

BOULDER BITS



Bits and Pieces: Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.



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FROM THE COMMODORE

BYC sailors, WOW, what a party bunch we all are. July 18 was a great 40th birthday bash for Marianne Moore. A hearty group challenged the weather threat, made it to the festivities and had a wonderfully fun time. Thanks to Marianne and her folks from Super Smokers for including us in her natal celebration. Many happy returns to Marianne and may there be many more.

Following right up, on Saturday night the 19th, we all donned our period garb to solve the mystery of the Silver Dove. Thanks to Bill and Sharon Schmidt for their tremendous effort in putting together a real thriller and killer of a party. Suzanne, you rascal you!

While visiting with you on the party scene, on a serious note, I want all of us to remember how hard it is for our Chief Party Officers to put on a party if they do not know how many guests they will be serving. Please! let us all make a redoubled effort to respond to the party fliers in a timely manner. We have a great deal here at BYC. The price of admission to any party rarely is more than ten dollars per person. If you are not sure you will be able to attend a particular party, but think you might, then go ahead and send in your money to reserve a spot. Look at it this way. If you pay on time and can come, you are assured of having a great time at a well-supplied party. If you pay on time and subsequently cannot attend, you still benefit because your money goes into the fund to support future parties and helps keep the per party charge for all parties low. I have heard that some yacht clubs charge members an annual party assessment to pay for all parties regardless whether a member attends all or none of the parties. We at BYC want to keep

things less formal and more spontaneous. To do so, we need everyone to pitch in. As we do it now, if you know you will not be able to make it to a particular party, you do not pay and our hosts can plan accordingly. But if you are on the fence and do not make a reservation in time, our hosts cannot make adequate plans. No one wants to have to turn people away at a party, but if we do not all do our part by responding to the party announcements on time, the party and our social season suffers. If in doubt, sign up! If you miss that party it will make the next party so much the merrier.

Thanks to Bob Truttman for the donation of the Barefoot Yacht Club burgee for the display. Look for a wall of burgees soon. If anyone will be visiting another yacht club, take along a BYC burgee to exchange.

Fair winds, a willing soul, and sea room.

Allan F. Stewart, Commodore
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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Mary and I take off for a little holiday and everybody starts partying like crazy! We need to do better planning next time. If the buzz on Topica is any indication, good times are being had at BYC.

Our trip to the BVI was spectacular. Winds were "breezy" at 18-32 knots the entire time we were there, thanks in no small part to Claudette. What the BVI'ers call "breezy" we coastal sailors would call small craft warnings. Nevertheless the big

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Moorings Catamaran handled with aplomb and we are ready to go back tomorrow. We hope the "Clothing Optional" party barge has the same good fortune.

Speaking of clothing, BYC now has a full line of summer wear - tees and polos available in new colors and with the new embroidery graphic. We placed some special orders for sleeveless denim and pique women's polos and I understand our customers were delighted. I ordered a couple extra of each, so if sleeveless is something that appeals to you, take a look. If we don't have your size or color, let me know; I can order more - we just need a dozen items to place an order with our supplier. I must also express my many, many thanks to Bonnie for managing this latest order so you could get this hot new merchandise while Mary and I are away.

One last thought concerning our use of the byc@topica.com list serve. I have had a few folks ask me to mention the general custom in responding to this type of broadcast e-mail. Where responses would be of further interest to the majority of the list, hit the "reply to" button. But, where a comment or thought would not be of general interest, answers are best made directly to the individual who posted the Topica message and not to the list at large. This keeps the mail volume

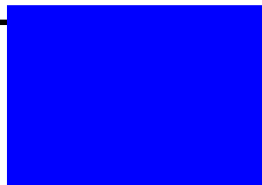
down in our in-boxes and focuses the Topica messages to that which would be of general interest to the list membership. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Rey Neville

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Rey's Ray-photographed by Rey off Cooper's Island, BVI



FROM THE SECRETARY/ TREASURER

Our newest members are:

Frost & Tamela Loomis – Two Adrift, ComPac 16

I encourage all members to introduce themselves and welcome Frost and Tamela to the club. And please come to the cocktail party on Oct. 9 to welcome this year's new members. See you at the lake.

Bob Bender
Secretary/Treasurer
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FROM THE RACE CHAIR

Nyaah, nyaah, nyaah—I'm in the BVI! See you next issue.

UNIVERSAL SAILING REGULATIONS

(The curmudgeon stumbled upon the following last week whilst in the UK - sailing in the Swan European Regatta. It was posted on the wall of the Royal London Yacht Club in Cowes. The date of this regulation is unknown.)

It is an established rule, and should be most strictly attended to by all yachtsmen, that where two vessels have to cross each other on opposite tacks, the one on the starboard tack must invariably keep her wind, and the one on the port tack must keep away and pass to leeward, or tack short when the smallest doubt exists of her not being able to weather the other. All expenses of damage incurred by vessels on opposite tacks running on board each other, falls upon the one on the port tack; but where the one on the starboard tack has kept away with the intention of passing to leeward, and they have come into contact, the expenses of damage have fallen upon her on the starboard tack; because, by her keeping away, she may have prevented the other passing to leeward.

When a vessel on the starboard tack sees another attempting to weather her when it does not seem possible, rather than keeping away, she should put her helm down; for the less damage they will sustain and the less frightful will be the collision. Should both vessels put their helms up, and run on board each other, the most fatal consequences may arise; and, therefore, nothing should induce the vessel on the starboard tack to keep away. All vessels going free must give way to those on a wind.

Curmudgeon's Comment: Complain all you like about the Racing Rules of Sailing, but it's pretty obvious that we've come a long way.

Your Race Chair
Daniel C Sargent
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THE SOCIAL SCENE

There are two parties scheduled for August. The New Orleans party for August 8th, hosted by Jane and Bill Hendey, and our very popular On-The-Water party hosted by Lee and Vickie Hogman. This party is scheduled for the 16th of August. Flyers for both parties are included in this month bits.

The Mystery party was a total success. Bill and Sharon did a fantastic job. Unfortunately we had to arrest Bonnie for double murder.

We are still in need of a host for the Halloween Party. The Party is scheduled for the 25th of October. Please check your schedule and let me know if you are interested.

If we don't find a volunteer, we may have to cancel this event.....

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Social Committee
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CURMUDGEON'S OBERSVATION

Don't take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

QUESTION:

Would anyone like to see a classified ads section in the Bits comprised of sailing items offered by BYC members? If so, send an email to eric@ericandellen.com describing the item you'd like to sell.

To kick it off, Dennis Smith is offering a Jim-Buoy horseshoe buoy and mounting rack. Make him an offer.

DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Mike Farr dived off a friend's ski boat into Folsom Lake moments after his 11-year-old son sank below the churning waters while bodysurfing in the vessel's wake. "I swam as deep as I could and as far as I could," said Farr, his voice cracking. "I expected to catch an arm, but there was nothing." An autopsy after the accident on May 28 revealed the boy had been knocked out by carbon monoxide fumes and then drowned, making young Anthony Farr a new victim of boating's dirty little secret: CO poisoning.

Marine engines, not subject to the same emission controls as cars, produce so much carbon monoxide that, on calm days, invisible clouds of the odorless gas can form in the open air. Swimmers, boat passengers - possibly dockworkers and passers-by - can be exposed to doses big enough to cause dizziness, unconsciousness, even death. The danger of carbon monoxide poisoning inside boats has long been known. But only in the last three years have federal and state health officials realized that outdoor CO poisoning from boat exhaust has caused or contributed to at least 46 deaths nationwide since 1990, which is as far back as investigators have searched for past incidents.

As a result, surviving family members are suing boat manufacturers, alleging design defects and inadequate safety warnings. - Tom Abate, San Francisco Chronicle, full story: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2003/07/18/MN128646.DTL>



EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue (combined September/October) of Boulder Bits is August 26, 2003. Please submit articles to Ken Schowe, brummbear@earthlink.net. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.

BYC New Orleans Night

Saturday, August 9, 03

5-6 PM New Members Cocktail Party

Dinner at 7 PM

Menu

Madame Flauberts Voodoo Wings

Pat O'Brien's' Popcorn & Hurricanes

Jambalaya with Crawfish

Broadway Oyster Bar's Red Beans & Rice

Jane's Cornbread

Café Sabica's Chocolate Sin Cake

JAX Brewery's Tia Maria Bread Pudding

Live Music Provided By "HANDS OFF"
7-10 PM

Prizes for: Best Mask

Most Beads

Best New Orleans Spirit

Call or Email Bob Bender (rbender9@juno.com) or call at
(314-416-8202)

Cost \$10.00 per person by August 5th
After \$13.00 at the door

Hosted by: Rey & Mary Neville
Bill & Jane Hendey



Raft Up on the Water Party

Saturday - August 16, 2003 - 1 pm to ???

Bring hotdogs or brats to grill and one side dish to pass around (You'll get yer dish back too!)

Games & Prizes - Fun & Frolic for all ages

Boat Raft Up \$5 per boat raft-up fee requested

**Set sail or motor to be here
in Cove #4 and in the raft
by 1 pm!!!**



Please RSVP by August 8th w/Capt'-n-Crew

Boat Names and Youngin's ages to:

Bob Bender

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