

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



There are now shorter days and the temperature is cooler. I feel like I missed the summer. It went by sooooo fast! We only coved out like 2 times! And it's time to take the boat out of the water this year, so more work to come, but that's what we love about our boats – making sure they will still float when you put them in the water again, plus upgrades if you like. But then more exciting things are to come for me and my crew - like our trip to the USVIs. We'll be renting a 37' Island Packet this time. Can't wait! This time we'll be sailing to St. Crouix if the winds permit. We will fill you in on the details when we return.

I want to also comment on the Commodore's Cup. I had a chance to really participate this year, but Mother Nature did not allow that to happen. I was really looking forward to it, too. Well, I will just need to participate more year. And if you haven't, please join me in all the racing adventures that we will have next year. I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. I really had a lot of fun at the Chili Cookoff, too – not to mention winning it. TONS OF THANKS to Donna and Patrick for sponsoring it!! Who will be doing it next year?

Just because it's getting dark and cold doesn't mean we will miss out on fun. We might be having the Halloween Party as of the publishing of this BITS, but hopefully you are all coming. Lot's of fun and food and it's FREE! And even though we might not all meet up so often at the lake now that it's colder, we will be having our 'special club family' Thanksgiving Dinner'. Then on December 7 we'll have our regular Ladies Luncheon and Men's Review. we'll be going to different places this year, too. I've not settled on the exact place yet so stay tuned....

See you at the lake!
Pam McBride, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



"The Saga: Gail Force vs. Hurricane Isaac"

A Tale of Half Truths

Sunday September 2, 2013

Location: Carlyle Lake

Latitude: 38.41.57 N Longitude: -89.998 W

Sailing Conditions: Overcast sky, 77 degrees, Wind /Gusts 11/20 kts Heavy Rain Forecasted
S/V Gail Force a Hunter 33.5 - Skipper: Jeff Morrison, 1st mate: Steve Cantino, deck fluff: Kim Cantino

Having survived the annual BYC Pig Roast and growing weary of being dock bound, our fearless crew decided to set out for a late afternoon sail; impending weather be damned! With little forethought and preparation, we cast off, stocked only with an assortment of ice-cold libations and dressed in seasonal attire: shorts and t-shirts. Low clouds were scudding along, a mix of grays laced together like smoke from a fire, but nary a drop of rain. The winds were steady from the WNW at 12 knots. We immediately set a course down lake. Visibility was still quite good, about 10 miles, and the dam was easily in sight. After a fast reach to the dam we tacked and headed back towards Boulder. Kim manned the helm while Capt. Morrison and I kept busy swapping stories, drinking and cracking wise. We were so enjoying our good fortune that we thought perhaps another tack was warranted. A quick vote (show of hands) was taken and it was unanimously decided to press on. To the dam we sailed! Carried away with in our revelry, we failed to notice that visibility was diminishing rapidly and the sky itself had taken on a darker more ominous hue.

At the dam again, and on a rising wind, we tacked. Suddenly, conditions deteriorated. The west shore was no longer visible! Within minutes the lake's north end was blanketed and a massive wall of water advanced on Gail Force. With scant seconds to spare we prepared for the maelstrom. A light wind breaker was all that could be found and immediately issued and donned by the now appointed skipper on deck. White caps roiled all around and the wind roared to 20 kts. Gail Force heeled heavily to starboard and blindly sailed onward. The onslaught was incredible. Gail Force's bimini was no match and began leaking water like a sieve. Huddled together under the dodger, Jeff and I attempted to sputter words of encouragement to now Captain Kim. The battle cry, "Damn the hurricane, break out the beer!" could barely be heard above the shrieking wind. With zero visibility, and rain sheeting from her face Captain Kim defiantly stayed her course. The biting cold tightened its grip and we debated; should we (cowards) go below and abandon our fearless Captain? Gail Force, strong ship that she is, persevered and pounded steadily on through the eye of the storm. Completely blinded by the torrent, Kim relied on her sailors intuition and dead reckoning to navigate by the shoals at Cole's Creek. As we made steady headway towards safe harbor, Hurricane Isaac began to weaken. Our drinks, now thoroughly chilled to the core, tasted even better. "Rum for everyone!" shouted the soaked but ever-ready bartender Jeff.

With the marina in sight, we gathered on deck and saluted our helmswoman for her valiant effort and dedication to duty. We triumphantly motored back into the harbor, much to the disbelief of fellow BYC'ers, who immediately extended their own salutations and adulations. "Crazy idiots, fools, lunatics!" could be heard as we coasted down the fairway. In typical BYC fashion, we accepted their cheers (ignored them), and secured Gail Force safely in her berth. A quick post hurricane picture was taken for historical purposes, and then it was back to the party.

(Note: names are unchanged but some details were exaggerated for dramatic purposes.)



Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



It's that time of year again. The days are shorter, the nights are colder, and it's almost time to face those off-season projects around the house. I spent last weekend winterizing *Gail Force*. However, her sails are still on for the time being. Who knows when a nice windy day will pop up. Hope to see you this weekend at the Halloween Party this weekend.

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



As the sailing season is winding down don't be thinking the social events are too. The Halloween party, the 2nd of November is not just for kids. We will be having some great food (pork steaks, fried chicken, and hot dogs/chili dogs) as well as a costume contest for both adults and children, games, and a professional St. Louis area actor who has some spooky storytelling to do around the fire. (He has actually been in the house that inspired "The Exorcism" book and movie. The Thanksgiving dinner will be on the 16th. The last event of the year will be the Ladies' Tea and Men's luncheon on the 7th of December. (More info on that next month). Thanks to all who made the chili and dessert cook off a

hit, especially: Patrick O'Neal and Donna Krockenberger, our hosts for the event.

Speaking of Patrick and Donna: let me fill you in on this great couple. They have been members of BYC for around a year. Both are from Missouri. They have been together for three years, ever since they meet on Match.com. They quickly found out that they enjoyed some of the same things, namely sailing. They now own 3 sailboats as well as a powerboat. "Rainbow" is the 26 foot Ranger that they do their racing on. They have found all their boats on ebay at some great prices. They leave this month for the British Virgin Islands; this will be Patrick's second trip and Donna's first trip to this great destination. Patrick owns *Outdoor Solutions* landscaping business out of Arnold. You may see Donna jumping in and out of her UPS truck in downtown St.Louis. Donna helps with several dog rescue group in the bi-state area. And last but not least: I think everyone that was at the chili cook off knows that Patrick know how to cook!

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

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



The season ended with fabulous winds for the Great Race hosted by CYC. It has been a wonderful season that seemed to fly by! Hopefully the winter does the same. We had a great year, including good turnouts for the races and also raising a large amount of money to be donated to Hannah's playground. We also made new friends when traveling to neighboring yacht clubs and also by those from other clubs joining us for our events. I guess the word is out that we know how to have a party! Even though it may be getting chilly in the next few weeks, and there may be snow on the ground, remember that your boat likes visitors during the winter months. You may see more

people roaming around the marina during the "off season" than you would think. Plus, we still have a lot

of activities coming up including our thanksgiving dinner for our Boulder Family. We hope to see everyone there! Stay warm and see you at the marina (and maybe on the water still).

Joel Elden, BYC Race Chair
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---BYC DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN---

The results of the October 6, 2013 Election of Officers and Directors for 2014:

Commodore – Steve Cantino (also as non-voting member of the BYC Board)

Vice Commodore – Tim Bira

Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Schmidt

Chairman Regatta Committee – Mike Shelton

Chairman Social Committee – Donna Krockenberger

Board of Directors (3 year term) – Jeff Morrison

Bits Editor--Emily Elden & Virginia Shelton

Pam McBride, as past Commodore, will serve a 2 year term as a voting member on the BYC Board

Discussion topics during the Annual General Meeting of Boulder Yacht Club:

- The Treasurer's report
- The 2014 "No Boat Regatta" to be held on February 22, 2014 at the Drury Inn, Arnold, Missouri
- Status of WI-FI improvements at the marina
- Need for fresh water at the pump-out
- Need for a new pump-out hose and a place for storage of the hose at the pump-out
- Status of Track Lighting update in the Clubhouse
- Range Hood for the stove/oven
- Sink faucet for the Clubhouse
- BYC participation in other club regattas

Ken Schowe, Chairman of the BYC Board of Directors
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---BOULDER MARINA GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT---

BYC Members,

Starting in November Schmidty will be pulling boats during the first four Saturdays in addition to the normal Monday - Friday period. The last day of the season for pulling out boats will be Wednesday, November 27. The Office will also close for the season on that date. Please schedule your lift out and any winterization services with the Marina as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Boulder Marina,
"Where Life Is Good!"

---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)---

An Excerpt from Pushkin's "Autumn"

...My mind is overcome by dashing thoughts,
 And rhymes come running eagerly to meet them,
 My hand demands a pen; the pen - a sheet of paper.
 Another minute - and my verse will freely flow.
 Thus slumbers an immobile ship caught in immobile waters,
 But lo! - the sailors rush all of a sudden, crawl
 Up top, then down - sails billow, filled with wind;
 The massive structure moves, and cuts the waves.

It sails. But whither do we sail?...

Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor

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