

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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## -FROM THE COMMODORE---



Happy Spring fellow BYC members! For us spring started with the wonderful Spring Equinox party, hosted by Pam and Sharon, who served up a very tasty and filling stew dinner followed by a wealth of desserts. That Saturday was a reasonably warm, if somewhat windy day. A great day to take the covers off the boat and check the bilges to start the season. Sunday morning reminded us what springtime in St. Louis is all about with about 4 inches of wet snow covering everything. It did all disappear by noontime so no harm no foul but still a reminder of the wacky sense of humor that Mother Nature has. Hopefully that will be the last hurrah of winter and we can all get on with getting our boats ready for the warm and sunny days ahead.

I don't know if many of you are like me (who said "No, thank God!") but I usually bring home several boat chores (lately it's been interior panels) with the intent of working on them over the winter. Well certainly not in November as we just ended the season and I need a little rest. Then December has the holidays and no one would work on them during that time of the year would they? January is just too cold and February is so short (and still cold) so certainly nothing is going to be done then right? Well, to make a long story longer, normally what happens is here comes March and April and the parts are still setting in the corner of the basement, untouched by human hands. What follows then is a frenzy of activity to get everything done in time for the launch and re-assembly of the boat (or vice versa). This year is no exception of course so I'm going to finish this up and head downstairs to start sanding. See you at the lake. Don't forget the Commodore's Breakfast in April. I don't know what I'll be serving but don't be surprised if there is a faint hint of teak dust and varnish in the eggs.

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## ---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



- Crocuses are up as are the daffodils – spring is in the air. If you are one of the lucky ones, the budding trees and soft breezes aren't leaving your eyes itchy and watering. If you aren't – my sympathies, as it is not a fun time of the year for allergies. The longer days have me looking forward to getting back to the lake and another season. This time of the year finds all checking their lists for what needs to be done before the boat can be launched. Remember as you are going through boxes and bags and thinking of getting rid of some of those items or are replacing, we have our annual Flea Market on April 16. Hope to see you all at the lake soon.

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



Greeting fellow BYC members:

First of all I would like to thank Bill Schmidt and Jeff Morrison for helping me with my new position in the club. There are always new things to learn and that is exciting. If anyone has any questions this season please feel free to ask Bill or Jeff. Just kidding! Ask me. I will do my best to help in any way possible. Secondly: We had a great turn out at the Spring Equinox party. If anyone has forgotten to pay me for the event please do so the next time we are at the Lake. Thirdly: Please check the website for this season's event schedule if you have not viewed it.

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



- WOW! Spring has sprung.....all the trees are blooming – those Bradford Pears are just so gorgeous in both the daytime and night... they seem to light up the darkness like snow does. **AND** this all started off with the **Equinox Party** on March 19. The weather wasn't the best but we still had a descent turnout, so thanks to all for coming out! The **Stew** was yummy and I was amazed at all you **Kale** eaters out there – I took a risk on putting that on the menu, but it could be that people are eating more 'healthy' or maybe it was the **beer** in the dressing ☐, oh and by the way the **Stew** had **beer** in it too, as well as the **Chocolate Cake**. If anyone would like the recipes, just let me know. I want to shout out a big **THANK YOU** to all the sous-chefs that helped with the making of the stew, those who brought all the other yummy desserts and the cleanup crew.... Also Congrats to the winner of the kinda lame Spring Trivia game I put together – our Commodore Rich...who actually tied with Kort, but won the tie-breaker. And our gracious Comm shared the winnings with Kort, so all was good. And we actually were able to stand eggs on end, so we put that superstition to test!



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**-----UP COMING EVETS -----**

**April 16--** Commodore's Breakfast-- Flea Market-- Race Clinic #1

This will be a GREAT DAY – free food, free racing class and you might make a few pennies or even trade some stuff you want to get rid of...you know what they say – one person's trash is another person's hidden treasure! **AND** if the weather is nice and your boats ready, you might be able to go out and try some of the racing maneuvers you just learned. Please let Dorothy know if you are coming.

**April 30--** Race Clinic #2--- Pot Luck

Another chance to learn more about racing so you can join in the fun when we have our races (which will be coming up May 21 – same day as the Spaghetti Dinner).....then for anyone coming out to the lake – bring a dish and share in Dinner that evening for a POT LUCK event. There is no charge, but you must bring a dish to share.

**May 21--**Race #1-- Spaghetti Dinner/Membership Party

Sponsored by Spero who has done this for the past few years....(YOU GO DAD!) New members eat free and spread the word around to any non-members....they can come and eat for free too. And you can put them at ease...there will be no 'hard sell' to join, but after partying with us, there will be no reason not to join in on the fun!

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



While everyone is getting their boat ready for this year's sailing season, I hope you will consider trying racing this year. I am hosting 2 free clinics this month. The April 16 (12 noon) clinic will cover the details of starts and rules of the race. The April 30<sup>TH</sup> clinic is at 10:00 AM; topics covered will be sail trim and race tactics. Racing is a fun way to hone your sailing and boat skills. I will help you with finding crew and even getting you on a boat so you can crew. Racing here at Boulder is low key so don't ever feel intimidated and just jump right in this year. If you have questions email me at [kunderwater@charter.net](mailto:kunderwater@charter.net) or find me on "QUICKSILVER" on Jost Van Dock.

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---FLOTSAM AND JETSAM---

Hello All!

It's that time of the year when the weather breaks and you can start doing those things like painting your boats bottom to protect it from all that unwanted lake stuff. You know that scum that slows you down and makes your brightly colored bottom look a dingy lake brown. You can use those kinds of paint that you get more than one year out of that dreaded job of preparing to paint and then painting. Also by getting more than one season you can get in the water earlier and enjoy a longer sailing season. You might want to paint two coats of bottom paint to get what one sailor has proclaimed five years before repainting. If you two coats here is a suggestion paint your first coat a different color. This way if you check your bottom in the next years you can see areas that need only touching up instead of a complete bottom job, if you use the same color you may wait too long to repaint.

Another thing to check before you put your boat in the water and leave it all by itself before you return is the bilge pump. If it doesn't work you can check the float switch, cockpit switch, the fuse, and the intake screen that sometimes clogs and lastly the impeller. A working bilge pump can save you a lot of trouble.

From retired Commodore Bill: *'Away, away, no cloud is lowering o' er us,*

*Freely now we stem the wave:*

*Hoist, hoist all sail, before us*

*Hope' s beacon shines to cheer the brave."*

*Massaneillo*

---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 [magicdragon1@prodigy.net](mailto:magicdragon1@prodigy.net). This year, the monthly deadline for each article entry will be set for the **25th day of each month**. 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 [magicdragon1@prodigy.net](mailto:magicdragon1@prodigy.net). 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.

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---Some Spring Equinox Photos---



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