Dock* party hosted by Gary and Lila Luttrell to the *Big Fat Greek Dinner* brought to us by Susan Haase and John Carnasiotis to the *On-the-Water Party* organized by Bob Weber which led up to the *Oktoberfest Party* presented by Ken and Monika Schowe to the *Commodore's Cup Regatta* hosted by Rich Carson and the *Chili Supper* brought to you by Mary Neville and closing our lake side activities was the *Halloween Costume and Potluck Party* hosted by Patty and Schmidty Schmidt. Wow, what an exemplary team. Lets all put our hands together for a virtual round of applause for these wonderful people who worked so hard to make sailing as a member of BYC the complete experience it is. Speaking for all members of the club, thanks to all our volunteers for making 2004 a delightful year.

One other acknowledgement is in order and that is for our Secretary/Treasurer Dave (and Diane) Commens. This is a tough, demanding job requiring attendance at all the events, managing all the funds and keeping our membership up-to-date just to name a few. Thanks Dave (and Diane) for volunteering to do this job and thanks for all your support.

## 2005 organization

Please take a look at the minutes (page 6) of the Board of Directors and the General Membership meeting. You can't help but be delighted with the slate of officers and chair persons who will be taking the helm of our club. Congratulations to Bob Bender and his staff. It is a great team to take the club the next level.

## Coming up

OK, ladies your event is coming up soon - December 4th, 11:30 AM at Puck's in the St. Louis Art Museum. Call or e-mail Mary with your reservations (see attached flyer) for some delicious food, camaraderie and an opportunity to shop the Museum Gift Shop and browse the museum collections. As for the guys, discussion will soon begin on YahooGroups to determine the place to congregate this year. More later - check you e-mail.

The Vogels are hard at it planning a festive, fun No Boat Regatta at Le Chateau in Clayton. Please see the article in the Social Scene for more information.

## Thank you, members all

This is the last article I will write as Commodore of this fine organization. In doing so I feel I must thank you, the membership, who, seeing the needs of the club and its organization, pitched in, helped and supported our objectives this year. I can't tell you how much how much I appreciate the support everyone has given me, the officers, committee persons and activity hosts in our efforts to put on an enjoyable sailing and social program.

**Rey Neville  
Commodore**



photo: Rey Neville

Sharon, Liz, Karen, Kay, Barb and Dee want to know: Are you ready for some chili?"

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## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Since the last edition of the Boulder Bits, I was elected Commodore for 2005. I thank each of you for this honor and welcome any suggestions you may have for next year. E-mail me at: [bbender9@yahoo.com](mailto:bbender9@yahoo.com), or just stop by Serenity's slip, Margaritaville 25, when I'm around. I look forward to work-

ing with the other officers: Vice Commodore Bill Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer Dave Commens, Social Chairs Kort and Laurel Juenger and Race Chair Garen Miller. I am sure that we will have another great year.

I want to thank Rey for all of the work he has done as this year's commodore. Terrific job, Rey! You're a tough act to follow! Also, now that the racing season has ended, I need to thank all those who crewed on Serenity: Parks Smith (who also allowed me to crew on October Breeze), Suzanne Watkins, Bob Weber, and Rey and Mary Neville. You did a wonderful job, Crew!

Thanks,



**Bob Bender  
Vice Commodore  
[bbender9@yahoo.com](mailto:bbender9@yahoo.com)**

P.S. As most of you know, this is a conflicted time in the Bender household, with both the Cardinals and the Red Sox in the World Series. As you can see, Ted has been rooting for both teams.

## FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Chili Supper was extremely successful with 134 adults and 12 children signed up to attend! Mary Neville did an outstanding job at organizing this event as always and it was lots of fun for everyone. Thanks to our "Fire Marshall" we had a rip-roaring fire, which put off lots of needed warmth.

We have no new members for October but with the usual "new boat ownership" fall brings I'm certain we will have many new sailors joining our group in the upcoming months. The final 2004 BYC Roster is attached and available on the website.

**Dave Commens  
Secretary/Treasurer  
[dcommens@charter.net](mailto:dcommens@charter.net)**

## FROM THE RACE CHAIR

The BYC Commodore's Cup Regatta was held on Saturday, October 9th. It was a single start, non-spinnaker race with high and low PHRF fleets. Twenty-Eight boats from all four of Carlyle Lake's sailing clubs started the race. It was a 30 degree Olympic modified port rounding course with 1 mile legs. The winds were at 30 degrees at about 7 knots at the beginning of the race. About a half hour into the race the winds dropped to less than 3 knots and backed 60 degrees to the NW. *Mischief* led the race until the leeward leg when she was passed by *Bullet* who eventually took the horn. *Mean Machine* had great boat speed and kept close to the leaders. The winner of the Low PHRF fleet was *Mean Machine*. *Bullet* took second place followed by *Mischief* in third. The San Juan boats dominated the High PHRF group. First, second and third went to *Witch Juan*, *Knotta Yachta* and *Spitfire*, respectively.

San Juan 21's took 6 of the top 10 spots. CSA boats took 5 of the 6 trophies for the Commodore's cup, with the 6th going to a CYC boat. The highest finishers from BYC were *Casa Cita II* in Low PHRF and *Ozzacle* in High PHRF.

Many thanks to Dave and Lynn Murdoch and Ken Schowe for their work on the Commodore's Cup committee boat and to Bob Bender for placing the wing mark and the pin. Also, a special thanks to Parks Smith and Barb Weber for their help with management of the race.

The first BYC Fall Series was held on Sunday, September 26th. This was actually the 3rd scheduled race. Races 1 & 2 were moved to make-up days due to a lack of wind. Six boats started the race in about 10 knots of wind from the NE. The course was a 5 mile 30 degree port rounding Olympic modified. On corrected time, *Desperado* took first, *Ob-La-Di* second and *Déjà Vu* third. Much thanks goes to Bill Haussman for having his boat towed out to the lake to be committee boat for this race while his engine was off of the boat for repairs.

Race 4 of the Fall series was sailed on Sunday, October 3rd. The wind was out of the NE at 5-10 knots. The course was a 5 mile 30 degree port rounding Olympic modified. *Déjà Vu* led the way for the first 4 ½ miles of the race and was passed by *Desperado* on the last windward leg. The order of finish was *Desperado* first, *Déjà Vu* second and *Casa Cita II* third.

Race 5 of the Fall series was started in winds over 20 kts. and 5 ft. waves on Saturday, October 16th. It was a 5 mile port rounding Olympic modified 270 degree course. Five boats signed up for the race. Only 2 boats started and one finished. The winner was *Serenity*.

The make-ups for Fall series races 1 and 2 were held on Saturday, October 22nd. The wind was out of the Southeast at 10-12 knots with 3 ft. waves. Both races took place on a 210 Starboard Olympic course. This last day of BYC racing for the season was probably the best this year with steady wind, cool temperatures and clear skies. *Rascal* finished first in both races. *Déjà Vu* was second in the first race and *Serenity* took second place in the third race.

The detailed results of the BYC Fall Series are posted on the BYC Website. The final standings for the series are:

- 1st Place – *Desperado*
- 2nd Place – *Serenity*
- 3rd Place – *Déjà Vu*

Congratulations to Dennis Smith and crew on their Fall Series championship.

As was discussed at our annual general meeting, we are planning to establish a BYC handicap committee this winter to document our handicap rules and set handicaps going forward. This should promote better understanding of the handicaps, give some relief to the incoming race chairman and provide continuity in the handicaps from year to year. Please contact me if you are interested in providing input to this committee.

Overall, BYC had a successful racing year. We averaged about

5 boats per regular series race, 10 boats participated in the Renshaw Regatta and there was a large lake-wide turnout for the Commodore's Cup. I would like to thank all of the race fleet members who served committee boat duty, hauled out marks or otherwise supported this year's racing program.

**Rich Carson**  
Race Chairman  
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## THE SOCIAL SCENE

### Ladies' Luncheon

The annual Boulder Yacht Club Ladies Luncheon will be held at Puck's in the St. Louis Art Museum, in Forest Park, at 11:30 AM on December 4th. You are requested to RSVP to Mary Neville, telephone 618-632-7347 or e-mail: maneville@yahoo.com by November 30th. (P.S.: The guys usually plot some kind of activity to be concurrent with the Ladies Luncheon; check the BYC "yahoo" members forum for details as they become available).

### Year end

Wow, what a great social year we have had. Kay and I want to thank all of the party hosts and volunteers who worked so hard to create a delightful and exciting social atmosphere at BYC this year. We had some great parties. Don't forget the No Boat Regatta. It's in a new venue, Le Chateau operated by Ces and Judy's Catering on Clayton Road near Lindberg. We'll be working hard to make it a party to remember—Hope to see you there.

**Gary and Kay Vogel**  
Social Chairpersons  
garyv@peaknet.net

## IN MEMORIAM

Joe Pival passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Joe and Connie had been long time members of Boulder Yacht Club and loved the sailing and the social atmosphere at Boulder. They were deeply saddened when they sold *Quicksilver*, their 1989 Catalina 27. Joe was professor emeritus at SIUE where he taught cello from 1965 until he retired in 1998. As a founding member of the Lincoln String Quartet and the Meridian Chamber Players, he performed extensively in the community. Condolences and remembrances can be sent to Connie Pival, 745 Berry Lane, Lexington, KY 40502.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This is last Bits issue for 2004. We want to thank all of you who have helped with, and contributed to, the Bits. Keep warm. Its only 105 days until the No Boat. We hope to see you there.





ANNOUNCING THE

# BOULDER YACHT CLUB

## *Ladies Luncheon*

Puck's in the  
ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM  
1 Fine Arts Drive, Forest Park  
December 4, 2004  
11:30 AM

Come early and browse the collections



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FEATURING: DELICIOUS FOOD  
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by calling Mary Neville at 618-632-7347  
or email [maneville@yahoo.com](mailto:maneville@yahoo.com)





# **BOULDER YACHT CLUB**

## **CARLYLE LAKE, ILLINOIS**

### **MINUTES of BOARD of DIRECTORS And GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 10, 2004**

The meeting convened 0900.

Allan Stewart, Board Chairman called the meeting to order and provided opening remarks. In addition to Allan, the following Board members were present at the meeting: John Carnasiotis, Dave Unttendorfer, Ken Schowe, Rey Neville (Non Voting).

The Annual Officer and Board Member election was the first order of business. Since the Official Ballot was uncontested, the following 2005 officers and directors were elected by a show of hands at the meeting:

- Commodore: Robert Bender
- Vice Commodore: William Schmidt
- Secretary/Treasurer: David Commens
- Chairman Regatta Committee: Garen Miller
- Chairpersons Social Committee: Kort and Laurel Juenger
- Board of Directors (1 yr term): John Carnasiotis
- Board of Directors (2 yr term): Arthur Seise
- Board of Director (3 yr term): Ken Schowe

Rey Neville, BYC Commodore for this year, thanked everyone for a very successful and fun year at Boulder Yacht Club. Special thanks were provided the following people:

- Dave Commens, Secretary/Treasurer
- Rich Carson, Race Chair
- Gary and Kay Vogel, Social Committee
- Mary Neville, Hostess supreme for the Chili supper
- Susan Haase and Karen Stewart for their very special Chili and help
- All the party hosts, race committees and volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make our social and racing activities a success this year.

Dennis Smith, gave a presentation on lighting the entrance to the marina to make night sailing safer and more convenient. He has obtained several heavy-duty solar lights from the Corps of Engineers. Dennis displayed the lights and discussed some options for installing them. He discussed the possibility of having BYC membership assistance in installing the lights and assisting in checking and keep the lights in working order. Following a discussion of placement alternatives, it was concluded that Dennis would explore installing the lights on buoys rather than placing them on or near the shore. This alternative negated the need for club assistance.

The No Boat planning is in work and it will be held February, 26<sup>th</sup> at Le Chateau, a catering facility on Clayton Road near Lindberg in St. Louis County, Mo. The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel is nearby for those who desire no worries about designated driver duty. The hotel usually honors special rates for ten or more blocks of rooms.

The tent will come down after the final Halloween weekend party. The Schmidt family has volunteered to take care of it. Thank you to the Schmidt family for the many volunteer actions at BYC.

Next years Racing plans were discussed by Rich Carson with some recommended changes in the way we do PHRF. The goal would be to baseline our approach to match other clubs and follow more closely national standard racing rules.

Rey Neville discussed the benefits of joining the new discussion list, YahooGroups (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boulderyc/>). If you have trouble please call Rey and he will be happy to help. The previous discussion list, Topica, will be shut down at the end of this year.

The meeting adjourned about 0930.

David Commens  
Sec/Treas BYC