

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE---

Hello everyone! Another month has rushed by, but with fond memories of the Tapas Party – thank you again Tom and Tracy! I had great fun on a SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard), too. What a good idea to have St. Louis Sail and Paddle come out and demo their goods! The club also had a showing at the TYC Commodore's Cup AND BYC had 2 boats get trophies – very cool!

Congratulations are also in order for Karen and Schmidty who are now newlyweds! Their informal wedding at the marina was very nice and in sailors tradition – on their boat

Alcestis. I wish them all the best!

And now for some marina info.....I talked to Dennis a couple weeks ago. We talked about upgrading the WIFI at the marina. There have been some issues with the signal and unsolicited use of it, so we are going to work on getting that remedied. If you have some expertise in this area and would like to lend a helping hand at getting the right system for the marina, please let me know and we'll get some conversation going on it. Just email me at pammcb@brick.net. There are a couple other thoughts around marina improvements, too, that I will hopefully be sharing next month. If you have any ideas, you can also send those my way.

Lastly, the latest news is that Tim and Deb Akey will be sailing off onto their much awaited adventure very soon. I can't say enough good things about them and all they have done as club members. We will miss their help with almost all the club events that we've had since I've been around and those great turkeys at Thanksgiving, as well as the wealth of technical sailing information they've shared with us from their experience and research with many boat parts and live aboard scenarios. We shared many a great raft-up and cove out and I personally wish them all the best! Like I heard Deb mention, this club is really one big boating family, but there are times when opportunities present themselves and we move on. At least in this day and age of technology we can stay in contact via the web. I wish you both all the best and hope to meet up with you someday and say that with a tad of jealousy in my tone. So fair winds and flat seas forever!

Pam McBride, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Officially, it is summer! So begins what traditionally is known as the best and worst time to be sailing, dependent on where you hail from. Northerners and upper East Coasters generally begin their season in June. We (Midwesterners) can usually launch our boats as early as March and enjoy great sailing through June. Southerners begin to lay their boats up for annual maintenance, and wait out the heat of the summer for the fairer winds of autumn. The west coast, well, they never stop sailing.

I've set out to sea (the lake) about 4 times in the last three and half months. I'm wondering where the mojo is. I'm a little out of sync, no rhythm in the bones, can't put my finger on it. It's the week before the second holiday of the summer and I'm gritting my teeth thinking about the next phase of weather. July 4th typically ushers in the real heat of summer and it sizzles on through August.

Time to adjust to the season. I began sailing Carlyle at the ripe old age of 14. Many years later my sailing consisted of short evening sails during the week with an old high school buddy on his Oday 25. We'd motor out from WA and drop the hook in front of the dam for an hour, take a dip to cool off and down a cold one (or two). The evening winds would begin to build as the sun set behind the trees and we'd up anchor. Mostly, the lake was empty, except for a few fishing boats and they were calling it a day by the time we'd set sail. But, sail we did, sometimes pushing it well past midnight. The toughest decision, when to call it night and head back in. Some evenings it was just too good, so we stayed, slept on the boat and drove back in the morning.

Maybe it's time to find that mojo again. The solstice has passed, we're losing a minute of daylight each day. Time now to let go the lines and strike out for an evening sail. Forget the daytime heat, enjoy the cool night breeze and ghost along on the water all by yourself. Perhaps the toughest decision you'll have to make, when to call a night and head in. Smooth sailing!

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Membership continues to grow. BYC has 81 members as of June. We are proud to have 14 of those as new members. Two new members joined us recently.

Ray Sparrowe and Josephine Hyde sail a 21' Beneteau slipped on Easy Street
Doug and Jennifer Roller sail a Catalina 27' slipped on Hard Rock 34

Our new members have expressed an interest in racing and or crewing. Please make them feel welcome to the club. 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
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----



Wow great Tapas party!! Great food!!! Thanks to the Grasses for their wonderful job organizing. Thanks to Rev. Andrew Bako for his blessing of every boat on the docks as well as the sailors and every vessel on the parking lot; even a few campers!! It was great to see so many youth here enjoying the open boats, badminton, and ice cream sundaes. July we may see a potluck but other than that July is wide open.

Tim and Reggie Hechenberger and their 2 1/2 year old son Ben are new to our club and very new to sailing- just under three months. These native Bellevillians decided to get a boat after a thirty minute sail last year at a discover sail event sponsored by the Carlyle Sailing Association. They now own "Serenity" a 23 foot Aquanus. The couple have known each other since 7th grade and just this May they were wed on the banks of Carlyle Lake. Tim enjoys trivia and history. Many of us have already enjoyed Reggie baking and look forward to more of it in the future.



Bob Horner of Troy, Missouri is another new member. He is the proud owner of "Serendipity:" a 27' Hunter. He enjoys sailing her with his children Jeremy(17) and Rachel(21) as well as with his girl-friend Joann Schramm. He has been sailing for about two years. When not sailing he tells us that he likes to do woodworking, drinking and sleeping. Bob is originally from Hannibal the town known for America's greatest author Mark Twain. It's fitting that Bob now works for the publishing company Elsevier, publishers of science and medical textbooks.

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

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



Up this weekend is the annual race to the Dam with a fabulous fireworks display to follow! Up next on the agenda is the BYC moonlight race on July 20th. Don't miss this great night race! Thanks to everyone that made an appearance at the TYC and CYC events over the past few weekends. Camaraderie amongst the clubs is a great thing and we all had a great time! Also, it may be a long way away, but the BYC Renshaw regatta is coming up on August 31. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this race! This is an annual lake wide race hosted by BYC. We want to see as many boats out on the course from Boulder as we can. Not to mention you do not want to miss the amazing hog roast party that goes along with it. Keep the keel in the water and the mast in the air!

Joel Elden, BYC Race Chair
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---FLOTSAM & JETSAM---



A good-looking bunch of representatives from BYC at the party following the Tradewinds TYC Commodore's Cup :)

---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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