

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## --FROM THE COMMODORE--



Hello everyone! Last time I said 'happy spring', but it sure didn't seem like it for the month of April, except for those April showers that we just experienced. The lake is really high as of 4/23, like 451 expecting to crest at 453 on the day of the Spring Thaw. Hopefully it won't affect getting those boats into the water. For those in the water already, it's a great time to take advantage of some good sailing and not to worry about getting stuck in the muck. As of this writing we've not had the Spring Thaw, but want to thank you all in advance for participating. Maybe you made a few pennies at the Flea Market, too. As we get things straighten out, reorganized or whatever around the Marina, let's try to keep it that way. The best rule of thumb I can think of is if you use something, just put it back where you got it.

I have another announcement to make. Due to a change we needed to make with the club's insurance carrier this year, BYC will no longer be able to provide alcoholic beverages at our sponsored club functions. So until further notice, club sponsored events will be BYOB if you so desire. We will still provide other non-alcoholic beverages. Our next event is May 18 at the New Members Party, still aiming to be a fun time for all!

Pam McBride, BYC Commodore  
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## ---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

I think I know what time of the year it is. I've cut the lawn a couple times, cleaned up the deck furniture, taken the cover off the boat, and shed the winter clothing. I am making plans to commission Island Time, looking forward to this new season of sailing... or am I? Funny, we make plans, based on the weather, the season, the time of the year, but here in the Midwest we can't always be certain.

" It's Spring..... ah, no it's Winter, hold on..... yea, I think it's Spring, ah crap... it's still Winter, it has to be Spring cause it's going to be 80 degrees tomorrow, no, wait, they're calling for rain and cold two days from now with temps in the 30's."

How the heck are you suppose to get anything done when Mother Nature can't make up her mind! Just a short 4 months ago we were wondering if we would have water in the lake, the drought had squeezed the life out of the region. The Mississippi River was a foot short of the all-time record. Now, the talking heads say it's 40 feet above that level. Carlyle lake is pushing 450 something, can we say flood!?

No matter, the work goes on. The boat is still in the cradle, eyeing a splash day in the near future. Clean up day at the marina is Saturday, just after another rite of Spring, the flea market. The signs are here, all indicating Winter is in our wake and the fresh breeze of Spring awaits. The sounds of Spring echo throughout the parking lot. Sanders and buffers are the norm. For most, it's the much anticipated sound of Schmidty's tractor delivering the lift to pick up the boat. One by one most of us will be back in our slips. Mother nature is slowly releasing her grip on Spring. That image I filed away and savored in my mind through the Winter is almost a reality again.

"It's morning, no carp last night, too early for them. Slept like the dead, is it the boat or was it the rum. Outside the sun is just cresting the trees and the cockpit is warming nicely. Crawl out of the V berth and hit the head. Grab that hot cup of coffee and climb out into the cockpit. Boulder cap on, sunglasses at the ready, coffee in hand, wipe the dew off the seat, and..... life is good again!"

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

**---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---**



Our current membership roster has 54 members of which 4 are new. Please make a point to welcome the newest members to Boulder Yacht Club.

Ed and Judy Beussink	Catalina 28'	Margaritaville Slip 28
Jeremy and Amber Beebe	Lund 18'	N/A

Jeremy and Amber have expressed an interest in helping crew in our club races. Invite them to give a hand this spring.

We've got about half of last year's members signed up. Please make an effort to send in your applications 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/>).

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



The lake is down, the lake is up. One never knows what to expect at Boulder, except a good time can always be had with your friends. Be sure to be at the lake on May 18th. We will have a "Blessing of the Fleet" Sat. May 18 at 2:00 in the afternoon before the new members dinner. Our very own Rev. Andrzej Bako, "Andrew", will be officiating at the ceremony. Pam and Spero do a great job on the dinner and BYC cooks are some of the best so be prepared for some great desserts. And now, on to our members of the month: Bill & Sharon Schmidt.

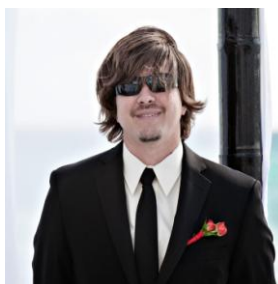


I must admit long-time BYC members Bill and Sharon Schmidt are hard to miss at the marina. Sharon's 30 year old blue and gold macaw Pepper, is often on her or Bill's shoulder. They both have held numerous positions on the board: Bill was Commodore in 2006 and secretary/ treasurer for a number of years and Sharon was just our social chair. Along with their two younger children Rob, and Kelly, they also lay claim to the infamous Schmidty, our marina manager. They currently sail a Macgregor 26X named "Magic Dragon" and are often at the lake in the middle of the week as they are both retired (he from sheet metal work and she as school bus driver in the House Springs area).

Bill's first boat was a 12 foot Moth, a wooden boat he sailed on the Mississippi with his dad. He and his dad were quite proud of an 18 foot Hartly trailer-sailor they built from a set of prints. Sharon helped with the finishing touches. Unfortunately, due to a house fire, the sails burned in the attic and the wooden boat burnt in the driveway when the firemen threw things out of the attic onto the boat! Sharon's interests include Koi fish and gardening. In the past, both did a great deal of spear fishing. Sharon has been included in the Guinness Book of World records for spear fishing the largest inland lake Buffalo carp! Bill adds she almost got the record for spear fishing the world's largest *dive partner*! Little did Bill know when he first met Sharon (offering a ride to the latter cute hitchhiker) what a wild ride their life together would be!

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

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



The first race is still scheduled May 18 prior to the Blessing of the Fleet and the New Members Party. It will be an easy race, great for all those both old and new to BYC racing. Whether you're blowing cobwebs off those dusty skills or looking to acquire some new ones, think of this as an opportunity to get some practice starting and rounding buoys. We would love to see everybody for the party and race. Skipper's meeting for this race will occur at **9am** and we will be finished racing in plenty of time to attend the rest of the activities.

Also, mark your calendars for a brand new race hosted by CSA: Sailing for Veterans, on May 24-26. "On Memorial Day weekend.... Join us for a great regatta that salutes these noble warriors for all they have given us. There will be great sailing, camaraderie and fun activities. Most importantly, it will support a very worthwhile cause." Check out the CSA website (simply search Carlyle Sailing Association, and you'll find it) and click the link on their homepage to read more about this great event and register early (**by May 15, 2013**) for a \$10 discount. If you don't wish to race but would like to join the festivities, you can still purchase meal tickets for the Saturday night dinner and beer trailer. In the registration form, simply scroll towards the bottom under "additional information" and then "status" and click "not racing, meals only" and pay with PayPal. Money raised will benefit Fisher House and the FOCUS Marines Foundation. Questions? Contact me at [sailor1343@hotmail.com](mailto:sailor1343@hotmail.com)

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**---A Note from BYC member Deb Akey---**

April 26 dawned a shade of dismal gray, with the weather man forecasting rain. We had a mission, though, to clean out the club shed and never let it be said that a few rain drops got in the way of some BYCers completing a mission. Everything was pulled out of the shed and deposited on a blue tarp in the grass, and was covered with another blue tarp to keep the rain out. Karen and Dave Renard were willing dumpster runners, traipsing back and forth in the rain and getting good land use of their foulies. What wasn't dumpster-bound landed on a freebie table in the club flea market. With the shed empty, Pam and Sharon were able to attack the mud daubers while I swept up a million creatures of the eight-legged variety. The shelves were swept, race club anchors hung on the walls, tarps stored in the rafters, cups plates and silverware sorted into large plastic bins, and various holiday decorations sorted into bins. Some surprising things were found including an electric ice cream maker (look for an ice cream social soon!) and 2 dock cart wheels from eons ago, still in their shipping package from the manufacturer. The shed is now well organized and its contents easy to access, so beware anyone who attempts to make a mess in there now – the cleaning crew will hunt you down!

Deb Akey



Captions: The Cleaning Crew:  
(L-R) Karen, Sharon, Deb, Pam, and Virginia

A Clean Shed      Men at work. Sort of... ;)

**---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---**

Some funny random pictures...



Cindy crowns Al "King of BYC"?



Managing a marina is hard work!

**---UPCOMING EVENTS---**

May 18 1st BYC Race of the Year , Blessing of Fleet & New Members Spaghetti Dinner  
 May 24-26 Sailing for Veterans (sponsored by CSA)

**---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**. 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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