

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

Vol. XXXVIII/No. 6

<http://www.boulderyc.org>

June 2015

--FROM THE COMMODORE--



Caribbean Changes

A few weeks ago Pam and I had the opportunity to cruise the USVI. Along with a friend and former BYC member Al Green now a resident of the USVI we sailed around St. John and parts of St. Thomas. For days we sailed the azure sky blue seas exploring bays and coves large and small one more beautiful than the next. We walked white sand beaches, snorkeled pristine waters, hiked trails to spectacular overviews, frequented several quaint restaurants and bars. We were living the life in paradise.

One evening after dinner with our boat safely moored for the night, I was indulging in a cocktail on deck enjoying the celestial beauty above me. The stars shimmered, the planets shone vivid and bright. A shooting star or two streaked across the sky. After a while a faint glow of light began to silhouette an otherwise dark and featureless hill. The moon was rising. As the light obscured the clarity of the stars my attention was directed towards a monolithic structure now revealed in the moonlight. A foreboding dark gray stone ruin jutted out over the nearby hill side. The remains of an 18th century plantation now became the focal point of my interest. As I took a sip from my drink this eerie structure reminded me that plantation life 250 years ago was no paradise. The beautiful beaches we walk today were considered wasteland only good for landing goods and burying slaves. The scenic trails we hiked were a living hell for those who toiled endlessly carrying backbreaking loads of sugarcane and cotton up and down the steep and terraced hillsides. At best, plantation owners had a few good profitable years. More often than not drought, hurricanes, slave rebellions, and pirates plagued the islands. Life here was harsh, cruel, and unforgiving. How ironic that over time one man's hell evolved into another man's paradise. I shrugged my shoulders; enough of these morose thoughts. I reached to pour another drink. "How lucky I am. Life goes on, life is good," I said to myself.

On another note, I'd like to welcome our newest members: Steve Back and Brook Ascraft, Charles and Jessica Hoskins, Dave and Pam Schweppe, Sharon Welge and Tom and Renie Robinson (Tom is the newly appointed commander of the houseboat fleet). Thanks for joining and look forward to seeing you at the lake!

P.S. Thanks Pam and Spero for the excellent spaghetti dinner! It's always a big hit.

Bill Rathbun, BYC Commodore
billybones@accessus.net

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Editor's note: no article submitted

Donna Krockenberger, BYC Vice Commodore
timothy.e.bira@boeing.com

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Ahoy Sailors,

Magicdragon is in the water so life is good. We have 2 new members this month: Sharon Welge, who does not have a boat but likes to crew for racers, and Tom & Renie Robinson on a 35' houseboat named *Looneytoons* that also went in the water last week. Sharon was at the Spaghetti & New Members party; *Looneytoons* was not in the water yet but now you can meet Tom & Renie on Hard Rock 6. Speaking of spaghetti if you haven't eaten Spero's spaghetti then you haven't eaten good spaghetti. We had 37 people and better than 90% of them completed an early RSVP. Well done everyone! Our membership is at 57 now, so I'm asking Emily to include a roster with the bits. If you are not on it and think you should be, contact me at the following address.

Bill Schmidt BYC Sec/Treasurer
Magicdragon1@prodigy.net

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

Happy May!!!

I like to thank everyone who attended the wonderful spaghetti dinner hosted by Spero and family as usual fantastic food and friends it was a great evening and good weather. Upcoming events include our famous Tapas on the Docks Party; it is just around the corner on Saturday, June 6. So, be sure to come and whip up your best appetizer and clean up the boat so your friends and neighbors can tour your vessel while munching on some tasty tapas.

Following the Tapas Party, we have a couple add-in parties that were not on the original schedule:

June 20: between noon and 1pm: Blessing of the Fleet by our very own Father Andrew Bako. The blessing will be followed by a Cheeseburger in Paradise Party hosted by Jeff Morrison.

Depending on the weather, this will also make a great evening for a possibly followed by a cove out or night sail, so get your Zs in on Friday night ;) Again a big thanks to everyone who signs up for all the events in advance; your help is tremendously appreciated. Please note that Donna and I will be out of town from June 2-16 but we will see you all when we get back from our charter trip.

Patrick O'Neil, BYC Social Chair
poneal100@yahoo.com

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

Greetings Boulder Sailors;

The season's first race is in the books, and a good time was had by all. Conditions were moderate: 10 -12 knots from the South and scattered showers, most of which missed our race area that afternoon. Thank you to Thorsten and Cheryl for performing CB duty: well done you guys.

A short word on the scoring. All races that are on the posted schedule will count towards an overall championship for the season. Low point scoring per the racing rules of sailing will be used. To encourage participation all boats that do participate will receive a score based on their order of finish in any race in which they sail. Non-participants will receive a score of one pt. plus the number of boats that sailed in and completed a race. For example, if we have 7 boats sailing a non-participant will receive 8 points, just as a participant that does not finish or is disqualified for any reason. In many cases provision is made to exclude a given number of races from a season series so that a racers poorest performances can be disregarded when compiling the seasons results. The percentage of races that can be excluded should probably not be more than 20 or less than 15. In other words the more races that are completed the more scores we can throw out. Hopefully on some days we'll be able to sail two or three races, thereby increasing the number of possible throw outs.

Any racer that volunteers to do Committee Boat Duty will receive a score for that days races equal to his seasonal average compiled at the end of the racing season. Anyone who does race should be eligible for committee boat duty only once. The next race is scheduled for June 6. Hope to see everyone out.

Steve Rice, BYC Race Chair

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

I anchored for lunch Sunday before last in Cove 4/Allen's Branch and was disappointed to see that there are dozens (More? What couldn't I see below the surface?....) of what appears to be discarded Christmas trees, I presume to create fish habitat. It would seem that it's eliminated the southern half of cove 4 from an anchoring area. Nothing was marked, and as mentioned above I wonder what I couldn't see. Seems like a recipe for disaster to try to anchor, snagging a Christmas tree below the surface and while trying to untangle your anchor, blow down on another boat or the lee shore.

I just talked with a Dave Davis at the Corps. He confirmed a program called "Fishing Hot Spots" and said Christmas trees and approved "purpose built fish habitats" are being sunk in many areas of the lake- seemingly in most all of our potential anchoring areas. He referred me to a Joe Smothers who runs the program for more information, and sent me the attached list of GPS coordinates (though he thinks it's a year out of date) of where things are being sunk and confirmed they are not being marked on the surface in any way and should all be below the surface when the lake is at summer pool. *Editor's note: please see the pdf attachment that came in the same email as this article to see where the finishing hotspots AKA sailboat deterrents are located.

Bob McLaughlin

---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
emelden3124@gmail.com

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

Matthew Arnold "Dover Beach" 1867

*The sea is calm to-night,
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straits; — on the French coast the light
Gleams and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil bay.
Come to the window, sweet is the night-air!
Only, from the long line of spray
Where the sea meets the moon-blanch'd land,
Listen! you hear the grating roar
Of pebbles which the waves draw back, and fling,
At their return, up the high strand,
Begin, and cease, and then again begin,
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring
The eternal note of sadness in.*

*Sophocles long ago
Heard it on the Aegean, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow
Of human misery; we
Find also in the sound a thought,
Hearing it by this distant northern sea.
The sea of faith*

*Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furl'd,
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,
Retreating, to the breath
Of the night-wind, down the vast edges drear
And naked shingles of the world.*

*Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! for the world which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.*

The 2015 BYC Officers.

2015 BYC OFFICERS	
<i>Commodore</i>	Bill Rathbun
<i>Vice-Commodore</i>	Donna Krockenberger
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Bill Schmidt
<i>Race Chairman</i>	Steve Rice
<i>Social Committee Chairpersons</i>	Pat O'Neal
<i>Historians</i>	Sharon Schmidt & Laurel Juenger
<i>Boulder Bits Editor</i>	Emily Elden
<i>Webmaster</i>	Rob Schmidt
<i>Co-Webmaster</i>	Bill Schmidt
<i>Social Ambassador</i>	Donna Krockenberger & Pat O'Neal
<i>Fire Marshal</i>	Kevin Sheer
Directors	
<i>Chairman</i>	Pam McBride
<i>Secretary</i>	Sharon Schmidt
<i>Other members</i>	Ron Robertson, Steve Cantino, Jeff Morrison, Gary Luttrell Also Bill Rathbun- ex officio, non-voting
Web page:- http://www.boulderyc.org	