

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Elvis Has Left the Tent!



Photo: Ken Schowe

BYC members and guests attending the “Memphis in May” party were greeted with a surprise visit from the “King of Rock-n-roll” himself “Elvis” (aka: Shawn C. Barker). The gals in the front row received an unexpected special treat, up-close and personal. The show was one of the more memorable in recent times. Our thanks go out to Kay and Gary Vogel who made this fantastic (and fantasy) evening happen.

Ken Schowe
Cub Reporter

COMMODORE’S COMMENTS

Spring has finally sprung and Serenity is in the water. We had some difficulty with the water pump, but a new impellor and gasket solved that. It just doesn’t feel like spring is official until the boat is in the water. Now, I just need to get my other chores done and go sailing! Last weekend there was plenty of wind, though it will probably disappear by the time I have the boat ready.

On April 21st, Linda and I attended the Leukemia Regatta Kickoff Cocktail party at The Ritz-Carlton. The featured speaker was Russell Coutts. For those of you who don’t follow professional yacht racing, Russell Coutts is the greatest skipper in the history of the America’s Cup. It was an honor to hear Russell speak and I was very excited that he took the time out of his schedule for this event. Having him speak to the yacht clubs at our little lake was like having Ted Williams talk to the Forest Park Senior Men’s Softball League. While in St. Louis, Russell was also taken to his first baseball game and he sat in the Southwest Bank box with one of the Cardinals’ owners. He met Tony LaRussa and was presented with the baseball that Scott Rolen hit for a home run.



Photo: Bob Bender

The Regatta committee has done an unbelievable job of getting top-level speakers for the kickoff parties. Previously the speakers have been Gary Jobson and the legendary Buddy Melges. Don't miss this event next year! I want to thank Karen Schwartz, our BYC representative, and the rest of the Regatta committee members for an unforgettable evening.

Once again, I encourage everyone to participate in the Leukemia Regatta, whether by racing, fund raising, or by joining us at the party. It really is a fun time in support of a great cause. This year promises to be the biggest and best yet.

Congratulations to my dock neighbors on a new addition to their fleet. Jim and Diana Moore have added a Yamaha Jet Ski, which I believe Diana has christened "Yama-Doodle" to go with the Sea-Do, known as "Sea-Doodle" and their Catalina 34, Aquaholic. Shouldn't that be Aqua-Doodle?

I hope to see you on the water.

Bob Bender,
Commodore
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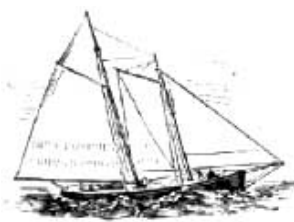
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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

There was good response to the membership reminder letter sent out early this month, and BYC is now over 80 memberships.

The New Members Wine and Cheese Party was held 30 April 05. Of course the new members are invited to attend at no cost, and in addition to the welcome aboard the goal is to encourage the new members to participate in the clubs social events. In additions to the new members, thirty-four club members attended, Thank you to Rob and Denise Bullock who hosted this event. Rob and Denise did a great job, and I must say the wine selection was perfect. I know from the comments people thought it was a terrific party. Also, I want to thank Dennis Smith for his support. Dennis donated his



50/50 winnings back to the club and his winnings will be donated to the Leukemia fund.

The racing program was kicked off this month due to the efforts of Garen Miller. I would like to call out to all the BYC racers and those who are wanna-be racers to support this program. The small fee used to enter a race goes toward the trophies and prizes presented at the "No Boat".

Last week was the Memphis in May. What a great job Gary & Kay Vogel, Elvis was great, but I sorry to say – Elvis has left the Marina. Shawn Barker has all the right moves and his vocals were wonderful, a very talented young man. Corky's ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, great food, and even the weather were little like Memphis. Beale Street at Boulder.

Please keep in mind it is Social Committee who organize and get the host for each one of our parties. Next time you see Kort and Laurel Juenger on Quicksilver say hello and thank them.

"Like the waves of the sea are the ways of fate as we voyage thru life, 'Tis the set of the soul which decides its goal and not he calm or the strife" – Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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THE SOCIAL SCENE

Thanks to the Benders for a great job at the "Spring Thaw" and the Bullocks for the work they did for the "New members Welcome/wine & cheese party."



Photo: Ken Schowe

Thanks to all that helped them. We have great events coming up and want to encourage everyone to get their

reservations and \$ in as soon as they can. It really helps the event planners to know as early as possible the number of people coming so they can do the planning, shopping, and preparing. The social committee is looking for help with the chili supper on October 8th, and volunteers to bring ice cream makers for the social on August 27th. And, we are also looking for willing ice cream chefs to churn up some delicious homemade ice cream.

Kort & Laurel Juenger
Social Committee
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FROM THE RACE CHAIR

Today, I write this bits piece (or piece of bits) from cockpit of my boat. Serving as race committee, I am waiting the return of some gallant sailors practicing their starts. All is well, and after six successive starts, everyone participating is getting better. Thanks to all those that came out to listen to the seminar on starting strategies. I hoped my discussion on wind biased starts and the ISAF starting sequence was helpful.

For June, there are a few changes to the schedule. June 18 Laylines and Windshifts race will be moved to Sunday, August 28. The Moonlight Regatta has been moved to June 17th. You might notice that the 17th is on a Friday. We moved the Moonlight regatta to Friday night so you and your crews can come out to the club and enjoy sailing Friday night, stay at the harbor, and join in the festivities for Saturday's Tapas on the Dock. The 17th is so close to the solstices, that we can easily start the race at 8:45 pm (sundown), giving you and your crews plenty of time to kick off work, put up with traffic, have a little dinner at the lake, and then go sailing. Please bring the family and enjoy the fair winds and quite solitude of the evening.

I still need race committee boats for the following dates:

June 5th
June 17th
July 2nd

If I do not receive committee boat volunteers by one week prior to the race, I will have no choice but to cancel the races. Please, if you like to race, do your part in participating in race program by becoming a race committee boat. Please call 314.960.6006 or e-mail [@HYPERLINK <mailto:garenmiller@mac.com>](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:garenmiller@mac.com) to sign up for race committee.

ISAF starting Sequence, now used at all clubs including BYC:

- Class Flag (Yellow Flag for BYC) – 5 minutes to start
- Preparatory Flag (“P” Flag – White square on Blue field) + Class Flag – 4 minutes to start.
- Preparatory Flag rescinded – 1 minute to start
- Class Flag rescinded – START!

See you around the marks.

Garen Miller – OB-LA-DI

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EDITOR’S NOTE

If you see an error in the attached club roster or in the *Bits*, just send an E-mail to myself, Ken Schowe, E-mail address: brummbear2@yahoo.com, or Dave Commens at dcommens@charter.net and we will set you up to receive the *E-Bits*.

Deadline for the next (July) issue of the Boulder Bits is **Wednesday, June 22, 2005**. Please submit articles and photos to Ken Schowe, E-mail address: brummbear2@yahoo.com. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

Ken Schowe

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More of Memphis in May:



Photo: Ken Schowe



Photo: Ken Schowe

rules of the road

BYC look, learn, & do race series:

**2005-2008 ISAF
racing rules**

sunday, june 4

ALL Members!

Join us for a review of the 2005 - 2008 ISAF racing rules. Basic to advanced racing rule reviews, race tactics and collision avoidance.

Cost: \$5.00 for veteran BYC members, FREE to new members!

What you get: A Copy of the 2005-2008 ISAF Racing Rules on CD-ROM.

Learning Objectives: Racing rules and collision avoidance.

Time: Meeting at 12 noon

Race Warning @ 1:00 pm

Race Start @ 1:30 pm

Race End @ 4:00 pm

MOON LIGHT REGATTA

BYC fun race series:
sailing by the moonlight

FRIDAY NIGHT
JUNE 17 - 8:45 pm

ALL Members!

After a hard days work, grab the family or your favorite crew and join us for a race around the buoys under the glow of a full moon. After racing, stay the night at the club and get ready to enjoy Tapas on the Dock the next day. What a way to start a great weekend!

Cost: \$5.00 for BYC members, FREE to new members!

Time: Meeting at 7:30 pm
Race Warning @ 8:15 pm
Race Start @ 8:45 pm
Race End @ midnight

TAPAS* ON THE DOCKS

- A progressive dock party - finger to finger; dock to dock
- Finger foods on the fingers - serve a favorite tapas on your dock finger
- Refreshments on the dock - chilled beverages at the end of each dock
- Participation prizes - **CARDINAL BASEBALL TICKETS!**
- Open boat - dress ship - optional: salon ship-shape and burgees flying

SATURDAY - JUNE 18 AT 5:30 PM

RSVP BY JUNE 12

Lets have some fun on the docks. Meet new people; see new boats; have some tasty home cooked food. The progressive feast will start on *Jost Van Dock*, move to *Easy Street*, then on to *Hard Rock* and end up at *Margaritaville*. Just listen for the ship's bells. Early reservations are urged to help in the planning of the event.

⋈ \$5 PER ADULT/\$3 PER CHILD ⋈

TAPPAS ON THE DOCKS PARTY

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

I will bring: _____

I can help out: Call me at: _____

Make your check out to Boulder Yacht Club. Tear this reservation sheet and send with your check to:

CARLA MILLER
5115 SAINT CHARLES PLACE
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63119

*Any of various small, savory dishes (typically Spanish), often served as a snack or with other tapas as a meal. Also known as potluck hors d'oeuvres on the dock.

