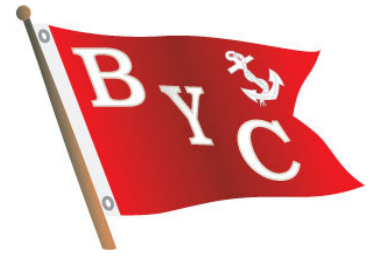


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Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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HAPPY 4TH

Photo by Deb



BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Some sad news: Doug Ballance passed away June 16. Doug was part owner of Boulder Marina 1986-2005. His heart finally gave out, which was the reason he sold his half of the marina. He and his wife Elaine were also longtime members of the club. His wife Elaine, son Matt, daughter Allison, and Judy Phillips a cousin that used to work at the marina survive him. Doug will be remembered as being a likeable owner that was responsible for installing the great docks that we enjoy today.

Now for some good news. Some BYC sailors went to this year's Lake wide fireworks raft-up and had a great time. Although the wind was high, if you didn't have a good time you probably weren't there.



Photo by Deb

Attached is a "News Release" from the Coast Guard Auxilliary as presented by Jim Antonacci. Please read and if you have any questions contact Jim.

FROM THE COMMODORE

I can't believe it's July already! First, my sincere condolences to the Doug Ballance Family. We are going to miss, Doug! He was one of the GOOD guys!!!

On a Lighter Note! To Rey Neville, AKA, Dancing with the Scars, Get Well Soon! Hopefully, Rey will be demonstrating some of his award winning moves at our next Party. Actually, our next party is he on the Water Party, but by the International Party in Aug. He should be ready to Rock!!!

It has been brought to my attention (and I have also noticed) we have two, Issues! Although they are not big things, I still think they are worth mentioning. And by all means take no offence, if they do not apply to you!!!

First, and this has been going on for some time, now, the Fire Pit, is NOT a TRASH PIT! So Do Not Throw, Anything in it! Nada, Nothing! I've seen, Beer Cans, Plastic Bottles, all kind of Crap! So, use the DUMPSTER, not the Fire Pit! Speaking of Crap, This brings up the next, issue. There has been an increased number of Marina Patrons and Guest, this year, bringing their dogs to the Lake. This is Fine, but when Little Foo Foo, poops,



Please Scoop it up! All of us fold Sails, in the Grassy area by the Club House, and the last thing you want to do, is roll your sail in dog waste! or step in it and Track it on your Boat! And again, I know that most of you are Not the Offenders here, so please don't be Offended, by this!!! Perhaps if we put up a few signs to remind those, that Don't Think about it? Let me Know Your Thoughts on These

Subjects... as, I am here, to Serve my Loyal Sailors..... and the rest of you too!!!!

See ya at the Lake,
Gary J. Lopez Commodore
gary.lopez@charter.net

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

It has been nice seeing all the new members enjoying BYC, I look forward to seeing new and veteran members on the docks, I almost said old members but caught myself.

I look forward to seeing you on the docks, arie mon.

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

FROM THE Sec./Treasurer

Help! I need a sailing fix! I've only been sailing one weekend in the last couple of months, and I missed Tapas and fireworks raft-up. But, I did see the pictures. Thanks to the folks who put the good pics on Yahoo.

Put away the box of tissues, though, because as I'm writing this, I'm sitting in a North Carolina beach house, looking out a window at the Atlantic Ocean, listening to Eric Stone's Songs for Sail. Yes, the close 2nd to being on my Catalina is spending a week on the beach with friends, drinking Corona and eating shrimp.

Back to my duties as Secretary / Treasurer. We did it again. We've had a party, and broke even! Can you believe it? The Tapas party had a great turnout (71 people). Good job Gary and Lila Luttrell! Maybe we should hire some consultants to spend our money, so we can be in the red. Maybe we'll do a study on how much sailors drink in a weekend. Tough answer, huh?

We must be doing something right. Our parties are so good, we have club members re-join who haven't been around for awhile. Please welcome back Tom Zotas and Eric & Laura Danielson. We also have 8 returning members from last year (gluttons for punishment), Bill & Karen Harper, Marvin & Kim Heberlein, Jim & Diana Moore, and Kip & Julie Williams. And, we have a new couple, David Collins and Loretta Copeland with Blue Moon, their Catalina 30' (good

choice). We've busted last year's membership of 83 by 2 members. We're now at 85!

If you're down in the hood on Hard Rock dock, stop by Arista Ann, pat her bow, and tell her we'll be back real soon.

Rob Schmidt
BYC Secretary / Treasurer
Schmidt Happens....
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FROM THE NEW SOCIAL CHAIR

July Social News for the BYC Bits:

The June Tapas on the Dock Party was a hit with everybody enjoying the opportunity to look inside the boats, snack on the Tapas Food (everything from grilled shrimp, ribs, chicken legs and wings, etc..) and then dance to the music of J.C. Clay and Mack Curtis. Over 70 BYC members were there and until 10:00 PM all had a good time. Then the party ended on a sad note as Rey Neville fell on the dance floor and broke his arm. He was taken to the Breese Hospital and had surgery there on Sunday to repair the damaged elbow. Many thanks to our hosts, Gary and Lila Luttrell for their efforts in making this annual event one of the best in recent years.



Photos by Sharon

Mark your calendar for the July On-The-Water Party scheduled for Saturday, July 26th. In early afternoon the boats head across the lake to Cove 4 (Allen Branch), and raft-up in a semi-circle. Then follows games in the water for the children (and adults) and lots of fun. Attendance at the parties is up this year and hopefully there will be enough boats to complete the raft up into a closed circle. Our hosts, Rob and Shelly Schmidt, have held this party the past few years and do a great job!

See you there.

Dave Uttendorfer and Dana Maschmeier
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FROM THE RACE CHAIR

BYC Racers,

The 2008 race season has now officially started, with the BYC Race #“1. Thor” and “Valdez” in divisions 1 took first and 2 second. The wind started out great but got a little weak during the race. This favored thor who finished before the wind got a little weaker. We will never know but Valdez was only 500 second behind thor... if the wind would have filled instead of going away... ??? it probably would have looked different...

Quicksilver won the JAM division. Good job Kort ! Sailing fox was second, and Albatross got third

Again a great race. Lets hope we can find another make up date for race 2 which sees the same or better winds, and hopefully even a few more boats. I am quite happy that we got 5 boats together for the first race in the season. Thanks for all of you participating. Well done, indeed. The winds were good, almost too good as they were in upwards of 15 mph. The course was from the no-wake markers in our channel to the no-wake marker in cove 5 and back, we did a hounds and hares start, which had “Thor” starting 0:15:30 behind “Valdez”. Thanks Thor.

See you on the lake,
 Jon Miller, 2008 Race Committee Chairman
Byc_rc@sbcglobal.net

Who am I

Aye you probably guessed it, as did Deanna Schroeder, Glory. Have I written that before? Now who can guess this months boat?

WHO AM I. I am a Catalina 27 feet in length, oops I shouldn't have made it so easy to guess me. My owner has been an officer in the club some years ago and served on the Board of Director and does something with webfeet, I'm not sure. He had at one time a smaller boat but then he and his wife bought me, and I'm glad of that because he is a good sailor as he has won several races with me. He must have been powerful in the club because he used to dance around with his hands in the air singing I have the power, I have the power, and as a matter of fact he recently broke his arm dancing around. He is retired from the army and she is about to retire from teaching. I was hit by lightening but but with my repairs you wouldn't know it. Since he is always happy I must still be a pretty good boat. Who Am I???

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12th is the first annual BYC Boat handling Skills event look at the fliers posted around the clubhouse.... its NOT a race, only one boat on the course. It doesn't make any difference how big or how small, how young or old your boat is.... all that counts is your ability to handle the beast.... It's a lot of fun and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

I was wondering, can we have an impromptu Potluck that evening? I will donate charcoal and will have the grills going by 6 pm, if anybody who wants to participate brings their own meat and some side dish, dessert, drink, whatever to share, that would be super cool. Thor.
 July 26th -----Raft-Up in cove 4
 August 16 ---- International Party at the pavilion
 September 6 - Hog Roast at the pavilion

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 (Aug.) issue of the Boulder Bits is

7/25/2008. 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.

Bill Schmidt, Editor magicdragon1@prodigy.net

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**First Annual BYC JULY 12th
Sailboat handling skills event
(its NOT a race)**



Its all about the handling or how good one can maneuver his vessel. Not speed but finesse will get you to the finish line the fastest.

Only ONE boat is on the course. There is NO danger that somebody is in your way. Everybody starts AFTER the earlier boat has cleared the course.

The Course. You start through an upwind gate.... A couple of hundred yards up the course ,you will have to stop at a marker, retrieve the marker and immediately throw it back on the other side of the boat . You continue a couple of hundred yards upwind, around the upwind marker (any way you want) and now it's a downwind rush to the finish line. However, you will have to stop your boat in front of the finish line and pass the finish line sailing backwards.

We will take time, just for laughs. This is an excellent way to re-learn forgotten skills.

Please meet us on the hill at AM 9.30 Saturday July 12th for the skippers meeting.

This is a free event for all members of BYC. Its not a race ! This is a FUN event.

Email me for any questions : corsair28r@hotmail.com or just ask me

Thorsten and Ulli Schaette

Team Thor

More Boulder News

Ahoy Sailors with dirty boats. Once again you can get your boat cleaned and opened up before you arrive on Friday. Cindy the marina attendant will clean your boat and open it up so all you have to do is get on and sail or sleep. Price \$10 dollars an hour. Call the marina office at 618-226-3223 if no answer call Cindy at 618-920-7248.