

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



First things first. I want to say another big THANK YOU to the Schlepers for the fantastic, most awesome fried chicken that we had at the Chicken Dinner in September. Also, another big THANK YOU to all who helped: Dana, Reggie, Suzanne, Karen, Laurel, Mark, Steve, Kim, Fred as well as others who pitched in!

I also want to thank you all for coming to the Hog Roast and participating in our fund raiser for Hannah's Playground. The club is donating \$1,000 to the cause. We're even going to get a little recognition as our club name will be listed at the playground itself. Glad we could help out in a local community and for a good cause.

Next up we have the Commodore's Cup and Chili Cookoff. I'm looking forward to working the committee boat under the guidance of Joel. We should have lots of fun at the Chili cookoff, too, so don't forget to enter your favorite recipe (for dessert, too)! October is such a great month so come out and join us! Don't forget that the Election and General Meeting are the following day.

Look for more info on upcoming events in the Social Chair section...

See you at the lake!

Pam McBride, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



So, I'll admit, I was a Johnny come lately with regards to the America's Cup. I wasn't able to partake in any of the live events but I did begin watching them on You Tube. I got caught up in it just about the time Oracle was being pronounced dead and gone. I'm not ready to admit that what I was seeing was sailing, in the true sense of the word. Technology is ever present in this world and just about everything we see or touch today has morphed into something better than it was when it was originally created. The broadcast video of these races was simply, mind numbing spectacular. I am in awe!

I've watched previous Cups before and I marveled at the skill required to outsmart, and out sail one's opponent. Would watching the races from yesteryear stimulate a non sailor type person to take up the sport, perhaps. Watching 100 million dollar boats rocket around SF Bay at close to 50 knots should certainly grab your attention, even if you're not an adrenalin junky.

So here is my point. Does an event such as the AC promote the sport of sailing. This very question was raised at the trophy ceremony regarding just that subject. It was, more or less, directed at sailing in the U.S. If you watched any of the races you know that the people who crewed these boats came from all over the world. If my memory serves me, all but one of the crew on the U.S. boat hailed from other countries. So the question, is sailing dead in the USA? This is a hot topic on some of the forums now. Specifically, are today's

youth being exposed to sailing in way that promotes it's growth. Being land locked in the Midwest, it's hard to say. For what it's worth, I believe if you are never given an opportunity to experience something new you will probably not seek it out on your own. My own children were not introduced to sailing until they were well on their way to becoming adults. I think a perception exists that sailing is a sport for the wealthy, it's difficult to learn, it's slow and it's boring. I can't deny that my own boys would probably prefer to be on a go fast boat or jet ski instead of sailing around Carlyle Lake at 5 knots. Who can blame them. We live in a world predisposed to instant gratification. Fire up the engine and rip across the water at 70 mph. Is the sport on the decline ? I don't know the answer. I for one haven't ever taken time to look at who sails out of CSA on a given weekend. Probably populated by a lot of families who take part in the weekly races. So, if a question needs to be raised, maybe it should be, are we doing enough to keep the sport alive?

By the way, I'd definitely watch another AC34. NASCAR on water, about as close as you can get. Thor, admit it, you lie awake in bed at night thinking about ways to add a wing and foils to your boat!

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



We've had a couple of terrific events in the last few weeks. The Hog Roast with nearly 140 guests and the Chicken Dinner with 60. BYC sure does know how to throw a party. Next weekend is the Chili Cook-Off and Commodore's Cup Race. Please sign-up at <http://www.thorusa.com/byc.htm>. You may also let me know at the email address below.

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



I am sure everyone in this newsletter is writing about two things this issue, the great weather and that great fried chicken at the Schleper dinner last month. Alas, I have only been able to enjoy the cool nights and sunny days. Thanks to all who helped with the dinner. I heard it was great. In September I was able to participate in the "Sailing for Veterans Regatta" fundraiser for numerous veteran centered charities sponsored by the Carlyle Sailing Association. I was disappointed in BYC's participation and hope the club will make a better showing for such a great cause next year. Our next event is the Chili/Soup Cook off after the Commodore's Cup on Oct. 5. If you know anyone at the other marinas, please invite them to participate in both events. Mark your calendars for our Halloween party November 2, the Sat after "All Hallows Eve". There will be activities and games for the young and the old, the living and the undead! Thanks to all who came out to the Hog Roast in Aug. Wheelan's Barbeque Shack did a great job on the pig and we were able to raise money for a great cause Hannah's Playground in Breese.

Susan and Bill Watkins are such a pleasant, interesting couple they really don't need their charming British accents to make them endearing. She hails from Richmond-on-the-Thames and Bill is from Brighton. They met while they both worked for EMI the electronics company. (Susan reminded me that EMI Records was who the Beatles recorded with.) They currently live in Wildwood where they enjoy reading, golf, and tennis.

Susan loves snow skiing and belongs to a club whom she enjoys going on yearly ski trips with. They also enjoy visiting their son and daughter who both live in the San Francisco area. Before Bill and Susan owned their 17 foot Siren "Gypsy", Susan had a Lighting on Lake Erie. They have sailed in Malta and Croatia as well as Vancouver. They have been members since 1990.

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

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



How this season has flown by! The cool temperatures will soon accompany the October winds so be sure to take advantage of the beautiful weather while you can. Soon we will all be thinking of winterizing and pulling out winter coats! Although the season is nearing its end, there are still many activities to take part in. This next weekend is the BYC Commodore's Cup, along with the annual chili supper dinner. This is a great race to take part in either on your own boat or to crew. The weather is always great and the wind is usually perfect. Also, coming up at the end of this month is the Great Race hosted by CYC on October 26th. Points from this race will also qualify for this year's BYC championship totals. See you all on the lake!

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

☛ The annual BYC Members Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2014 will be held on Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse. All BYC members are encouraged to attend. ☛

Ken Schowe, Chairman of the BYC Board of Directors
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---FLOTSAM & JETSAM---



*The Men from Wheelan's BBQ *

*Juengers take 1st for Renshaw Regatta

*Bira Sisters belt it out ;)

---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)---

A Man of Many Sails

Rippling tides broke the backs
of elegant sailors treading water,
tears ripping at the seams
of weary minds, fading.

Shattered glass shreds
the flimsy film of gullible reality;
subjective at best, and at worst
implausible.

What had I, a man of few talents,
to bring forth truth upon high seas?
Slinging gulls skyward on the wind,
soaring wayward, brave creatures.

To the sight of a distant horizon,
sunset set fire to my eyes,
blazing balls of new-found warmth,
to shimmer in the summer morning.

So I left her there, shackled to my whim
to sail for new tides in infinite seas
and found for myself, grazing softly,
a new path to steal swiftly.

Were I not chained to the rudder.

-- Vex Darkly, allpoetry.com

Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor

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