

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Ahoy BYC members! Hope you all had a great holiday season. Now I really feel the cold and wish the winter would go as fast as the summer seemed to. I can look forward to the No-Boat Regatta in February though. This event is always a lot of fun and it's good to see everyone after a long period of 'not going to the lake'. It's Saturday, February 22 and it will be down in Arnold MO this year – my home town. Please see the flyer for more information and remember that it is especially important to RSVP for this event as it will be catered. I will be heading over to the lake from time to time though to check on Paradise and 'walk the docks' just to see if everything looks OK – if not I'll try to get a hold of you or let Schmidty know. You all have a Happy New Year now!

See you at the lake!
Pam McBride, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Say goodbye to 2013 and hello to a new year! Wishing all of the BYC members a Happy New Year. As for me, I'm counting the days until spring launch. We hope to see you all at the No Boat in February; let's make it a good one! It will be sure to be something to brighten an otherwise dark gloomy winter day.

Steve Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



I hope all of you had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. *Come on Spring!!*

Boulder Yacht Club applications are already being received. We certainly hope you intend to mail or email yours soon. We've included a copy for you with this month's Boulder Bits. Instructions for submitting it can be found at the bottom of the application.

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



Happy holidays to one and all. Thanks for a good year. For photos of the Ladies tea and men's outing see the BYC group Facebook page. Thanks to each and every one of you who helped with the social events this year, whether it was taking the trash to the dumpster, washing the pots and pans, doing the planning or taking the money. We could not have done it without you! I know I am looking forward to the New Year's activities. Please send in your reservations ASAP for the NO BOAT PARTY; I am sure it is going to be a great time. A last reminder: please keep personal items in the fridge on the weekends of events to a very minimum so we have room for club food. Thanks. Stay warm!

Laurel Juenger, BYC Social Chair

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



Hello, all! With the dawning of a new year often comes the launch of new plans. We sailors are good at making plans and lists--though keeping up with them can be a challenge. Just remember one thing in this brand-new year of 2014: try to set a goal for you and your boat that doesn't involve fixing something while weaving a tapestry of obscenities. Maybe you'd like to cove out more, or get more involved in the club, or in racing... *wink, wink, nudge, nudge*. Whatever you decide, just remember to take some time this year to love your boat... maybe it'll even love you back a little.

Joel Elden, BYC Race Chair
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---A Note from Deb & Tim Akey of SV Kintala---

You know you're a cruiser when you...

- ☞ have to ask what day it is
- ☞ wear the same shirt ~~three~~ four days in a row
- ☞ know exactly where to put your pillow on the bed to miss the drip of condensation off the prism
- ☞ can do the salon-pass dance with your partner without spilling your coffee
- ☞ have more vinegar on board than rum
- ☞ go to the grocery store carrying a gas can and a bag of trash, and wearing foulies
- ☞ know the address of every ice cream store in each ICW town
- ☞ can take a shower with a gallon of water... and an extra pint is a luxury
- ☞ your backpack weighs a ton from the laundry quarters
- ☞ can time the distance to a bridge perfectly but still be late for a potluck
- ☞ call your mom on the phone "Mom. Mom. Mom; this is Tim, over"
- ☞ time your journey south by how soft the butter is
- ☞ know how to barter a quart of oil for a loaf of warm bread
- ☞ are ready for bed at 7:00pm.... ZZZZZZZZZZ

*Editor's Note: Deb and Tim are currently making their way along the ICW in Florida; as of December 30, they've made it just south of the Smyrna Beach area. Keep up with them on their journey by checking out their blog: <http://theretirementproject.blogspot.com/>

---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)---

HARD ALEE by G.B. Dent

*When wind and wave suddenly change their track;
And a luff in your sail says you've lost the course.
Do you challenge the gods with a windward tack ?
Or turn your back and run with the force ?*

*Sure an even keel gives the tiller man rest,
As billowing clouds fill the canvas with steam.
And sailing by the lee is an easy test.
On a following sea that rolls like a dream.*

*'Tis another matter when the sky looks torn
When chop gets hard and the tiller arm aches.
When wind whips the lines and groans forlorn.
It's time to run for home, and heaven's sake.*

*Yet others welcome that haul with a shout.
With nose in the air, and a scowling brow,
They bark at the wind, Prepare to come about!
Then bring the gale right across the bow.*

*Now the sails complain with an angry flap.
As the boom swings by, jump from your seat.
The jib flays wildly with a howling rap,
Until it's pulled taught on a leeward cleat.*

*Then blooming canvas quickens the pace.
With the rhythmic slap of spray prevailing;
Rising, falling sun and wind in your face.
Now by God that's what I call sailing !*

Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor



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