

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Well, we are in the home stretch of the summer sailing season and only a few short weeks away from one of the best times to sail on Carlyle Lake. With the end of summer around the corner and the Hog Roast not too far off, I began to give some thought to our last event. I don't think the 'No Boat' has crossed many members minds and I wouldn't expect it to. However, a few of us have been having discussions about it.

It is no secret that our club membership has declined over the past few years. Overall event participation has followed suit. We lowered the event prices for 2014 with the hope more members would sign up and attend. However, times are tough, and the reality is we struggle to break even. The bottom line is there are less club funds available to cover costs for our events. The 'No Boat' traditionally costs the club the greatest amount each year and that cost continues to increase each year. I have discussed this with some of the current and past officers and believe we need to consider a change in the format of the No Boat. This is what we're thinking; we could eliminate the costs of a hotel venue, music, and catering company. We will instead look for a location that can accommodate the BYC and provide a semi formal sit down dinner (sans hotel-stay). We will still conduct our business review, awards presentations and transition of officers. With any luck there will be hotels nearby for those that might like to stay over and not weather the drive home.

Please understand that this is just a preliminary proposal; this may not be the answer but we certainly need to investigate our options. This is an attempt to keep the club in a solid financial position for the future. We can certainly reconsider the current format if our membership and participation grows to what it once was. However, *we want your opinions*. Please give us your opinions and/or suggestions regarding this matter by sending an email to sjcantino@gmail.com. Thanks for taking an active interest in the future of Boulder Yacht Club.

Steve Cantino, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Well, July has seen a great month of sailing and socializing. The Fourth of July Raft-Up was fantastic, albeit halved due to high winds in the evening. Luckily, there were enough anchors out to keep everyone safe and sound. The fireworks were great this year too, although because of the direction of the wind, a few boats had some spent shells land on their deck. I have placed an order for some more apparel for the Ship's Store and it should be coming in a few weeks so keep a look out and buy some new stuff.

Timothy E. Bira, BYC Vice Commodore
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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



To start with we have new members Robert and Cathy Boensel and like magic dragon they are power boaters. They have a 20ft easy200 named Sea Ark, so let's give them a big BYC WELCOME. They bring our total membership to 68 along with the renewing of Harper, Luttrell, and Lopez. We have two parties coming up in the near future. I would like to ask members to please make reservations for all future parties with the Sec/Treasure, as well as with the social chair. This makes it easier on both officers, and ensures all parties responsible for our parties are kept up-to-date.

On another note, there have been some impromptu raft-ups lately with some funny things happening. Last year's secretary/treasurer Jeff can tell you about some, but it seems he went to bed kind of early on one raft-up. ;)

Bill Schmidt BYC Sec/Treasurer
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----



Hello Everyone!

The next items on our social event calendar are Race 6 and the Seafood Broil, which will both take place on August 2. Anyone interested MUST RSVP BY JULY 31 to Bill Schmidt at his above email address or they will not be able to join in on the food. Remember, you can pay online with PayPal at www.thorusa.com/byc.htm or in person to our Secretary/Treasurer at the event, but you really have to RSVP on time so the Cantinos and all others involved have the time to prepare for the right number of people.

Donna Krockenberger, BYC Social Chair
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-----FROM THE RACE CHAIR -----



After a slow start to the racing season, we were able to really ramp it up in July. Since I last wrote, we had the Race to the Dam complete with raft-up, fantastic fireworks and lots of excitement and fun. Race 4 followed, as well as a make-up race for race #1 (thanks to Carolyn Sutorius and Virginia for their help on the Committee Boat). As it worked out we saved the best for last, The Full Moon Race! Mother Nature could not have given us a better night – steady winds of 8 to 12 knots and the moon was right on time and perfect (thanks to Spero for his help and comradery on the Committee Boat).

Our next race will occur on August 2. Skippers meeting starts 9am at the picnic tables, and the race will start around 12noon, followed by a Sea Food Boil which is sponsored by Kim and Steve Cantino. Lastly, mark your calendars now for our Renshaw Regatta the 30th of August. Come on out, compete for one of those coveted flags and stay for the Hog Roast and Trivia night. Bill Schmidt has posted our starting sequence on the BYC web site and he is also keeping up on the race results, be sure to check it out. Thanks Bill.

As always if you are interested in racing or you would like to try your hand at crewing, contact me or just show up at a skippers meeting and we will be more than happy to help you out. Also looking for volunteers for the committee boat. If you are interested, you can email me or just show-up for the skippers meeting. There are always opportunities to crew and learn the fun of racing. You can contact me at 314-598-5801 or my email address below.

Mike Shelton, BYC Race Chair
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---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.

*Submission Instructions: just email your article or pictures to me at emmarion73@live.com. Please copy and paste any text from a word document directly into the email text body to ensure there are no formatting translation errors. Event flyers should be submitted in PDF format unless you would like me to check them for errors, in which case a word document is fine. If you have any questions, feel free to email me or come find me on Jost Von Dock aboard the Dehler 31 *Pascagoula Run*. See you all out on the lake!

Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor
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---Message in a Bottle (AKA, Editor's Literary Contribution)---

A Raft-Up

We rest against the hulls of our neighbors
Gently tugging with and against each other
As the evening breeze collects us

Splashes of laughter reach us across the cove
as our sailors find the fountain of youth in
the comradery of souls



2014 BYC OFFICERS	
<i>Commodore</i>	Steve Cantino
<i>Vice-Commodore</i>	Tim Bira
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Bill Schmidt
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<i>Social Committee Chairpersons</i>	Donna Krockenberger
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<i>Chairman</i>	Pam McBride
<i>Secretary</i>	Sharon Schmidt
<i>Other members</i>	Jeff Morrison, Thorsten Schaette, & Gary Luttrell Also Steve Cantino- ex officio, non-voting
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