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Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Boats 101

Just because you own an older boat doesn't mean you can assume everything is okee dokee. Example; we own a 1987 Catalina 27, a 28 year old boat. I've been pretty diligent about researching the particulars of the Catalina 27. I've learned that throughout its production life several bulletins have been issued by Catalina. One pertains to a potential fire hazard related to the original factory wiring harness. The other addresses a defect in the original alternator bracket used on the Universal M18 and M25 diesel engines. Both issues can be a very costly if ignored. I am like most, I lean towards the mantra "if it isn't broke don't fix it". Because our boat is older, I generally assume that most of the wrinkles have been ironed out by the previous owners, it has weathered the storms of time. Not so!!! Unlike automobiles that are subjected to higher scrutiny, publicity, and recalls early in production, boats can be ticking time bombs. Ignorance is not bliss. Regardless the age of your boat, a smart skipper is a great detective and learns everything they can about it. I encourage everyone to get to know their boat, intimately. Don't fall into the trap and assume the previous owners have dealt with known issues in its early life. There are a lot of online groups that specifically cater to older production boats, Hunters, Endeavors, O'Day, etc. Many of our boats share the same inboard engines, Yanmar, Universal/Westerbeak, and Volvo. Check out their websites for updates that were posted long ago or just Google your particular model. In our case, the wiring harness had not been addressed and the issue was at a critical point. The alternator bracket is being fixed this season. Don't allow yourself to be a victim. Educate yourself and get to know your boat!

Steve Cantino, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Happy Vernal Equinox everyone, I can almost smell the blooming flowers and the cut grass, well not quite yet but soon! I am sorry I missed the party. It sounded like a lot of fun. I would first like to say thank you to Schmitty for everything he has done for us all over the past few years. I was never concerned when he was at the wheel of the tractor; either pulling my boat out or putting it back in the water. The care he showed for our boats and the skill and knowledge he provided when advice was needed on one project or another was invaluable. Good luck to both you and Karen on your new business and next phase of your lives. You will be missed! With that I would like to welcome Craig back to Boulder. I'm sure he will continue to provide excellent customer service.

I also wanted to give a shout out to a company called Sail Care. I don't know if anyone has used them in the past, but my experience has been very positive. I shipped my sails off to them a few months ago and after a week or so they contacted me with a detailed list of everything that needed to be done. Once I approved all the work it took about 4 or 5 weeks before they were shipped back looking good as new. I would highly recommend them if your sails are looking old and you would like them to be once again crisp and clean. <http://www.sailcare.com/>

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



Well here it is past spring and last night I got some more of that white stuff on the porch and sidewalk. But even with this prediction of that white stuff coming again, BYC had our first party at the lake this year. Even with some of the boats not equipped to sleep on yet there was more people attending than I expected. I think if this party is any indication of this summer's hoorahs you will certainly be disappointed if you miss one. Thanks Pat & Donna. Once again as it seems we do every year I would remind you if you think you might come to a party let me know by email or phone. You can pay at the door and this would eliminate running out of food, also if you preregister you get put in a raffle for a free month's slip fee. We didn't have any new member this month but I think as the weather warms that will happen. We are getting enough renewals that I have asked Emily to send out a member roster. If your name is not on that list you can pay me at your convenience. See you at the lake.

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



I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and attended the Spring Equinox. We had 20 sign up and paid more than 1 week in advance and they will be entered in the fall drawing. We had a total 30 at the party, not bad for the beginning of the season. Pat took some pics and posted them to Facebook.

The next event is the Commodores Breakfast 8:30am and the Dock Box Flea Market 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday April 12. This is a lake-wide event and is free of charge but I would like to encourage everyone to sign up ASAP. (Sign up more than 1 week in advance to be entered in the fall drawing for prizes.) Looking ahead we still need volunteers for the Cinco De Mayo Party Friday May 2 6:00pm. We could use a bartender, kitchen help, and cleanup help. And also for the Kentucky Derby Party Saturday May 3 6:00pm. We need help with decorations, food and drink, and games. Please email me at bycevents@yahoo.com if you would like to sign up to help :)

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



The racing season is just a few weeks away. Our first race is slated for May 17, so you still have plenty of time to prep your boat with some new bottom paint. Many of us were out getting a jump on it last weekend. The weather cooperated with pleasant temperatures and lots of sun. We capped off the day at the Equinox Party with lots of socializing and some great beef stew – many thanks to Donna and Pat.

If you've been thinking that you may want to give racing a try please contact me; there are several ways to participate. If you're not interested in captaining your own boat there are plenty of ways to participate and learn a little of what racing is all about. There are always opportunities to crew and volunteer on the committee boat - no experience necessary. I'll be at the Spring Thaw Party on April 12, look me up. I'd love to talk with you about getting into sailboat racing.

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 Poem Contribution)---

The Double Life

*How very simple life would be
If only there were two of me
A Restless Me to drift and roam
A Quiet Me to stay at home.
A Searching One to find his fill
Of varied skies and newfound thrill
While sane and homely things are done
By the domestic Other One.*

*And that's just where the trouble lies;
 There is a Restless Me that cries
 For chancy risks and changing scene,
 For arctic blue and tropic green,
 For deserts with their mystic spell,
 For lusty fun and raising Hell,*

*But shackled to that Restless Me
 My Other Self rebelliously
 Resists the frantic urge to move.
 It seeks the old familiar groove
 That habits make. It finds content
 With hearth and home -- dear imprisonment,
 With candlelight and well-loved books
 And treasured loot in dusty nooks,*

*With puttering and garden things
 And dreaming while a cricket sings
 And all the while the Restless One
 Insists on more exciting fun,
 It wants to go with every tide,
 No matter where...just for the ride.
 Like yowling cats the two selves brawl
 Until I have no peace at all.*

*One eye turns to the forward track,
 The other eye looks sadly back.
 I'm getting wall-eyed from the strain,
 (It's tough to have an idle brain)
 But One says "Stay" and One says "Go"
 And One says "Yes," and One says "No,"
 And One Self wants a home and wife
 And One Self craves the drifter's life.*

*The Restless Fellow always wins
 I wish my folks had made me twins.*

- Don Blanding, Hawaiian Poet Laureate

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