

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Fun and Games at Caribbean Night Party



Photo: Bill Schmidt

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

On Saturday, August 13, I participated in the Conch Republic Fun Race and welcomed a new crewmember aboard for the race. A co-worker, Bill Miller, who had never sailed before, asked me if he could come out to the lake some weekend and see what it was like. The racing was relaxed and easy in light winds, but when we turned back toward Boulder, the sky began to look ominous. Well, we barely got the boat tied up in time for the storm to hit, so he was almost in the midst of some real excitement. Afterwards he commented on how much he enjoyed sailing and how friendly everyone was to him at the party. Thanks to all club members present for making our guest feel welcome.

Many thanks to Laurel and Kort Juenger for all of their work in putting on the Caribbean party. They had some big obstacles to overcome including the storm, but they

pulled it off. There was delicious island food and music plus games for all ages.

We will be holding our annual nominating meeting on Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 AM under the tent. This will be a short meeting, but please think of anyone you would like to nominate to be an officer next year. If you would like to volunteer for one of the positions, please let me know. Written nominations can be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Commens, before September 6th. Later we'll also be looking for volunteers to fill the role of Social Ambassador and Club Historian.

The election will be held on October 9th, so plan on coming out to participate. Our club needs people to get involved in order to keep all aspects of it going, so please consider what area you would like to help in. As soon as the new Social Committee is elected, they will appreciate any ideas for parties and offers of help in hosting them. If you prefer a little less responsibility, there's always a shortage of hands to clean up after the events or you may be able to contribute an item or a skill to help maintain our clubhouse. Let's keep Boulder Yacht Club going and growing!

Fair winds and smooth sailing.

Bob Bender,
Commodore
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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Usually I write an article on a club event, and somewhere in that article try to push some item in the Ships Store. This time however I am just going to write about something that happened. It has been said that our club participation is not as active as days of yesteryear. As the Caribbean Party was being prepared a storm hit the marina with very high winds. Boats were trying to make it to the marina from all over the lake. The waves were the highest I have seen, but I was watching from the hill. A pontoon boat was washed ashore on the

Schmidt Beach just outside the marina. Two of our newer members, Rob Schmidt and Todd Schroeder, braved these unusually high waves and rescued a woman with a two-year-old child. Between a couple of their trips, Todd even swam the channel outside the marina. Todd led the other 7 adults and 5 children to Rob who drove his car to that subdivision off the beach. While Todd cooked hamburgers for the party Rob drove the castaways back to their cars at West Access.



Photo: Bill Schmidt

These two young men gave BYC a good name by helping those in need. How's that for participation? Oh I lied about not saying something about the Ships Store. If these people had been wearing some of our new BYC sweatshirts, they would have not gotten so cold while waiting for Rob.

Bill Schmidt
Vice Commodore
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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

It is hard to believe it is already September, where did the time go? Diane and I were unable to attend the Caribbean Nights party on Saturday, August 13th. I heard it was good time and the storm did not dampen any spirits. My opinion the parties have been great this year. The social committee and the hosts have really done a super job.

Sunday, August 21st at 9:30 am, the 2006 Officer nomination meeting *was* scheduled at the clubhouse, but I think all the flag officers, including me, forgot about it. There were very few people at the Marina, and it was hotter than expected although Saturday was excellent sailing. Time Out was a 6 plus knots on the west side of they lake from cove four to above the south silo. Great fun for me, but the Diane had that "are you sure you know what you are doing look". However, I think she enjoyed the ride. It's good to be Captain.

There is one new membership in August to report. Mr. Rick Murray and Ms. Denise Gansauer welcome aboard. Rick and Denise have the 24' Lowe on Easy Street 13. Keep an eye out for them and say hello. The club has 94 memberships this year as compared with 112 memberships last year at this time

How are we doing financially? Last year, on August 23rd, 2004 the club had \$2,708 in the checking account and little over \$1,000 dollars in the savings account. This year as of August 23rd, the club has \$2,415 in the checking and \$1,006 in the savings. I still have the Caribbean Nights income and expense to finish, and there are two membership checks to be deposited. I have requested approval from the Board and the Commodore to write a check for \$250 dollars to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. \$35 of this comes from Boulder Marina. Mr. Dennis Smith wanted his portion of a 50/50 drawing to go back into the club and it was in a drawing the Commodore had selected to provide the proceeds to Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

I know there have been some mistakes in the roster, and e-mail addressees are sometimes hard to keep up with. Many people have changed to high-speed Internet. Wow! Who would have thought we would have this much communication and information power a few years ago. Please be patient with me. While this is a volunteer time, I do take it seriously, and try to spend as much time as possible on it. I would appreciate if you take up your concerns and issues with me privately and give me a chance to make things right. You can always call me at 636-441-7880 or e-mail me at dcommens@charter.net

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjust the sails"
- William Arthur Ward.

I'd rather be sailing"

"Capn' Dave" Commens,
Secretary/Treasurer
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OFFICERS

Commodore.....	Bob Bender
Vice-Commodore.....	Bill Schmidt
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Dave Commens
Regatta Committee	Garen Miller
	Rich Carson
Social Committee Chairpersons	Kort & Laurel Juenger
Boulder Bits Editor.....	Ken Schowe
	Jim & Diane Moore
Webmaster.....	Rey Neville
Club Historians.....	Bill and Sharon Schmidt
DIRECTORS	
Allan Stewart, Chairman	
John Carnasiotis	Rey Neville
Art Seise	Ken Schowe
Web site.....	http://www.boulderyc.org

THE SOCIAL SCENE

Well, Kort and I hope everyone enjoyed the special effects we produced for the "Caribbean Night." Hurricane like winds are expressive to recreate but we thought it would really set the mood. Thanks to all that helped us cook, serve, and cleanup. We could not have done it without you!! Thanks also to everyone for their patients that evening while we waited out the storm and were a little late in getting the food out. In September we are looking forward to something new. A change of plans has made September 24th the night for a pig roast and pot luck, hosted by Deanna and Todd Schroeder. Doesn't that sound yummy? Dennis Smith is donating the pig for this event.

I desperately need help with the planning of the Chili Supper on October 8th. I need cooks!!! Please call at 618-667-8258 if you can help (more info on the Chili Supper via a separately mailed flyer next month).

The Halloween party was great fun for kids and adults last years so it's not too early to start planning your costume for the October 22 event.

Kort & Laurel Juenger
Social Committee
kunderwater@aol.com

FROM THE RACE CHAIR

There are several BYC racing events for the September and October. Let's start with September.

September 10th will see the brave, bold and courageous (or the foolish, crazy and senseless) sail a lap around the

lake, alone. The Around Alone Race will depart from BYC harbor, and with luck, the boats will return with their skippers. For safety sake, the rules regarding the race will be the following:

- * Life jackets must be worn at all times.
- * Jack lines are strongly encouraged.
- * At the skippers' option, a second person serving as "safety" crew will be allowed on board. This person will only be used in case of emergency. The crew will be restricted to the inside of the cabin during the race and can only come out to assist a skipper if a collision cannot be avoided, the boat is over canvassed and needs to be reefed (as in the event of a sudden squall) or if the skipper has fallen overboard.

So, if you plan to race, take notice that this race is about safety first. Be sure to show up to the captains meeting to find out all of the rules. The meeting will be at 12:00 noon and the race will start at 1:30pm.

Next is the "Whale of the Sail" on September 17th and 18th. CSA has a great event and what would make it even better is to see a fair number of you BYC sailors there. Lets got collect some trophies!

Finally, the BYC Commodores cup is October 8th. Keep an eye out for flyers and web postings for this great race. I need some volunteers for this race, as does the social committee. Please contact me if you are interested in the following jobs:

- * Friday night registration table
- * Saturday registration table
- * Shopping or creating trophies
- * Mail in registration processing
- * Race result tabulations
- * Music
- * Lunch on the boat

If enough people help, we can all sail in the event.

See you around the cans.

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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: brumbear2@yahoo.com, Jim & Diane Moore at ljhmoore@charter.net and Dave Commens at dcommens@charter.net and we will set you up to

receive the *E-Bits*.

Deadline for the next (November) issue of the Boulder Bits is **Wednesday, October 26, 2005**. Please submit articles and photos to Jim & Diane Moore, E-mail address: ljhmoore@charter.net. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

Ken Schowe, Editor
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MORE CARIBBEAN NIGHT PICS:

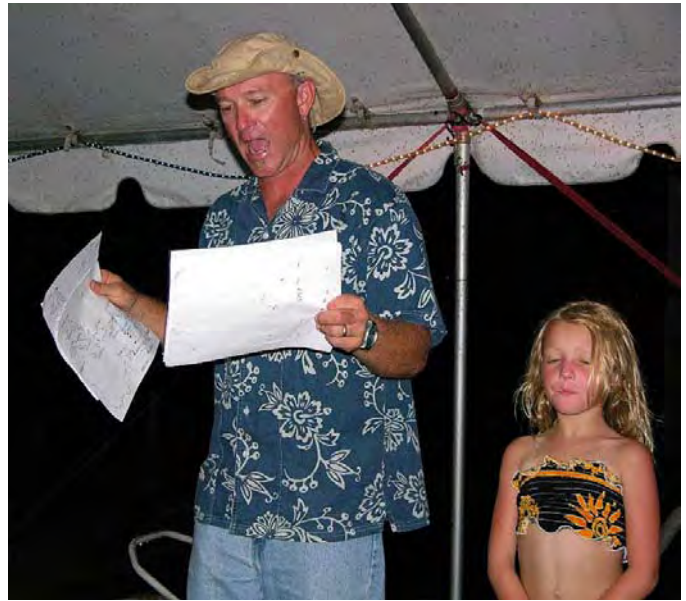


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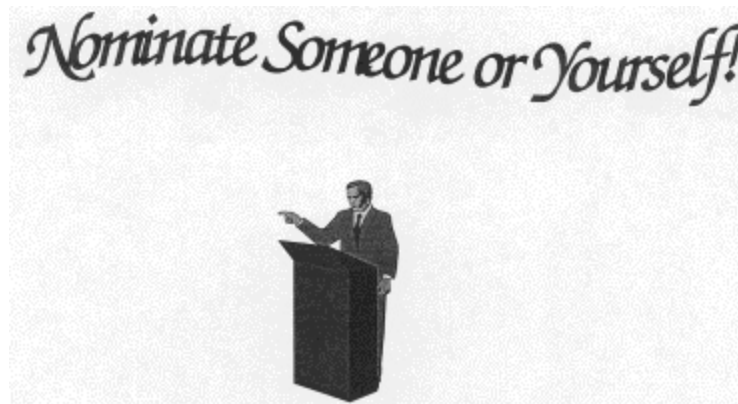
BOULDER YACHT CLUB
LAKE CARLYLE, ILLINOIS

IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR!!



**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS OF BOULDER YACHT CLUB, A NOMINATION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
11:00 AM, UNDER THE TENT**

HELP DECIDE WHO WILL LEAD OUR CLUB NEXT YEAR!!



WRITE-IN NOMINATIONS MAY BE MAILED TO THE CLUB SECRETARY, DAVE COMMENS. BY SEPTEMBER 6TH.

Your Board of Directors:

Allan Stewart, Chairman
Art Seise
Ken Schowe

John Carnasiotis
Rey Neville
Bob Bender (ex-officio)



BOULDER YACHT CLUB
LAKE CARLYLE, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS



In accordance with the By-laws of Boulder Yacht Club, a nomination meeting will be held on:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
9 AM UNDER THE TENT



Your Board of Directors:

Allan Stewart, Chairman
Art Seise
Ken Schowe

John Carnasiotis
Rey Neville
Bob Bender (ex-officio)



BYC Hog Roast

Saturday, September 24th at 7:00 pm

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Beer and soda will be provided.

Cost is \$5 per adult / \$2 per child.

Please send reservations in by September 16th to:

Dave Commens
144 Timber Run
St. Peters, MO 63376

If you have any questions, please call Todd or Deanna Schroeder at 636-274-3509

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 22, 2005

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE DOCKS AT 5:00 PM

DINNER AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT 6:30 PM

HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS

CHIPS & DIPS

BEER & SODA

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST AT 7:30 PM

BOBBING FOR HANGING APPLES

COSTUME CONTEST AT 9:00 PM

SEE ALL THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS AROUND

THE BONFIRE

ADULTS \$5.00, CHILDREN FREE!!!

PARTY BY THE SCHMIDTY CLAN

R.S.V.P. BY OCTOBER 15, 2005

SIGN UP FOR ALL THE FUN WITH

DAVE COMMENS

144 TIMBER RUN

ST. PETERS, MO 63376

