

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Season's Greetings everyone! Hope your Thanksgiving was a good one. Albeit freezing outside as I write this article, I have fond memories of warmer days just had a few days ago. Our trip to the USVI's was great! We experienced a 37' cutter rigged Island Packet this trip – very nice boat, I must say: the nicest we've ever chartered. Beautiful interior, 3 years old but like new, they asked you to take care not to get the wooden surfaces wet or bring sand into the boat. Though this is hard to do, it's manageable. It's amazing the poor condition we have found a lot of our charter boats we rented in the past, in fact we usually return them in better shape – mostly because my dad (our Chief Engineer) fixes things! But this Island Packet was in great shape and we respected

that. We could live on this boat! Lots of storage, actual mattresses instead of foam rubber in our berths, great head with separate shower, macerator so the toilet wouldn't get stopped up (toilet paper supplied). And, she sailed great (although she wouldn't win many races unless facing a fleet of Island Packets). Using a staysail was interesting, but it worked great – we tried several different sail patterns as we've never sailed with one before – it's nice to have more options. We sailed all around the 3 main islands. The passage to St. Croix was a bit rough, but awesome – 6 hours in 8-12 seas that were short and breaking. Sailed on the north side of St. Thomas to check it out and stayed in Magen's Bay. We stayed in 2 different Honeymoon Bays and met a couple who live-aboard a center cockpit 42' Pearson who shared some local knowledge and weather forecast which called for northern swells. There are more stories and photos we'll share later.



For the more near future, hope to see our all that the Ladies Luncheon and Men's Review on The Landing at Joey B's and Morgan Street Brewery, respectively. Both start at 11:00 am on Saturday December 7. If I don't see you then, please have a joyous upcoming Holiday Season and Happy New Year!!

P. S. Don't forget to check on your boat a few times during the winter months, too.

See you at the lake!
Pam McBride, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

I want to thank everyone who joined in the BYC Thanksgiving dinner. A special thanks to Kort and Laurel for spearheading the festivities and bringing us all together for a special meal with good friends. That's what it is all about. Thank you to those who helped with the cleanup. Most of us have finished our boat winterization and are ready for approaching winter. I'm steadily compiling my to do list for next spring. I'm hopeful that there will be no major setbacks or issues in 2014. Make sure you take a trip or two out to Boulder to check on your boats. We also have two more events on the calendar:

hopefully we will see you all at the Ladies Luncheon/Men's Review and the No Boat.

Wishing everyone a good Thanksgiving Holiday.

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Your 2014 Boulder Marina Lease agreements will be mailed out soon. Included will be a 2014 BYC Membership Application. Instructions for submitting it can be found at the bottom of the application. It's never too soon to fill one out and send it in. Also, please find a BYC membership roster attached to this month's Boulder Bits. Happy Holidays to all!

Jeff Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer BYC
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----THE SOCIAL CHAIR ----

The numbers were small but the times were good at the Thanksgiving dinner and the Halloween party this past month. We had a great time listening to our professional story teller, William Conklin, tell several spooky but true stories as well as some from our fellow club members. We had a chance to share what we were thankful for before we indulged in fried and grilled turkeys later in the month. Thanks to Kim and Kort for preparing the birds. Over 40 food items were taken to a food pantry from your donations at the Thanksgiving dinner. Hope to see the ladies at the luncheon at Joey B's this month and the guys should have a good time at Morgan Street. Have a safe and

blessed holiday season. See more pictures on Boulder Yacht Club's Face Book page.

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair



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

Hello all! The racing season may be over, but that doesn't mean we have all left the marina for good. The winter is a great time to get a head-start on those projects that you don't want to be working on when the good sailing weather returns. Emily and I will be hard at work restoring our headliner. The cold weather doesn't deter us much since when we first started working on the boat on the hard four years ago, there was a massive hole where the salon hatch now is that sucked our heated air right out and into the snowy air. *The tarp didn't help much. So, you see: It's all about perspective ;) Whether we see you or not, we hope everyone has a safe and merry holiday season.

P.S. - Don't forget to include *The Captain* in your festivities ;)

Joel Elden, BYC Race Chair
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---A Update from Fellow BYC Member James Johnson---

Hello BYC members! Below, you will see some pictures of my truck, trailer, and boat. These and their contents are all I own now. This is the view from my boat, which is now in the ICW as seen from Swan Point Marina in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina. Here's a view of the docks at Swan Point Marina as the full moon was rising tonight. They have about 1/4 the slips of Boulder Marina. You can't see it in this photo, but there is another longer dock to the left of this one. The other dock has a "T" on the end.



This is Jim and Danny. [Not pictured] We bought these oysters off a guy when he came in with them. They don't get any fresher unless you go eat them where they grow. I'm thinking about trying that. Anyway, I'll send more updates later. For now, I'm cleaning, organizing, and installing some new equipment. I'll be living at another marina on Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, but that marina doesn't have a lift. This marina has about 6 live-aboards, most of whom are headed south very soon. I'd go too if it weren't for my children. So maybe someday. But in the meantime, this is very nice living. Miss hanging at BYC. I'll never forget the good times and wonderful people. Hope everyone is well.

James (Chardonnay)

---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!

---Message in a Bottle (AKA, Editor's Poem Contribution)---

Robert Louis Stevenson's "Christmas at Sea"

Christmas at Sea

The sheets were frozen hard, and they cut the naked hand;
The decks were like a slide, where a seaman scarce could stand;
The wind was a nor'wester, blowing squally off the sea;
And cliffs and spouting breakers were the only things a-lee.

They heard the surf a-roaring before the break of day;
But 'twas only with the peep of light we saw how ill we lay.
We tumbled every hand on deck instanter, with a shout,
And we gave her the maintops'l, and stood by to go about.

All day we tacked and tacked between the South Head and the North;
All day we hauled the frozen sheets, and got no further forth;
All day as cold as charity, in bitter pain and dread,
For very life and nature we tacked from head to head.

We gave the South a wider berth, for there the tide race roared;
But every tack we made we brought the North Head close aboard:
So's we saw the cliffs and houses, and the breakers running high,
And the coastguard in his garden, with his glass against his eye.

The frost was on the village roofs as white as ocean foam;
The good red fires were burning bright in every 'long-shore home;
The windows sparkled clear, and the chimneys volleyed out;
And I vow we sniffed the victuals as the vessel went about.

The bells upon the church were rung with a mighty jovial cheer;
For it's just that I should tell you how (of all days in the year)
This day of our adversity was blessed Christmas morn,
And the house above the coastguard's was the house where I was born.

O well I saw the pleasant room, the pleasant faces there,
My mother's silver spectacles, my father's silver hair;
And well I saw the firelight, like a flight of homely elves,
Go dancing round the china plates that stand upon the shelves.

And well I knew the talk they had, the talk that was of me,
Of the shadow on the household and the son that went to sea;
And O the wicked fool I seemed, in every kind of way,
To be here and hauling frozen ropes on blessed Christmas Day.

They lit the high sea-light, and the dark began to fall.
'All hands to loose top gallant sails,' I heard the captain call.
'By the Lord, she'll never stand it,' our first mate, Jackson, cried.
... 'It's the one way or the other, Mr. Jackson,' he replied.

She staggered to her bearings, but the sails were new and good,
And the ship smelt up to windward just as though she understood.
As the winter's day was ending, in the entry of the night,
We cleared the weary headland, and passed below the light.

And they heaved a mighty breath, every soul on board but me,
As they saw her nose again pointing handsome out to sea;
But all that I could think of, in the darkness and the cold,
Was just that I was leaving home and my folks were growing old.

Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor



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