

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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---UP COMING EVENTS ---

March 25---Spring Cleanup---Beef Stew (please bring a dessert).
March to November--- **SAILING SEASON**



---FROM THE COMMODORE---

Retiring Commodore



Mother Nature continues to tease us with these wacky weather shifts. Yesterday I was walking around in shirtsleeves, today, the heavier coat came back out as the temperature dropped about 30 degrees overnight. Still, the feel of spring is in the air. The winter projects have come off the shelves, covers are getting washed and old finishes are being sanded off the trim that came home last fall. Last weekend we had the "Love your Boat" lunch at the marina and there were quite a few folks who got a jump on the season by starting to work on their boats. I started my season by thinking about getting started on the season. I did find my bottle of Sailor Jerry though (just to check the amount left, I certainly wouldn't have done a quality check or anything).

It's hard for me to fathom but this is my last newsletter article as Commodore. The past year has flown by even with being laid up while my leg healed. I really must give a hearty thanks to everyone who chipped in and ran the club (probably better than I would have anyway) while I was laid up.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! YrFthflSrvnt, Soon to be ex-Commodore Rich

New Commodore



Our No Boat Regatta last Saturday was a lot of fun. Thanks to our outgoing Commodore Rich Sutorius and wife Carolyn for putting the event together. I would also like to thank Bill and Karol Hatton who hosted us at their Edwardsville Banquet facility. The Spanish/Mexican food was wonderful. There is already discussion of what next year's theme may be, Mardi Gras!! We welcome your thoughts and ideas and certainly look forward to your attendance.

As BYC's 2017 Commodore it falls to me for this year's Charity selection. After considerable thought I've selected St. Louis Back Stoppers. They truly desire our support.

Earlier this year Rich was contacted by one of our BYC members who have recently returned to Carlyle Lake. Dennis and Bavette Battern. They are involved with the Sea Scouts and have been sailing with them at Creve Coeur Lake. In an effort to broaden their horizons a bit, the Battern's would like to have some of these new sailors crew in some of our club races. If you have an interest please contact me by email or in person at Boulder Marina. I'll be certain to pass the information on to them.
Come on Spring!!

Jeff Morrison, Commodore BYC morrison.jeff@ymail.com

---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Hello everyone, my name is Tim Bira and this is my second stint as your Vice Commodore. For those of you who don't know me I am the skipper of Miss My Money, a Hunter 320, down on Yost Van Dock. My wife Lynne and I have been members of BYC since 2008. I would first like to thank the outgoing officers for doing a fantastic job last year and especially Rich Sutorius and Karol and Bill Hatton for doing a great job with the No Boat last weekend.

Well this really hasn't been a typical St. Louis winter, and with all this warm weather I'm sure you are like me and are ready to get going on those boat projects. Hopefully the spring will be like the winter and we can get a head start on the 2017 sailing season. The past few seasons seemed to be really short so a longer one will be a welcomed change. I plan on adding some new BYC apparel to the Ships Store this year so be on the lookout. That's it for now, hope to see everyone at the lake real soon.

Tim Bira—BYC Vice Commodore

---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

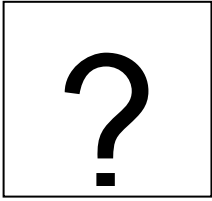
Greetings fellow members,

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

The No Boat was great!!! Kudos to Bill and Karol for the wonderful venue and food. Thank you to Rich and Carolyn for setting it up and hosting. Thank you to the outgoing officers--I know you will be around to help all of us in the 2017 season. Welcome to the staying and incoming officers - we will have a great season. Attached is a list of the calendar of events for the 2017 Sailing Season. I hope that all will be able to join us at the events that we have planned - start marking your calendars. There are a couple of events that we could use a sponsor for, so if anyone is interested, please contact me. Heading up an event may not be in your comfort zone, but maybe you could co-sponsor or at least volunteer to help out. We are always in need of people to help set up, serve and to clean up afterwards. Many times this falls on to the same group of people, so if you can spare a little time at an event that you know you will be attending, we would appreciate the help. Can't wait to get to the lake. Our next event is the Spring Solstice on March 25 - Beef Stew! If attending - please bring a dessert to share.

Kim Cantino, BYC Social Chair
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----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----

Greetings Fellow Boulder Racers.
No article

Raimund Stoehr, BYC Race Chair

---FLOTSAM AND JETSAM---

Quote of the day: The pessimist says the winds are too strong, the optimist says the winds will change, but the leader adjust his sails.

The No Boat last week was one of many I have attended and it was one of the really good ones. There were some that attended for the first time and some that this was the only party they attended all year. I was so busy having a good time that I didn't get to ask them if they also had a good time. It started out with the usual kind of boring officer reports and then it got interesting with the giving of the awards for high achievement in the club. I think Kort said it best when he start giving the racing awards, the winner did not necessarily win every race, but enter many races and did well. There were other club awards given out to people that didn't do one great thing, but did a lot of good things so that everyone can enjoy being in the club or on the water and this is the responsibility of the club. I am going to try to remember these awards, I took video instead of good flash still pictures so I also had audio of the goings on but I dropped the camera.

Racing Awards

Jeff Morrison -Jib & Main 1st
Steve Rice ----Jib & Main 2nd
Thorston Schaeette – Spinnaker 1st
Steve Rice---Commodore's Cup

Club Awards

Fred Cahoon –Seamonship
Pam McBride—Achievement

The retiring flag officers handed over their flags to the new flag officers Tim Bira VC, Dorothy same job and Kim the social chair thus starting their term in office. While the retiring Commodore gave his flag to the new Commodore, Jeff Morrison, then Jeff gave Rich the Retiring Commodores Flag and this is his to fly from his boat and not the marina flag pole. Then Dennis Battern gave a talk and a request from the Sea Scouts which Jeff reported in his article. We also heard from the Chairman of the Board, Ron Robertson, about voting on the club by-laws to make the smaller club more efficient, and they passed and are in the club website. I want to thank Rich & Carolyn for such a good party and for having it at the Crystal Garden. Speaking of Crystal Garden, Bill & Karol really know how to prepare the food no matter what the theme is, like this year's Spanish / Mexican theme. The extra effort like the appetizers and the relaxed atmosphere just make you have a good time. With all the official stuff done we just sat around told jokes and stories, If you want to know what they were about you will have to come next time. Again thanks Rich & Carolyn.

From the Board of Directors Ron Robertson: There were zero no votes cast at the No Boat, thus the **new BYC By-Laws passed**. I thank everyone who participated in the review and voting.

--- A BOAT SPEAKS OUT WHO AM I ---

My captain and first mate went on the Mississippi River to the St. Louis Sailing Association to see if they liked sailing. On that spring day they like it so well that while at Portage des Sioux a 12 foot moth was purchased with the idea of learning to sail on it. After some not so great experiences on the Mississippi, they decided on a less crowded Creve Coeur Lake. Having success in arriving somewhere in the general direction of their intentions they bought a set of plans on an eighteen foot cabin sailboat that sleep 4 on Christmas of 1969. They sailed that boat with 2 of their 3 kids at Lake of the Ozarks because the captain didn't like Carlyle Lake, with plans to pull the boat to Florida. Hey why don't they take scuba lessons for all that pretty water in

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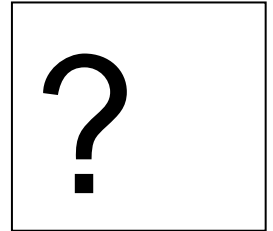
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Florida? My first mate was good at competition spearfishing so to help her be a champion they gave up the slow sailboat for a faster powerboat and they never made it to Florida, at least until they bought me.

After a number of years they quit scuba diving and dealt with the problems of raising a family. So finally with kids grown up and gone they decided to get another sailboat, but this time they brought it to Boulder Marina and have been there over 20 years. During that time they have held several flag offices in the club some twice. They still hold some but you'll have to guess what. They became pretty good sailors even though I wasn't born yet. After spending two weeks on Lake Michigan with low headroom they bought me when I was born. I am very similar in size only more headroom, also a water ballast, but I have a large enough motor than I can get up on plane. I like to do that and watch people as I pass them, but also because of the larger motor I have pulled these same people when they are aground or just having motor trouble. Because I am a strange sail-powerboat some have made fun of me but not those I have rescued. Oh did I mention I can go in shallow water to get those deep sailboats that are aground? I have been to some of the larger lakes in Missouri, in the Atlantic Ocean in the Florida Keys, and in the Gulf of Mexico in Texas, but I always come back here to Boulder Marina. WHO AM I????

Feb, who am I Captain

March who am I



---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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