

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## --FROM THE COMMODORE--



### *Wisdom from the Bar Stool*

I was sitting at the hotel beach bar one evening on a recent sailing trip enjoying a refreshing cocktail. Our flight to Miami was the next morning. Looking around, I noticed a lone dinghy tied to a small dock off the hotel beach. Not seeing any boat nearby I asked the bar tender, a swarthy, slender, good-looking Frenchman, probably in his early 30's, as to whom the dinghy belonged. He replied that it was his. He and his girlfriend had sailed his 32 foot (Maxi) from France to Gibraltar, then across to the Bahamas and finally to St. Thomas. His boat was over on Water Island in Honeymoon Bay. He used the dinghy to commute back and forth to the hotel where he now tended bar. I made the remark that a 32' boat sounded rather small for ocean crossing. He replied that it only displaced 8,000 pounds. Quite impressed, I asked what attributes he thought most important in a boat for ocean cruising. Expecting a technical answer such as size, hull design, sail plan, navigation equipment, self-steering, etc. , I was surprised when he responded in a philosophic almost existential way. He replied, "It's not the boat or the equipment that's most important. The most important aspect of cruising is achieving the upmost confidence in your boat and your ability to handle it; only then will you experience the real freedom of cruising. There are many different boats and equipment from which to choose. It's a matter personal preference, but you must achieve this goal if you want to feel comfortable cruising. My boat's light displacement is no problem for me" he emphasized. I thanked him for his advice, ordered another drink and toasted him on his next adventure. Overall, I think there is wisdom in what he said. Perhaps at times we get hung up on the details and technicalities and lose sight of what we actually are trying to achieve.

On another note, to all boaters – thanks to all those who participated in the Tapas on the Docks. It was great fun. The winners will be getting their prizes shortly. Also, thanks one again to Jeff Morrison and Pat O'Neal for hosting the Cheeseburger in Paradise party. The turnout was great and the food even better.

Don't forget the "piece de resistance:" the incomparable Seafood Boil sponsored by Kim and Steve Cantino on July 25<sup>th</sup>. You must sign up early so you don't miss out.

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**---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---**

\*Editor's note: no article submitted\*



Donna Krockenberger, BYC Vice Commodore

**---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---**

Ahoy Sailors,

As the lake has risen so has our BYC membership, with 2 new members and a renew membership we are now up to 61 memberships. They are as follows: new members include Mark & Denise Lillis. They bought *October Breeze* a Precision 28 docked at M62. Other new members are Loren & Diana Taiwtor on a Checkmate 25 powerboat. Members Ron Woods with Michaela "Mick" are back on Wind Gypsy a Montego 25. Also in the roster sent last month I listed a new member as Sharon Welge and it should be Sharon Holland-Welge. Let give these members that BYC WELCOME. The Tapas on The Docks had 34 people looking at 12 boats and cost the club a whopping \$5. At "The Cheeseburger in Paradise" we served 43 people and made \$14.05. Despite our small membership, bad weather, and now high lake level, we are still having fun parties. By now you have probably heard we are having some schedule changes because of the high lake level so be aware of flyers announcing those changes. With the high lake level be careful, have fun, and see you at the lake.

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**-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----**

Hello everyone,

**FIRST:** We have the Seafood Boil coming up on July 25 there will also be a race this day so let's all go out and race and then enjoy the dinner prepared by Kim and Steve Cantino. PLEASE NOTE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY LATE RESERVATIONS FOR THIS EVENT SO PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 14; THE COST IS \$15.

**SECOND:** The next we will have the Moonlight race on Aug 1

**THIRD:**The Annual Hog Roast and Renshaw Regatta will be moved to Aug 29; this is the weekend before Labor Day. Commodore Bill has a great event planned so please register early and bring your friends and family.

**FOURTH AND FINAL:**The lake fireworks event and our race to the dam has been moved to the Labor Day Weekend September 5.

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



Greetings Boulder Sailors,  
Our last race was the Carlyle cup on June 20. It wasn't a BYC sponsored function but it will count as an official race, just as the Moonlight Regatta, also sponsored by CYC, will be an official race for us. Four of our boats entered the race and the finishes for all were as follows:

Spinnaker div.  
Thor, as usual finished first.

Jam div.

1st: Algeciras

2nd: Celebration

3rd: Miss Scarlett

Thanks to all who participated, hopefully more will come out for the Moonlight. Participation in sailboat racing is lagging somewhat across the board here at Carlyle, e.g. there were only a total of 15 boats in the Carlyle Cup. Four of those from BYC and one from TYC. Some discussion has been taking place about consolidating fleets in an effort to make it more appealing and possibly easier for everyone. I'll try to keep everyone posted as to the direction of these discussions.

Our next scheduled club race is July 25, the day of the Seafood Boil. To my great disappointment I will be unable to attend this fine event. I'll ask Mike to take the reins for the racing part of the day.

Be on the lookout for Notice of Race from Bob McLaughlin, CYC Race Fleet Captain, for the Moonlight Regatta. That should be coming by mid July as the date for the race is Aug. 1.

Everyone from BYC who wants to enter this race, needs to register with CYC to receive a score.

There is also traditionally a very nice Bloody Mary Breakfast the morning after the for those interested.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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



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