

Boulder Yacht Club

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Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

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. We are within a couple of feet from that now.

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---

Okay, so maybe I misunderstood about Noah Jr. getting a permit to build an ark. But given all of the rain and storms, it just seems likely that I heard it correctly. Well, our local sailing basin has dropped a few feet lately, giving the ferryman a much needed rest. Of course he'll apply for unemployment soon unless someone does a rain dance or two. The current level is down to 451.4 ft. Can anyone tell me when this was written?

Memorial holiday should find us all in good cheer with lots of water to sail on. I wonder who can run aground with the current levels? I bet that I can, not that I have in the past 4 weeks. I don't want to talk about 5 weeks ago. Okay? So, go ahead, call me a "groundhog." How was I to know that this spot is where they hide the island?

Anyway, I also heard that Boulder has a new(er) tenant, complete with lawn chairs, grill, toilet, satellite dish, and even an approved mailbox with 9524 on it. Stop by and say hi to our new 'squatter."

Whatever you may do this coming Holiday, please to it safely and some forethought. What out for the other guy. And wear your PFD if on the water.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Ray Kritis Vice Commodore BYC

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Our first party party that required reservation has come and gone with 49 members eligible in that drawing for the year end prize. Let's help the host of future parties by continuing to pre-register. Although it is not our intention to make money at our parties we did make a little money at the "New Members Party".

Attached with the bits will be a BYC current roster. 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: Kevin & Diane Connelly don't have a boat yet; and Brian K & Christine T Fitzwater on a McGregor M named Mabuhay, Let's give these new members that warm BYC welcome.

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

The weather is finely getting decent and good for sailing and partying. But not to say that bad weather stops us. We had a great New Members party and all gathered indoors to enjoy good food, drink and camaraderie. Thanks to Spero and all the great helpers, we had some really good spaghetti and teamwork getting it all served. Several new members attended and actually had a great turnout despite the weather and the lack of boats in the water. Thanks to all that RSVP'd early, too! It made it easy on the party sponsor to know how much to buy. Spero is one hot spaghetti cooking guy! Now onto the next set of events for June. First we'll have Races 2 and 3 with a Pot Luck Dinner afterwards for anyone to participate in. Just bring an entrée for yourself and another dish to share. I'll be making some Mostacolli with some left over spaghetti sauce from the New Members party. There is no cost for this gathering so BYOB. Then on June 11 we'll have the Tapas on the Docks – a club favorite. Thanks to Tom and Marcy Grass for sponsoring this one. Please see the flyer and don't forget to RSVP on time to get those tickets for the prize at the end of the season!

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

Well I was sorry to see the cool rainy weather that canceled our first race of the season. The flooding has not help either since it has prevented the number of boats in the water. I have no makeup date for that race yet but be on the lookout here in the Bits for it. I have compiled a nice list of people interested in crewing and skippers looking for crew when we do race so give me a call when a race is up and coming. Speaking of which, we have race #2 and #3 coming up June 4th. The skipper's meeting will be held at 9:00am and first race of the day at 11:00am. I do need a committee for these races so give me a shout out on my email.

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

As time moves on we need to address the club galley. Commodore Jeff Morrison has brought to my attention that the club stove has no working oven. We are looking into the cost of replacing the stove and

getting quotes from some dealers. The refrigerator is currently in working order but will need to be addressed in the near future. We will keep everyone up to date as to our decision on the purchase of a new stove.

David Renard Board of Directors chairman

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----LEUKEMIA CUP NEWS----

Due to high water the Leukemia Cup has been postponed until July 29-31. Maybe we will have more boats in the water by then and more can attend this worthy cause.

----ASK THE MARINA----

Why has Schmidty been working weekends? I thought he just put boats in on Saturdays in the months of April and October. Yes Schmidty is supposed to be off on weekends. I'm sure he doesn't mind doing little things to help people out in emergencies but moving the heavy equipment around with all the extra cars on weekends is risky and time consuming. This time of the year there are extra vehicles in the lot. Making arrangement ahead of time with Schmidty he "sometimes" can move things around to make it easier.

---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

The green buoys go in. If you see a sleeveless Harley shirt it may not be Schmidty. While helping Guy and Schmidty launch the green navigation buoys Rey Neville somehow got wet and needed a change of clothes. Schmidty thanks "Harley Rey" and "Flower Child Guy" for all the help.

Corsair Nationals (aka Margaretville... who?) Team Thor wins 3rd place in Phrf B fleet.

We left a couple days early to get the green crew at least a day or two on a Trimaran (or any sailboat by that matter) surely enough we ran right smack into the middle of those tornados which ravaged Alabama. We were very very close at times hearing radio warnings of a tornado crossing 5 miles ahead while another one was 10 miles back of us. Dodging trees and debris with an F boat in tow isn't much fun. But we arrived in beautiful Pensacola bay in one piece.

Dropped the boat at the public dock (ouch 10 \$) and motored over to the Margaritaville Beach....I wouldn't call it a Beach and there wasn't really a path from the road either, at the back of the boat is the channel. It was possible to anchor there (as a lot of other boats proved the week to come) but not perfect. We got chased away from the Margaritaville employee parking lot (2/3 empty) hmmm? No problem as we proceeded with trailer to the Ft Pickens state park campground. Very nice place indeed. Next day we found our boat on the beach (almost expected) so to plan B. We had arranged a dock space at the close by Apartments ahead of time. (Thanks Todd Miller!) Worked out well!

We went sailing the next day and promptly destroyed the mainsail. (This was ripped last year and fixed by Calvert Sails over the winter). It is now Friday night and the clock is ticking for a Monday early start. Schurr Sails in Pensacola was ready to head out for a race in Mobile bay and couldn't do it. "Doc" owner of Emerald sails in Ft Walton Beach to the rescue. We drove the sail over Saturday morning and he had it nicely fixed the next day. Thanks to Don Wigston to bring the repaired sail up the coast for us on Sunday afternoon. In the meantime we tried a used back up sail from Flight Simulator, which the Tom Reese crew gave us. However the boltrope was too thin for this old Omuhundro mast and we rolled it back up and returned it. No problem as our repaired sail was back.

Fast forward to Monday morning 30 min before the start the repaired mainsail ripped again. Not Emerald sails problem as it ripped totally different spot! Cliff Farrah, Team Strategy to the rescue. He went out of his way and yelled over to pick up his Sprint 750 sail on the beach. Now a 28 R looks kinda funny with a 750 Mainsail, but it worked. We missed the Start for the long Distance race (note: a 4 minute start time limit is kind of a little rough for a long distance race) but we clawed our way up to Juana's Beach, where we expected beer and food. No free beer and the food was somewhat to be desired for ...Good that we have our own beer on board J A generous helping in energy bars got us through the second race.

In the evening we went to Schurr sails that had snacks and a beer..... hoorah. We took the opportunity and ordered a new headsail from Hunter at Schurr Sails. (After all one has to support the

sponsors, right?) If you guys need sails please check them out, they make all sails, not only go fast stuff. And their prices are really really good!

Day two saw W/L buoy races. The "German bikini team" must have irritated quite a few teams, as they sailed right through the closed starting line. Maybe it was the leeward mark that was very close to the gate, however. I know we had to round the CB and seemingly harden up like crazy to make the mark. In the end 8 boats got dsq and we moved up in the ranks (not that I like to do it that way).

Race 2 went pretty smooth and after the finish we heard on the VHF that the 3rd race is not going to happen because of impeding bad weather. We sailed right up the creek home. Half ways around the tip we did recognize that we must have misunderstood the announcement on the VHF, as the other boats were all gathered for the third race. We could have turned around, but we decided that better safe than sorry and headed home. Maybe it was the roar of the Blue Angels in the morning that made our ears gone bonkers for a day or two; it was indeed spectacular to watch these guys flying that close to our boats.

We were tired and missed the Zern Rigging Seminar, but up and ready to eat for the Margaritaville/Landshark Party, which got rerouted into the downstairs Bar at the Hemmingway's instead. And again no free beer? We ordered and paid something from the cash bar and meanwhile got mighty hungry. Food was standard buffet style stuff, nothing fancy. Who were the two folks who cut in line? Especially tacky as there was not enough food for everyone..... We enjoyed the picture show for a while, but rather quickly made our 20 min drive to the Campground for cold beer and some excellent wine around the fire. We had some of the Weta guys over and had a good talk with them starring into the fire pit until it got late.

Day three... it was blowing dogs off chains (35 to 45 knots), on our trip from the campground to the boat we saw the foaming white caps and the girls were not impressed all that much. I decided than and there to call it a beach day and meet up with the guys at the evening festivities which were held at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club (instead of the Margaritaville location) We indeed had a great day at the Beach and learned later that all races were cancelled for that day. Good choice. The party at PBYC was at full swing when we arrived and the home cooked food was indeed excellent. I assume some Yacht Club Members worked real hard to get this going. Bravo the food was plenty and absolutely great. Beer was 3 dlr L

Day four the race course was in the middle of a Naval training session (or was it the other way around ?) Quickly the course was relocated a little north and the fun could start. Still with our borrowed 750 mainsail we clawed upwind and we actually didn't do not all that bad. The receding wind made it more and more difficult. The two big fat barges roaring down didn't help either. But we did had a good time and eventually finished while the sea breeze slowly filled in. No second race, but the girls had a great time sailing the ole barge back to the slip, where we quickly demounted the borrowed main and got ready for trophy presentation at PBYC.

A huge Thanks to all the fine competitors who kept us going through the week. Tom Reese with Flight Simulator, John Achim on Tri n CatchMe, Cliff Farrah with Strategy, Don Wigston, and last but certainly not least Randy Smyth who climbed up our mast to retrieve a halyard. A super big Thanks must go out to Bert Rice who worked his butt off. If he ever will do this again (and I surely hope so) he deserves a little help prior and during the event, as he was all over the place trying to make this the best event for everybody. Again Bert many, many, many thanks.

Now, lets talk about money. I paid 180 bucks for the boat plus 150 dlr for 3 crewmembers extra. With all the sponsors lined up it seemed silly that we had to buy all the beer by ourselves. The grub at Juanas was barely consumable, the later offerings were a little better but nothing more than a 5 dlr "all you can eat" buffet here in the middle of the country, and it wasn't even enough for all at times. (Again the exception was the home cooked meal) The trophies were lets say a little lackluster for a national event. (Don't misunderstand I LOVE my totally undeserved 3rd place ashtray). The event was great and the camaraderie and fellow Corsair and F-boat folks are some thing to behold. I am ready to go down to Florida again just say when.....

Thanks Dennis Ulli and Petra it was a blast !

It takes a marina...

...to raise a mast. And for that we owe a whole lot of you a debt of thanks. Everyone has been so kind and willing to lend a hand to help us get acquainted with the new boat, and each of you brings a different set of

skills to the table so it has made our lives a lot easier. We have seen over and over the last few weeks why so many people have chosen to move up to Boulder. It's all about the people.

Thanks again. We'll be having a celebration / name changing party soon to christen The Tartan with her new name, *Kintala*

Deb and Tim



---UPCOMING EVENTS---

- June 4**-----Pot Luck Dinner
- June 11**-----Tapas on the Docks
- July 23**-----BYC Raft up
- July 29-31**-----Leukemia Cup Weekend for information go to www.leukemicup.org/gat/.

---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 (July) issue of the Boulder Bits is **6/25/2011**. 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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