

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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.....HAPPY NEW SAILING YEAR

## ---UP COMING EVENTS---

**March 24**-----Spring Thaw

**April 1 to Nov. 30**----BYC Sailing Season at Carlyle Lake

## ---FROM THE COMMODORE---



-Greetings BYC members,

Spring has almost sprung! Early this week we managed to string together three days of decent weather so we can all take heart that winter is about to appear in the rear view mirror.

What a fine time we all had at the No Boat last weekend. Kudos to Bill and Karol Hatton for hosting this event. Great job, as always.

Next on the schedule is the Spring Thaw, March 24. I'm open to suggestions on what to have as a theme for this date, some like to welcome spring by burning an old pair of socks. Comments are always welcome.

Steve Rice-BYC-Commodore  
sailalgeciras@hotmail.com

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



- AHoy! Everyone,

I want to thank Karol and Bill Hatton for hosting another wonderful No Boat winter party. The Mardi Gras theme was spectacular.

A great job to Jeff Morrison and all those worked hard to make 2017 successful.

Now we're about to cast off into a new boating season. I'll be working on restocking the Ship's Store with cool, comfortable, and collectable clothing items, etc. I would appreciate any input anyone might have for the Ship's Store inventory. I can be reached via email, phone/ text, or in person. I plan to provide a suggestion box by the Ship's store area in the club house.

See you at the lake,

Bill Rathbun-BYC- Vice Commodore  
billybones@accessus.net

## ---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---



I'd just like to say that I'm pleased as punch and honored to have been selected as your new secretary/treasurer. Our No-Boat Regatta last weekend was once again hosted by Bill and Carol at their Crystal Garden Banquet Center, it was a wonderful evening of great food, dancing and an altogether fun time.

A friendly reminder to those of you who haven't already please send your club renewal dues to: Boulder Yacht Club

C/O Mike Shelton  
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St. Louis, MO 63116

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#### -----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----



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See you at the Laket!!!

Brian Chostner, BYC Social Chair  
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#### ----FROM THE RACE CHAIR ----

- Greeting fellow members and affiliates,



I am excited about the upcoming racing events. Those that wish to participate please let me know so I will have your proper PHRF numbers. I want people to help with committee boat duty for one race apiece. They will receive their best race score in exchange for this duty. I might think of other ways to express my gratitude that might involve food or beverages. Please review some of the basic racing rules. This may prevent some scary moments on the start line or rounding the marks. I will place the

racing rule book in the Galley for anyone's use.

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

#### ---FLOTSAM AND JETSAM---

The No Boat last week was one of many I have attended and it was one of the really good ones. Perhaps it was the Mardi Gras them, or the fact that Jeff was smart enough to have it with Crystal Garden again. It started out with the usual kind of boring officer reports and then it got interesting with Curt giving his idea of putting a narrow bar with stools under the windows so you can see the lake while in the club house. What do you think? The racing awards were given out and the awards for high achievement in the club. These are 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 which is the responsibility of the club.

Racing Awards  
Steve Rice -----Jib & Main 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jeff Morrison---Jib & Main 2<sup>nd</sup>

Club Awards  
Spero Bude---Seamanship  
Kim Cantino—Achievement

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Pam McBride-- Jib & Main 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Kort Juenger---Jib & Main 4th  
 Kirk Hulse-----Jib & Main 5th  
 Steve Rice-----Renshaw Trophy

The retiring flag officers handed over their flags to the new flag officers Bill Rathburn VC, Mike Shelton Sec/Treasurer, Dorothy Rice Race Chair and Brian Chostner the social chair (not attending) thus starting their term in office. While the retiring Commodore gave his flag to the new Commodore, Steve Rice, then Steve gave Jeff the Retiring Commodores Flag and this is his to fly from his boat and not the marina flag pole. Again I want to thank Jeff & Gail 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 Mardi Gras theme. The extra effort like the appetizers and the relaxed atmosphere just make you have a good time. With all the official stuff done some danced, some just sat around told jokes and stories, if you want to know what they were about you will have to come next time.

COMMUNICATION---"The imparting or exchange of information or news". In the early years of the BYC Club the common events like the bits, party flyers, racing information was all done by what we now call snail mail, or over the telephone. It was time consuming for officers, sponsors of parties and this position of bits editor. Then as more people got computers with email that became the communication of the club, although some don't have computers, email, or just want a printed copy, we still send them snail mail. There are many other electronic means of communication, but most people have email so the club recognizes email which means if your email address changes you should notify the club secretary so you can stay in the information loop. Now the point of all this information is that if we as members or club officers do not check our email regularly this communication is not going to flow in a smooth and easy manner. If this does not apply to you (and you know who you are please disregard this).

According to Jim Lee, technical support engineer at Trojan Battery, the most common cause of premature battery failure is improper charging. Undercharging causes lead sulfate to accumulate on the plates, which eventually destroys the battery. Overcharging causes accelerated corrosion of the plates and boils off the electrolyte, which exposes the plates to air and ruins them. Most car battery chargers, Jim says, are not designed for charging boat batteries because, despite what the box says, they often don't shut down completely. And remembering to unplug a cheap charger when it "looks about right" is also risky and could overcharge and eventually destroy batteries, he says. Like babies, batteries are particular in how they are fed and how much they'll take. Jim recommends a three-stage charger, specifically one that will completely shut off when the battery is fully charged.

If you have photo of club events you can send them to me for the Bits but I can only put a few in the Bits so look on the website you can see them in albums. If you have lost your schedule of event or other club information you can find it on the club website at the address on the bottom of these pages.

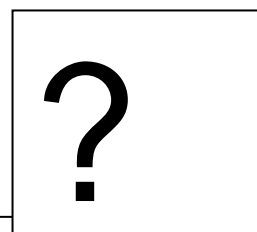
*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects the wind change. A leader adjusts the sails*

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

I was up at the lake this winter and the only Boat that talked to me was mine saying it was cold last month

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---EDITOR

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.

Bill Schmidt, BYC Bits Editor  
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 The 2017 BYC Officers

2017 BYC OFFICERS	
<i>Commodore</i>	Jeff Morrison
<i>Vice-Commodore</i>	Bill Rathburn
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Mike Shelton
<i>Race Chairman</i>	Dorothy Rice
<i>Social Committee Chairpersons</i>	Brian Chostner
<i>Historians</i>	Sharon Schmidt & Laurel Juenger
<i>Boulder Bits Editor</i>	Bill Schmidt
<i>Webmaster</i>	Rob Schmidt
<i>Co-Webmaster</i>	Bill Schmidt
<i>Social Ambassador</i>	Pam McBride & Sharon Schmidt

Directors	
<i>Chairman</i>	Ron Robertson(1)
<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)
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