

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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-FROM THE COMMODORE---



Well here it is March of 2016 already and once again we have a new season coming on. Already we've got the No-Boat in our wake and I'd like to take this moment as your new Commodore to offer my thanks to everyone who was involved in the planning for this great event. Just watching Spiro dancing with the belly dancer was worth the price of admission. Thanks as well to everyone who helped out during the year by sponsoring the wonderful parties that we all were able to partake in last season.

So what's ahead of this for the upcoming season? We've already got a pretty full slate of events and parties coming up starting with the March 19th "un-named" party (formerly known as the Spring Equinox. Be sure to sign up before March 15th to save a couple bucks). We still need a sponsor for this event. Following that will be the Commodore's breakfast on April 16th. This one's free! If you have any interest in racing your boat be sure to check out the free race clinics that are going to be put on as well as take advantage of our race chair's offer to help anyone who would like to learn more about this exciting part of our sport by crewing on their boat. Check out our Facebook page for schedules. You can make reservations for events as well as pay in advance by going to: <http://www.thorusa.com/byc.htm>. This can be accessed through our Facebook page too. Remember, reservations cannot be made on Facebook, only through the thorusa site or by contacting our sec/treasurer Dorothy Rice.

Before I close out this report I have to thank everyone who's preceded me in this position and who have helped make this club the wonderful organization it is. Thanks as well to everyone who has helped out by serving in all the various BOD positions. None of this could have happened without you. And, finally (yeah you say!), thanks to Kim, Kort, Dorothy, Pam, Sharon and Bill for once again stepping up to the plate and once again serving the BYC as only they can. Remember that while the Commodore wears the cap, it's the serving officers who really make it happen. Please support them. It's really your club, we're just on board to make it work for you.

Rich Sutorius BYC Commodore
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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---



The No Boat Banquet is officially the end of the previous season and the beginning of a new season. All of us who attended enjoyed the wonderful food prepared by Karol and Bill Hatton, as well as an evening spent catching up with good friends. It was great being with everyone again and our former Commodore, Bill Rathbun, did a bang up job with this year's event. Thanks to all the outgoing officers for doing a wonderful job last year. I am looking forward to working with the new Commodore, Rich Sutoris, and all of the incoming officers this year.

Our 2016 agenda is shaping up and we've added a few new wrinkles to the list. The canoe race sounds like it will be a lot of fun. I am sure there will be some side wagers and trash talking prior to the actual wetting of the paddles. Let's get out there a support the BYC race program this year. Kort has put some thought into generating renewed interest in the racing program. The "All Ladies Crew" stepped up and made a statement last year, and I hope to be able to join them this year. They

are a force to be reckoned with and not to be taken lightly. It is a relaxed, and informal way to learn while having a great time on the water, so let's show up and participate.

Donna did a nice job of resupplying the Ship's Store with some smart looking "T" shirts last year, so make sure you do your shopping early. They are reasonably priced, and come in several colors and sizes to fit everyone. It would be nice to see everyone sporting our club shirts. It's good marketing for the club and may actually help bring in new members when sailors from other clubs see how sharp we dress.

Best of luck to Joel & Emily and Pat & Donna as they begin their new adventures. Fair winds, blue water, and great sunsets await.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the next month or two as we kick off another year at the Club Med of central Illinois. Keep our fingers crossed and hope for an early spring with warm temps and high water. We will see you at the lake.

Kim Cantino, BYC Vice Commodore
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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



Good sailing season,

I am looking forward to having a new relationship with the club members this year. It has been a wonderful experience to be at Boulder Marina and participate with so many interesting, fun people. Please share any thoughts and suggestions that you may have.

Dorothy Rice, BYC Sec/Treasurer
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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----

BYC SOCIAL Calendar

March 19	5:30 PM	SPRING EQUINOX	\$6 by midnight 3/15, \$8
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Hi everyone and welcome to the new Boating Year! And with it we have our first party in March – the Spring Equinox party. As this is the first party, Sharon and I are posting. For a lot of us, we'll be working on getting our boats ready for the upcoming season. Not sure if the weather will be cool or warm, but inside the Clubhouse you are guaranteed of a good time. So sign up early and come over to the lake!

Quote provided by the Retired Commodore: "There is more to sailing than ropes and bulging sails. There are faraway places and the ever changing light, and the silence, and a great peace at the bottom of your souls."

Ferenc Máté

Also want to shout out a big thanks to now Retired Commodore Bill and the great No-Boat Party last month. He had a great idea to make it a 'Mediterranean/Greek' themed party. We had people dressed up in togas, bull runner's costumes, tourists and high end yachtsmen. The food was scrumptious thanks to Karol and Bill Hatton (best lamb ever!). We even had a Belly Dancer to get people up and dancing. A good time was had by all. See the pics in the BIT or join the BYC Facebook page to see more. Bill says it was 'pole kalo' (Greek for very good) – more than he expected! Thanks Bill!

Pam McBride, BYC Social Chair
Sharon Schmidt, BYC Social Chair magicdragon1@prodigy.net

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

[Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the

I want to encourage non racers to participate this year and there are many ways to do that. First, everyone is invited to attend 2 free clinics on April 16 (noon) and 30th (10am). Our first race is May 21. Anyone can race their boat, crew on someone else's or work on committee boat. Volunteering for the committee boat is easier than you think. Contact me with your questions or if you want to volunteer. kunderwater@charter.net or 618-910-2287.

Kort Juenger, BYC Race Chair
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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 to your boat that you have been planning all winter. You know the normal things like cleaning, waxing, and checking the bottom paint, then deciding to paint or not to paint. If you have an easy way to do these things it would be nice of you to write an article to help us people that do everything the hard way. The above are normal maintenance but here is something you may not have thought about. Zippers with metal slides have a bad habit of becoming frozen with corrosion even though the teeth of the zipper are plastic. If you use force, you'll ruin the zipper. Instead, stand the cushion with the zipper up and place a small rag soaked with vinegar over the corroded slide, cover the rag with a piece of Saran Wrap, and wait. The acidic vinegar will dissolve the corrosion and free the slide.

---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. 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. 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 No Boat Photos from Laurel & Sharon---





The 2016 BYC Officers.

2016 BYC OFFICERS	
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<i>Secretary</i>	Bill Rathburn
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