

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

BOULDER YACHT CLUB "NO-BOAT REGATTA"

We are excited to announce that the "No-Boat" will be held February 23 2008 at the Drury Inn & Suites in O'Fallon, Illinois. If you are interested in reserving a room please book it early, by Feb. 1st. There are two convenient ways to reserve: online you can go to www.druryhotels.com click on **BOOK IT FAST**, then enter group number **2020498**. Or you can call 1-800-325-0720 to make your reservations. Please specify the hotel location O'Fallon, Illinois and reference your group name Boulder Yacht Club. We receive a break on the banquet room and on the price of the hotel rooms, \$81, based on 10 reserved rooms, so if you're thinking about it don't put it off. This is a very nice new hotel right off Highway 64 2 minutes from St. Clair Square Mall. If you have any questions call Laurel or Kort at 618-667-8258.

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Well folks, like the song says, "Their Aint No Cure For the WinterTime Blues." I'm not sure how I'm going to make it for 3 more months. You can only watch movies like Wind and White Squall so many times, and then they won't even take the edge off anymore. I took a walk on the docks Sunday, just me and the gull poop! What a lonely place. There's nothing worst than being on the hard; at least with your boat in the water you can get a partial fix! So

everybody have a safe and Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas to all.
See you at the lake

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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Just a reminder, dues for 2008 will be due shortly. By sending them to me early I can have your card waiting for you at the No-Boat. It's easy to forget about this now, and in the spring when so much else is going on. If you travel in winter you will also have your reciprocal cards with you to use as Bill and Sharon did a coupe of weeks ago in Texas.

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THE SOCIAL SCENE

The ladies Tea was held at the Café Balaban's in St. Louis central West End. This area at one time was a colorful area of St. Louis. When ladies get away from their sailing husband do they talk about sailing? Probably not, so I guess my second hand information is correct. They talked about the important things such as what to wear to No-Boat, what are schools doing, and what they do to make their husband do those things that they should do. On the other hand the husbands met at the Scottish Arms Pub and they did talk about sailing. They also talked about such things as do the Scotties wear underwear under their kilts. You know important things. The people I talked to had a very good time.

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FROM THE RACE CHAIR

See you around the marks.

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WINTERIZE YOUR BOATS

Here are some ideas about winter storing your boats from Steve Kratchman.

For those leaving their boats in the marina, there will be days neither Craig nor Dennis will be there. It would behoove you to get the boat owner's name and phone number of those on your dock. When out to your boat, you and/or the other boat owners might look over to see that all is right with those boats on their docks. An alert by cell phone, which most have, could save a neighbor's boat...or your own.

Upon putting up for the winter, wax or poliglow or whatever, but treat you hull with protection against the UV rays of the sun and the elements. Next spring, cleaning up and preparing with another finish will be easier and quicker.

Any sponge or stuffing rag in any opening under and on top of the boat will insure nesting and crawling insects and other critters will not be there to greet you upon returning next spring.

If you leave your cushions on board during the winter, do stand them up in any way you can to keep moisture from condensation from creating a mildew condition. A cold night and a sunny day on a boat are conditions creating this.

Leaving a boat uncovered is asking for premature aging of the topsides along with opening up several spots for leaks, not all apparent inside the cabin. Some just go into the bilge. And mildew can create unlivable conditions inside a closed boat. If possible; allowing air to flow through such as cracking open the forward hatch and a rear port opening will help.

If you have batteries fully charged and can come out to recharge them periodically, leaving them on the boat is no problem. If you take them home to store, place on raised wood, never on concrete. That will kill them! A battery, showing less than 10.4 amps is essentially dead and will never hold a charge as when new.

If you have any ideas for storing your boat send them to me at magicdragon1@prodigy.net and I will publish them in the Bits.

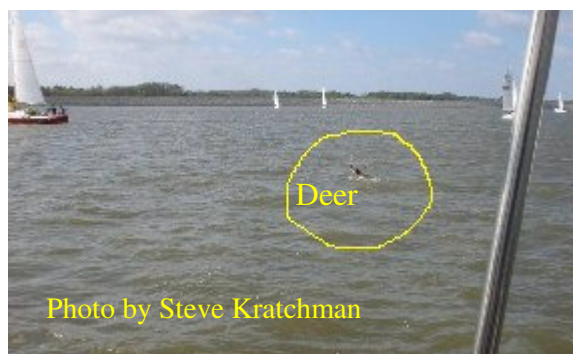
EDITOR'S NOTE

If you see an error in the attached club roster or in the *Bits*, just send an E-mail to myself, Bill Schmidt, Email address magicdragon1@prodigy.net and Deanna Schroeder at toddanddeanna@juno.com and we will set you up to receive the *E-Bits*.

Deadline for the next (Jan) issue of the Boulder Bits is **Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007**. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

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Short Note a deer delayed the Great Race by 30 minutes because he wanted to race and swam in the start line.

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