

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

The sailing season is slowly coming to an end.

The Commodores Cup and the Chili Supper was held last weekend. We had a great turnout for the races but a few less people than last year for the Chili Supper. The next morning we held our annual election meeting, where donuts and coffee were provided. Bill our Secretary/Treasurer will update you below on the meeting.

I am getting ready to plan the Ladies Luncheon/Guys Meet. I suggested the same places as last year (McGuirk's Pub, in the Soulard area). The date is going to be December 4th.

The No Boat Regatta is going to at the Drury Inn in O'Fallon, IL on Saturday February 27th, the same place we were 2 years ago. I am going to have the hotel reserve a block of rooms for us. I will have more info in the next bits.



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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

What great events we've had this September and early October. As most of you know we had a fantastic turn-out for the PIG Roast which generated a nice donation for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Mid month was a delicious Chicken Dinner provided by the folks from Bonnie Sue. Plenty of food was had by all. The Chili Cook-Off last weekend provided some friendly competition. Thanks to the ladies of Paradise and Orca for all their hard work. The only thing missing were the Roloids!

If you have pictures of recent vacations or a favorite sailing moment you would like to share please E-mail your photos to me. I would like to post them in future articles.



Dennis climbs the mast in a homemade Bosun's chair. 2010 BVI

BYC Group on the upper deck of the Willy T Norman Island. 2010 BVI



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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Last week I received a very nice letter from Susan G Komen for the Cure thanking us for our \$1,500 donation. The crew of Vindicator also received a thank you letter for their \$500 donation bringing our total donation to \$2,000. Again I would like to thank the crew of Vindicator, the marina, and all the people that worked so hard to make this donation possible. THANK YOU!

We had the Chicken Dinner and our annual Chili Supper that we didn't lose money and that's all I'm supposed to report but I have to say that they were great parties. We didn't get any new members this month but after these parties we will get some new members next year.

Sunday morning with coffee and donuts we had our election of officers and general business meeting. Here are the new officers for 2011: Commodore Jeff Morrison; Vice Commodore Ray Kritis; Race Chair Kort Juenger; Social Chair Pam McBride; and Ken Schowe was elected to the Board of Directors. The Commodore informed us of the dates and locations of the Ladies Luncheon and the No Boat. The question was asked do we have insurance on our new entertainment equipment and the answer is no. Dave Renard will look into it. Under new business do we want to continue the cost (\$475) of belonging to the Yachting Clubs of America? After much discussion it was voted not join when so few used the reciprocal card. If you want to see the minutes of the meeting contact me and I will send them to you. Other things were discussed and these are the highlights.



See you at the Lake.
Bill Schmidt BYC Secretary / Treasurer
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----

The weather has really taken a change for the cool side, especially at night. There is still plenty of good sailing weather though.

We had the "Bonnie Sue Fried Chicken Dinner" and it was such good chicken! Hopefully we can make this a yearly event. There was a great turn out and everyone commented on how good it was. Maybe we can talk Tim and his family into doing it next year?

Next was the "Chili Cook Off". We had all kinds of chili! Mild, medium and hot, the choice was up to you. There was even vegetarian and chili mac. Thanks to Pam McBride and Virginia Shelton for their time in planning, decorating and cooking. Also thanks to everyone who helped in cooking, serving, enclosing the patio so we could keep warm. We had possibly our first "Chili Cook-Off" winner and a trophy was awarded to Larry Cohoon. The trophy will remain in the lounge until next year and the next winner will be awarded the title. This was a great chili supper!

Our next event is the Halloween Party hosted by the Schmidt's. Get your best costume ready for the "Spooky" party.

See you at the lake or in the office.
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----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----

September was a month of traveling and working the trade show for me, with just a sprinkle of racing thrown in. The CSA Whale was unfortunately on one of these work weekends, as was the Strawberry Ladies Race, maybe next year.

Our very own big lake wide event just happened last weekend. The first Commodore Cup was back in 1978, which makes this lake wide event one of the oldest ones on the lake. 33 years in the running it's held on the first weekend in October since a very long time.

Many Thanks for all the ladies who cooked up a great chili and thanks to the marina to put some needed plastic around the party area. Thanks to GailForce for lending us their boat and helped to do CB duty.

First the couple of small problems we had. It was blowing a stiff 30 knots northerly and we had monster waves the more south you go on the lake, consequently two of our marks couldn't hold and were drifting south past the CB It didn't make a whole lot of difference as the course length stayed about the same. The second blunder was that my Photo battery wasn't charged. The third happened at the result calculation which did not put Bill Bertrand on Just SO in front of Bullet in the first race. Bullet still won the class as Bill had to bow out the second race.

Now the good parts. We had an unbelievable 15 boats! 13 made it to the start line and most finished. That despite cold north wind and up to 30 knots sustained 25 knots. This was a true test of the crews and skippers. Very well done, indeed. The 15 paid boats also mean that our yearly race expenses are covered and that the race program didn't cost the rest of the club. (This is not necessary mandatory or a must or even asked for, but it's nice if it happens.)

Next year I would like to see more than one BYC boat on the line please. I know it was cold and blustery but you guys can do this. Just put an extra reef in the sail and you are good. We did have moments of sunshine out there as well!

A couple notes to the race. Rich Pendle on his Beneteau 235 sailed both races SOLO. What an accomplishment Rich, very well done! Rex Carr had his Masthead chute (also called SCHPINNAKER by some) up in 25 knots of wind. His bow was out of the water 1/3 the length of his hull and you could see the pucker factor in the faces of his entire crew! Good showing and very brave!

The Great Race is coming up at the end of the month. This is one lap around the lake with hound and hare start. It's an easy race to participate in. Winning is a different story as all the good boats are usually out there. I hope I see some BYC boats participating in that year end event, which is usually expertly run by CYC and loads of fun. (Especially if the wind is from the east or west and blowing a steady 15 knots ...lol)

Kort will be your Race chair in 011 and I want to ask all of you guys to give him all the same help and positive feedback I have received the last 2 years. I will be on standby and will help Kort in any ways I can. The next months will be the transition time and both of us would really like to hear from you our members what can be done better or different, what you like and what you don't like. Remember that the race program is for all the members and that we like all the members to participate.

The Club championship is decided and will be made official in next month's bits and the bragging flags will be distributed at the No Boat Party in Feb.

In other news, have you had the chance to look around on Marina grounds, flowers at the entrance, all over the place new paint, a paved driveway? Wow.... our home away from home looks real nice.

Another thanks goes to Eli Schmidt he wrote a comprehensive manual how to use our TV/Radio/Tuner etc etc what remote goes with what and such. For somebody who actually still has a 1200 am blinking vhs recorder under his TV..... a monumental task. Thanks Eli.

Off to the Annapolis Show where we look at today boats we might be able to afford used in 10 years. :-) Meetings with Jeff Johnstone from Gunboat and the Corsair gang, plus an invite from the Cheasapeak Multihull group are going to be highlights.

Looking forward to the Halloween party and the Great race the week after.

Thanks and cu on the lake
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---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

Dennis Battern and Bavette Sullivan were busy last month. They got married and they are now Dennis and Bavette Battern. They also name their boat Island Dreamin'. Congratulations sailors!

Some of the things that happen at the lake when you party just have to be told. When you party and walk the docks the water and the docks look the same. You can walk the docks but you can't walk the water. It's hard to get back on the dock from the water as one party sailor found out. Maybe we should wear a life jacket at parties. Also one party person lost their shirt during a party but quit looking for it as she found it along with a chili stain.

Jeff reminds us that the club bought an electric drill to put in your winch to use if you have to go up your mast to do mast work. Just ask Cindy in the office and she will get it for you. We would remind you that this drill does not mean that you should take all safety precautions for going up the mast. It is merely a tool to make going up the mast easier on the person cranking the winch. If you are not sure of the safety precautions ask someone that has done this task.

The marina has made some improvements lately. They have installed a Porte potty dumping station just south of the restrooms. Just take the cap off the 4" PVC and dump in, drag a hose over and rinse. No more waiting in lines at the campground station. They also painted the BYC buoy out front and planted some flowers at its base, and some painting and sprucing up the place. Dennis asked at the meeting if you had some ideas for improvements to let him know.

It would be nice to have some racers at the Great Race by CYC. They came to our Commodore Cup and this year the Halloween Party is not the same weekend.

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

Oct 23 ----- BYC Halloween Party
Oct 30 ----- Lake wide CYC Great Race
Dec. 4 ----- Ladies Luncheon at McGuirk's Pub and Mens gathering at Johnny's Pub
Feb. 27----- No Boat at Drury Inn O'Fallon, IL.

---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 (November) issue of the Boulder Bits is **10/25/2009**. 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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Come to the FREE BYC

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 23rd 2010

On the hill starting at 7 pm

Prizes for best costume

Kids & Adult

Chili and dogs with your BYOB

Bring a **Trick or **Treat****

To Share if you **Dare**

Fun activities for all

