

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Happy August everyone! Hope the summer is treating everyone well. The heat has not been too unbearable this year....so far. Want to thank everyone for coming out to the Fourth of July fireworks raft-up. I'm hearing that this was a record raft-up - 19 boats in total! That was so awesome considering the weather chased off most others...including other clubs. We had a few interesting moments with the storm that rolled in - there is a great photo on our Facebook! There wasn't much swimming, but a lot of hopping from boat to boat and sharing food, 'boat-drinks' and fun....even the kids got to make a souvenir to take back with them. More interesting things happened the next morning - specifically to us as we could not get up our anchor. I think at one point in time we might have been holding all 19 boats which made that anchor dig in really, *really* deep. Special thanks to Kacey who got on board Paradise to help me and my dad out. After a few suggestions from all parties involved we finally got it up, but not without chipping a little of the gel-coat (drat!). Then after all that, me and Dad had a great father/daughter sail back to the marina - one of those priceless moments :-)

Funny thing about that anchor though....this past weekend we had a heck of a time hauling it up after spending the night in Cole's Creek. Guess I'd rather have that problem that it not holding.

Lastly, I'm looking forward to August. We have at least 3 things going on. Look for the flyers! A note about our Renshaw Regatta - this is an event where we donate our proceeds to a charity. This year I have picked 'Hannah's Playground'. Hannah was a young girl struck with debilitating illnesses which prevented her from doing most things that others take for granted. She loved to swing in a specially built swing alongside her sister. The donations given to this cause will go towards the building of a special playground in Breeze, IL. that will enable handicap children to be able to experience the joys of play, regardless of their challenges and limitations. So please join us in a great lake-wide race and a delicious hog roast to follow and know that our proceeds will go to a good cause.

Pam McBride, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Times are tough, the effects of the economic downturn are evident everywhere. Incredible as it may seem even the largest metropolitan areas can feel the pinch. Can you say Detroit, MI. Case in point, the state of Illinois, can't seem to establish a healthy a budget that works. When the collaborators can't reach a compromise the typical short term remedy is to cut back. That's what we do too, we don't eat out as much, stay a little closer to home, make to do with less.

So, two weeks ago I realized I hadn't received a renewal reminder for our Illinois boat registration. I was pretty sure the sticker on Island Time was dated 2013 but to make double sure I checked it while anchored in Coles Creek. I'm thinking, "what gives", hope it didn't get pitched with all the useless daily flotsam that accumulates in our mailbox. The sticker's expiration date was June 31st, now I'm delinquent. Not my first time, but still, I want to be legal. Jumped on the computer after returning home and went to Illinois DNR website. Flash, right there on the screen, it says:

Notice

The Department of Natural Resources DID NOT send out watercraft renewal notices this year. It is your responsibility to make sure that your watercraft registration is current.

Wow, somebody decided the postage for all of those registration reminders was busting the budget. I followed the instructions and renewed my registration. Had I (innocently) not realized my error I could have been cited for this indiscretion and fined \$150. Just a heads up folks, if you haven't received a renewal notification or checked the sticker date in while, take a peek.

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



What a great Night Race last Saturday. The stormy afternoon and evening forced us to wait to the last moment to start. It turned out to be a beautiful evening with light winds. Thanks to my crew Bill & Sharon Schmidt, Jose DuMont and Bob Horner. They did a terrific job. We weren't last!

Our current membership stands at 85. Once again we have new BYC members to inform you of. Ron and Charlotte Blunt have an 18' Swan named Calypso. They would enjoy a chance to help crew in one of our club races. Also joining our club is David & Beryle Rothschild. They have a 23' Rinker. Our new members have both expressed an interest in helping with some of our club functions. Welcome to Boulder Yacht Club. Our new membership now totals 16.

For those that haven't signed up yet you may do so by using our PayPal page at (<http://www.thorusa.com/byc.htm>) and email me a copy of the application. Or you may U.S. Mail your application to the address below. Applications can be found attached to your Boulder Marina Lease agreement or at (<http://www.boulderyc.org/>).

Jeff Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer BYC

-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----



Wow some crazy weather here in the Midwest. The raft up was stormy but we were able to get in some fun activities with the kids. We had a great number of children. I was so busy with the kids and the raft up was so large I was unable to do any games with the adults. I'll keep them for another time. Thanks to all who joined up. It was a record breaking number of boats!

DO NOT MISS "THE MINUTE TO WIN-IT" EVENT ON THE 24. This is a fun laugh-filled time for all!! This year's HOG ROAST/RENSHAW REGATTA will be delicious as last year as we

will have Wieland’s BBQ of Carlye doing the pig again this year. I will definitely need help with set up and clean up with this event. And we are asking members to bring dessert for the Hog roast but NO SIDE dishes those will be provided by yours truly. Please shoot me an email if you can help.



Steve and Kim Cantino will be your co-hosts for the “Minute to Win-It” event on the 24th with the Biras that were featured here last month. Steve has been sailing since he was 14 when he was in the Sea Scouts. Later he and his dad built their own sailboat. The couple enjoy their time on their 27 foot Catalina, "Island Fever", but Steve says he does dream of a bigger boat. Their other dream is to get some off shore experience sailing the Caribbean island chain to Grenada. They have enjoyed the British Virgin Islands in 2010. Steve is self- employed and Kim works for the publishing company

Holton- Mifflin. Both are lifelong residents of St. Louis area.

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----



Well, another month has come and gone, and two excellent races with it. Thanks for all who participated in the Race to the Dam and the Night Race. Participants in both races had to be mindful of the weather either before or after the race, but we had some truly fun sailing in both events. As a reminder, we have two races coming up. Race 5 occurs on August 10, and our annual lake-wide Renshaw Regatta is coming up on August 31. All interested sailors should check out the details for the Renshaw and sign up by clicking on the link from the BYC race schedule page or can use this direct link: <http://www.boulderyc.org/racing/2013/info%202013RenshawCup.pdf>.

As Pam mentioned, this year's beneficiary will be "Hannah's Playground". Read her entry for more details on this great cause.

Joel Elden, BYC Race Chair

---UPCOMING EVENTS ---

- Jimmy Buffett Tailgate Party
- BYC Race 5
- Minute to Win It
- Renshaw Regatta & Hog Roast

- August 3
- August 10
- August 24
- August 31

---FLOTSAM & JETSAM---



~A Thank You~

Thank you all for a truly surprising bon voyage celebration. For those of you who know me, you can appreciate just how amazing it is that I had no idea what was going on. Your thoughtful cards and gifts were totally unexpected and greatly appreciated and will provide many a fond memory for us of this community that supported us through all of our many projects, who taught us so much, and who didn't laugh at us during all of our mistakes (well not too much anyway :). We look forward to having many of you on the boat as we

begin this next chapter of our adventure.

Deb and Tim Akey

---MORE FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

Here are just a couple of the pictures I've snapped recently; thanks to Jeff and Kacey for making the raft-up pics possible. I've got about 50 pictures from that night that I will be putting on the computer in the clubhouse after Joel and I get back from France. That way everyone can save copies for their own use.

- Emily Elden



---EDITOR'S NOTE---



Hello! If you want the Bits by e-mail, or would like to 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**. This deadline will give me more time for me to get the printing press going for those who receive snail-mail copies. I encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with the BYC family. You don't have to be an officer; 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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