

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Good Commodore



Good Music



Good Dancing

---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

This is my first article as commodore of BYC. I like to thank all outgoing officers for a job well done. A special thanks to Schmidty and Sharon Schmidt for organizing such a fun No Boat.

I like to thank again everybody for their vote of confidence in electing me as your commodore for 2010. I have attached the 2010 social and race schedule. Cindy, our new social chair still needs hosts for a few parties. So please, if you're willing to host a party this season, or just want to help, let Cindy know.

I would like to dress-up our lounge a little bit. With Schmidty's help I would like to hang burgees/flags around the walls, similar to what they have in other club houses. If anyone has a burgee we could hang up in the clubhouse, please let me know.

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

It was nice to see everyone at the "No Boat" last Saturday. It's quite obvious that the BYC members enjoy getting together socially. We had well over 70 attendees this year. The Schmidts did a wonderful job

organizing the accommodations, dinner, prizes and music. Two Awards were exchanged that evening. The Achievement Award was given to Thor and Ulli Schaette for their contributions to our Racing program. The Seamanship Award was given to Bill and Barbara Jaworowski. I'm sure Bill and Barb will display it proudly. As your retiring Social Chair I'd like to thank all of the people that sponsored our 2009 events and the volunteers that always seem to step in when help is needed.

I would like to welcome Cindy Cahoon as your new Social Chair. She is anxious to kick things off this year. Cindy has already set up this year's events. Please help to fill in any remaining events that require sponsorship.

I look forward to serving as your new Vice Commodore.

If you have questions or comments please contact me by E-mail.

Jeff Morrison, Vice Commodore

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

With the 2010 No Boat Regatta over, we, the new officers of BYC, are now ready to take over the duties of our respective offices. To avoid confusion, Rob handled the finances of the No Boat and when all bills are finally in we will report the facts to you. I have received 33 membership applications and renewals and when added to the ones Rob received, we are about where we were at this time last year. The reciprocal cards have not come in yet. When they do, I will mail them and your membership cards at the same time.

Some of the new members last year did not get a burgee with their new membership. I will try to remedy that. So, bear with me. Speaking of new members, we have 4 new members already. Joel Eldon and Emily Harris on a 31' Dehler named PaSagoola Run. Joel is the son of Bob & Terry but now he has his own boat. Thomas & Gabriele Maag Simpson on a Catalina 27' named Gabrile. Darren Woods on a 23' O'Day named Wind's Song. Last, but not least, we have Tim & Karla Weible with a Capri 18. So when you are down at the lake look these sailors up and welcome them to the club.

I will be sending you an e-mail to see if you want to be on the lake wide roster, look in flotsam & jetsam later in the bits for an explanation.

See you at the Lake.

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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----

The No-Boat Regatta caps off last year while starting the new year and this was another good one. Retiring officers were bid their due and new officers were introduced, as usual some of the retiring officers stepped up to a new office. Some earned racing, achievement and attendance awards and then some of us just had fun. Racing awards are: Sport boat / Multi Thorsten Schaette 1st; Jib & Main Eric Danielson 1st, Chuck Jones 2nd, Kort Juenger 3rd, and Dave Commens won the bike raffle donated by Thor to the racing program. Dave Lovelace won the traveling Renshaw Trophy. The Achievement Award was given to Thor and Ulli Schaette for their contributions to our Racing program. The Seamanship Award was given to Bill and Barbara Jaworowski. After all of these important things the fun stuff like dancing to the music of Phil and Gail and dancing until the wee hours of the morning. Thanks to all that helped Schmidty and Sharon make this another good No-Boat.

Editor's Note: Cindy Cahoon is the new social chair and she is kind of busy right now. But get in touch with her, if you can help her with the many events coming up this year.

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

It's finally March and despite the winter hanging onit will be warmer before we know it. Earlier today I was working on my boat and thought about the No Boat last weekend. What a great party with lots of great friends it was.

I still am a little tired from all the laughing dancing and chasing the new Commodore. Yes..... She was the last one standing! It was great.

Thanks to so many people who made this a truly unforgettable No Boat.

Thanks for the achievement award (and the jacket which went with it)

The award really belongs to all "my" racers. That doesn't however mean that I will loan anybody my new jacket! I will wear it with pride and let's hope that many people can see the big red letters on the back while we are pulling ahead this season

Everybody should have a copy of the BYC calendar. Please take note that not only our races are on there but also the lake wide events from our fellow friends on the lake. Interesting are the CSA Strawberry Race (for woman only) and the Couples race from CYC. (Obviously for couples only) Let's try to make more of these events this year, other than the Moonlight Regatta. It's really great how we can work together and get our dates all lined up to make 2010 another great year at the Lake.

April 24 is the Spring Thaw party, I plan to be there and ready to answer all racing questions, rules and what to do when, and where and how to sign up and whatever else you want to know. We again have 8 races over the year, plan to make the first ones and gain points for the championship. You might win one of those bragging flags next year to fly on your boat to let everybody know that you are a BYC winner!!!!

Thanks

Cu on the lake

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---BYC DIRECTORS MEETING---

At the Board of Directors fall meeting we discussed the resignation from the board of Steve Kratchman and Gary Lopez. The board moved to replace Steve with Ken Schowe for the remainder of 2009. Gary was a past Commodore and had one year left on the board going into 2010. We appointed Kort Juenger who was to roll off the board to remain for one more year to fulfill the remainder of Gary's term.

We then voted on board members for the 2010 year. David Renard was voted in to a 3 year term and Ken Schowe was elected to fulfill the last year of Steve Kratchman's final year.

The board held its winter meeting In February and elected officers for the coming year. We also discussed several club issues which will be covered in the Bits.

I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the lake.

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---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

Our newly elected officers and Board of Directors are already at work to make the upcoming boating season another good one at Boulder. Here are some of the topics discussed. The racing program that has improved needs some new equipment. Ken Schowe is looking into improving our audio and video at the club house and obtaining some outside speakers for the pavilion. Now, here is one of the big topics. It has been suggested that we have a lake wide roster on a volunteer basis. Currently, I send a copy of our bits to the other clubs, but not a roster.

The information on this roster would be:

Person's name

Person's email address

Boat name, manufacturer, and length

This would give all the clubs on the lake an easy way to communicate. What do you think, good idea or bad? Tell your Commodore.

Speaking of lake wide roster there is a Carlyle Lake Association that is a group of people concerned about the conditions of Lake Carlyle. If you would like more information on this organization go to this website <http://www.csa-sailing.org/local/CLA-Brochure.html>.

BYC FLOTILLA IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (BVI) While the weather was nasty here, a group of BYC sailors were in the Virgin Islands with warm nights and warmer days. Dennis started what will hopefully be an annual event of BYC sailors having a fun filled vacation in exotic places to make the long winters bearable. I'm sure you will hear some stories about the fun they had. Some of those stories are believable and some, well you will have to judge for yourself.



Stop the Train.....I want to get on.

The Chicago boat show weekend was a complete success and the tone was set as soon as we entered the train station. What a civilized way to travel! No x-rays, no constant computer-voice announcements from our friends from the TSA, and they didn't ask for my shoes or take my 10 oz. of shampoo. We walked out to the train and climbed on. The aisles were wide enough to pass another person without getting intimate details. There was room between the seats even with the seat back in front of you reclined. Each seat had its own, easily reached, AC plug to run electronics, (maybe 1/4 of the travelers were working on a laptop or watching a movie) and no one cared if the tray was down for departure or arrival. There were no seat-belt announcements, there were no seat belts! If I can't be on a sailboat, at least put me on a train.

Chicago (this year anyway) was a mono-hull show. A lone Island Packet Estero sat kind of "up front," but as much as I want to like that boat it just doesn't tickle me at all. I'm done looking at it. The J-boats aren't my thing, and a few other strays couldn't entice us back for more than one visit. We found ourselves circling though the 4 big displays of Beneteau, Jenneau, Hunter, and Catalina.



The Catalina 445 barely edged out the Hunter 49 as the "best in show" as far as Deb and I are concerned. Everything on the 445 seems to be done just right. I couldn't find any real faults with the Hunter so this was pretty close to a coin toss. But both those boats are at the "long" end of the scale of "hulls for two people."

Right in the middle of that list sat the Jenneau 39i, Hunter 39, and Beneteau 40. Hunter barely lost out to Jenneau, this time the lack of a separate shower stall tipping the scale. It seems a minor thing, but who wants to wipe down the toilet after every shower? And (to my eye anyway) the high tech window shapes on the Hunter detracted from its looks. The Beneteau 40 lagged a few boat lengths back. Deb didn't care for the galley and the settees just didn't sit very well. (I'm still fond of the 43, but Beneteau insists on mounting the sinks along the port side. Deb wants to see them nearer the center line of the boat.) The Jenneau 39i hit every note true and its variable position nav station was unique. I would really like to look at the 42i, though all of these boats are serious \$\$.

In the "too short but still really nice" category the Catalina 375 looked like a wonderful boat. The fold up table made the main salon area huge and user friendly. Truth to tell, Deb allowed as that living on a Catalina 375 would still be pretty good living. Catalina didn't bring their 40, but several people at the show spoke highly of that boat. We'll have to look one up sometime.

Things we liked? I am really fond of the Hunter arch, and Deb constantly gave the Hunters the edge in the galley department. I thought the Catalina 445 port side "work room" was a really good idea, and both of us have grown fond of twin helm cockpits. And as usual, I walked about from this boat show thinking I could call nearly any of these boats "home" without much problem (or prompting) at all.

Things I didn't like? It is still winter, it will be nearly 10 weeks still until Nomad is back in the water, and I don't own any of the boats that we looked at in Chicago.

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

April 24-----Spring Thaw

May 15-----New Members Welcome Party & BYC Race No. 1

May 28-30-----Leukemia Cup at CSA

---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 when there is an attached BYC Roster E-Mail me and I will correct the error.

I don't know why I put this in here but the **deadline** for the next (April) issue of the Boulder Bits is **3/25/2009**. 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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