

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Happy Spring everyone! (Although I would not have guessed that it is Spring from looking out my window as I write this article.) The only thing I can think about this snow is that it's helping with our water table and drought situation, and hopefully keeping our lake full of water for us all to sail in throughout the year.

I've been over to the lake once since the end of February. The bathhouse is very nice, new furniture looking good, as well as a clean carpet and clean kitchen area even before the Spring Thaw! (thanks to the Schmidts, Cindy, Deb and Ron).

And speaking more about Spring, the Spring Thaw and Flea Market event is just around the corner on April 27. I'll be making a big pot of bean soup and cornbread for lunch. It's sure to be a nice day, so come on out to the lake!J

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



I was visiting the SBO website and came across a subject that caught my eye. The thread contained a link to a newspaper article about stray current in marinas. The article was about electric shock drowning. It gave several real life examples about people who were victims of ESD while swimming in fresh water around docks. A couple of the incidents occurred in Missouri with one in particular at Lake of the Ozarks.

That got me thinking about our own marina. I think we all know that swimming in any marina is a risky thing to do. When you consider the limited maneuverability and the amount of boat and jet ski traffic, who needs the extra challenge. Throw in the potential danger of electrocution and it becomes a life and death decision. I discussed this issue with Schmidty and our docks are equipped with GFCI's at the power outlets. That offers some measure of protection. According to the article stray current can be released via an improper ground, either on the boat or from power supplied to the boat. Based on my own experience with our current boat and the last one, some of the DIY additions performed by the previous owners was downright primitive and dangerous. I've since corrected those that I've found and in doing so I hope I've eliminated the possibility of any stray current leakage. I won't discuss the potential fire hazard it created.

It is worth noting that if you are experiencing any galvanic corrosion on your boat, particularly with the prop, prop shaft, lower unit or through hulls, you certainly might want to look into it. These are indicators of some type of problem, either on your own boat or even from a neighbor's boat. For your own protection, take a look at your boats wiring to make sure it meets the ABYC standards.

We can do our part to keep the marina safe by checking the power supply cords, 30 amp and 110v, for chafe and broken wires. If you are using a 110v extension cord that's missing the ground plug, replace it. Most importantly, limit your swimming to the lake and nearby beaches. It's less stressful for those transiting in and out and without a doubt offers better scenery.

If you would like to learn more, here are a couple of good articles to start with.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/terry-gardner/esd-hidden-danger-in-fres_b_693454.html

<http://www.boatus.com/boattech/articles/marine-corrosion.asp>

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



The current roster stands at 47 members. Two of those are new memberships. Our newest member is Bob Horner. He has a Hunter 27 located on Jost Van Dock #48. He plans to name his boat this spring. Bob has also expressed an interest in crewing this year. Make a point to stop by and welcome him to our club and invite him out for a race.

Please remember to send in your applications for membership using our PayPal option at (<http://www.thorusa.com/byc.htm>) or by US Mail to the address below.

Applications can be found attached to your Boulder Marina Lease agreement or at (<http://www.boulderyc.org/>).

Something new has been added to the club house. Screens have been made and installed on all the windows. It sure will be nice to open up the windows for some fresh spring air. The marina has also remodeled the shower house. You won't believe how nice they look inside. We have new sink tops, faucets, benches and wall covering in the shower area.

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----THE SOCIAL CHAIR ----



Spring is often referred to as a time of renewal and cleansing. At the Boulder Yacht Club it is no different. Boats are getting cleaned and repainted. Hopes and dreams of a bigger, better, and faster boat and year is on many a sailor's mind. Be sure to remember the BYC flea market April 27 when cleaning out that dock box, locker, and basement for those nautical items to add money to your "cruzing kitty". Commodore Pam and I could also use help cleaning the shed and club house of unneeded items. If you have something you've left up there you may want to retrieve it before the 27th. See you on the lake.



Joel and Emily Elden sail on *Pascagoula Run*, a German-made Dehler 31 that resides on Jost Von Dock. Though they are familiar faces at Boulder, you might call them one of the marina's newest "couples" as they were married on Santa Rosa Beach, Florida in February by our very own Reverend Andrew Bako. Joel has been sailing on Carlyle since infancy with parents, Terry and Bob Elden, on their yellow San Juan 23 aptly named *Dandelion*. Emily is a co-teacher at Cahokia High School in Illinois and provides supplemental instruction in English

Language Arts to struggling ninth-graders. She also loves drawing and painting. Joel is an artist whose medium is fiberglass. He also works at Barnes-Jewish Hospital as a radiation therapist. Joel and Emily met in their high school music program in Freeburg, IL; Joel played the alto sax and percussion and she played flute and piccolo. Join me in wishing them many long years of making beautiful music together.



Tom and Terry Grass have a very appropriate named Hunter 260- "Grasshopper III". You may often see their daughter Laura and their dog Hunter on board. Tracy learned to sail when she was 17 through an "awesome" sailing course in Mystic, Conn. It took Tracy less than a year to convert Tom, who she met in collage, to the boating way of life . Now after 4 children , 3 grandchildren, and 38 years of marriage they seem to be sailing pretty smoothly. They have sailed on the Great Lakes but their favorite lake is

Kentucky. When not on Carlyle, Tracy is a speech language pathologist and photographer. Tom is a mechanical engineer and cyclist. He has lost 50 pounds thanks to Weight Watchers and his own discipline. He will need that discipline and determination when he bikes across Indiana this summer in a one day 140 mile bike ride!!! Be sure to ask them to tell you about what happened to Grasshopper II.

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

---FROM THE RACE CHAIR ---



It is just a matter of days before it begins to warm up! Although it seems like this winter will never end, it has to at some point... right? The first race is scheduled for May 18. That is also the day of the new members party. We would love to see everybody for the party and race. Until then, stay warm and see you at the lake!

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---BYC DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN---

Chairman of the BYC Board of Directors
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---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

Last year we started an aluminum can recycling program. So, look for the two receptacles this spring on either side of the marina club house, and help us keep our marina "green"! Additionally, please remember to put only aluminum cans in the recycling containers, unless you would like to volunteer to sort the trash from the stinky beer cans. Thanks!

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

April 27 Spring Thaw and Flea Market and Soup Luncheon
 May 18 New Members Spaghetti Dinner

---EDITOR'S NOTE---



Hello! If you want the Bits by e-mail, or would like contribute to next month's edition, please contact me at emmarion73@live.com. This year, the monthly deadline for each article entry will be set for the **25th day of each month**. Contributors, please make a mental note, or grab a post-it to put on the fridge. I'm hoping the slightly earlier deadline will give us all less time to procrastinate, and more time for me to get the printing press going for those who receive snail-mail copies. Also, I encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with the BYC family. You don't have to be on the officer team; you just have to have an interesting story or fun pictures to share. See you all out on the lake!

Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor

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