

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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December 09



Ladies Luncheon



Men's Luncheon?

---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

Well the season is over NOT!!!! It is never over, this is not football, sailing is not only a sport it is a life style. We don't put our boats in the closet until the weather is good, so don't forget your boat this winter. Having spent a winter at boulder, there is a lot of kewl wildlife to see, so instead of vegging out in front of the TV some gray day, come up and visit your boat, your commodore, or whatever. In closing I wish all of BYC to have good and safe holidays.

Commodore Schmidty

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Hard to believe it's already December. The Ladies Luncheons has happened and the plans are well underway for this years' "No Boat Party". The BVI trip is coming up shortly and before we know it it's time to prepare the boats for the new season.

BYC has received a lot of "press" around the lake with the other clubs, our racers have sure helped but also our excursions to other parties and events are surely doing positive things, not to forget our own parties which have always received positive feedback around the lake, lets continue that next year.

We see a lot of families with kids at Boulder. It is very nice to see the next generation enjoying the sport we all love. If someone has a great idea for some kid's activities, I would like to hear them.

If I don't see you before,
See you at the No Boat Regatta

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

I would like to remind you that club dues, or as we call it club membership for 2010 are coming up. If you would like to get your membership cards at the "No Boat Regatta" you need to send them in early.

See Y'all at the No Boat.
Rob Schmidt BYC Secretary / Treasurer
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----

Most are wrapping up our sad but necessary winterization projects. It's always difficult to end the sailing season. One of the rewards to colder weather is that some are fortunate enough to take wonderful trips to the beautiful blue waters of the Caribbean. Perhaps you are among those that have such plans. I hope you will share some stories and pictures with us in future Boulder Bits articles. We'd love to hear them!!!

Hope you made the Ladies Tea and Men's Review last Saturday at 1:00. Bill Schmidt sent locations and a map to BYC members earlier this week. It's always a lot of fun. If you didn't try and make it next year.

The "No Boat Regatta" is scheduled for February 27th. Please make your Hotel reservations as soon as possible. This year's event will be held at the Garden Plaza Hotel. It is located at 4341 Veteran's Memorial Parkway in St. Peters Missouri 63376. The phone number for reservations is 636-928-1500. A block of rooms has been set aside for BYC members at \$65.00 per night.

If anyone has an idea for a new event in the 2010 season please let us know now. In the next few weeks we begin putting the sponsors and events together with the race agenda and would love your fresh ideas. Without your input we don't know if you would rather skip a previous event in lieu of something new. For those that have not been an event sponsor in the past please consider helping in the 2010 season. It's a great way to get involved with the club and meet more of its members. Please forward ideas to me or next year's Social Chair Cindy Cohoon at cohoon22@charter.net. We would love for you to get involved.

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

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

On December 5th a very nice group of BYC ladies gathered at McGuirk's Pub, in the Soulard area, for a fun filled luncheon. We talked while we ate some delicious food and tasty drinks. What did we talk about? Well you just had to be there. Our men sailors not wanting us to drive to the luncheon alone, which they are not invited, gathered at Johnny's Pub just a couple of blocks down the street. There is no sacrifice too great for these guys while waiting for their lady sailors. Thanks boys we ladies thank you so much.

By Sharon

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

Nothing much going on out on the lake unless you count all the migrating birds and the hunters who try to get a piece of them.

We have received an invitation to come down to Key West Race week but even if Jan in Key West sounds good we have to pass this time around. We have the overall BYC championship trophies ordered and received for the No boat..... and let me tell you they look great.

I am busy with the race schedule for next year and have contacted the other clubs to keep their events off our lake wide races and visa versa, of course. Please email me if you want any changes in the format or have ideas we could incorporate into the program. I will listen. A couple's race would be nice for example.

Thanks Thor BYC RC corsair28r@hotmail.com

---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

As you read this a group of BYC'ers is in the Spanish Virgin Islands. Kort and Laurel, Dave and Dee Dee, and Thor and Ulli are leaving this beautiful weather to put up with the awful warm and sunny Caribbean to search for stories to bring back to us. What a sacrifice.

There is another group of BYC members going to the British Virgin Islands the first week of Feb... The 3 boats are headed by Captain Dennis Smith. If you are not one of the crew on these 3 boats and would like to be get in touch with Dennis for information on how to do so.

The No Boat will be at **Garden Plaza Hotel** St. Louis West/St. Peters 4341 Veteran's Memorial Parkway St. Peters, MO 63376, 636-928-1500. Dress will be casual, and the motel has a pool. Some of you may remember it as the Holliday Inn. It was a pretty kewl place. We are getting a block of rooms at 65\$ for BYC members. To get into this block of rooms you need to make a reservation by Jan 15. That's to be in the Block but you know how that goes. If you have any questions call Sharon at 314-608-0087.

I don't know if winter is harder on your boat than summer but here are a couple of suggestions that Boat US give. With the winter days not being so pleasant we don't visit our boats as often as we should so these suggestions make good sense.

Plan on visiting your boat regularly, at least once or twice a month.

A lot can happen in winter, from animals moving aboard to sudden leaks caused by expanding ice. If you can't visit your boat frequently, consider using a buddy system with other boat owners. Another alternative is to ask your marina manager to keep an eye on the boat. Many marinas will inspect boats, although usually for a fee.

Did you add extra lines and chafe protection?

Blustery winter winds should never be confused with gentle summer breezes. All it takes is one good winter storm to abrade a dock line -- and maybe bash a hole in the hull. If the boat is left in the water, double up on dock lines and add chafe protection.

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

Feb 27th 2010-----No Boat Regatta 2010

April 1 2010----- **The 2010 Sailing Season**

---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 (Jan.) issue of the Boulder Bits is **1/27/2009**. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us. I know I will get articles on time this year.

Bill Schmidt, Editor magicdragon1@prodigy.net

The New Officers for 2010

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