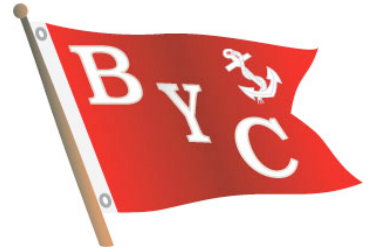


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Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--

Its snowing outside, I have gained a couple pounds from all that good Christmas food. The boat is sitting on the parking lot and is crying for warmer weather..... must be the end of December.

We had a great get together in St Louis with the girls having a real dinner, while the guys nibbled at Johnny's. Beer was good. As always, it was hard to find close-by parking spaces, even for my little car. The other clubs around the lake are busy cementing in their dates; our old and new officers will meet in Wildwood first weekend in January.

All members can have their voice heard and there is nothing wrong with new ideas. Just email the social chair, new commodore, or me so we will discuss it. In news around the lake, next year all marinas will allow free slips for their lake-wide races. We at Boulder were blessed all along with the free hospitality granted from Dennis for all our friends during our events. His good example has swept around the lake. Good going!

Sign up for the No Boat early please; we really need to know the headcount. Its imperative also that you let the hotel know that you are from Boulder as this will determine how much or any the club has to pay for the conference room. You can still use miles or free nights, but they need to know that you are a BYC member.

Usually I end with see you on the lake, this time of year maybe not so much.

Best, Thor

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

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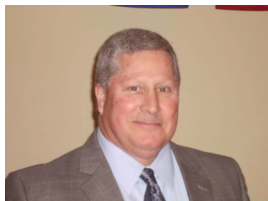
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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

I hope everyone had a terrific Christmas Holiday and will have a safe New Year.

Our boat has only been out of the water a few weeks and I'm already anxious for the 2013 season to begin. This syndrome seems to get worse as the winter progresses. Anyone else feel like this? Oh good, it's not just me!

Don't forget to visit your boat over the winter months. You never know when something may require a little attention. Loose cover, flapping sail, tighten a jack stand, frozen bilge pump, etc.



Attached to this month's Boulder Bits is the 2013 BYC Membership Application. You have a couple of options for submitting yours. The paperless option is always good. Use our PayPal web page (<http://www.thorusa.com/byc.htm>) for payment and follow up by emailing copy of your application to me at the address below. Or you can print the application and snail mail it along with your check payable to Boulder Yacht Club. The address is also listed below. If you need an additional copy of the application it can be found on the BYC website. (<http://www.boulderyc.org/>)

Remember, new applicants will receive a free BYC Burgee with their membership. We had nearly 30 new members last year. It's always nice to have new families joining our club.

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

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL! Friends, fellow sailors, and Boulder Marina family with all the help graciously given at every party, every weekend, every time we came together. This was my second time at social chair and my friends gave me a great gift of kindness and laughter and love. THANKS! THANKS! THANK YOU!

We have the big No boat party to finish the 2012 season. Laurel Juenger is next years social chair. When everyone jumps with her, good times will be happening. Thor is working hard on our big year-end blow out. WATCH for a flyer.

Sharon

Sharon Schmidt
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----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----

Happy New Year BYC!

I hope the holidays have treated you well and Santa left lots of boat parts and West marine gift certificates under the tree! There may be snow on the ground, but it will be spring before you know it. Make sure you check your cockpit scuppers and bilge periodically. Old man winter is hard on boats. See you at the lake!



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---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

I am sending you this copy of a conversation I have been having with Jed over the controversial Forspar products that seem only to be a controversy with him and me. I have used this coupling on CasaCitall for the waste tank hose when changed out several years ago. Now I have contacted him to replace several locations on my YES DEAR and this came up during our conversations because I sent pictures of my plumbing. When he saw that I had replaced some thru-hulls with Forspar he forwarded specs that got me riled with questions and reasons why West Marine and others harped so heavily on the marketing for Forspar. They must be getting a much greater perk and we are getting a much less safe product because if you happen to break this their thru hull while out on the water you will have a water logged boat in short time. No way to shut off the water. Anyway, the answer for thru hulls is metal with a way to replace the hose without taking the boat out of the water. Another plus with most other thru hull fittings is they are engineered far safer and the one I bought from West Marine in Solomons, MD was \$4 cheaper and by Groco who I trust now far more than Forspar. Their threads do not match and they freeze up as they absorb water within 24hrs. and over time which means you must be aware to constantly work the valve handle as it gets stiffer over time. Mine broke off trying to move it however, the stem broke while the ball lodged so if you have a reason to replace any thru hulls do it with metal and make sure they able to have a hose replacement even while out on the water without fear of flooding the boat. Just thought a heads up for my friends was a good thing to do. We are now in discussions with Forspar, Practical Sailor, Sail zine, and others over this. I hope more is done to alert the boating community over this because manufacturers are putting these inside new boats and I have indicated the liability for such a move. Catalina was one of those.

Regards,
Steve Kratchman and Carmen Davis
YES DEAR

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

No-Boat Dinner ----- February 23, 2013

---EDITOR'S NOTE---



If you see an error in the Bits or if you want the Bits by e-mail, contact me at kaceycramer@gmail.com. I do not know why I put this in here, but the **deadline** for the next issue of the Boulder Bits is **1/30/2013**. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us. I know I will get articles on time this year.

~The Editor~

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