

# Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## ---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

By now, those of you that missed the "Commodore's Cup" and Chili Super" realize that you missed two excellent events. When someone continuously does a good job, it's easy to overlook that fine work, but once again Thor put together a race to remember. He had all the right ingredients: good wind, race boats, and a lake that wanted to have a race on her. Thanks Thor.

It's that time of the year; boats are coming out and the leaves are falling. The next events are the Ladies lunchin' and the No Boat. The ladies will be going to "McGurk's Irish Pub" at 1:00pm on 12<sup>th</sup> and Russell in the Soulard area and the guys will be at Johnny's bar at 10<sup>th</sup> and Russell. Kewl !!

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. I'll have more info later..

And in local news, the lake is up to almost 252, making haul-outs a little tricky but doable. Other than that, it's been pretty quiet at Boulder. So, if I don't see you on the docks, I'll see you at the lunchin'. Last but not least, congrats to all the new officers who were brave enough not to take a step back. They're a good bunch and I'm sure they will do a good job.

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## ---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Hello Boulder Sailors. Fall is definitely here. It has been a couple of cold weekends at the lake and we had to run our heaters in the boats to stay warm. It seems this season was shorter than usual, maybe because the season started late with rainy days and now we have to content with cold weather so early, or is it because we are just having too much fun?!

Anyway, I have stocked the Ship Store again. There are some new items you may want to check out. We now have re-cycled T-shirts with dry-wicking that are not tied fitting like some of the other dry-wicking T-shirts I have stocked. These new ones will fit more like regular T-shirts. Great for your upcoming trip to the BVI or as base layers for winter activities. So come and take a look.

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

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### ---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

The Chili Supper seems like a long time ago, doesn't it? We had a great party, and despite the less-than-perfect weather, we had a good turnout of 104 people, 5 more than last year. We also had a respectable showing at the Halloween party last weekend.

Can you believe that it's already the end of October, and many of us are pulling out our boats? Schmidty had 5 pull-outs this Monday (10/26). And, now, as the days get shorter and colder, we start concentrating on fixing and improving our boats. But, we still have the great memories of the past summer (crewing in races, parties under the pavilion), and we can dream about what fun we'll have next year.

Hope to see everyone at the December event where the men have a few drinks (much more fun), while the ladies have their Ladies luncheon.

See Y'all at the lake.  
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### -----THE SOCIAL CHAIR ----

Just as Thor did so well on the race, the Nevilles, Vogels, and the Luttrells did a superb job on the "Chili Super". I'm sure the women gave the men permission to race while they prepared for the party, and prepare they did. They cooked, organized a chili super that has become well known to the rest of the lake. With their helpers they served chili and treats that BYC members donated to a very large crowd. After that warm food on a cool night Thor gave the awards and then we watched an unedited video of the first race on a large screen. A special thanks to all the people that made it a success once again.

The Halloween party was well attended. Among several that dressed in costume was the Cabo Wabo crew. They seem to always know how to have fun. Though I didn't get to see them first hand, I understand that a couple of them were dressed as Tooth Fairies and made it well known they didn't want to be confused as something else.

November doesn't have any event scheduled which is sad. It means the sailing season for 2009 is drawing to a close. For most that means winterizing engines and digging out covers. However, we do have the Ladies Tea and Men's Review to look forward to. It's scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> and more will be announced regarding times and places later. As an early reminder, February 27<sup>th</sup> is the No Boat Regatta. Please mark your calendars for these events.

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

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

Our BYC hill was "Halloweened" to the max. The Schmidts spread stuff inside and out. Anyone brave enough to enter the club house was welcome to gobble-up free chili and hot dogs. Our fine BYC ladies came through with many scrumptious desserts. Monica made all the youngsters happy with some "moors" supplies. Ulli brought her energy to the galley duties.



It was yet another awesome sight from Cabo Wabo. They were “tooth fairies” NOT “two fairies”. It takes real men to wear long, white underwear and sparkling Tutu’s. The sight almost burnt my retinas. Also, up from the cold, dark, lake came a hard hat diver; never did see his hose. A real skier with real skies joined us on the hill. But, there was no snow to go down the hill, thank goodness. We had too many little and big kids to mention all the outstanding costumes. Bill is going to add extra pictures for your viewing pleasure.

With heaters under the pavilion and the bonfire, we stayed warm and had a great last party of the year. Shelley and I want to thank all for the hard-working decorators who helped us “scary-up” the hill. A big “Thank You” to the galley help also. And, last, but not least, a big “thank you” to the bonfire clean-up crew.

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

**The 09 racing season on Lake Carlyle is officially over.**

BYC had a great Commodore Cup! Over 15 boats did not shy away from competing for honors despite blustery cold conditions. It was blowing at times and the long windward leeward course in the middle of the lake was just what we needed to get in plenty of sailing time. We had two races of two laps each for the Jib and Main fleet and 3 laps each for the Spinnaker and Sport boat fleet. We finished in plenty of time to make it back to Boulder, get a hot shower and be ready for the world famous chili supper, again masterfully created by the Nevilles and all their helpers. Thanks Mary and Rey.

Like every Regatta the Boulder Marina was open and free for all participants (Thanks Dennis). New this year was the “photo boat” which took videos of all participants on the course; check out one of the films on YouTube (find the link on our homepage) Great Stuff! What a job driving the boat out there in wind and weather, Super job and big Thanks goes out to the Schmidts.

After all the races were tabulated we had Bill Hausman on Casa City getting first place in the Jib and Main Wet fleet, followed by Chuck Jones on Harmony and close third Rey Neville on Water Music ..... Do you readers recognize those are all Boulder sailors? Not like in the past were all our trophies went south, so to speak. I am so proud of everybody who raced this year!

In the JIB Dry division it was a “Schlachtfest” between Rex Car on Patriot and Doug Draper on Bladerunner followed by Chuck Alyea on Bullet. Rex won the first race and the tiebreaker, but it was close and pure magic to watch the two boats covering each other and making tactical moves all throughout the race. In the Sport boats class Eric Eaves was surfing with his spinnaker up and doing a great job finishing his 3 laps well in the first half of the Jam boats finishing their second lap. Well-done Eric! For the first time all winners took home some BYC bragging flags for this event. See them proudly displayed at upcoming events on the lake from the winning boats!

“Great Race” is officially the last race on the lake and the Boulder force was out there in numbers. BYC members had 5 boats on the line for this prestigious lake wide event! Weather was cold and shifty winds from 9 to 20, huge waves on the northern part of the lake did not make for an easy sail. The wind was supposed to come from the west but never made it all around; rather it was southerly with the occasional puff from the west. Thor decided to fly the screacher instead of going too deep with the spinnaker and then to go back up to the mark. Or worse risking to stuff the lee bow in a puff. It was safe but in general way to slow as the wind never clocked around and we were doing not enough speed to catch and overtake the Melges fleet. It was fun in the puffs when the boat was going past 15 knots but these rare moments didn’t last long

enough. Let's chalk that one off to skipper's error and hope for better wind next year. It was rough out there as one of the Melges even lost a Mast .....

On the other hand, the rest of the boulder fleet did great and they had a good time racing.

Did I forget somebody?

Oh yeah .....Juno won not only Jib and Main Wet but also OVERAL Jam fleet. With a huge margin. Barry decimated the fleet and took home the CYC Jam fleet traveling trophy. A trophy, which is highly sought after and usually, resides on the south side of the lake. For the FIRST time in history of the lake this trophy is proudly standing in the BYC clubhouse for the next year. Thanks to Barry and his superfast Juno it's in BYC hands for this year ....Congrats Barry very well done.

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## ---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

### 2009 Annapolis Boat Show

Five o'clock in the morning on October 9th and we're in the airport getting ready to take off for Annapolis for our annual trek to the US Sailboat Show. We have a long flight, a drive in the rental car and a painful school bus ride from the Navy stadium to the boat show, but my spirits are high with anticipation. I'm eager to see how my perspective has changed at the show this year since I now have 2 sailing seasons under my belt and I've spent a week on a catamaran. Will I still care about the same issues as I traipse over the shiny new boats?

After studiously ignoring the vendor booths with all their goodies, we made our way pretty much straight to the new Fountaine Pajot 41 foot [Lipari](#) catamaran. What a beauty! Everything we want and need and then some. All of the issues that I have had with F.P. cats have been addressed on this cat. The galley is now square to the boat and well organized. Lots of storage and clear communication access with the cockpit. The hulls are amazingly roomy and the separate shower is wonderful. This is a well thought out boat and one I could live on easily.

After that we make our way over to the new version of the [Leopard 38](#). Leopard is making a transition away from the louvered steps on the slanted front windows and joining the ranks of the vertical windows seen in the Lagoons. For Tim this cat is love at first sight. There is nearly nothing that we would change on it. It's a tough decision for me as I like both the Lipari and the Leopard 38 about equally.

We spend the rest of the day Saturday and Sunday climbing around a lot of different monohulls and even some production boats which we have shied away from in the past due to the opinion of some that they are not blue water worthy. We are pleasantly surprised by the [Jeanneau 45](#), the [Beneteau 43](#) and the [Hunter 45DS](#) and surprisingly disappointed by the [Dufour 525](#) which we thought was our dream monohull.

It was a great show this year, and we came home with our resolve to live on a boat strengthened and the timeline shifted up a little sooner than before. After the weekend, it became apparent that we could be equally happy living on just about any of the boats we saw, cat or monohull, production or custom, as long as it had the basics for safety and we could afford it. Yes there is that part of it...money...and this year we came home from the boat show with a lot less of it in our pockets. We picked up a new Sailrite machine so you can all look out for some pretty new duds to appear on Nomad before the 2010 sailing season. We have to treat her well so we can sneak off to the 2010 show without hurting her feelings!

### Product Review - QuikFix E-Treme Tape by Deb

We keep 2 rolls of this tape in a drawer on our boat for plumbing emergencies. It's not adhesive, but as soon as it touches itself it fuses and makes a bond as hard or harder as the original material. It makes a permanent air or water tight seal and also insulates to 8000 volts. If you have leaky water hose or even a head drain leaking, just stretch the tape around the hose that's leaking and it will cure almost immediately. This stuff is a very inexpensive insurance policy on a boat! If you want to see more info on this tape, go to [www.vyparproducts.com](http://www.vyparproducts.com).

**---UPCOMING EVENTS---**

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**----- Ladies Lunch and Men's Review  
**Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 2010**-----No Boat Regatta 2010

**---EDITOR'S NOTE---**

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I don't know why I put this in here but the **deadline** for the next (December) issue of the Boulder Bits is **11/25/2009**. 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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