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Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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The new 2005 BYC officers for 2005. Garen Miller, Race Chair; Bill Schmidt, Vice Commodore; Bob Bender, Commodore; Laurel and Kort Juenger, Social Committee.

BYC 2005 No-Boat terrific

By Rey Neville

Gary and Kay Vogel put on one great party. The setting at Ces and Judy's earned high praise from all, especially for the food and the two room arrangement. The music by Night Magic was perfect and the DJ knew how to get us dancing.

The program activities included the installation of officers (see photo above) and the presentation of several well earned awards. Receiving the much deserved Boulder YC Achievement Award were Kay and Gary Vogel. The Boulder YC Seamanship Award went to Bill and Sharon Schmidt for their continuing outstanding support of Boulder Yacht Club, like their always entertaining video presentations. This year the entertaining video was presented on an eight foot wide screen thanks to the generosity of the Luttrells who lent the club their high-tech video projector.

Well earned Commodore Appreciation Awards were presented to Gary and Kay Vogel, Dave and Diane Commens, Ken Schowe, Rich Carson and, most especially, Mary Neville.

Rich Carson presented the racing trophies for the year. Taking first place in the Spring Series were Rey and Mary Neville, who most gave only an outside chance for such success. Dennis Smith and Parks Smith tied for second in the Spring Series. The fall series first place award went to Bob Bender, another



BYC No-Boat partiers socializing in the "cocktail room" prior to the activities in the main ball room.

infrequent but delighted winner. Other racing awards when to Dennis Smith for wining the Renshaw Memorial Regatta and to Rey and Mary Neville for the Midnight Race, also known as the Corps Bug Endurance Race.

The outgoing Commodore made a special presentation honoring Steve Kratchman for his lifetime achievement of sailing success in spite of all obstacles. In recognition of this accomplishment the Tony Award was permanently retired in his name. Accepting the award on Steve's behalf were Jane and Bill Hendey, who for several years have been Steve's faithful crew.

Also noteworthy was the 50-50 drawing which this year featured two donations. One was a large framed 1906 photograph of the sailing yacht Columbia won by Schmidty Schmidt. The other was a month's free slip rental donated by Dennis and Stuart. Susan Haase garnered that one.

The 50-50 earnings were split between The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the club treasury. These prizes generated considerable interest resulting in a donation of more than \$175 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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OFFICERS

- CommodoreBob Bender
- Vice-CommodoreBill Schmidt
- Secretary-Treasurer.....Dave Commens
- Regatta CommitteeGaren Miller
Rich Carson
- Social Committee ChairpersonsKort & Laurel Juenger
- Boulder Bits EditorKen Schowe
Jim & Diane Moore
- WebmasterRey Neville
- Club HistoriansBill and Sharon Schmidt

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- Allan Stewart, Chairman
- John Carnasiotis Rey Neville
- Art Seise Ken Schowe

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COMMODORE’S COMMENTS

The 28th Annual BYC No-Boat Regatta was a huge success. I again want to thank Gary and Kay Vogel for doing an outstanding job organizing this event. Linda is still talking about that carrot casserole. Our retiring Commodore was a wonderful Master of Ceremonies. Thank you, Rey, for everything you did this past year, and everything you continue to do for the club. As the new Commodore of BYC, I have a very tough act to follow.

Luckily the club has elected a great slate of new officers. Bill Schmidt is our new Vice Commodore, and I know he will be a vast improvement over last year’s model. He has lots of new ideas for BYC regalia. Bill has a full catalog of shirts, hats, jackets, and anything else that a BYC logo can fit on. Talk to Bill or Sharon about how you can be one of the best dressed sailors on the lake.

At the No-Boat, outgoing Race Chair Rich Carson made the statement that racing could teach us more about boat handling in a few races than we might otherwise learn in several years. Our new Race Chair, Garen Miller, has plans to take that idea a step further and structure several races specifically around building new racing skills for those who may be new to racing, or who have not been racing recently. I certainly need help for my starts. Many of you will remember my infamous start in the Leukemia Regatta several years ago, now referred to as The Bender Start. If you have any interest in racing, this is the year to join in, either by racing your boat or crewing for another. I look forward to having a large racing fleet this year.

Dave Commens will continue to fulfill the duties of Secretary-Treasurer, as he did last year. I know from experience that this is a time consuming, behind-the-scenes job, but it is one of the most important. Dave and Diane do not get enough credit for all of the time they put in. When you see them, take a minute to say thanks.



Barb and Parks enjoying the beautiful table setting by the Vogel's and the evening's party favors. It was Barb's first night out after surgery and she was ready to party.

Our new Social Committee, Kort and Laurel Juenger, have put together a wonderful social schedule. They have added a few new twists this year to the list of last year’s favorites. Robert Collier said, “Success is the sum of small efforts”, so please talk to Kort and Laurel to find out how you can help with one of the parties. You will find that participating in these events is the best way to make new friends and make the most out of your time at the lake.

The social schedule kicks off Saturday, April 16th with the Spring Thaw. We will be setting up the tent around 9:00 AM followed by breakfast at 10:00 and a flea market. Gather up any boat gear that you would like to sell and bring it for the flea market. Remember – one man’s junk is another man’s treasure! A West Marine representative will also be present to talk about their merchandise. Please e-mail Kort and Laurel or me (bbender9@yahoo.com) and let us know if you are planning to attend. There is no charge for this event, but it will be helpful to know how much food to prepare.

I want to remind everyone that the Leukemia Regatta will again be held on Memorial Day weekend. This is a well organized and very fun time which raises money for an important and worthwhile cause. I encourage everyone to participate, by racing, crewing, attending the dinner, or giving a donation. This year’s kickoff party will be held Thursday evening, April 21. The guest speaker is Russell Coutts!! He is THE greatest living America’s Cup skipper and, some would argue, the best of all time. If anyone needs information about this event, please contact Karen Schwartz or me. Karen is a member of the Leukemia Regatta committee and can fill in all of the details. There is also a link to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society website on the BYC website, www.boulderyc.org.

I would like to thank all members of the club for the honor



The BYC No-Boat was rockin' and rollin', as usual.

and privilege of serving as your Commodore this year. This is a fantastic club full of great friends. For those who do not know me, please feel free to stop by our boat, Serenity near the West end of Margaritaville and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you.

Fair winds and smooth sailing.

Bob Bender
Commodore
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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

This time of year is a busy time for BYC sailors. We're trying to get our affairs together, our boats ready, and arrive at some plan on how to get to the lake with gas prices going up and up. Finally in the water means we have conquered all these issues. To help make these issues easier the Ships Store has items for members to purchase. You can view the Ship Store at our web site of www.boulderyc.org.



Bill and Sharon Schmidt. Recipients of the Boulder YC Seamanship Award for 2004.

I am currently looking at new catalogs to increase the items in the store. You can order these items by calling Bill or Sharon Schmidt 636-671-1063 or e-mail: magicdragon1@prodigy.net, or this summer walk down to easy street and stop at the MAGIC DRAGON.

Bill Schmidt
Vice Commodore
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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Welcome everyone to the 2005 BYC season, and a special welcome to our new members: Alan and Betty Korte, Don Milner and Beth Hargis, and Bruce and Diane Pebbles. The current club membership is 42 family units, and I expect we shall see this number rise significantly in the next month. March and April are two big renewal months. I would like to remind all members that we have a Cooperating Group Agreement with BOAT US. The price of the basic membership is \$9.50; this is half the regular price. The BYC group agreement number is GA81412Y. The BOAT US website is www.boatus.com for information and membership enrollment. It was great to see so many of you at the No Boat and I am looking forward to the Spring Thaw. It will be hard to top last years social events, but I think Kort and Lorrie have put together some great parties for this year. Please make your reservations early when required for an event. Always make checks payable to Boulder Yacht Club. I'm sure I will see you at the Marina soon. It is that time for sprucing up the boat and getting back in the water. I look forward to being the BYC Secretary/Treasurer again this year. See you on the water.

"I'd rather be sailing"

"Capn' Dave" Commens
Secretary/Treasurer
dcommens@charter.net

THE SOCIAL SCENE

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- April 16th – "The BYC Spring Thaw"; Breakfast and Flea Market. Free to all members (see attached flyer).
- April 21st – Kickoff for Leukemia Cup Regatta (see Leukemia Cup News column for place and time).
- April 30th – "New Member Welcome"; Social Hour and Wine Tasting (see attached flyer).
- May 14th – "New Member's Race" (see attached flyer).
- May 21st – "Leukemia Cup Primer" (see attached flyer).
- May 21st – "Memphis in May" party (see the next Bits issue for details).

Kort and Laurel Juenger
Social Committee

FROM THE RACE CHAIR

About this time every year, I break open the Racing Rules to remind myself that I am crazy about this sport. (My wife just says that I am crazy, and I say that it is good to be reminded of this fact too). The Racing Rules have been tried and argued but, unfortunately, are written in a language that closely resembles Latin. After I put down the rulebook, I refer to a number of sources and web sites that explain the rules in a



Dennis receiving the Bob Renshaw Memorial Regatta trophy for first place.

little easier format. These sources have become my translator for the Racing Rules and have imparted invaluable advice that has translated on the racecourse and day sailing.

For this year, the BYC racing program will introduce a new race series called "look, learn and do." Consider this program a new supplement to your sailing abilities. The objective of the program is to bring you and your family out to the racecourse and brush up on your boat handling abilities and learn a new trick or two. Everyone, no matter your experience level or sailing abilities will learn a new skill or insight on sailing.

There are two races scheduled for May. For the New Members Race, the season opener, the program will focus on safely navigating Lake Carlyle. A valuable brush-up for anyone who has run aground, myself included, this program will cover where the (darn) sand bar is located, as well as safely entering our harbor, finding a good fishing hole, entering other harbors and good places to raft up and swim. All participants will receive a new map of Carlyle Lake.

The next race, The Leukemia Cup Primer, will focus on starting the race and close quarter boat handling. This race program will "pump you up" for the Leukemia Cup to be held at CSA on Memorial Day Weekend.

As always, these programs are as valuable as the volunteers that make them possible, and those that participate. This is where I come begging for your help and ask for your participation. If you have a particular expertise in either of these programs, please help me to deliver a great race program. To sign up, you can e-mail me at garenmiller@mac.com or just call 314-645-0565. For more information on the races in May,

please see the attached flyers.

Please turn in your race declaration forms as soon as possible. Rich is working with other volunteers in making adjustments to the PHRF ratings for the BYC Racing Fleet. His brave endeavor (if not slightly delirious) should help keep racing fair and objective.

See you around the marks.

Garen Miller – OB-LA-DI
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LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA NEWS

Greetings Boulder Sailors,

There are some remaining tickets at both gold and silver level for the Kickoff for the 2005 Leukemia Cup Regatta to be held on April 21.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear (and meet) the America's Cup skipper with the record for greatest number of wins; recent skipper of Alinghi and to enjoy a full evening of entertainment.

Details available at:

<http://www.samiam00.com/regatta/>

or call Allison Starling at L&LS, 314-878-0780 for tickets and/or details. or Karen Schwartz, 314-726-2866.

Karen Schwartz

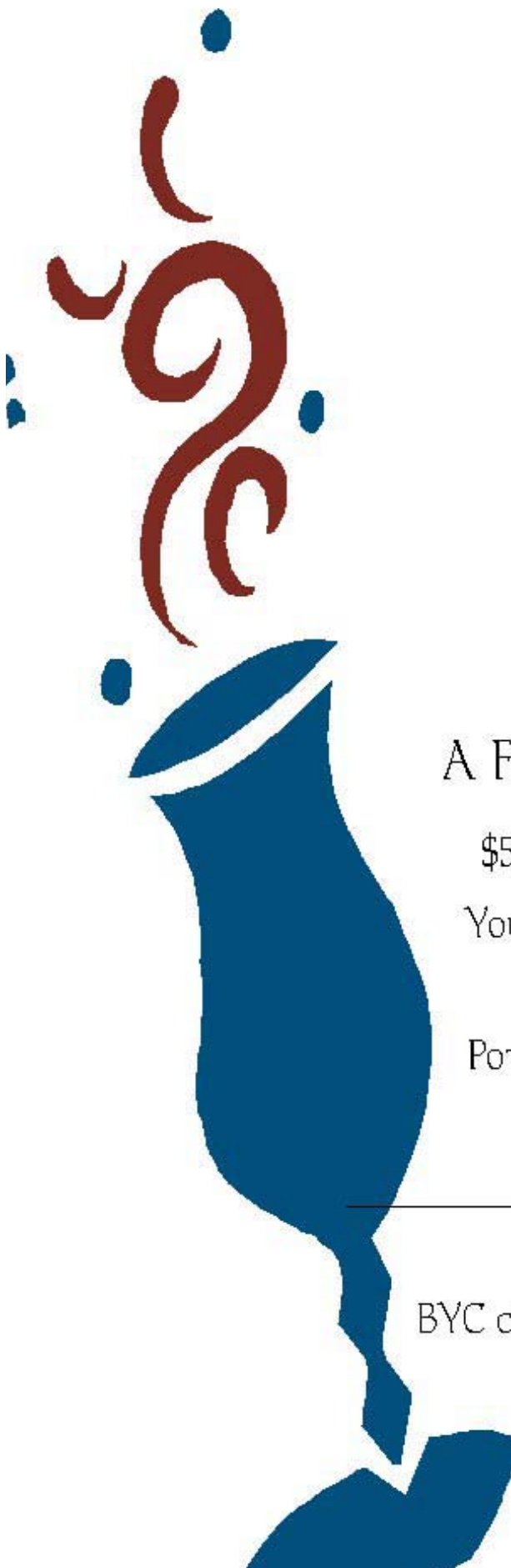
EDITOR'S NOTE

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, 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 (May) issue of the Boulder Bits is April 19, 2005. Please submit articles 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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BYC
NEW MEMBER
WELCOME

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005

BOULDER MARINA

SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:00

A FUN WITH WINE TASTING @ 5:30

\$5.00 PER PERSON NEW MEMBERS ARE FREE

YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER IF YOU JOINED AFTER
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

POTLUCK DINNER TO FOLLOW. BRING SOMETHING
TO GRILL AND A DISH TO SHARE.

SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

BYC c/o DAVE COMMENS 144 TIMBER RUN, ST. PETER
MO 63376 *NEW MEMBERS JUST SEND FORM*

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____

new members race

BYC look, learn, & do race series:

SAFE NAVIGATION

sat. may 14

ALL Members!

Here is a great opportunity to learn about navigating Lake Carlyle!
Join us at the Club House at 11:00 am for a short orientation about navigating Lake Carlyle, great fishing holes and places to raft up to swim. After the orientation, a veteran BYC member will be available to ride along and “take a lap” around the lake in a race from buoy to buoy.

Cost: \$5.00 for veteran BYC members racing their own boats, FREE to new members!

What you get: A free copy of a map of Lake Carlyle!

Learning Objectives: Safe Navigation of the Lake, Steering Course over Wind, Sailing tips from veteran sailors.

**Time: Meeting at 11:00 am
Race Warning @ 11:45 am
Race Start @ 12:15 pm
Race End @ 4:00 pm**



sat. may 21

ALL Members!

Get ready for the Leukemia Cup! Join us at the Club House at 10:00 am for Coffee and Donuts. There will be a short orientation on race starts, starting sequence, starting rules and what all of those silly flags mean. After the orientation, a starting line with a single mark 1/2 mile to windward will be set up near the mouth of the cove. At least 5 or more practice starts will be accomplished (or at least attempted).

Afterwards, come and enjoy the festivities at the Memphis in May Social

Cost: \$5.00 for all BYC Members Boats, \$15.00 of Non-Member Boats.

What you get: A copy of the Racing Starting Rules used at BYC, CYC, & CSA.

Learning Objectives: Safe Starting Practice, Starting Rules, and Boat Handling Skills .

Time: Meeting at 10:00 am
Race Warning @ 11:00 am
Race Start @ 11:30 am
Race End @ 2:30 pm