

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Greetings Everyone,

I would like to thank Pat and Donna for hosting and all those who attended the Spring Equinox Party. I'm sure the stew was scrumptious. Pam and I were out of town and unable to be there.

Looking forward I'd like to remind everyone that we have many exciting events coming up. First of all we have the Commodores Breakfast and Flea Market sponsored by me And it's FREE! I'll be preparing and serving breakfast. This is quite a rare phenomenon so come be part of the experience. I'll be available to answer questions and listen to suggestions and any concerns you may have regarding the BYC. Beyond the flea market and breakfast we have many note worthy events on the calendar. The cost of these parties and races are a mere pence compared to the enjoyment, entertainment, and friendly competition they provide. Join in and have a good time.

Finally, if anyone has an interesting story, blog, or article they would like to share: send it to Emily Elden for the Bits. We would like to hear from you. Hope to see you soon!

Bill Rathbun, BYC Commodore
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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



Hi everyone! Sorry I missed last month's Bits. As your new Vice Commodore, I would like to thank everyone who helped with all the events last year and hope that this year's events will be even better. Pat has some really great parties planned so I hope to see you all attend. I'm going to be reviewing our BYC inventory with Tim; I would appreciate any suggestions on shirt styles or accessories in which you are interested. I will be shopping a couple of companies for competitive rates. And see if we can save some money on these items. Looking forward to your ideas And YES! It's Sun and Sail time again :)

Donna Krockenberger, BYC Vice Commodore
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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Ahoy BYC members! We have new members: Steve & Brook Ascraft on a 26' G3 ELITE 326 GT. Let's give that Boulder Welcome! They bring our membership up to 42. Attached is current roster; if you see any errors, please email me. All the receipts are in from the No Boat Party and it only cost the club \$655 which is a far cry from some in the past; thanks again to the Cantinos and the Hattons for making such a fun evening possible. On the Spring Equinox, we made \$34.28 thanks to Pat and Donna. We would like to continue to break even this year, which can be difficult if we don't know how many attending the parties; that is why you will notice a higher price this year for walk-in guests (those who have not RSVPed). We encourage early RSVP'S and if you don't want to send a check in the mail you can still pay the early RSVP price at the door as long as you get in touch with Donna or I. Now that the money part is done I want to say that Pat and Donna really cook up a meal so if you missed the last one you should make it a point to attend the next one.

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

Happy Spring Everyone!
 Thanks to those of you who showed up for the. The weather was fantastic for the Spring Equinox, and that afternoon a lot of people were working on their boats. We had almost 20 participants which was very good for that time of the season. Looking ahead, on April 18 8:30 AM, please come to have free breakfast with your new commodore. While you are there clean out the dock box and bring your items to the flea market which starts at 10 AM. Participation is free. Looking further ahead on May 2 is our Kentucky Derby party mark your calendar. Also not noted on our calendar will be several parties that we haven't decided on or announced yet if you have any suggestions ideas And would like to host or donate your time and efforts it would be greatly appreciated you can reach me anytime at my email below or 314-568-3095.

Patrick O'Neil, BYC Social Chair
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----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----

Check out the following article from Sailing World's contributor Ben Meyers about Leg 5 of the Volvo Ocean Race that's currently underway.

"In the 18th and 19th centuries, whaleships traveled thousands of miles from New England, around Cape Horn into the Southern Ocean in heavy, wooden ships armed with little more than a compass, sextant, and the stars to guide them. Facing unpredictable winds, cold temperatures and with minimal navigation equipment, these whalers were pioneering extreme sailing.

Some 200 years later, the 2014-2015 Volvo Ocean Race's Southern Ocean leg will take sailors through what are widely considered to be the most demanding and dangerous sailing conditions in the world, contributing to the race's motto, *Life at the Extreme*. Today, the Volvo Open 65s are highly tuned carbon racing machines designed to handle whatever the Southern Ocean can throw at them. Equipped with high-tech electronics,

teams are able to make real time decisions about weather patterns, headings and sail changes. Despite the technological advancement, Volvo crews often face the worst, from dismastings to broken rudders and keels hundreds of miles from shore.

The 2014-2015 race will take the crews through a region very close to what is known as the oceanic "pole of inaccessibility," or *Point Nemo*, the furthest point from land on earth. The Volvo teams will truly be on their own some 1,600 miles from the nearest shore. Crews will be on the lookout for icebergs in the cold waters threatening to punch holes in their boats and facing high winds and higher seas.

Then comes the rounding of Cape Horn. Cape Horn is known to sailors for its treacherous waters. The Horn has claimed many errant ships as inconsistent winds and rough conditions created by the funneling of water through the mere 500 miles between South America and Antarctica prove a challenge for even the most veteran captains. Teams will have to make the choice of risking the rocks near shore, but taking a calmer route, or taking it wide and facing the high seas and winds. Once the crews round, it's smooth sailing into Itajai—if they can dodge the thunderstorms."

-- Courtesy of *Sailing World* (<http://www.sailingworld.com/leg-5-life-extreme>)

Steve Rice, BYC Race Chair

-----FLOTSAM & JETSAM -----

The following is an excerpt from Liz Clark's blog called "Voyage of the Swell". Liz is a 30-s-something year-old sailor, surfer, environmentalist, and activist for the creation of healthier lives in a healthier world.



"As a surfer and environmentalist enchanted by remote waves and foreign cultures, I left California aboard my 40-foot sailboat, Swell, in early 2006 with the hope of succeeding at my life-long dream of surf exploration via sailboat. Since then, the voyage has presented more fantastic friends, waves, adventures, natural beauty, opportunities for personal growth and insights than I dreamed possible.

Swell serves as my floating home and transportation. I travel at a pace not much faster than you can run. Weather, swell, and tides dictate my days. This isn't just a surf trip—it's a lifestyle, passion, and search for better ways for humanity to inhabit our shared planet. Living aboard Swell has allowed me to drastically reduce my daily impact on the earth. Solar and wind power provide my electricity. I live closer to nature, and take time to cherish and appreciate it. I use less, need less, and want less—yet have never felt more fulfilled. At

times the boat work seems endless and the uncertainties too daunting, yet without these adversities, the simple joys would never be as sweet....

The voyage evolves as I continue to grow and learn. I spent the first year and a half gaining confidence as a captain, with different friends as crew, while traveling down the western coast of Mexico and Central America. After announcing that I intended to sail to the South Pacific alone, my mother volunteered to accompany me, an offer I gladly accepted. We spent 22 unforgettable days sailing across the largest expanse of open ocean on the planet. With the mysteries of blue water sailing behind me, I spent the next year exploring French Polynesia and Kiribati mostly on my own. I enjoyed the contrast of travelling alone—indulging in the freedom of solitude and making choices based on weather and swell forecasts rather than itineraries. Upon my return from Kiribati, Swell had a mysterious leak, a broken forestay, and was in desperate need of an overhaul. Over a series of labor intensive haul-outs, from late 2008 to 2010, I finally succeeded in locating and replacing the leaky ‘shaft tube’ along with all the other repairs. Water tight and intent to sail again, I set off in 2011-12 on a 2,500 nautical mile loop through French Polynesia’s outer islands.

I plan to continue exploring in the Pacific, not only for waves, but opportunities for personal growth, to work on local environmental projects, make presentations on pollution and conservation issues in schools, and to continue writing and documenting the voyage in hopes of inspiring others to live out their passions, face fears, discover the unlimited benefits of self-awareness, and explore our connection to all of life on Earth..."

-- Text and Images courtesy of Liz Clark: For more, check out <http://swellvoyage.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 MY NEW EMAIL emelden3124@gmail.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 emelden3124@gmail.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)---

"Aside from what it teaches you, there is simply the indescribable degree of peace that can be achieved on a sailing vessel at sea. I guess a combination of hard work and the seemingly infinite expanse of the sea - the profound solitude - that does it for me." -- Billy Campbell

The 2015 BYC Officers.

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