Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Ahoy everyone! Hope you are all staying warm these days if you are in town. We held our annual planning with the current and new officers this past month and it was very windy and snowy. The are had quite a different look than in the other 3 seasons. The lake was frozen over completely out in the middle, but the bubblers in the marina looked like they were doing a good job of keeping the water moving around the boats. There are a lot of fun new events and races in store this coming year and I think you will all be happy with the prices. To find out more come to the No-Boat on Feb. 22 or stay tuned to the BITS. A list will also be posted on bulletin board at the marina, too. Donna has a lot of info to share. On the day of the meeting, there was an

improvement made to the Clubhouse. Kort and Laurel extended the track lighting above the L-shaped counter. Now we can see what we are eating! Thank you so much for your time and effort -it looks great!! So this is my last article as Commodore this season. I had a lot of fun this past year and looking forward to the upcoming season. Hope to see many of you at the No-Boat. BTW dress is casual and come prepared to listen and dance to steel drum music. If not at the No-Boat, see you at the lake!

Pam McBride, 2013 BYC Commodore



---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Well, not much going on other than the 2014 planning meeting last weekend. It felt good to be back at the marina but the snow and ice on the lake are a downer. Given that cocooning at home is a popular choice of late, I've decided to share some interesting online sites with everyone. If you're a potential cruiser, these can provide some necessary information about anchorages, charts, etc.

www.Activecaptain.com interactive cruising guidebook

www.Pickaslip.com boast the most informative boat slip, berth and mooring directory on the web

www.sailflow.com the ultimate sailing weather software

www.sping.com/seaclear free marine navigation software

www.opencpn.com free Chart plotter and GPS navigation software

www.thornlesspath.com featured book "A Gentleman's Guide To Passages South"

<u>www.polarnavy.com</u> provides free route planning software that uses both raster and ENC charts in its Polar View chart viewing software

Though I can't endorse any of these as I have not had an opportunity to use them first hand, I thought they held potential, and I still plan to use them some day. Until next time, safe voyages.

Steve Cantino, 2013 BYC Vice Commodore

--FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



This will be my last Boulder Bit's article as Secretary/Treasurer. I want to thank those that have helped my efforts these past two years. It has been a pleasure managing the club's finances for you. It has also been equally rewarding to serve the club over the last 5 years as Commodore, Vice Commodore and Secretary/Treasurer I've learned at great deal from past officers and members alike. Foremost I've learned it takes a lot of great members to make a successful club and we certainly do have that. Bill Schmidt once again will fill the officer's position of Secretary/Treasurer. As with everything else he

pursues I'm certain the clubs finances will be in good hands. Good luck Bill and thank you for stepping up to serve Boulder Yacht Club. Hope to see everyone at the No Boat on February 22 at 6:00.

Jeff Morrison, 2013 Secretary/Treasurer BYC

----THE SOCIAL CHAIR ----



WOW this upcoming social calendar looks fun-packed! Donna, along with her trusty side-kick Patrick, look like they have some great ideas for events. However, I am sure they will still continue to use help with icing drinks, taking trash out, post-party cleaning-up, etc. Please continue to help them as they prepare and host another year of excellent BYC bashes. Remember: check out the calendar and sign up often and early, *especially* early. Hope to see one and all at the "No Boat". We will be having a slide show and live music along with the regular program. Thanks for a great past year.

Laurel Juenger, 2013 BYC Social Chair

----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ---



First of all, I'd like to thank each and every person who made this last racing season a huge success. It takes a lot of hard work and participation to hold even a single race, and I especially appreciate those of you who came out again and again to help set up or tear down courses, raced alongside your fellow sailors, and shared your enthusiasm for the sport with members from all marinas on this lake. Bravo! Please continue to support this next sailing season's racing schedule, which will be under the direction of our very own Mike Shelton of *Orca*. Please help him continue our great tradition of BYC Racing. Even if you only participate in one more race this year than previously, you'll be helping

to continue the comradery that is especially unique to Boulder Yacht Club. Congratulations and thanks again, Mike, for stepping forward to support the club and our racing program.

Joel Elden, 2013 BYC Race Chair

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---Flotsam & Jetsam---

Hello All! This is just a reminder of some changes that will accompany this brand-new sailing season of 2014 here at Boulder Yacht Club. Our new club officers/positions are as follows:

BYC Commodore: Steve Cantino, Island Time
BYC Vice-Commodore: Tim Bira, Miss My Money
BYC Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Schmidt, Magic Dragon
BYC Social Chair: Donna Krockenberger, Rainbow

BYC Race Chair: Mike Shelton, Orca

*General Support Staff/Galley Slaves/Pirate-y Participants: YOU!

Let's congratulate and show our support to our 2014 club officers by remembering that as club members, we, too, have pledged to be an active part of our BYC community. Let's help our officers make 2014 an awesome year!

---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 <u>everyone</u> 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 emmarion73@live.com

---Message in a Bottle (AKA, Editor's Poem Contribution)---

liquid sunlight dapples skin hissing waves and breath of the wind luffing of sails in each balmy puff

bone-chilling winter: I've had ENOUGH!

-EME

Commodore	Steve Cantino
Vice-Commodore	Tim Bira
Secretary-Treasurer	Bill Schmidt
Race Chairman	Mike Shelton
Social Committee Chairpersons	Donna Krockenberger
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Social Ambassador	Donna Krockenberger & Pat O'Neal
Fire Marshal	Kevin Sheer
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Secretary	Sharon Schmidt
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