

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Happy Holidays

--COMMODORE'S COMMENTS--

Our sailing season has come to an end. Hopefully everyone has addressed their winterization tasks. Something I've forgotten before is to winterize my bilge pump. There went a few boat bucks. Guess I need to make a list and check it twice.

Now we can finally get to that Honey-Do list we've been avoiding all year. Hurray...? At least we have our February 25 No Boat Regatta to look forward to. Since the venue was in Illinois last year we are back in Missouri this time. I tried several locations only to discover the costs were kind of steep. Even the Hotel and banquet room we used two years ago was a little pricey. But we didn't fail. I located a banquet center in St. Charles with a hotel next door. The rooms are very nice; there is a free breakfast and an indoor pool for the kids. I will have a flyer for this soon and also get it added to our PayPal website. Hope to see you there.

On December 3rd is our Lady's Tea and Men's Review. We plan to meet at 1:00 for lunch. Please try to join us.

Ladies Tea

John D. McGurk's Pub
1200 Russell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63104
314-776-8309

Men's Review

Johnny's Restaurant and Bar
1017 Russell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63104
314-865-0900



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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Winter will soon find us snuggling closer to the fire, hoping that Old Man Winter will be gentle this time. No more tornados, eh Steve? This season can be so cruel.

Stay warm, drink plenty of liquids and wear your PFC
Ray Kritis Vice Commodore BYC
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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

I have seven people sign up for next year already. This puts us about seven members ahead of this time last year. New members for next year are: LeRoy Nooter & Joyce Rogers on Sun Seeker a Hunter 31, Scott & Janet Lathrop on a Catalina 26, and James Johnson on Cardoney a Hunter 30.

The Thanks Giving Dinner, a first this year, was a big success thanks to Tim and Deb Akey. The attendance was greater than was anticipated. The party had a profit of \$112.68 although it is our intentions to break even, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. Some members would like to make this an annual event. What do you think?

See you at the lake.
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I know we did here at the marina on November 19 with our 'BYC' family. Thanks Deb and Tim Akey for having this idea and putting on a great feast. I'm hoping this can become an annual event. The weather was good but maybe a bit too windy for some sailing, but it was good for those staying overnight on their boats provided there was a little heater going... What was amazing were all of those folks that attended that did not spend the night. Hope everyone made it home safely! As a more general "thanksgiving", I want to thank everyone for a great year of parties and events, especially to those that volunteer to help those that sponsor. There is also another type of "thanksgiving" I want to mention – more on the lines of what this club does. I happen to be out on Gail Force for her last sail of the season. It was a great day with almost perfect wind albeit a bit chilly. There were a couple incidents that happened. There were 2 fellow sailors each in their own boat that ran into trouble on the water. One that asked for help and the other did not. The one that didn't ask for help was a boat that was up on the rocks outside our marina. We had just set the main when we noticed him. We decided to take the sail down and go back and see if he needed help. He actually resolved his problem on his own, but you just never know. The second incident involved a boat running aground outside of the entrance to West Access. He actually radioed for help. There weren't very many boats out and it was getting late. We were fairly close, almost to South Shore, so decided to head towards him and give assistance. We saw another boat that was heading that way, which ended up helping the guy, but again, you just never know so when he said he was ok, we gave him acknowledgement and said "we were headed back to Boulder". I've witness this happening several times with our club members – the part about helping others...and I want to thank you all for being there in a time of need. Nice to know that seamanship and concern for others safety is alive and well at the BYC! And one last 'thank you' which I would like to extend to Mike and Virginia Shelton (Orca) for the new refrigerator in the club house! We were in need of one and they graciously gave it to us. Thanks a bunch – it came just in time for Thanksgiving Dinner!

Hope to see all you all Ladies at the Ladies Luncheon. And guys don't forget the Men's Review, both on December 3. Have a great Christmas and New Year's, too!

New fridg.



See you all soon!
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-----FROM THE RACE CHAIR -----

I guess we didn't have any races recently.

May you have fair winds and flat seas
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---BYC DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN---

Congratulations to our new club officers and board member

David Renard Board of Directors chairman

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----ASK THE MARINA----

Nothing to Report

---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

Hello all Boulderites,

I just wanted to thank everyone who turned out for the First Annual Boulder Thanksgiving Feast. You all outdid yourselves with the selection and quality of dishes. It was a wonderful end-of-season gathering with a lot of good friends - friends who are number one on my "To be thankful for" list. Thanks to all who helped clean up afterwards and Sunday morning.

See you at the lake,
Deb

Now is that time of the year when we winterize our boats whether we take them out or leave them in. If you have some good ideas on making this process easy be sure and let the rest of us know. One idea I heard someone say I just use a electric heater in my boat to keep any water in it from freezing. According to Boat US that's a bad idea. In locations that have a hard winter many things can happen such as power failure and now you have no heat. It is best to remove all water from your boat by pumping it out or drain it from the container. If you pump it do it several times to make sure all water is removed. If you drain it make sure the petcock you use to drain is not clogged and again all water is removed. It is better to take the time to it right now than the time it takes to repair it later.



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---UPCOMING EVENTS---

December 3-----Ladies Luncheon and men's review
February 25 -----No Boat Regatta

---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 (Jan.) issue of the Boulder Bits is **1/25/2011**. 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

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