

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## Boulder Sailor Sweeps Lake Wide Event!



"And the Winner is---" Photo: Bill Schmidt

"Desperado", guided by her captain, Dennis Smith, and crew John Miller and Todd Schroeder, crossed the finish line **first** in all 5 races she entered at the Leukemia Cup Regatta. This is the first time that a boat from BYC has accomplished this feat. Taking one first in your class is considered good, but all five first is unthinkable. Congratulations to Desperado and her crew!!!!!!!!!!

Bill Schmidt  
Cub Reporter

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Linda and I want to thank all of the BYC members who came out to support the Leukemia Regatta. The Regatta committee (including our own Karen Schwartz) did a fantastic job and the weather cooperated to create a very successful and fun weekend. I am proud to report that the event raised approximately \$60,000 to help in the

fight against leukemia. The loss of Linda's dad to this disease just two weeks later, underlined for us the importance of the ongoing research that the LLS is funding. We are grateful to everyone involved for giving his or her time.

Another reason I looked forward to Memorial Day weekend (besides being away from work) was that my plans included solo sailing "Serenity" down to CSA to meet my crew. I had sailed our previous boat by myself several times, but I had never sailed "Serenity" without anyone else on board. There is a big difference between our old Ericson 23 and a Catalina 30 (more than four tons of displacement difference!). I had put a lot of thought into each task required, how I would leave the dock, how I would hoist the main, how I would drop sail and how I would approach the CSA dock. I not only planned each task, but also made backup plans in case I screwed up.

Early Saturday morning I motored "Serenity" out of the marina, headed into the wind and locked her wheel. There was plenty of wind and I put two reefs in the main, and unrolled enough of the Genoa to balance the helm. Before long, we (the boat and me) were moving down the lake at 6 knots. I was completely thrilled and felt like Bruce Schwab or Brad Van Lieu. I am now looking forward to the Around Alone race this fall. Ask Garen Miller for details.

Our thanks also go to Garen and Carla Miller for stepping in to host the second annual Tapas on the Dock party. Mother Nature also smiled on us for our progressive open boat party. Everyone had a chance to peek at their neighbors' yachts, show off their hard work and creativity plus share quite a variety of appetizers. As far as I know, we didn't have any sailors end up in the lake; however a few lucky partygoers witnessed a daring rescue of "Thomas the Tank Engine" who went overboard on the Nevilles' boat (*alas, we were unable to make a photographic record of this heroic event -ed.*). Thanks Rey! We look forward to a third annual Tapas party!

Plan to attend the upcoming Fourth of July rally and fireworks. If you have never seen fireworks on the water, you are missing a beautiful sight.

Fair winds and smooth sailing.

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## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

We have had a few parties and a few races, which means we were getting into the swing of things for this summer. To look really kewl (I borrowed that from Bob Bitchem) at the rest of the parties, you can purchase BYC shirts and hats from the BYC Ships Store. As with everything you buy today the price goes up. Some of the new shirts have gone up a little, but we still have some at last year's prices. Contact me, or Sharon Schmidt by coming to the "Magic Dragon", or see us on the hill to get some of these bargains.

Bill Schmidt  
Vice Commodore

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## FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

BYC is at 93 memberships with thirteen new memberships this year. I am a little behind in getting cards mailed out and new member welcome letters, but

with Dede's help I am working on it. Should be up-to-date before you read this issue of the Boulder Bits.

The 2005 Moonlight regatta and the Tapas party are now history. The Moonlight regatta was great. Good weather and the moon was nearly full. My wife and I had the pleasure of crewing for Rey and Mary on "Water Music". We didn't break any records, but we had a great time and a beautiful night of sailing with great friends. Great race Garen. Tapas is always fun, great event with good turn out. Garen and Carla Miller did a super job hosting. Thanks to all the club members that provided "Tapas" at their boats. While the chance to see the very impressive 34 Catalina, "Déjà Vu" is nice; also I was impressed with the interior of the 23 San Juan, "Dandelion" and the roomy American's, "Kinder Spirit" and "Ohana". There are lots of great boats at BYC with proud and caring owners. On top of the great time everyone had, BYC made money again this year with Tapas. The social committee event planning has been great so far, and there are more events ahead. Check the schedule, look for the flyers, come out, join in and feel free to bring guests.



"Dandelion"

Photo: Parks Smith

"Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran aground. One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar."  
– Don Bamford.

"I'd rather be sailing"

"Capn' Dave" Commens,  
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## THE SOCIAL SCENE

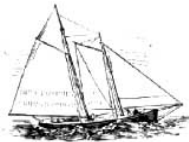
Tapas on the dock: What a great time was had by all on this lovely evening. Over 50 people participated in this fun event. The "little tastes" of food were a big hit with all. It was great to see all the new people joining our great club. We welcome Pam McBride and Bill Rathbun of "Orca" on Jost Van Dock and Karyn and Joe Peters of "Sundance" on Hard Rock; just four that I got to talk with. Bob and Terry Eldon and family on "Dandelion" did an outstanding job of decorating their boat and dock. Not to be missed was the "Schmidt Village" on Easy Street. They are the recipients of the Cardinal baseball tickets. Jell-O shots under the palm trees were enjoyed by all! Thanks to Garen and Carla Miller, the hosts of the event.

Looking for those with ice cream makers to help with the ice cream social on August 27 and someone with technology and gear to project a DVD movie onto a sail. If you can help give us a call or email.

Thanks

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"Schmidt Village" Photo: Parks Smith

## FROM THE RACE CHAIR

Wow! What a race! What race you ask? Well, if you attended the Moonlight regatta you would know what I am talking about. What? You did not think that a Friday

night race would work? WRONG! There were 8 boats loaded and ready to go at sunset and raced until the wee hours of the morning. Fun? You bet! Do it again? Yes, you bet! Was there wind? You bet. The wind blew strong all night at 10 knots from the north. Who won? Well, here are the raw times, but I need to compute the PHRF handicaps and adjust the times:

OB LA DI (DA) – 2:02:01

Déjà vu – 2:21:39

October Breeze – 2:22:01

The Ozzacle – 2:31:29

Sailing Fox – 2:31:36

Rag Time – 3:39:29

Aquaholic – DNF

NEXT RACE? WHEN?

Saturday, 2nd of July, 2:00 pm captains meeting, race start time to be determined at the captains meeting.

July 16th is the Tradewinds cup. I would encourage you to take your boat and join our neighbors in a friendly race around the buoys. Oh.... and beat their socks off and bring the cup to BYC!

See you around the cans!

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## LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA NEWS

More "Desperado" Photos --



"Just Hanging Out" Photo: Bill Schmidt





“Douse, Douse” Photo: Bill Schmidt,



Photo: Parks Smith

**EDITOR’S NOTE**

Deadline for the next (August) issue of the Boulder Bits is **Wednesday, June 22, 2005**. Please submit articles and photos to Ken Schowe, E-mail address: [brumbear2@yahoo.com](mailto:brumbear2@yahoo.com). We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

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Photo: Parks Smith

**More “Tapas” Pics--**



Photo: Parks Smith



Photo: Parks Smith



On-The-Water Party and Raft Up  
Saturday, July 23, 2005  
Boulder Marina

Fried chicken will be provided, please bring a sidedish and/or a dessert for the pot luck.

We'll dish up at 11:00am and then head out to cove#4- Allen Branch to raft up and eat.

“Survior” style games

for all ages by the “Schmity Clan” so you know we’ll have a good time!

\$5 per adult \$2 for children <12

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