

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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August 2018

## ----UP COMING EVENTS ----

**August 4-----** Canoe Race

**August 11-----** Vice Commodore's birthday party

**August 18---** Raft up and lunch party

## ---FROM THE COMMODORE---



- Ahoy BYC mates!

Ahoy BYC members! These last couple of weeks of July have felt strangely like late September. Haven't needed the A/C or even a fan, actually saw several people wearing jackets yesterday! Makes me curious to see what August will bring.

Speaking of August, please remember to sign up for Jeff's cheeseburger dinner coming up next weekend following the Canoe Races Aug 3, and another reminder, the fabulous Claire will be making waffles for breakfast the next morning. I, for one, can

hardly wait for this delightful treat!

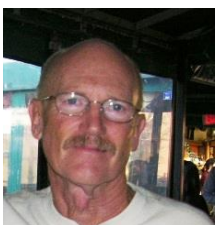
The only other scheduled event for the month is a raft up party Aug.18, location to be determined, which the race chair and I will unfortunately miss as she is taking me to Maine for a schooner trip.

Fair winds and calm seas,

Steve Rice-BYC-Commodore

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



- While June and most of July were extremely hot we had some really COOL parties:

The pre 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party sponsored by Curt and Jerra and the musical guests were awesome.

Thanks to Curt and Jerra donating the food the club made a substantial profit for the event.

The raft up at the dam was great. We had a nice steady breeze down, good swimming in the afternoon, and fireworks that evening. A cool breeze prevailed all night and we had a fine sail back on Sunday.

The pot luck dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thanks Brian and Noah for the wonderful tacos, Laurel Juenger for my scrumptious birthday pie, and everyone else who contributed to the food feast. Sometimes I think we have a food club that likes to boat.

The BYC Canoe Race is coming up Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. Be there and participate. It's good for a few laughs and great cheese burgers.

See you at the Lake!

Bill Rathbun-BYC- Vice Commodore

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



- I wasn't able to make it but thanks to Jerra and Curt for hosting the July 4<sup>th</sup> party, what a fantastic turnout.  
Please join me in welcoming back Ed Beussink – Dragonfly;  
We currently have 41 paid dues for 2018 (74 Members), If you have not renewed your membership you can pay me at your convenience.  
If you are wanting to pay due or any other event with PayPay look for this link <http://www.thorusa.com> located just to the left of the photo of the marina on the clubs web

page.  
Current balance \$3,460.05  
Checking - \$1,747.00  
Savings - \$1,192.02  
PayPal - \$407.78  
Cash – \$113.25

I ask that everyone review your information on the roster and get back to me with any inaccuracies.  
Look for me at the lake, I'll have your member card which "entitles you to privileges of membership therein".

Mike Shelton, BYC Sec/Treasurer  
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**-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----**



- Ahoy! We had some great fun in July, thanks to Kurt and Jerra for sponsoring the 4th of July party and to all who assisted! After that, we had a great potluck with no race! Coming next month; the Canoe Race on 8/4, Clair's Waffle Breakfast on 8/5, Bill Rathbone's birthday party on 8/11, Potluck and Raft up on 8/18. See you on the water

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



- Greetings fellow boaters and friends,  
No article

Dorothy Rice, BYC Race Chair  
[sailcyc@hotmail.com](mailto:sailcyc@hotmail.com)

**---FLOTSAM AND JETSAM---**

Remember that old desktop computer that used to be in the Clubhouse? So outdated no one was using it? Well Jera was asking about it – if anyone might have something on it they'd like to have – like

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photos, etc. because she is wanting to get rid of it. Or if any of you may have a use for it (besides a boat anchor – ha-ha!) I'm sure she will just give it to you. We'll give it a month or 2 to get the word out, but then it will be gone forever. Thank you! Pam.

In *Beyond the Blue Horizon*, archeologist and historian Brian Fagan writes of learning to sail while growing up in England. One of his teachers, a Dorset fisherman who first taught Fagan to make his way out beyond the bar, had never been off soundings in the English Channel, nor ventured more than 20 miles from his home port, and declared himself "a creature of the shallows."

And yet, Fagan tells us, this old salt could read the sea like scripture and feel in his bones where he was in conditions that would leave most of today's sailors reaching for the GPS. In a maritime region known for fierce and fickle weather, where gales blowing contrary to currents conspire to strand tired vessels upon sandbank, mud, and rock, this simple fisherman made a living and a life upon waters as challenging as the open sea.

The reality is that most recreational boaters have always been and always will be shallow-water folk, who will never round the Horn or cross even a small sea. Most will never make an overnight passage offshore. Most of the boaters I know — with the exception of one rascally old salt in his 80s who's spent half his life offshore — are not bound for Tahiti or the high latitudes. Like Fagan's Dorset fisherman, they — we — sail closer to home. We have more in us of England's late Charles Stock, who voyaged more than 70,000 miles in a 16-foot pocket cruiser named *Shoal Waters*, than we do of the mythical solo circumnavigator Joshua Slocum.

Like British yacht designer, writer, and proudly modest shallow-water sailor Maurice Griffiths, I prefer the happy sail over the heroic sail.

*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects the wind change. A leader adjusts the sails*

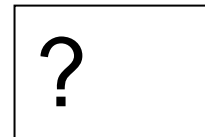
### --- A BOAT SPEAKS OUT WHO AM I ---

I am a small midsize kind of large boat that has been in this marina before but my captain is new to here. Although he is new to sailing he has sailed in the past. In the past he was a power boater and he may still be a power boater, but he does love being on the water. That's what this club is all about enjoying being on the water and being with people of that same interest. Like the rest of us he comes to the lake when he gets a chance so we as club members should make him welcome when we get a chance. WHO AM I

July Who am I



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### ---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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The 2018 BYC Officers

2018 BYC OFFICERS	
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<i>Secretary</i>	
<i>Other members</i>	Dave Renard(3), Rich Sutorius(3) Bill Schmidt(2)Jeff Morrison(2)Steve Rice (ex officio, non-voting)

# BYC CANOE RACES

**RACE AROUND THE DOCKS TO BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 4TH, 2018 3:00 pm**

**\$10.00 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE \$12.00 AT THE DOOR**



**CHEESE BURGERS, SIDES AND DRINKS  
PROVIDED AFTER THE RACE**

## RACING RULES

Canoes Will Be Provided  
Life Jackets Required

There will be two-person teams selected before the races  
This is a timed event.

Best times Win Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE AT OUR PAYPAL SITE

[www.thorusa.com/byc.htm](http://www.thorusa.com/byc.htm)

OR

EMAIL OUR SEC/TREASURER MIKE SHELTON

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**Ahoy BYC Members!**  
**Join us to Celebrate your Vice-Commodore's**  
**(Bill Rathbun)**  
**70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Boulder Marina Clubhouse, Lake Carlyle, IL**

**As a gift, please bring your favorite memories you've had with  
Bill!**

**If you don't have a memory, you will have one after this 😊**

**RSVP to Pam at [pammcb1880@gmail.com](mailto:pammcb1880@gmail.com) by August 4**

**Or Text to (314) 640-1394**