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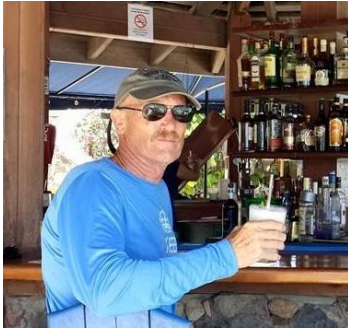
Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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--FROM THE COMMODORE--



There are very few challenges in life that bring out the best in a man or women like the demands and rigors of a sailboat in heavy weather – nothing more exciting and rewarding than the feel of a boat with her sails trimmed smartly, in harmony with wind and waves. Nothing more comforting knowing that your crew and other sailors and boaters are out there ready to assist each other should the need arise.

The heavy winds, large waves and exceptionally cold weather brought out the best in all who participated in this year's Commodores Cup. Thanks to Steve Rice for setting the course, Patrick O'Neal and brave souls who set the marks, Dennis Smith and committee boat crew who endured bobbing up and down like a cork for hours, Jeff Morrison and crew for retrieving the marks in adverse conditions and once again Patrick and his runabout volunteers including a boat from Trade Winds who worked to retrieve Jeff's boat from an untimely and dangerous grounding above the North Tower. Because of the extraordinary efforts of all who participated an event which could have been disastrous turned out to be BYC's best race of the season.

In addition to the race the chili cook-off that evening was superlative. Thanks to all the gourmet chili chefs and those who helped. You're all winners in my book.

The Oct 17th clean up party was another culinary success. The creative dishes made from previous party leftovers and complimented by scrumptious desserts were very tasty. The part itself was quite interesting from what I remember and was told.

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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,

Our final club party at the lake for this year has come and gone. Some members are asking where did the summer go, it rained a lot of the early weekends and then turned hot with no wind just bugs. This party like most of our parties this year was small also, but with the good work of the Social Chair combined with the BYC CUP REGATTA and the good work of the Race Chair we made \$450.00. We had 49 people at the Chili Super and 13 boats in the race. We still have the ladies luncheon and the men's revue coming but they won't be at the lake so look for information on these events. We also have the BYC NO BOAT Dinner coming in February. Be sure to get out and enjoy the last few nice weeks at the lake!

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

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all who attended the pot luck; excellent dishes and donations!

I also would like to thank everyone for your attendance and donation of your time for decorating, help cooking, and especially the cleanup work donated by all who made the events such a success. It is truly a pleasure to work with a group who donates their time and effort for all of our enjoyment.

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

Hello all,

Well, the sailing season is officially over now that the CYC Great Race is behind us. Three of us participated in that event and only one managed to finish. Hats off to Bill and Pam on Paradise for making it around the course in one piece.

Looking back on the year I think we had a pretty good one overall. Seven races, including three lake wide CYC races that some participated in and two BYC lake wide races that were well attended by racers from the other clubs. The theme of inter club coordination was generally successful and from conversations with Kort, it seems

likely that it will continue.

Racing overall has been on the decline at Lake Carlyle. Even the aforementioned Great Race drew fewer than normal boats, 20 as opposed to the usual 30 or 40. My only real disappointment was not having the race to the fireworks raft-up and the weather was the major factor in cancelling that one.

I look forward to working with Kort Juenger next year in any capacity he requires, whether it be setting marks, scoring or whatever, anything but committee boat duty.

Steve Rice, BYC Race Chair

----FLOTSAM & JETSAM----

"My heart is on my sleeve"

I feel compelled to write something about my experience in the Commodore's Cup where I had my all-women crew. It's going to go down as one of best experiences in my life. The cool thing is that even though I was nervous as hell, I felt confident and I have to thank my crew for that. The wind were really strong that day, I bet 15-25 and I had the responsibility to keep my crew safe. I wasn't real sure how the boat was going to react as we don't sail in strong winds like that on Carlyle very often and now I was a skipper in a race. I was nervous about the boat heeling over a great deal and having a tough time steering..maybe lots of weather-helm...not knowing how to set the sails, etc. But everything went really well in my opinion for this race. The mainsheet traveler blocks jammed on the leeward side a couple of times, but we worked as a team to remedy that. I miscalculated the downwind tack - should have been on a starboard tack, which lost us time. And the only thing that broke was the water jug and it flew into the boat cooler whose lid was open (again my fault for not checking to make sure it was closed J). But the other thing that really makes me feel pretty good is that those ladies that were my crew had enough confidence in me to go out on that windy day. My adrenaline was actually still going strong a few days after that race, too. All that we did was going over and over through my mind. So enough for me spilling my emotions, but still want to recognize, Laurel, Dorothy, Carolyn and Petra for being my crew....and also thanking Dennis for offering to take out Paradise and clean her bottom to give us an extra chance. If fact, I'll be racing again in the Great Race. Figured since the bottom was clean, let's give it another try!

Pam McBride
s/v Paradise

---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!

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

The Chambered Nautilus

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES (1809-1894)

This is the ship of pearl, which, poets feign,
Sails the unshadowed main,—
The venturous bark that flings
On the sweet summer wind its purpled wings
In gulfs enchanted, where the Siren sings,
And coral reefs lie bare,
Where the cold sea-maids rise to sun their streaming hair.

Its webs of living gauze no more unfurl;
Wrecked is the ship of pearl!
And every chambered cell,
Where its dim dreaming life was wont to dwell,
As the frail tenant shaped his growing shell,
Before thee lies revealed,—
Its irised ceiling rent, its sunless crypt unsealed!

Year after year beheld the silent toil
That spread his lustrous coil;
Still, as the spiral grew,
He left the past year's dwelling for the new,
Stole with soft step its shining archway through,
Built up its idle door,
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by thee,
Child of the wandering sea,
Cast from her lap, forlorn!
From thy dead lips a clearer note is born
Than ever Triton blew from wreathèd horn!
While on mine ear it rings,
Through the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:—

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

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