

# Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## KID'S KORNER BITS

- 1-How do you avoid ticks on your pets?
- 2-What did the beachcomber name his daughter?
- 3-What kinds of horses like to be ridden at night?

Anyone in the club believing they are a kid and know the answers, email Steve Kratchman @ [casacitai@msn.com](mailto:casacitai@msn.com) with the answer to some or all of the questions from each issue of the Boulder Bits. In the email, please list the corresponding question for each answer.

In the last 2007 Boulder Bits issue, we'll announce the winner, based on the most winning answers.

Caveats: (1) You or your parents must be a BYC member, (2) the date and time of the receipt of the email will be used for tiebreakers (earliest submission wins).

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Ladies Tea this year will be Sat. Dec. 1 at 11:30 at "Café Balaban" at 405 North Euclid in the central West End. And the lads will be enjoying a pint at the "Scottish Arms" pub and restaurant at

610 S. Sarah St., St. Louis. Hope you all can make it. It truly is hard to believe we need to be thinking of Christmas, but it's just around the corner.

Fair Winds & Flat Seas

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Commodore  
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## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

I'm sure excited to be your Commodore next year! It was a very close race, and I'd like to thank all of you that voted for me, I'm sure it was your vote that made the difference. All kidding aside, I'm looking forward to next year, and have some ideas for Boulder Yacht Club in 2008. I'll be sharing these with you at a later date.

The key to BYC's success, or any club, is its membership! I'd like to see some new members, as over the years our club's membership has been shrinking. Also I'd like to see more interaction with the other clubs on the lake and think that an open dialog with them is very important.

See you at the lake. I'm on the hard after 4 Summers wet!!

Gary J. Lopez  
Vice Commodore  
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## FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

I think November s the hardest article I've had to write, because it reminds me that the sailing season is coming to and end. It's been a good year with a total party profit of \$740. Our racing brought in \$320 and the ships store had \$213 in sales. We are ending the season with 83 members. I hope we

lived up to the expectations of our 16 new members and they will be back to join us again in 2008.

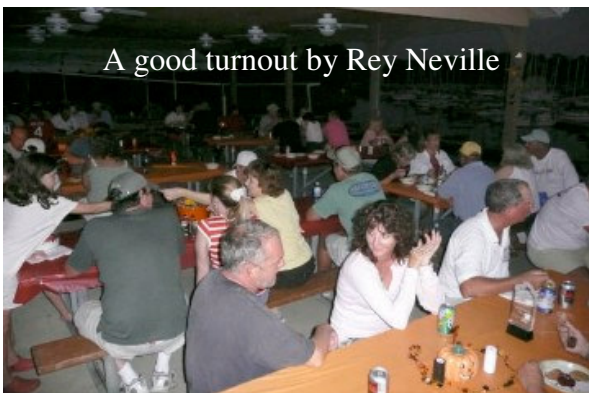
I want to personally thank Rob Schmidt for stepping up to take the reigns as Secretary/Treasurer. This job comes with a lot of work, but I can say it is also the most rewarding. It is the best way to get to know all our members, and to get involved in our club. Although I am looking forward to kicking back to a carefree 2008, I would recommend this office to any member. I know Rob will do a great job.

See you around the fire ring.

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## THE SOCIAL SCENE

After having one of the best “Commodore’s Cup” in recent years, we also had a great Chili Supper. Sharon with the help of many members worked her stern off to make everyone have a good time and a good time was had. Although it was hot for October the chili was good, the beverages were good, and those that didn’t win as well as those that did win liked the trophies. After the party some of the boats that attended from other clubs stayed in slips provided by the marina. They voiced their appreciation for the club and the marina owner in making their stay a memorable one.



The Halloween Party was a small fun group of about 25. The price was right free; we had leftovers from the chili supper and potluck dishes. One small group was in costumes, one small group attempted to rescue a grounded sailor visiting the south island, and the rest just told sailor stories

about their visit to that island. Due to high winds and dry conditions we didn’t have a bonfire, but we had lots of very scary decorations thanks to Kelly and her friend and the Hays girls hard working installation. Sharon would like to thank all those that helped in the kitchen, especially the new members. Its always good to see new members get involved.



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## FROM THE RACE CHAIR

Boulder Racers,

The racing season has come to a close for 2007. We had a good turnout for the Commodores Cup on October 6<sup>th</sup> with 18 boats participating, representing all four clubs on the lake. You can see the results on the BYC Web Site.



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different  
clubs

by  
Laurel  
Juenger

We had two boats participate in the in the “CYC Great Race” on Oct.27. Those racers were Steve Katchman on “Casa Cita II” and yours truly on “The Ozzacle”.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Correction Bill & Susan Watkins correct phone number is 636-458-0954.

If you see an error in the *Bits* or you want to receive the Bits via e-mail, just send an e-mail to me, Bill Schmidt, [magicdragon1@prodigy.net](mailto:magicdragon1@prodigy.net) or Deanna Schroeder at [toddanddeanna@juno.com](mailto:toddanddeanna@juno.com)—and we will set you up to receive the *E-Bits*. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

The deadline for the next issue of the Boulder Bits is **Monday, November 23rd, 2007** 😊

Bill Schmidt, Editor [magicdragon1@prodigy.net](mailto:magicdragon1@prodigy.net)

I am going to try to publish the bits all year hopefully with some useful information like this winter tip from Boat US.

To prevent rodents and other unwanted trespassers from entering your boat through the bilge blower vents, try packing bronze-wool scouring pads into each vent. Sailboat owners may also want to plug the butt end of the boom as well, as it's a favorite nesting place for birds. In addition, muskrats just love to enter engine exhaust pipes and actually nest inside, chewing holes in hoses. This has actually caused sinkings. The quick and easy solution is to cover the end of the exhaust pipe with a can, tied to a string for easy removal. A more shipshape solution is to purchase one of the barrier products made for this purpose.

Last year one of our members had a raccoon living in his boat. It was not an easy task to remove the intruder.

If you have ideas or little tricks you use to winterize you boat, either on the hard at the lack or on your trailer at home, share them with us. Who knows your idea may help someone get his boat in the water sooner next year. Send these amazing ideas to

Bill Schmidt

Bits Editor

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I am already working on the schedule for next season. I am planning on setting up a casual meeting over a couple of weekends to meet with the racers and get their input. I am also trying to get the info for next years race chairs from other clubs to see what can be worked out as to multi-club racing. I will try to keep you all informed as to the status of the schedule of events that might be worked into next year's schedule.

I would like this opportunity to hear from the members as to what they would like to see in the race program and what kind of races will get them on the course. If someone is new to racing and is not sure, maybe we could have a race strictly for new racers and have a veteran racer ride along as crew to give some pointers and show proper starting tactics, etc.. If there are enough interested women sailors out there to possibly get a woman's race going again.

I would welcome input from any or all that have suggestions. If anyone has any questions about anything feel free to contact me at the lake (HR52), or e-mail.

See you on the lake,  
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## Blast From The Past

This Months question is; how many good weekends for sailing are left? Now the answer to last months questions they just keep getting better.

## UPCOMING EVENT

Ladies Tea-----December 1st

No-Boat-----Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>?



Really Scary by Kelly Hays

Oh by the way this is not the official list of new officers, but these are the ones I think are our officers for next year.

Commodore \_\_\_\_\_ Gary Lopez  
 Vice Commodore \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Schmidty Schmidt  
 Secretary/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Rob Schmidt  
 Race Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Jon Miller  
 Chairman Social Committee \_\_\_ Dave Uttendorfer  
 New Director \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Kratchman

OFFICERS	
<i>Commodore</i>	Kort Juenger
<i>Vice-Commodore</i>	Gary Lopez
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Deanna Schroeder
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<i>Secretary</i>	Dave Uttendorfer
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