

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Some of the crew napping during an afternoon sail.



Cow Wreck Bay on Anegada

--COMMODORE'S COMMENTS--

In June several people from BYC enjoyed a trip to the British Virgin Islands. In total we had 26 people on four boats. Some of the group consisted of friends and family of BYC members. By going later in the year this time it was a bit hotter but the winds and fair seas didn't disappoint us. Our first stop was Normal Island and the night was spent dancing and drinking at the Willy T. It was here that some of our female crew decided a Tattoo (albeit temporary) would be a great way to start their adventure. Of the 8 days we spent in the BVI's we had only one afternoon/evening of rain. Unfortunately this was our second day at sail and the night of the "Full Moon Party" in Trellis Bay, a party we were looking forward to attending. Since these parties are very popular we arrived mid afternoon only to find the mooring balls were all taken. Our second choice was nearby Marina Cay where we found the same problem. This forced us to practice our anchoring skills outside their mooring field. Gracefully among other boats (also at anchor) we lowered our hook. As it turned out we hooked quickly and much better than expected. As for the "Full Moon Party", well none of us were looking forward to the mile long dinghy ride in the rain so we had our own party on board. The next morning we were off to the North Sound of Virgin Gorda. Well, we wanted to leave but the well-set anchor wouldn't budge. No matter how we turned, tugged, pushed and pulled the dam thing didn't move. Since our anchor and chain were set in 45 feet of water and no dive gear was aboard we elected to call for help. As you might imagine help can be expensive down there but the diver we hired had us free in a matter of minutes. Of all the boats at anchor that night we were the only one firmly attached to an underground cable feeding the nearby island. King Neptune taught us several lessons this trip that we certainly will remember on future voyages. As for the rest of the trip it went much more smoothly. We spent two days at Anegada exploring the island. We even rented a truck to visit several beaches. One stop was in beautiful Cow Wreck Bay. While there we even ran into a celebrity of sorts. Sir Richard Branson the British business magnate noted for the various Virgin companies. As we later found out he was apparently participating in a local regatta of some kind. Our next stop was Jost Van Dyke where we spent several hours visiting Foxy's and meeting its namesake. Foxy is quite a character as he always has a story or joke to tell and loves to take pictures with those that visit. The next morning we set sail for Soper's Hole to meet up with other members of BYC that had just started their trip. After lunch and provisioning we took our last sail of the trip to Peter Island. We found Great Harbor to be a peaceful bay to spend our last night. Motoring back to Road Town our last morning was quite sad. You just hate to leave the islands. There is always next year to look forward to!

If you have visited the lake over the last month or so you've noticed the water levels were quite high. The Corp of Engineers had a meeting May 16th regarding the lake level. Barring unforeseen circumstances they expect it to return to a more typical pool level of 449' by early July. Unforeseen circumstances came in the form of more rain bringing the lake to just under elevation 455.

As I mentioned in last month's article BYC is going to host some kids from the Missouri Children's Burn Camp on August 27th. I estimate needing 12-15 boats to get involved. So far I am about half way there. If you are interested please contact me by email. We could sure use your support to foster some sailing interest into these kids.

See you there.

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



No Report

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Because the Grass family did such a great job hosting the Topas Party was a success. They have only been in the club a year and they did a job that any pirate would be proud of. Thanks to all the Grass Family and their helpers...

There are still some people that have not renewed their membership. Some people have moved or sold their boat or just don't intend to renew, so if you're tired of getting the bits by email let me know. If your name is not on the roster and you think it should be let me know. The new members this month are: Brad Gentry & Kelley Maher on a Clipper Marine with no name yet; Michael Troup & Seth Fankehauser on Calypso a McGregor 26M; Sally McGowan & Larry Swinger sailing on Quality Time a Catalina 22. Let's give them that well known warm BYC welcome.



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

No Report

See you all soon!
 Pam McBride Social Chair
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----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----

At last month's races we had a nice mix of participants; old hands and newbies. Thanks to all. The winds were fluky. We have more people and boats that have not raced looking forward to trying it this month so let me know if you have room on your boat for crew. Thanks to Thorston for doing the results work and to Fred Drony on "Isa Bella" and his group for being our committee boat. Check the marina bulletin board for standings. This month's race begins with a distance race to the dam on Saturday the 2nd. On the 16th we have

a night race that will of course be at night. The full moon on the 15 will make it fun. The skipper's meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

May you have fair winds and flat seas.

Kort Juenger BYC RC

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Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
		Long Distance Hound & Hair
1 Thor Schaette	1 ThorSchette	<u>Multihull/Sportboat</u>
1 Parks Smith	1 Kort Juenger	Thor 2.04 finish time
2 Kort Juenger	3 Mike Shelton	<u>Jib and Main Fleet</u>
3 MikeShelton	CB Isabella Thanks !	October Breeze 2.45.00
4 MikeBonnot		Quicksilver 2.45.30
CB Isabella Thanks !		Sailing Fox
		Orca
		Paradise DNF

---Topas 2011---

On June 11th Tracy and I hosted the Tapas on the Docks. We were relatively new members of the club (little over one year) and were still trying to remember names. On the way home (from the new members' party) we looked at each other – "What have we done!?"

Well now that it's all over – I can definitely say that it wasn't that hard! Why? Well we had a lot of good help, we asked a LOT of questions and we took a lot of good advice. The fact that the weather cooperated certainly didn't hurt either!

The good help came from our friends Hank and Carol Fuller who helped Tracy with the prizes; Barb and Fred Droney who not only put their boat Bella on display but Fred contributed a number of prizes from his place of employment – New Balance. (Additional prizes came from the Club, Hank and Carol Fuller and from St. Louis Sailing Center). Also Jeff Morrison, William Schmit, Thorsten Schatte and Pam McBride all provided much advice on setting up the event; on the layout of the flyer and on how many beverages to purchase. Special thanks to Schmitt's Band – "Loose Change" for providing the entertainment for the evening.

We made placards for each boat being opened. We also made a dandy flyer for the internet; one showing the beautiful interior of our previous boat – Grasshopper II on a Kentucky Lake Cruise.

A key question that Tracy and I had to answer was – how to have fun and generate interest in visiting open boats? We tossed around a number of ideas, Poker Cards, Trivia Questions, raffle tickets – and then we settled on Boulder Bucks!

Many trees gave their lives so that we could a) print a bunch of Boulder Bucks and b) have envelopes to distribute the Boulder Bucks to the lucky boat visitors. We ended up having roughly 70 attendees with some 14 boats being opened for viewing. The 980 envelopes that we stuffed were none too many!

The actual event went off like clockwork. Garth Hand (friend of Joel Eldon) and Bill Jaworoski volunteered for the vital role of attending to the beverage cart. Needless to say – no one left thirsty. The boats opened for viewing ranged from 17' Bella (Fred and Barb Droney) to the Tartan 42 of Tim and Debbie Akey and all sizes in between. At each boat there were delicious Tapas being served. The folks who did not show their boat had their food spread out in the club house. At 5:45 pm we started on Jost Von Dock and then visited the other docks. By 7:30 all boats had been visited; all Boulder Bucks had been collected and the band had started playing.

This is where Tracy took over. Twenty six prizes were distributed based on who had received the most Boulder Bucks from visiting the opened boats.

Soooo – glad we did it? Absolutely. Would we change anything? – Perhaps but I'm not sure what that would be. Next year? Who knows?

Glad everyone came out; glad everyone participated and glad everyone had fun.

Tom & Tracy Grass
Grasshopper III

---BYC DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN---

David Renard Board of Directors chairman
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----LEUKEMIA CUP NEWS----

We have not heard anything but will let you know when we do as the lake is still high.

----ASK THE MARINA----

As you know the lake is still above normal and getting to your boat is difficult by we can at least get to our boats. Because we have to use the pontoon boat to get on the docks some of our dock carts are on the docks and some on land which means our number of carts are split. If you use a cart to get your supplies to your boat please bring the cart back to the central location so that others can use it.

---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

Kids can learn to sail! Through on the water fun and hands-on land activities, youths (ages 8-15 years) will learn rigging, knot tying, navigation, and safety. Racing games like "Grab the Watermelon" and "Capture the Flag" help kids and teens learn to maneuver a triangular course.

WHEN:

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15, 2011
9.00 am to 3.00 pm, daily

WHERE:

Creve Coeur Lake
Meet at the Tremayne Shelter in Sailboat Cove

WHO:

Captain Bill Learn (American Sailing Association Certified Instructor and Captain)
Amy Narishkin (PhD in Education, Certified teacher)
Mike Steinhour (First Mate, Sea Scout Ship 5001)
Abby Narishkin (American Red Cross Certified Life Guard)

WHAT:

Campers need strap-on water shoes (no flip flops), Coast Guard Approved PFD, sunscreen, and a bag lunch & water bottle.

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Bill Jaworoski and Garth Hand with Beverage Cart



Kaila Juenger puts her hair dryer skills to work by inflating the race marks.

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

- July 23**-----BYC Raft up
- July 29-31**-----Leukemia Cup Weekend for information go to www.leukemicup.org/gat/.
- August 13**-----Pot Luck Dinner
- August 20**-----A Minute to Win It BYC Race 6
- August 27**----- Missouri Children’s Burn Camp

---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 (Aug.) issue of the Boulder Bits is **7/25/2011**. 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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