

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Alas, the 2015 boating season has sadly come to an end for most of us. While most boaters were folding sails, hauling boats, securing covers and toting jugs of antifreeze, Pam, Spero, and I managed to get one last weekend sail in before we too finally succumbed to this winter tradition. However, all was not lost. Another tradition was about to be carried forth. Thanks to Pam McBride, Dennis Smith, and many other volunteers BYC's Thanksgiving feast became a reality. When most of us are looking toward the holidays with friends and family what better way to begin than with our own BYC family. The ham, turkeys, side dishes, and desserts were indescribably delicious. More importantly, the friendships and bonds we make and remake each time we spend time together last a lifetime. What a great way to start the holiday season.

On another note, let's not forget we have two more events coming up. Sat December 5th at noon, the Men's Review will take place at Johnny's Restaurant & Bar and the Ladies Brunch at Frazier's Brown Bag. The No-Boat will be February 20th at Bill and Karol Hatton's Edwardsville Crystal Gardens location. Time and details to follow.

P.S. Thanks to Kort for serving as our tactician on Paradise during the CYC Great Race. You kept us competitive and showed us what our boat is capable of achieving.

Happy Holidays to All!

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



Well another season has come to an end. Great sailing, great parties, great friends. I want to thank everyone that participated in all the activities this season. Without all of you we wouldn't be the great club that we are. We have a couple of events left to go and I hope everyone will come out and join us. See you there!

Donna Krockenberger, BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Ahoy Sailors,
 Boy, the year is coming to an end as fast as the sailing season did. We had two parties since our last bits, a pot luck dinner and a Thanksgiving Dinner. We lost a little on the pot luck but made a little on the Thanksgiving Dinner with Dennis providing the turkeys. Not only did he provide them, but he cooked them; not only did he cook them, but he did a fine job. We thank all the people that helped Dennis and Pam make the occasion a true Thanksgiving. I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. To those we don't see at the Ladies Luncheon and Men's Review I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving!
 The next event is the ladies luncheon and men's review on Saturday 12/5 hosted by Pam and Bill. Have a Merry Christmas!

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

*Editor's note: No Article submitted

Steve Rice, BYC Race Chair

---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)---

"Voyage" by Tony Hoagland

I feel as if we opened a book about great ocean voyages
and found ourselves on a great ocean voyage:
sailing through December, around the horn of Christmas
and into the January Sea, and sailing on and on

in a novel without a moral but one in which
all the characters who died in the middle chapters
make the sunsets near the book's end more beautiful.

—And someone is spreading a map upon a table,
and someone is hanging a lantern from the stern,
and someone else says, "I'm only sorry
that I forgot my blue parka; It's turning cold."

Sunset like a burning wagon train
Sunrise like a dish of cantaloupe
Clouds like two armies clashing in the sky;
Icebergs and tropical storms,
That's the kind of thing that happens on our ocean voyage—

And in one of the chapters I was blinded by love
And in another, anger made us sick like swallowed glass
& I lay in my bunk and slept for so long,

I forgot about the ocean,
Which all the time was going by, right there, outside
my cabin window.

And the sides of the ship were green as money,
and the water made a sound like memory when we sailed.

Then it was summer. Under the constellation of the swan,
under the constellation of the horse.

At night we consoled ourselves
By discussing the meaning of homesickness.
But there was no home to go home to.
There was no getting around the ocean.
We had to go on finding out the story
by pushing into it—

The sea was no longer a metaphor.
The book was no longer a book.
That was the plot.
That was our marvelous punishment.

"Voyage" by Tony Hoagland, from *Hard Rain*. © Hollyridge Press, 2005.

The 2015 BYC Officers.

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