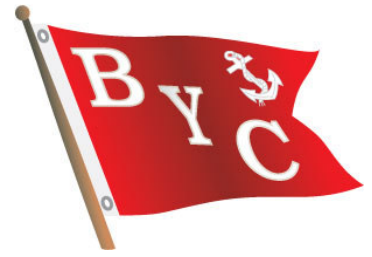


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Photo by Laurel J.



Photo by Deb A.

---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

The raft up was a blast, if a bit unusual, being back in the normally mud flats. Dennis has come up with an idea for a winter getaway. Take the train from Centralia to Chicago for the strictly sail show, then fly to Saint Thomas in the BVI's and charter boats for a week. Dennis will have more info on the marina website, the more the merrier, and a BYC armada in the BVI s would be really kewl.

Commodore Schmidty
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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

July was a busy month as usual at BYC. We had races, a great raft up, good camaraderie, new members, and new boats in the marina. And for the first time we had the Venture Crew No 42 in our Marina. The Girl and Boy Scouts with their leader visited us Saturday August 1st. There were 14 Kids present and in truly Boulder fashion we had more volunteer boats than kids to take out sailing. Bravo! The Venture Crew will help us on our boats during the next August race and hopefully they will be able to find permanent crew positions, allowing us to further grow the race program and allowing more boats at the starting line.

The Kids have their business cards inside the club house on the pin board next to the computer. Pick a card or two and email them if you need crew for any event or just for a Saturday sail.

See you at the lake

Ulli Schaette Vice Commodore
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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Hello All. Sorry I haven't seen everyone's smiling faces at the lake much lately. We're in our 2nd week of vacation. We started in Orlando, Florida, where my son, Zane (16), placed 2nd at the World Championship Kickboxing competition. Yeah! We also went to SeaWorld, which had a couple of Hunters in their lagoon. Where are those Catalinas?

We then motored up to Chesapeake, VA, to visit Shelley's brother and family. We've had a lot of beach time at Virginia Beach (apt name, huh?). We'll be up here for a couple more days, and then start the trek back to St. Louis. You can see our vacation pictures at <http://picasaweb.google.com/rschmidt63025/2009JulyVacation?feat=directlink>. At least you're not trapped in our living room, watching them on a slide projector ☺

Meanwhile, back at the ranch (I mean marina), we added a new family to our club, Chester, Pat, and Richard Whyers. Their boat name wasn't on their membership application, so you'll have to ask them about it when you see them. This brings our membership to 83 families. This is 8 families less than last year's numbers. Last year, we picked up 4 families (new and renewals) after July.

Hope to see you all at the lake in August.

Rob Schmidt BYC Secretary / Treasurer
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----



Hope everyone enjoyed this year's **Raft-Up**. There were over 15 boats that participated. Unpredictable weather made it necessary to change the location from the usual Cove 4 to our side of the lake. Thanks to the Schmidt's coordinating the event and for providing a nice lunch. Having nautical trivia was a terrific idea. Winners of the nautical trivia were Ken Schowe and Dave Uttendorfer. We had 4 winners in the Marco polo contest: Steve and Greg form "Double D" and I didn't get the other two. Several boats from the Raft-Up did venture over to Cove 4 for the evening. I hear the winds were great for sailing that afternoon.

On August 22nd we have a new event for Boulder Yacht Club. The **GPS Poker Run** (hosted by Gail and I) is very popular in other venues and we hope you'll enjoy it too. There will be several GPS points to locate both on the water and ashore. Prizes will be awarded for the 4 best poker hands of the day. The prizes include; Garmin 76CX GPS, Garmin ETREX Venture GPS, \$50 Cash and a bottle of Pusser's Rum. Good Luck to all of you. Hot Dogs, side dishes and drinks will be provided for dinner while the poker hands are being reviewed. Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing will also be given away that evening. A flyer is included with this month's

"Boulder Bits." Please pre-register with Rob Schmidt if possible at 232 Redbud Trail Eureka, MO 63025. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Mark your calendars for this year's **Hog Roast**. It is on September 5th. This is Labor Day Weekend so most of us will have Monday off work.

If you have any ideas or need information about this year's events please contact me
Jeff Morrison, Social Chair morrison.jeff@ymail.com.

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

Race 4: It was awful weather, blustery, rain in the air, and an almost constant thundering south of us. Windward Leeward course about 1.5 miles apart and everybody was fighting.... Eric got another bullet, Chuck sailed the Bristol 24 to a solid 2nd place, Dave Commens was a close third. Thor was CB. I decided not to have a second race, as the conditions were not safe to continue out on the lake (Lightning was getting closer) Sure enough in true Carlyle fashion it cleared up and became a nice afternoon after all

Instead of Race 6 being a single event we are making race 5 up and have race 6 on the same day. Aug 15 is the date to remember. The first Race will be a "hare and hounds" and the second race that day will be a regular W/L race. Kort from Quicksilver is going to be CB.

Also the August date will be important, as we have invited our Venture Crew #42. We will have ample of crew for all race boats who want to participate. This is a good chance to get new boats out as well, as the owners can have help from the boys and girls.

Cu on the lake

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---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

A SAILING CLASS

In the process of one of our sit-around-the-barbecue discussions, it came up that there might be some women at BYC interested in a sailing class. A lot of the women in BYC have stumbled into sailing by way of a significant other, and sometimes feel a little frustrated by their lack of knowledge or skill, or maybe just want to perfect their existing skills to be a little more confident and proficient.

We have gotten LaRissa Stevens from St. Louis Sailing Center to agree to do a class if we can get 4 women to commit. I will volunteer Nomad for the day, as well as coming along for support and as chief cook and bottle washer. This is *not* an ASA 101 class. It will be *your* class, and LaRissa will teach whatever you request. She will just need to know the topics you want to cover far enough in advance to prepare. The class will likely take place in September or early October and the cost is \$50 per person for a one day class which includes lunch and beverages. If we get too many responses we can schedule a second day for the second group.

I took both my ASA101 and ASA103 classes with LaRissa and she is an excellent instructor. She is very good at encouraging her students to figure things out without an iron fist. I learned a tremendous amount from her and highly recommend her. If you have any interest in taking this class, please email me before Aug 15 so I can give LaRissa time to schedule Deb Akey d_akey@sbcglobal.net

It's come to my attention that there are a lot of very talented photographers in our group so we'd like to honor them for a good cause. Dig out those digital cameras and your creative juices and send some entries into the benefit 2010 Leukemia Cup Regatta. Gary and Lila from Photo Shoot will help judge the entries. For more information contact Deb Akey d_akey@sbcglobal.net.

Recently I thought I had an issue with my alternator on Double "D" my 1983 Catalina 27. Our commodore Schmidty, suggested that I take it to a rebuilder to have it...rebuilt. But where do you go? I may have found just the place in Madison, IL. Starter & Alternator Rebuilders, 1516 12th St., Madison, IL, 618-452-9128. This

shop is located 1/2 a block east of Madison on 12th street and it is a throwback to a different era when things were fixed not just discarded and replaced. Believe me, this place is not pretty but you get the feeling that they know what they are talking about. After checking out my alternator they said that it was good but perhaps my battery bank was low which would translate to a lower voltage output when it had been checked on the dock. Huh? They also said that perhaps my alternator had an adjustment to boost the voltage output and lo and behold it did and they adjusted and retested. All this while I waited. And what did it cost? Nothing. I offered twice and their response was, "if something goes wrong, you'll be back." Needless to say I most likely will. Rick Humphrey Double "D"

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15-----BYC race 5 & 6

August 22 -----BYC GPS Poker Run

September 5-----Annual Pig Roast----BYC Renshaw race (race 7 championship)

September 6-----Nominations of Officers

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you see an error in the Bits, or if you want the Bits by e-mail contact me at magicdragon1@prodigy.net. If you see an error in the attached BYC Roster E-Mail Rob Schmidt at Rschmidt63025@gmail.com and we will correct the error.

I don't know why I put this in here but the **deadline** for the next (September) issue of the Boulder Bits is **8/25/2009**. 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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