

# BOULDER BITS



*Bits and Pieces: Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.*



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## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS MEETING

In accordance with the By-Laws of Boulder Yacht Club, a nomination meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2003, at 9:30 AM, in the Boulder Marina Lounge. Nominations will be taken for the positions of all Officers and one member of the Board of Directors of Boulder Yacht Club.

There will be a General Meeting and election of the officers and director on Sunday, October 12, 2003, at 9:30 AM, in the Boulder Marina Lounge. All members of Boulder Yacht Club are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Your Board of Directors:

John Carnasiotis	Art Seise
Dave Uttendorfer	Bonnie DiMercurio
David Isom	Allan Stewart (ex-officio)



## BYC ON-THE-WATER PARTY A HOT TIME

Those that attend any of the parties under the big tent know that our party's are usually pretty hot. Our On-The-Water Raft-Up Party was no different, to include the contribution from Mother Nature in the way of hot weather. Fortunately, she also contributed a nice breeze through most of the afternoon, which helped keep the 50+ BYC'ers a little more comfortable during the event. This year's event was one to remember!

Starting just after the designated time of 1 pm,

our BYC boats met in Cove #4. Our raft grew in numbers until we had 17 boats in an arch of



different makes and models. The motor boaters traveling by got a chance to see BYC in strength - just imagine what we'd look like with even more boats!

True to BYC form, the food was excellent in both quality and quantity - brats, burgers and dogs abounded, as did the umpteen variations of tasty salads, vegetable mixes and casseroles, chips & dips, cakes, brownies, and deserts. The flow of bowls, plates, and dishes kept the entire raft busy tasting the offered fare throughout lunch. The release of the occasional traffic jam of dishes started a new wave of things to try. Anyone that didn't get enough had only themselves to blame.

The games played included the established favor-



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ites of noodle races, a scavenger hunt and the famous (or infamous, depending on perspective) greased watermelon grab. . New this year was the addition of a water-balloon shoot to see who could score a balloon in one of the two floating targets. The activity was a big success and obviously a source of amusement for the entire raft, not to mention the passing motor boaters that seemed to take an extra-wide turn around us. Another game that became an immediate necessity was the swimming game of "Recovery" where the youngster with the most recovered water balloons from the lake won a prize. In actuality, we had so many prizes that many got one just for participating in an event. A "lesson learned" for future game organizers that contemplate the water balloon shoot is to ensure that spectators not be permitted within the impact zone, least they may become a target themselves.

The adult game winners were also numerous. The boats that I can remember winning a prize for a game include *Satisfaction* and *Surveyor II* for the water balloon shoot and *Na-Bo-Lis-K* for the scavenger hunt (after having to employ the tie-breaker with *A Photo Shoot*). *Satisfaction*, *A Photo Shoot*, *Water Music*, *Wind Dancer*, *October Breeze* and *Acquahaulic* all took home attendance prizes in the form of gift baskets that my lovely bride made from the items that were donated for

the event. Please take note that Cope Marine (O'Fallon, IL), The St. Louis Sailing Center (Bridgeton, MO), and the Carlyle Marine Center (Carlyle, IL) donated most of the items we used as prizes for the event. With their contributions, we had a great time while easily "breaking even" on the event costs. Please make sure to give the folks that run those businesses a word of thanks the next time you visit - thank you!

I have received numerous compliments for the work that Bob and I did to organize the event, along with both our "Better Halves," Annette and Vicki for their contributions for a great party. Thank you for all the kind words - those make the effort all worthwhile! I want to thank everyone that attended, for without you, Bob, Annette, and I would have had a huge bunch of water balloons to try and figure out what to do with (maybe play "fetch" with Ben the Wonder Dog?). Lastly, I want to extend a special "thanks" to Peg and Duane Siegfried for the use of their dingy and Linda and Bob Bender for being most excellent hosts on board *Serenity* and helping me get most of the stuff for the event out to the site. A big THANK YOU!!! To both couples - another perfect example why BYC is the best!

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## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

It took a few days to get organized after our vacation, but the web site is now updated with new social event pictures from the New Orleans Party, the Mystery Party and the On-the-Water Party. The links are currently available on the Start Page, but will always be available in the



Photo Section. Unfortunately, we could not make it to the Taste of the Caribbean party, so if anyone has some pics I could borrow (or better yet digital images) please let me know. There is no question; we've had some fun this year. Kudos and thanks to our untiring hosts. Well done.

In case you haven't noticed, we now have two new banner ads up in the Ship's Store section on the web site. One is familiar to most of us – Sailnet.com. The other is to the Wine Messenger, a good source for inexpensive, or not so inexpensive, small batch wines from around the world. Mary and I have been buying from them for several years and have always been satisfied. In both cases the club will earn a small commission from sales generated from customers "clicking through." I will apply the revenue to the cost of running our web server, with earnings in excess of that amount going to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. So drop over and do your shopping through the BYC website. You'll get good stuff and help us pay some bills.

The BYC yachting apparel department remains well stocked in polos and tee shirts. Be sure you get that favorite color for yourself or that significant other while we still have your size.

Hot in St. Louis? Nah. It was 119 degrees in Reading, California on the same day it was 100 in St. Louis. Perspective everyone, fall is coming.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY/ TREASURER

Our newest members are Bill and Judie Ashley, who sail Funrai\$er, a Catalina 27. I encourage all members to introduce themselves and welcome Bill and Judie to the club. See you at the lake.



*New Members Charlotte & Scott*

A great time was had by all at the New Member



*New Members Tamela and Frost*

Introduction Cocktail Party before the Mardi Gras party last month. Let's make this an annual event and get out there to welcome our new members.





*New Members Cathy & Chris*

An updated 2003 Roster is included with the ebits this month!

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN:

Hello fellow racers:

First of all, I would like to thank Brad and Rose for getting up at 9:30am to help their fellow BYC members by taking the marks out for Race 1 (the makeup race), **HATS OFF TO THEM!!!, for it is not what BYC can do for them, but what they can do for BYC!!** Another special thanks, to Eric and Linda for their part in helping the race chairman in the setting up of the night course, for they also do for BYC!! It is what the members do for their yacht club that makes BYC what it is today!! **AN-OTHER HATS OFF TO THEM!!!** Results of the night race are posted on the website!!!! **HATS OFF TO ME!!!** I would like to thank all my BYC members for their participation in the SPRING Series, it was a GREAT series!!! **HATS OFF TO ALL MY RACERS!!! AGAIN!!!** I look forward to the fall series and the Commodore's Cup.

CHEERS TO ALL!!!!

YOUR RACE CHAIRMAN

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## THE SOCIAL SCENE

There is a change in the social schedule for September. The Oktoberfest has been canceled; instead we will have a Potluck.

Since there is no party in September we have



*Even though I missed it, I heard some people had fun!*

squeezed one in, because several people have asked.



*The Band*

This party will be hosted by Marianne Moore,



*The BYC Chicks singing along with the band.*

Lisa Howard and myself, and is scheduled for September 20th. We just call it "Da Party" since we don't know the theme yet. There is also no

flyer drawn up yet, so please watch for a party flyer posted in the clubhouse.

Unfortunately I missed the Orleans Party, hosted by Jane and Bill Hendey and Mary and Rey Neville.

See you at the parties.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue (November) of *Boulder Bits* is **October 22, 2003**. Please submit articles to Ken Schowe, [brummbear@earthlink.net](mailto:brummbear@earthlink.net). We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.



## RACING THE WAY IT OUGHT TO BE

The late Commodore George W. Elder, in his delightfully written *Forty Years among the Stars*, gives an example of the irregularity of these regulations. The story was told by George "Pop" Corry, an almost legendary character in the early days of the Star class. The event occurred before 1907, when the Bug one-design class, predecessor of the Stars, made its appearance.

A race was arranged for Swampscott dories and other small centerboard boats; they were to sail from Cow Bay (now called Manhasset Bay) to Hempstead Harbor, the next bay to the east.

"This was a free for all," as George Elder describes it, based on Pop Corry's story. "No rules, other than right-of-way, were to apply". That meant that you didn't have to round any given buoys, but cut corners as pleased. The first in was to be the win-

ner. Since there were no powerboats, the question of a tow was not considered. Immediately after crossing the starting line, one of the entries sailed back to the club and beached the boat.

The crew went overboard and carried the boat to a farm wagon which was waiting. Passing through the village of Port Washington, they picked up a little German band that was playing in front of a saloon. It was only a short distance overland to Hempstead Harbor. When they reached there they launched the boat, stepped the mast, and as there was no crew limit, crowded the four-piece German band aboard. It almost sank the boat, but the weather was light and they only had a short distance to go. With the band playing "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight", they crossed the finish line.

Having complied with all the conditions of the race, the triumphal procession started home with the cup before the first sail was sighted in the mouth of Hempstead Harbor.

Modern rule-beaters might study this episode with profit. George Elder ends his yarn by saying that George Corry was always known to be a pious, temperate, and truthful yachtsman.



## CURMUDGEON'S QUOTATIONS

It's amazing that the amount of news that happens at Lake Carlyle every month always just exactly fits theBits. - Jerry Seinfeld

# **BYE CHILI'S SUPPER**

**Saturday, October 11th**

**Under the Tent**

**Starting about 5:30 PM**

**after the Commodore's Cup**

**Adults:       \$10 in advance  
                  \$12 at the door**

**Children:     \$5 in advance  
                  \$ 7 at the door**

**All you can eat chili, beer and soda**

**Send payment to: Bob Bender**

**4867 Vicle Ct.**

**St. Louis, MO 63128-1815**

**Remember:**

**You don't have to race**

**To feed your face.**