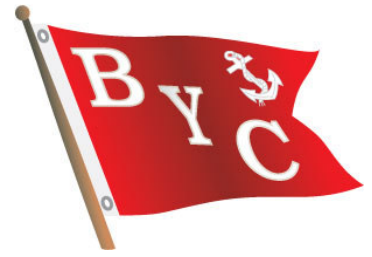


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Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

BOULDER YACHT CLUB "NO-BOAT REGATTA"

Keep those reservations coming in; I need to know by Feb. 7th.

As this is my last article as Commodore, I would like to thank everyone for making my term, a most pleasant experience. The year seemed to just sail by! We had some really Great times at the Marina this year, a lot of new and active members, and I know the Club is in Good hands, as I turn over the Helm to the New Officers.

It is Good to see so much enthusiasm and camaraderie, which is what sailing is all about whether it's on a lake or the ocean! Once again BYC is a Club I am proud to be a part of. I am so, looking forward, to another Great year at Boulder. Again, Thanks to all of you!!!

See ya at NO-BOAT

Proud To Have Been Your Commodore

Gary Lopez Commodore

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---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ELECT.---

The days are getting longer, and I'm looking forward to spring. BYC members, it is going to be a great season at BOULDER YACHT CLUB. Our new officers are already getting things rolling and seem to be enjoying their positions, and that's what its all about, FUN! We are going to see some new faces this year in the club; lets make them feel welcome, even if they don't have a stick on top of their boat. If you need me I will be there, if we build, it they will come, and they are, averaging one boat a week. I know this because I'm here talking these future members into signing up by bragging on all of you. SINCERELY YOUR NO BOAT BARTENDER AND FUTURE COMMADORE SCHMIDTY.

See at the NO-BOAT, irie mon.

Vice Commodore Schmidty

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Hello BYC Sailors

Now that I have officially taken charge of the BYC Ship Store, I would like to inform you that we have some new items. Last fall I ordered a few samples to display in the clubhouse and because of the good response I have ordered different sizes and colors of these items. I also plan to bring most of the new items to the No-Boat Regatta where you can take a look at what I ordered. There is an attachment of these articles.

I hope everyone has a great off-season and I can't wait to see you back at the lake.

Ulli Schaeette Vice Commodore

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

It's warm, It's cold. It's warm, It's cold. Pretty soon, it'll just be warm. Then, It'll be time to start those spring projects on the boat. But, it will be "on the boat", which has a nice ring to it.

We've had a lot of activity over the last month. We had over 35 RSVPs (have a few in the mail haven't opened yet), 22 membership renewals, and 3 new members. Please welcome our new members: Leon and Ruth Soward, with their boat Good Wiggle (did I get that right?); Kevin and Linda Sheer, with their Seafarer 30; and another Seafarer, named Mañana, owned by Rich and Carolyn Sutorius.

The boulderyc.org web site is now up-to-date with the 2009 social and racing schedule. So, get those dates on your family calendar, so you don't plan that vacation to Australia during a club event ☺.

Just a reminder: Get those membership renewals in, and we'll get your cards ready to hand out at the no-boat.

Also, send me those links to your Flickr or Picasa web albums. We'll get your links posted, and you can share your pics on the boulderyc web site.

Take care, stay warm, and we'll see y'all at the no-boat.

Rob Schmidt BYC Secretary / Treasurer

Schmidt Happens....

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-----THE SOCIAL SCENE-----

Last BYC Bits news from the 2008 Social Committee:

I want to thank all of you folks who contributed time and effort to make this past year's social scene (parties) a success. I want to extend a special thanks to Dana Maschmeier who was invaluable in the planning and organizing of those social functions.

Don't forget to send your reservations to Rob Schmidt for the No-Boat Dinner held on February 28th at the Drury Inn in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Thanks again,

Dave Uttendorfer and Dana Maschmeier

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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR ELECT.-----

AHOY SNOWBOUND SAILORS.

We are still a couple of months away from warmer weather but it's not too soon to start penciling in the 2009 events. This year's Social Activities have shaped up quickly as we already have sponsors for every scheduled event. Please take time to review the dates we have set aside. When comparing this year's Social Activities to the Racing schedule you will notice that several of the dates coordinate. This was done intentionally. Our hope was to provide BYC members a full day of fun on and off the lake. As in years past it's always been your enthusiasm and participation that makes each of these events more enjoyable for all.

BYC Social Events 2009

April 25th Spring Thaw and Flea Market
 May 16th Wine Tasting Social and Recognition
 to BYC New Members
 June 6th
 June 11th

BYC Races 2009

Spring Rush Distance Race CB : none needed
 BYC Race 1 Championship CB : Gaile Force
 BYC Race 2 + 3 Championship CB : Steve
 Kratschman BOTH
 BYC Race 4 + 5 Championship CB : OPEN

BYC Social Events 2009	
June 13 th	Tapas On The Dock and Boat Open House
July 25 th	Cove 4 Raft-Up
Aug 15 th	
Aug 22 nd	GPS Poker Run and BBQ
Sept 5 th	Hog Roast
Sept 6 th	Nomination Of Officers
Sept 13 th	
Oct 3 rd	Chili Super
Oct 4 th	General Membership Meeting Election of Officers
Oct 24 th	Halloween Party
Dec 5 th	Ladies Lunch and Men's Review
Feb 27 th	No Boat Regatta 2010

BYC Races 2009
BYC Race 6 Championship CB : QuickSilver
5 BYC Renshaw Race (Race 7 Championship) CB: Jon Miller
Sunday BYC Race 8 Championship CB : OPEN BYC Commodore Cup (Race 9 Championship) CB: Thor

Lake wide races
May 23/24 Leukemia Cup at CSA
June 13 TYC CUP
June 20 CYC Commodore CUP
Sept 12 Strawberry Women's Regatta and Fashion Show hosted by CSA
Sept 19 CSA Whale of a Sail
Oct 3 BYC Commodore Cup
Oct 24 CYC Great Race

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Uttendorfer for serving as BYC's Chairman of the Social Committee for 2008. His efforts along with all the hard work from last year's Event Sponsors provided a great deal of fun for the rest of us.

If you have questions or comments about this year's events please contact me by
E-mail at Morrison.jeff@ymail.com

Jeff Morrison, Social Chair

----FROM THE RACE CHAIR----

See you at the No-Boat,
Jon Miller, Race Committee Chairman
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----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ELECT.----

HELLO ALL BYC SKIPPERS

2009 is going to be a great year if only half of all the good ideas, which are zooming around, are going to happen. The Race calendar is ready (look for it in the bits at different spot) and we will have races and happenings all throughout the season. Most of the Committee Boat slots are filled up with maybe one or two open slots to fill. No problem.... I will do the rest at the "No Boat" after some drinks.

When you read this some of us were at the Chicago Sailboat show and undoubtedly have purchased the latest go-fast sails or doohickeys, which will make our boats, sail faster. We have looked at Sport boats like the Viper 640 and all out Offshore Racer Cruiser Jeanneau's Sun Fast 3200. (It's a Lead sled but oh sooo tasty!!!)

Some of you might think that you need a fast boat to go racing. That you need to keep it on a trailer and buy those fast funky sails every year. Far from it! We race against each other with vastly different boats, but

they all have huge differences in the handicap (established nationwide from US Sailing to guarantee a level playing field.)

Furthermore in our case we split the different boats up in 4 fleets or groups to make it even fairer. (This happens to be the same fleets like the rest of the lake, or at least most of the lake)

If this all sounds like some Chinese to you, don't despair. All the more seasoned "racers" (geez I don't want to call somebody old) at BYC will take extra time and give extra room on the racecourse, and we will be thrilled to explain some of this sitting under the "tent" on the hill with a beer in our hands overlooking our great marina. SPRING is on the way !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

One thing I can guarantee you, you will learn boat handling and you will become a better safer sailor when you choose to participate in our laid-back race program in 2009

Cu on the lake
Thor BYC RC

p.s. while at the No Boat check out the cool folding bike donated from www.thorusa.com to the BYC Race Program.... And ask me how you can win it!

---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

If you get your membership renewals in before the No-Boat you can pick up your membership cards at the No-Boat. Is that a big deal, maybe not, but if you're planning a trip while its still cold the reciprocal cards might be there also.

If you have gotten this far in reading the bits you have noticed that the officers have been busy planning this years schedule to achieve another fun filled year for the rest of us sailors. They did this at a meeting at the lake. Now you might think that a bunch of sailors at the lake would have to go sailing, but the frozen lake did not allow this to happen. Since this editor is not an officer I can say this, what a bunch of pansies!

If you want a sneak preview of the bike Thor is donating to the race program click on this if you have a computer <http://www.thorusa.com/9.gif>. If you don't have a computer here are a couple of photos. If you want to see more of thor's bikes go to www.thorusa.com.



----WINTERIZE YOUR BOATS

If we get a slightly warm day, and we will soon, and you have nothing to do check your boats cooling water intake. One of BYC members last fall, found his engine overheating while trying to get back to the marina. Well now is a good time to keep this from happening to you also. Check the intake strainer to see if it could be clogged, then go one step further and check the hose from the strainer to the engine intake. Sometimes they get clogged while the boat is at the dock. Hey guess what this column is not just for the big boats with inboard engines. You guys with out boards can have the same problem. We may not have hoses, but we do have strainers under water and algae can block them also. So clean your strainers.

I know we have more seasoned sailors than me so 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BYC No-Boat - Feb. 28----- Drury Inn, in O'fallon, IL.
The 2009 Sailing Season----anytime you want to start

EDITOR'S NOTE

As editor and a member to Boulder Yacht Club I would like to thank last years officers for the superfluous job they did. Our party and race participation improved and that makes for a fun year. Remember these jobs are by volunteers that have real jobs to do also.

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 Rschmidt63025@gmail.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 **2/25/2009**. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us. I know I will get articles on time this year.

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