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Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Officers & youngest 2008 by Sharon

NO-BOAT 2008

I apologize for being late with the bits, but I waited for an article on the no-boat that did not come. What I remember of the party. I like, the rest of the attendee's had a great time. It was fun to visit with people you haven't seen in a while and expect to see again in the near future. The bartender, beverages, food, and music were great. I don't think the music ever took a break. The hotel accommodations and people were good with the best complimentary breakfast I've ever had at a hotel. What I am embarrassed to say is I don't remember what awards were given or why they were or were not given, the officer reports, or BYC plans for next year. I do remember two awards: one the clubs appreciation to the retiring Commodore for doing a job that most of us are delighted that he and not us did. The second award, The Commodores appreciation award given to Laurel as any past Commodore will tell the wife works harder than they do. I called some people to get info about the other awards and those that returned my calls before the bits went out weren't sure either, but we are all sure that we had a good time. If you remember what awards drop the editor a line and I'll publish it in the future. Thank you Kort and Laurel (our host) for a good time and that is what it's all about.

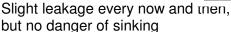
FLOTSAM BYC & JETSAM

Ok, for BYC members the New Year started the after the No-Boat and the new officers are now officially in office.

The Board of Directors held their first meeting at the marina on Feb.16th. We did not elect a Board Chairman since 2 members were not at attendance. The Board did work with the new Commodore, Gary Lopez, on a club agenda for the upcoming year which in one that we will all enjoy.

Dede and Dave Commens are proud grandparents again Chloe arrived on Presidents Day, February 18, 2008 about 8:30 am. She has smooth sweet lines, all her little accessories have been accounted for, and she is perfect. Specifications as follows:

20 inches stem to stern 7 lbs. 15 once total weight Fully functional poop deck



Grandma and Grandpa received a call about 2:30 am and we were on our way to Mississippi. WOW! We are so happy. Mom is doing fine, and resting. "How Sweet it is"

All of the feedback about the 2007 album was great. "Thank you". Most (99%) of the credit belongs to Kelly, the scrapbook artist. She put much time & supplies into our album. "Good News". We can add pages anytime, I'm sure there are a few fun photo's still in your possession. Email or snail mail will work. I can give you credit or if it's really "good" you can remain anonymous. Album Historian (sort of) Sharon Schmidt Magicdragon1@prodidy.net

The Lake Davenport Sailing Club is in the process of recruiting a sailing school instructor for this summer. Sailing on the Mississippi River in Davenport IA. If you would like more information contact me Bill Schmidt at

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Leukemia Cup Regatta Kick-off Scores a Winner

Gary's article, elsewhere in the Bits, very nicely sums up the event. What a fabulous way to kick-off our Regatta for 2008.

The view from the 42 floor of the Metropolitan building was stunning, the Kemoll's hors d'oeuvres and beverages were outstanding. The best part of the evening, however, was the opportunity to see, hear and meet two great champions – Our honored patient for this year, Rachel, and Terry Hutchinson, very probably America's top sailor and on of the best in the world.

Rachel, our honored patient for the Regatta. and her Mom told an incredible story of how Rachel contracted leukemia at a very young age and survived to thrive as a lovely 15 year old with an active life. She is full of hope for the future and she attributes much of her success in overcoming this dreaded disease to the efforts of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Terry Hutchinson told great stories, was gracious in responding to the many questions the audience had and got photographed with practically everyone in attendance. Through it all he demonstrated how he is the true champion he is.

Of course, it is all in support of the cause of curing blood cancers. We hope you can help in this important work.

Our next event is at the St. Charles West Marine store (1355 S. 5th St.) where they are sponsoring "West Marine Fleet Day" in support of the Regatta. Join us on Sunday, March 9, 12 PM to 4 PM., for excellent savings of 5% off electronics and 15% off all other merchandise. In addition to benefiting from fantastic savings, you can enter the Regatta and get information on fund raising possibilities.

To enter the regatta, assist in fund raising or if you have any questions, please call or email Rey Neville, 618-632-7347, reyneville@yahoo.com.

FROM THE COMMODORE

On Friday night I had the pleasure of attending my first Leukemia Cup Regatta Kick Off Party! Boulder Yacht Club was well represented with: the Commens, the Luttrells, the Nevilles, the Renards and the Schmidts. There was a Host of Sailors from all over Carlyle Lake and it was Great to see Old Friends. The Guest Speaker was Terry Hutchinson, a renowned sailor and a former Americas Cup tactician. It was exciting to even be in the same room with a man of his status. But the real Star of the evening was a young lady of 15 years that had Leukemia as a small child and beat it! Her mother, a Registered Nurse, told how much support they

got from the Leukemia Foundation. This is what it is all about, raising money for a Great cause and having some fun, too! As I get more details about the Regatta or any other associated events, I will try and keep you updated. See ya at The Lake!

Gary J. Lopez Commodore gary.lopez@charter.net

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

I want to thank all the people that voted for me, I am currently working on updating the "ship store". If you have some ideas contact me.

Vice Commodore Schmidty 636-587-2899 or magicdragon1@prodigy.net

FROM The Retired SEC./TREASURER

Our 2007 membership ended at 83 last season, 16 of those being new members. We are looking pretty good for 2008 with 40 renewals and 7 new memberships already. Please welcome Thorsten and Ulli Schaette on their 28' Corsair called Thor's Hammer; Mike and Marge Curry on their 30' C&C named Hannah-B; Scott Brotherton and his girls Maddy & Ally, who are in the market for a boat: Jack and Karen Leadbetter with Miss Scarlett, their 28' San Juan; Judy La Deur, also looking to buy a boat in 2008; Michael and Virginia Shelton on their 27' Hunter called Orca; and Jim and Marilyn Antonacci, with Spinning Dreams, their 30' Seafarer. You may have already seen a few of

these people at some parties last season and at the No Boat Regatta, but I am hoping they will all join us at the New Members Party on May 17th, so we can welcome them all properly.

We definitely had a bit of an attendance problem with our parties last season, and only brought in a total party profit of \$750. I hope everyone understands how important it is to come out and support our club during these events. Not only is it a great opportunity to make a connection and enjoy the company of those with similar interests, but also the money we collect could be put to good use for many club and marina improvements.

In closing, I want to say that I have enjoyed my time as your Secretary/Treasurer, but I am happy to be turning over my reign to Rob Schmidt, knowing he will do a terrific job. It would be a great help to Rob, and his wife Shelley, if everyone would send their reservations in early, so they can enjoy our party time too!

I am looking forward to a very relaxing summer!!
Deanna Schroeder
Former BYC Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE Sec./Treasurer

I want to thank all the people that voted for me, I will try to do the job as well as the retiring officer. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Rob Schmidt Sec./Treasurer robschmidt@aaahawk.com

FROM THE NEW SOCIAL CHAIR

Spring will soon arrive and the first BYC gettogether at the marina is coming right behind. That is - The Spring Thaw - Breakfast and Flea Market. The date is April 26th and this years hosts are the new commodore and wife: Gary and Maggie Lopez. This is a excellent opportunity is meet with your fellow sailors and catch-up on your off season activities and discuss plans for the 2008 sailing year while drinking the best coffee that Gary and Maggie can brew and enjoying breakfast foods

PLUS THIS EVENT IS FREE!!

The highlight of the morning is the annual Nautical Flea Market held on the picnic tables

under the Pavilion. It is not to early to start looking around your garage, the crawl space and attic, the trunk of your car, your dockbox, the lockers and lazarattes on your boat and all of the closets where your nautical stuff is tucked away. Look at all of the material and items that you have spent years collecting and never used. Now is your opportunity to make the big decision to get rid of some of these treasures, put a price tag on them, bring them to the Flea Market and turn them into CASH. As the old song goes, one sailors surplus is another sailors must have item to complete their latest boat project. See you there!

(BYC gets 10% of the gross sales to help offset the cost the of breakfast.)

Dave Uttendorfer and Dana Maschmeier daviduttendorfer@yahoo.com

FROM THE RACE CHAIR

Hello Boulder Racers.

The 2008 season is now upon us, and after a long winter I am ready to get back to the boat and the great out doors. I have come up with a race schedule that will allow for six series races and will only require three Saturday's to complete (providing there is wind and RACERS. I have attached a list of the date that I have complied for this season. There will now be a BYC Series that will consist of six (6) races, and the best four (4) of the six (6) races will be scored. I am encouraging you to come out and get involved in the club-racing program. Here at Boulder Yacht Club, we go for the casual, friendly and fun approach in the racing. I have been in contact with the race chair at CYC and at this time I have not gotten any information on the distance racing, I will keep you informed.

Please go to the club web site at www.boulderyc.org and download a Race Declaration Form to send in, or I will have some in the clubhouse in a few weeks for you to pick up and fill out.

If anyone has any questions about anything feel free to contact me at the lake (HR54), or by e-mail (byc_rc@sbcglobal.net).

2008 Racing Schedule

May 17, 2008

Race #1 / New Member

Race This race is open to new racers/members only – will have sign up sheet for veteran racer to ride along.

May 23-25, 2008 Leukemia Cup / CSA

June 07, 2008 Race #1 & #2 **June 14, 2008** TYC Cup / TYC

June 21, 2008 CYC Commodores Cup /

CYC

June 28, 2008 Women's Race –

Skipper must be a female / male crew is

allowed.

July 12, 2008 Fun Race / Hosted by

Thor. / More info to follow as time gets

closer.

July 19, 2008 Moonlight Regatta **August 23, 2008** Moonlight Race #3 & #4

September 12-13, 2008 Whale-of-a-Sail / CSA **September 20, 2008** Renshaw Regatta / Two

Races

October 04, 2008

BYC Commodores Cup &

Chili Supper

October 11, 2008 Races #5 & #6

- Series scoring will be the best 4 of 6.
- A skipper's Meetings will be held the morning of each race at 8:30 am. The first race will start at 10:00 am with the second race starting approx.: 30 min. after the last boat finishes the first race.
- I am looking at possibly making the first race a hound and hares race and the second a regular start race with the time on time handicap.
- The women's race shown on the 28th of June will have to be rescheduled due to the fireworks at the dam on the same day. I will get this rescheduled and get the new date out soon.

I'll see you at the lake, Jon Miller, Race Committee Chairman Byc rc@sbcglobal.net

Who am I

I was born In the US not like some boats that are foreign born. I am kind of wide at the hips but with my length (27 to 32 feet) I don't look fat. There is another boat at the marina that has a hull number very close to mine, but I think I'm better. My previous owner came to the lake on Friday night, coved out, then came back to the marina and went home so many of you didn't get a chance to meet me. In his later years he came up and stayed at the

marina so you didn't see how well I sail. With my short rig and shallow draft I am an ideal boat for shallow Carlyle Lake. My current owner has sailing experience in the Pacific Ocean from California to Mexico and most of the lakes in Missouri. With his knowledge of sailing he flies my spinnaker, but the nighttime sailing is what I really like. With my wide beam I list a little to port and a depth gauge that don't work I have been aground, but my owner has always set me free. He uses my two anchors and my diesel engine that sounds like the African Queen to accomplish this. The name at my stern has a mythical origin, who am I. If you guess right you may get a ride on me or have the pleasure of knowing me.

What can we do to our boats over the winter to make them trouble free next summer. One problem is that our engines overheat. Last month I wrote about water pumps. This month lets get water to those pumps. The beginning of any cooling system is the intake. Most through-hull intakes have grates to keep large objects out of the system, but weeds, marine growth, or even mud can clog these if a boat runs aground. I know that's hard to believe at Carlyle Lake, but in rare cases this has happened, so let's keep those grates clean. Next month if you like we will suggest some other winter project. Tell us what you want to know.

The EPA is trying to clean up our lakes and we need to do our part. The diver in the photo is using a nikonis camera with two strobes in housings to photograph the underwater environment at Table Rock Lake. I have it from a reliable source that she is at Carlyle Lake, so be extra careful what you let fall into the water. No unlawful discharges please.



EDITOR'S NOTE

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

I don't know why I put this in here but the **deadline** for the next (March) issue of the Boulder Bits is 3/25/2008. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us. To save me from sending 2 files you can download Adobe Reader at adobe.com free for either MAC or IBM. Rob Schmidt and Rey Neville tell me it's easy. If you have any questions get in contact with these guys, they can guide you through it.

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