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Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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September 2004

BYC On-the-Water Party another BIG success

BOULDER, IL —What a perfect Saturday afternoon for a function on the water. Blue skies, calm seas, temperate weather — it could not have been better. Add to that the delicious barbecued chicken Rob and Denise Bullock and Kort and Laurel Juenger cooked up along with exceptional shared potluck —it was gastronomic heaven.

After lunch the fun and games began. Thanks to Bob Weber's clever bag of tricks, the on-the-water activities were well received by young and old. All the kids, big and small, were seen having a splashing good time.

Everyone appreciated the hard work Bob, Rob, Denise, Kort and Laurel put forth to make this one of the best On-the-Water parties ever. More photos are available on the web site.

BYC Octoberfest & BYC nominations coming up September 18th and 19th

BOULDER, IL — Two big events are coming up on the weekend of Sept. 18th & 19th. First, Ken and Monica Schowe have cooked up another fabulous party for us - this time we're celebrating the "old country" with a sumptuous Octoberfest feast on Saturday, Sept. 18th with an excellent German menu and ample malted beverages to put everyone in a partying mood. See the attached flyer for event and reservation information. Prosit.

Sunday at 9:30 AM in the clubhouse, the BYC Board of Directors will host the General Nominations Meeting to accept nominations for the 2005 BYC Officer positions. Nominations may also be submitted by mail provided they are notarized and received by the secretary not later than four days prior to the meeting. No additional nominations may be made after this meeting. The election of officers will be held the following month on Sunday, October 10th.



photo: Rey Neville

Denise and Rob Bullock preparing the barbecued chicken



photo: Rey Neville

Bob Weber officiating the Big Splash contest. Everyone appeared to be winners.



photo: Rey Neville

A fun On-the-Water Party day made even better by the perfect weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. Sept. 4..... Fall race 1
 - Sat. Sept. 11 Fall race 2
 - Sat. Sept. 18..... October Fest Party
 - Sun. Sept. 19 Nomonations for BYC officers
 - Sat. Sept. 25..... Midnight Race (resheduled)
 - Sun. Sept. 26..... Fall race 3
 - Sun. Oct. 3..... Fall race 4
 - Sat. Oct. 9 BYC Commodore's Cup
BYC Chili Supper
 - Sun. Oct. 10..... Election of Officers
 - Sat. Oct. 16..... Fall race 5 & make-up
 - Sat. Oct. 23 Fall series make-up
 - Sat. Oct. 30 Holloween Potluck Costume Party
- NOTE: FALL RACING SCHEDULE HAS BEEN REVISED***

NEW BYC MEMBERS

A SPECIAL WELCOME!!

Greg & Susan Brasel: *Freedom Force, Corsair 24, JV 47*

Tom Zotos: *Tazmania, Cape Dory 22, HR 38* (Tom is returning after a long absence - welcome back)

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

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OFFICERS

- Commodore.....Rey Neville
- Vice-Commodore.....Bob Bender
- Secretary-Treasurer.....Dave Commens
- Regatta Committee Chairman.....Rich Carson
- Regatta CommitteeErik Eaves
- Social Committee ChairpersonsKay 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
- Bob Howard Ken Schowe

Web site.....<http://www.boulderyc.org>

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

What a magnificent summer season this has been. Superb weather with good wind (most of the time) has made our Carlyle summer one of the best yet. And right in the middle of all this temperate bounty we have yet again another outstanding party thanks to Rob and Denise Bullock, Kort and Laurel Juenger and Bob Weber. You can read about the great job they did in the *Bits* lead article and in the *Social Scene*. For all of us who were there, many thanks to these volunteers for a job well done.

Regrettably, the weather fouled up our *Midnight Race* with overcast skies and several hours of steady rain. Rich was standing by with a weather eye, but unfortunately it was to no avail. Of course the next day, it was balmy, on the cool side (in August?) with good breezes and a clear sky for the near full moon to guide the way. I guess we scheduled it on the wrong day. We had a good group ready to race who immediately went into party mode, so all was not lost.

Looking forward, we are in for a real treat with the *Octoberfest* Ken and Monica Schowe are hosting. German traditional dining at its best. Its an event you will not want to miss. Read more about it in the *Bits* lead article and the *Social Scene*, be sure to get your reservation in (see page 5) and plan on joining us for brats, ripchen, sauerkraut and all that other good German food and hoisting a mug of good cheer.

Topica giving way to YahooGroups: Everyone by now should have received an e-mail from me outlining our plan to move from the Topica list serv to YahooGroups. The reasoning was included in the messages so there is no need to repeat it other than to say that YahooGroups offers many more services — *provided* subscribers create a Yahoo identity. That does not mean that users have to use the Yahoo e-mail service, just create the ID. It is merely a tool to facilitate the several other functions— polling, photo sharing, databases, chat, file sharing, etc., in addition to messaging. So, if you have already subscribed, welcome aboard. If not I encourage you to do so. If anyone needs help or has questions, please call me. See you online.

Our friends in Punta Gorda, Florida: many members have been asking me how our ex-members, friends and sailing pals Tom Grass and Pat and Barry Nielsen fared following the Hurricane Charlie devastation of the Charlotte Harbor area and areas inland from there. Fortunately, Tom and the Niensens were not injured nor did they have significant property damage. Tom lost some roof tiles, soffitng and the cage surrounding his pool. The Niensens fared a little worse with damage to their front and garage doors, roof and also the pool cage. As we go to press, another one seems to be bearing down on the east coast this time. It looks to be a tough year for hurricanes.

This is what Tom had to say upon returning to his house in

Punta Gorda Isles:

“The damage around here is just unbelievable. I don’t like to drive around much because it is just too depressing to look at. As I told you, I consider myself extremely fortunate compared to many others. There are still thousands of customers without power or homes for that matter.”

Nomination and election of officers: Can you believe it, our 2004 sailing year is starting down the backward slope. That means that folks need to be thinking of opportunities to serve our club for next year. I am reminded of the article John Carnasiotis wrote a couple of years ago where he observed “Many of us do not realize just how good we have it” when noting the value received for the \$30.00 we pay per year to be members of BYC.

We need everyone’s participation and help from time-to-time to contribute to the overall success of BYC and maintain the value John spoke about. So as nominations approach, I ask our membership to give thought to what each one could do to make our club a little better and a little stronger. Volunteering for an office would be super; offering to host a party, splendid; helping the race chair setup the race course, excellent; helping a party host set up before a party or clean up after an event, greatly appreciated.

When we all pull together, objectives are easy to achieve. I hope each of you will consider what part, big or small, you would like to contribute toward next year’s program. I know the many folks who have helped out in big, as well as not as noticeable but equally important ways, have made my tenure in this position a pleasure.

The nominating meeting will be held in the clubhouse at 9:30 AM, Sunday morning, September 19th. We hope to see you there. This follows the *Octoberfest* party hosted by Ken and Monica Schowe the day before, so if you need a wake-up call just let the BYC concierge know.

Rey Neville
Commodore
reyneville@yahoo.com

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Isom has resigned from the board. In a recent meeting, the board elected John Carnasiotis to fill David’s term until elections are held. This week Bob Howard also submitted his resignation. Due to the proximity of the nomination meeting, the board has chosen to leave this position vacant pending the upcoming nominations and elections. We thank Dave, Bob and John for their service to the club.

Board of Directors



photo by: Rey Neville

Gary, Lila, Dave and Diane ‘chillin on A Photo Shoot on Sunday, August 22, 2004. Note the lap blanket in the middle of the day in the middle of the summer. It was overcast and in the low 70’s. What a summer!’

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Three weeks ago I sailed *Serenity* in the CYC Moonlight Regatta. The little wind we had before the race died completely at the starting horn. After several hours of inching along too slowly to turn the knot meter paddles, we were rewarded with enough breeze to pass several boats before getting across the finish line about one o’clock in the morning. The crew and I enjoyed the race immensely. Last week I crewed on a boat in the Renshaw Regatta. The small breeze we started in died at the last mark, leaving us to drift in the wrong direction for some time, until returning with enough strength to finally push us across the finish. The second race never got past the start sequence before the committee boat was forced to abandon due to lack of wind. Our Race Chair Rich Carson deserves a big thanks for the job he did in difficult (and sometimes non-existent) wind conditions.

I told the story of both regattas at work recently and was unable to convince anyone that this was a lot of fun. My co-workers unanimously decided that all sailboaters are demented masochists. So now I tell them, ‘it’s a sailing thing, you wouldn’t understand.’ I have decided that this is why ten minutes of Olympic sailing are broadcast late at night, while hours of sports I don’t have any interest in are shown during prime time. I think there should be a law requiring at least as much TV time for sailing as for Celebrity Poker. Maybe I should write to Congress.

On another subject, I am putting together a BYC apparel order. If you want something in particular or would like to special order something not on our normal list, please let me know by Labor Day. Check the BYC Store board in the corner of the clubhouse and look in the display case to see the standard items. Remember, fall is coming and

everyone will want to look good in BYC sweatshirts, long sleeve denim shirts, baseball caps, etc. You can e-mail me at bbender9@yahoo.com, or catch me at our boat, Serenity, on Margaritaville dock.

See you on the lake,

Bob Bender
Vice Commodore
rbender9@netscape.net

FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

No doubt about it, this August has been one of the coolest on record at Carlyle. Sailing has been great and I heard the raft up was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who makes reservations before or by the deadline. While the funds are important to make sure we can cover expenses, the important thing have a reservation in early. Reservations help the party hosts plan and know how much food, drink, prizes etc. are needed.

For August I would like to welcome Greg and Susan Brasel on board. Their boat is Freedom Force on JV slip 47. The roster is at 114 BYC memberships most are couples and it nice to see so many families enjoying sailing and the BYC activities.

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.

"I live on a big round ball: I never dream I may fall"

See you on the lake.

Dave Commens
Secretary/Treasurer
dcommens@charter.net

THE SOCIAL SCENE

A big THANKS to those who came forward and sponsored the **On The Water Party**. Although Kay and I were unable to attend we heard the games were great, the food was sumptuous, and the camaraderie was unsurpassed! This event would not have occurred if Bob Weber as well as new members, Rob & Denise Bullock and Kort & Laurel Juneger had not come forth as volunteer hosts for the raft up. Thanks folks!! Kay and I really appreciate it!!

September 18, 2004: Ken And Monica Schowe will be hosting BYC's version of the *Octoberfest*. The sailors of *Brumbear* have hosted this event in the past. It's hard to

believe that they can make it even better since previous events were outstanding.

See the enclosed flyer and send your payments for reservations to our Commodore as soon as possible (Dave will be on vacation:

Rey Neville
 1213 Applewhite Road
 O'Fallon, IL 62269

October 9, 2004: 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.

October 30, 2004: The night before All Saint's Day... what a better night for a spooky Halloween party!! Bill & Patty and Bill & Sharon will once again be hosting a night of costumed fun. Mark your calendars, sew up a costume, and wait for the fliers for more details.

December 4, 2004: The annual *Ladies Luncheon*, hosted by Mary Neville, is in the planning stage as is the *Guy's Afternoon Off* event. Guys, if you have recommendations for a suitable venue, send them to me by coded message.

February 26, 2004: Mark your calendars for the annual No-Boat Regatta. Details to follow as soon as we have all of the specifics firmed up!

Have any questions, thoughts, or ideas (related to sailing parties, of course), then give us a call! (Gary & Kay Vogel, 618-235-1837 or contact us by email.

Kay and Gary Vogel
Social Chairpersons
garyv@peaknet.net

FROM THE RACE CHAIR

The final make-up race of the BYC Spring Series was held on Sunday, August 8th. Going into this race there was a 3-way tie for first place in the series. It turned out to be a real endurance test with very light winds and warm temperatures. After a one-hour delay waiting for the wind to fill in, the race was started with light winds out of the West. *Desperado*, *October Breeze* and *Rascal* took a commanding lead early in the race but dropped out hours after the wind changed to light and variable. These boats actually sailed a longer distance than the boats that would eventually finish the race. About 4 hours into the race, the course was shortened to 3 miles. *Déjà Vu* and *Water Music* finished first and second, respectively.

The detailed results of the BYC Spring Series are posted on the BYC Web site. The final standings for the series are:

- 1st Place – Water Music
- 2nd Place – Tie Desperado & October Breeze
- 3rd Place - Rascal

Congratulations to our commodore Rey Neville and crew on their Spring Series championship. I would also like to thank Rey for his consistent support of BYC's racing program. Water Music was one of only 2 boats that participated in all 5 of the Spring Series races.

The Renshaw Regatta was held on Saturday, August 21st. Two races were scheduled but the wind only allowed for one race to be completed. It was a 30 degree windward/leeward port rounding course. The conditions were light and variable winds with no waves on the lake. Nine BYC boats started this race. After about an hour, the race was shortened to a 2 mile length. The winner was Desperado. Ob-La-Di took second place followed by Ragtime in third. Congratulations to Dennis Smith on a close win. It's great to see BYC members new to our race program like Garen Miller and Tim Smith and crew doing so well. It was very encouraging to see nine boats come out for this regatta. I hope some of this momentum can be carried into our Fall Series.

September is a big month for racing on Carlyle Lake. There is racing every weekend. The winds are normally very good in September. We plan to hold our first 3 races of the Fall Series on Saturday, September 4th, Saturday, September 11th and Sunday, September 26th. The Whale of a Sail is scheduled for September 18th & 19th.

We have rescheduled the **Midnight Fun Race** that was abandoned due to thunderstorms on the night of the race. It will now be held on **Saturday, September 25th**. The skipper's meeting will be held at 5 PM and the race should start at approximately 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there.

If you are curious about racing and would like to crew for one of our BYC races, please come to the skipper's meeting for the race. These meetings are usually held at 9:00 AM on the day of the race. You should not have any trouble getting onto one of our boats, because most of us are always short of crew.

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

Rich Carson
618-622-9190
carson.richard0530@sbcglobal.net

IN MEMORIAM

Bonnie DiMercurio's father, Louis Bourgeois, passed away after an extended illness on August 12, 2004. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bonnie, Tony and their family in this time of grief.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our wonderful friends at Boulder Yacht Club for all your thoughtfulness and kind words following my father's death. The sunflower arrangement sent on behalf of the Yacht Club was absolutely stunning. Your kindness is genuinely appreciated.

Gary and Lila Luttrell

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Break, Break, Break

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Break, break, break,
On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!
And I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me.

O, well for the fisherman's boy,
That he shouts with his sister at play!
O, well for the sailor lad,
That he sings in his boat on the bay!

And the stately ships go on
To their haven under the hill;
But O for the touch of a vanish'd hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still
Break, break, break
At the foot of thy crags, O Sea!
But the tender grace of a day that is dead
Will never come back to me.

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you happen to be reading this as a paper copy of the Bits, it is hard to imagine the Bits in living color – the brilliant detail of the photographs that is lost in the black and white copying process. However, you too can have the Bits in living color, delivered right to your own computer, as most of our members now do. Just send an e-mail to myself, Ken Schowe at brumbear@earthlink.net, Rey Neville at reyneville@yahoo.com or Dave Commens at dcommens@charter.net and we will set you up to receive the e-Bits.

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





SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004

6:00 PM

In the Oktoberfest Tent

(Boulder Clubhouse)

Hosted by Monika and Ken Schowe

MENU

PRETZELS

BRATS

RIPCHEN (smoked pork chops)

SAUERKRAUT

POTATO SALAD

APPLE STRUDEL

(Leterhosen and Dirndls Optional)

tear here -----

DINNER IS \$10 PER ADULT, \$5 PER CHILD (UNDER 12)

RESERVATION MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY *SEPTEMBER 9th*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Boulder Yacht Club

SEND CHECKS TO: Rey Neville, 1213 Applewhite Road, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Name: _____

Number of adults _____ amount @ \$10 ea _____

Number of children _____ amount @ \$ 5 ea _____

Total: _____



BOULDER YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S CUP AND CHILI SUPPER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004

Please join us on Saturday, October 9, 2004 for our BYC Commodore's Cup Race and Chili Supper. Over the last few years this event has provided good sailing, excellent chili, and always good stories on the events of the day. The race course will be set in deeper water (everything is relative) again this year to encourage more participation from CYC and CSA. **Anyone wishing to donate a dessert dish is welcome to do so.** Come sail to Boulder, enjoy some of the delicious chili, and share stories about this season's sailing.

Rich Carson
BYC Race Chairman

NOTICE OF RACE

Rules. The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (2001-2004), the proscriptions of US Sailing, except as any of those that are altered by the Sailing Instructions, and by this Notice of Race.

Eligibility. The BYC Commodore's Cup non-spinnaker race is open to all monohull cabin boats regularly sailed on Carlyle Lake and all owners of monohull cabin sailboats who belong to BYC, CSA or CYC. A completed registration form and a signed BYC Racing Declaration are required to enter the race. BYC racing fleet members who have already submitted a 2004 BYC racing declaration only need to complete the registration and fees section on the next page to enter.

Schedule.

Late registration — West Access.....	8:30am
Skipper's meeting — West Access.....	9:30am
Late registration — Boulder Marina	9:30am
Skipper's meeting — Boulder Marina	10:00am
Start approximately	12:00pm
Chili Supper will follow the race (approximate).....	5:30pm

Course. The course will be a modified olympic triangle with up to 3 mile legs, depending on wind and lake conditions. The racing area will be in the central part of the lake.

Sailing instructions. Instructions will be available on the day of the race at the skipper's meetings.

Handicaps. Time-on-time handicaps will be used. They will be based on PHRF handicaps adjusted to non-spinnaker ratings and other performance factors such as maximum head sail size, prop configuration, etc.

Measurements. All boats planning to race will provide the P, E, I and J, measurements on the BYC Racing Declaration.

Alternative Penalties. The 720 degree turn penalty rule 44.1 and 44.2 of the racing rules will apply.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second, and third in each division as well as to the overall winner.

Marina Accommodations and access. For boats wanting to stay overnight, slips are available by calling Boulder Marina at 618-226-3223. To enter the marina stay within one boat length of the north rip-rap wall that leads to the cove.

Mail declaration and payment to:

Dave Commens
144 Timber Run
St. Peters, MO 63367

More information on the race

Rich Carson
153 Callaway Court
O'Fallon, IL 62269
618.622.9190
carson.rchard0530@sbcglobal.net

More information on the Chili Supper

Rey and Mary Neville
1213 Applewhite Road
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reyneville@yahoo.com

2004 BYC Commodore's Cup Racing Declaration

please print clearly and complete each question

Skipper's name: _____ Yacht club: _____

Boat name: _____ Sail number: _____

Boat manufacturer/year: _____ Boat length: _____

Rig height: ___ Tall Mast ___ Standard

Rig type (mark 1): ___ Sloop (Mast Head) ___ Sloop (Fractional) ___ Cutter ___ Ketch ___ Cat

Rig measurements: P=___ E=___ I=___ J=___

Keel type (Mark 1): ___ Fixed Std ___ Shoal Draft ___ Centerboard ___ Wing ___ Swing ___ Dagger

Propulsion: outboard: ___ Out of water for race ___ In water for race (one tack) ___ Fixed in Well (in water both tacks)
(mark 1) Inboard: ___ Exposed 2 blade ___ Exposed 3 blade ___ 2 Blade in aperture ___ 3 Blade in aperture
Folding Folding or Feathering

Head Sail Type: ___ Unstructured (Dacron or Nylon) ___ Structured (Mylar or Kevlar)

Head Sail Size (Mark 1): ___ Up to 130% ___ 131 to 155% ___ 156 to 165% ___ 166% and over

Roller Furling: ___ Yes ___ No Furling Drum Above Deck: ___ Yes ___ No

Spinnaker Pole Length (Mark 1): ___ Standard (j Length) ___ N/A ___ Other (Specify) _____

Method of Storage (Mark 1): ___ Dry-Sailed ___ Kept in Water

I agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the Boulder Yacht Club, US Sailing Association (formerly USYRU) and other rules under which this race or a series is sailed. I agree to indemnify and hold Boulder Yacht Club, its officers, directors and committeemen harmless of any liability of any nature whatsoever for accident or injury to myself, my crew, my guests or my boat while racing or engaging in any activity related or connected therewith.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Work Phone: _____

Registration and Fees

Make checks payable to: *Boulder Yacht Club*

Race fees: (Registration cutoff: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004)

Early registration — \$15.00 (if received by Oct. 1, 2004) \$ _____

Late registration — \$20.00 (after Oct. 1, 2004)..... \$ _____

Chili Supper fees. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to race to enjoy BYC's famous chili supper tradition:

Early sign-up (through Oct. 1, 2004)

Adults _____ @ \$10.00 each \$ _____

Children (under 12) _____ @ \$3.00 each \$ _____

Late sign-up (after Oct. 1, 2004)

Adults _____ @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

Children (under 12) _____ @ \$5.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL (racing and chili supper) \$ _____

Mail declaration and payment to:

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