

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



I want to thank Pam McBride for doing a great job with the 2014 No Boat. It was great to see everyone and the evening was filled with good conversation, excellent food and some wonderful tropical music. Thanks to Joel and Emily for hosting the after party in their suite.

As much as I'd like to believe we are about to turn the corner on this winter weather I can't seem to wrap my head around the fact that it's almost March and the temps are still in the 20's and low 30's. As I'm writing this the local talking heads are predicting a couple more frozen events for the upcoming weekend. Two years ago I can recall March temps in the 80's. No early launch this year.

We can at the least look forward to great sailing season. Donna has added some new social events this year. Mark the dates on your calendars now. Mike Shelton will be spearheading the racing program for 2014 with mentor Joel Eldon assisting where needed. A big thanks to Bill Schmidt for handling the financial responsibilities for 2014. Let's make it great season, sign up to host an event and pray for some warm weather soon.

Steve Cantino, BYC Commodore

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Hi everyone, my name is Tim Bira and this is my first article as your new Vice Commodore. I am the skipper of Miss My Money, and along with my wife Lynne and daughters Rachel and Isabel, have been members of BYC at Carlyle since 2008. It was great to see everyone at the No Boat last weekend, I think we can all agree that Pam did a great job in putting it all together. I would also like to thank all the outgoing officers for doing a great job for us this past year. Hopefully everyone has had a good "off season" but I'm sure we are all ready to get started on those spring projects so we can get back out on the water. I will also be looking at our inventory of BYC apparel and adding to it in the near future so be sure to stop by "Ships Store" and take a look. Hope to see you all very soon.

Timothy E. Bira, BYC Vice Commodore

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

No Picture

First I want to congratulate Pam and her helpers on the job they did to make this year's No Boat Regatta another success. My predecessor (Jeff) did a fine job last year and I hope to stay in his wake. Having said that I will tell you that we currently have 31 members signed up for the club. I will give those that are late to sign up another month to do so and then hopefully publish a more complete roster. New to the roster this month is Larry and Debbie Borth. They will be on a Catalina 25 named Ariel on Hard Rock Dock. When it get warmer you will see them at the marina so give them a BYC welcome. If you get on the BYC website you will see that we have a full racing and social schedule this year and it would really help those sponsoring these events to register ahead of the time and not at the door on the day of the event. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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

Upcoming Events for *Spring 2014*

March 22	Spring Equinox, 5:30pm Clubhouse Warm up with Beef Stew Dinner \$5
April 12	Breakfast with the Commodore, 8:30am BYC Clean your dock box Flea Market, 10:00am Lake Wide FREE!
May 2	Cinco de May Party, 6:00pm FREE!
May 3	Kentucky Derby Party, 6:00pm \$7
May 17	BYC Race 1 Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00pm Blessing of the Fleet, 5:00pm \$5
May 23-25	CSA Sailing for Veterans Lake Wide, Memorial Day Weekend

Donna Krockenberger, BYC Social Chair

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

No Picture I first want to thank Joel for all his hard work last year as Race Chair. He put together a great season of racing. We now have a new year and new racing season at BYC. The No-Boat was a great start with outstanding music, good times talking to fellow sailors, and discussing some fun plans for this season. For those of you who do not know me, I am far from an experienced racer (as my very patient crew can attest) but racing the last couple of seasons has provided an opportunity for me to learn and become a safer sailor.

It's my hope, that others new to sailing and also experienced sailors alike who would like to give racing a try will join us this season. I will be asking for folks to sign up for the committee boat for each race-there is no better seat for viewing the race.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. You can find me and Virginia on Orca at slip 58 Jost Van Dock. Feel free to contact me at mandvshelton@att.net . I am hoping to see everyone March 22 at the Spring Equinox Party.

Mike Shelton, BYC Race Chair
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---Flotsam & Jetsam---

An Excerpt from Deb and Tim Akey's Blog, *The Retirement Project*

...This afternoon several boats came in looking for shelter. The first one stormed into a windward slip next to *Kintala* without a single line set on deck and no fenders out. I guess that's how the captain of a custom aluminum boat with massive rub rails does it. He told me later he expected the wind to pin him to the dock. It didn't work out that way since the wind was mostly trying to push him back onto the rocks. Getting him corralled and into place was a circus. John and I had gone out to help and it was a good thing we did.

A little while later another boat headed for a leeward slip near us. Once again John and I wandered over to help, joined by the Captain of the custom boat. This crew had fenders hung and lines ready to go, and it was still a bit of a circus. Warping them into place wasn't easy against the wind, but we managed. It turns out they are from England. The custom boat was from Germany. Both were surprised that John and I had walked over to help them get in.

All I could think to say was, where we come from, a little lake in central IL, marinas Boulder and Tradewinds, lending a hand when the winds start howling is done without a second thought. It seems the rest of the sailing world could borrow a little etiquette from some lake sailors doing it right in the American Midwest.

*Posted by the editor with author permission.

---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)---

A Wanderer's Song: John Masefield

*A winds in the heart of me, a fires in my heels,
I am tired of brick and stone and rumbling wagon-wheels;
I hunger for the sea's edge, the limits of the land,
Where the wild winds old Atlantic is shouting on the sand.*

*Oh I'll be going, leaving the noise of the street,
To where a lifting foresail-foot is yanking at the sheet;
To a windy, tossing anchorage where yawls and ketches ride,
Oh I'll be going, going, until I meet the tide.*

*And first I'll hear the sea-wind, the mewing of the gulls,
The clucking sucking of the sea about the rusty hulls,
The songs at the capstan at the hooker warping out,
And then the heart of me'll know I'm there or thereabout.*

*Oh I am sick of brick and stone, the heart of me is sick,
For windy green unquiet sea, the realm of Moby Dick;
And I'll be going going, form the roaring of the wheels,
For a wind's in the heart of me, a fire's in my heels.*

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