

# Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



## 20th Anniversary Edition

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## Welcome to the 25th Annual No-Boat Regatta

We are pleased you are here to help us celebrate 25 years of the No-Boat Regatta, an annual occasion special to Boulder sailors, and the 20th anniversary of Boulder Yacht Club. As a memento of the occasion, Nick and Sue Beulick, as true old salts and charter members, were asked to author a short history of the club. Many thanks to Nick and Sue with able assistance from Jeff and Barb Gates in getting the record straight on the origins and traditions of our club.

Fortunately there are those who each year have lovingly and meticulously placed photos of BYC activities in albums for us to enjoy and reminisce over — however painful some of those images may be. To the many photographers and scrapbook keepers we thank you for your diligence.

## Boulder Yacht Club, The True Story

Construction of Carlyle Lake began in 1958 under authority of the U.S. Corps of Engineers and was completed in 1967. Four marinas were authorized for operation at West Access (home of Carlyle Yacht Club, CYC), Hazlet (home of Carlyle Sailing Association, CSA) Keyesport and Boulder. Construction of docks at West Access could not keep up with demand, so a waiting list was created.

Emil Shrader provided a full service marina at West Access, complete with a restaurant and small grocery. He referred sailors to Boulder, including many who moved up from the dry-sail marina at Hazlet (CSA) to larger boats that required wet-dock space and whose owners did not want to wait over a year for a dock at West Access. Many members who went to Boulder during that period found a home here and were amused by Emil's call a year later, offering a dock (too little too late).

Orville and Audree Schroeder were the original operators of Boulder Marina. They owned a home in Patoka and also lived in a large house trailer in the marina, located where the dinghy rack now stands. Their initial dock arrangement provided for some sixty boats. They promptly constructed a building that served as an office, garage-shop and provided counter space to serve snacks, soda and pre-packaged microwave sandwiches. A coed toilet with outside access, where the ice machines now stand, was also part of the original floor plan. What is now the office area was originally the garage-shop, and our beautiful kitchen and lounge was originally lined on the north wall with the serving counter and marina operational records.

A number of fun-loving Boulder sailors gathered on top of the hill, where our tent now stands, most every Saturday night during the



*A view of Boulder Access Marina before the 1993 storm that destroyed the docks.*



*Boulder Access Marina as it appears today, with wide, stable concrete docks.*



*Inheritance (Hunter 27), Paradise (Catalina 30) and a Catalina 27 close-hauled during a BYC race in 1984.*



*An exciting start to the 1998 Hearn Memorial Race, with Freedom just over the line ahead of Obsession.*

sailing season, to enjoy sharing sailing stories, great barbecue dinners and fellowship. Many of these gatherings would go on well into the late evening hours. There were times when talented sailors with musical instruments would join the camaraderie. Most of these parties involved the same fifteen or so couples. It was not long until other families in the marina joined this fun-loving group. A winter gathering of these sailors, to become known as the “No-Boat Regatta,” was at the suggestion of Dean and Barb Grousman.

Dean and Barb, original members of BYC, also donated the cup that is awarded each year at the Chili Supper to 1st Place in the Commodore’s Race. The No Boat Regatta, Chili Supper, and Commodore’s Race started in 1978, five years before formalizing the club and continue today.

Our group grew rapidly until there was sufficient interest to form a yacht club. Jeff Gates contacted Bob Mitchell, who was a CPA and Commodore of Carlyle Yacht Club

**Boulder Yacht Club Commodores:**

- 1983 JEFF GATES
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- 1985 DERRY MOUNT
- 1986 NICK BEULICK
- 1987 JERRY FULTZ
- 1988 BILL BRIDENBAUGH
- 1989 BOB BLUMENKAMP
- 1990 JUDY HEDRICK
- 1991 GERRY MISENER
- 1992 BOB RENSHAW
- 1993 STEVEN KRATCHMAN
- 1994 RON ROBERTSON
- 1995 RON ROBERTSON
- 1996 ELVA FRANKLIN
- 1997 RICHARD CARSON
- 1198 RICHARD COOPER
- 1999 KEN SCHOWE
- 2000 DAVID GRIMES
- 2001 JOHN CARNASIOTIS
- 2002 BONNIE DIMERCURIO

(CYC). With the help of CYC’s by-laws and Bob’s expertise in not-for profit corporations, Pat Mathis, an attorney, put the BYC by-laws into final form. Jeff coordinated all letters, telephone calls and other correspondence with the Illinois Secretary of State and eventually received the BYC Charter. Jeff Gates held the charter for fifteen years, as a resident of Illinois. He then turned it over to Rich Carson. It is now held by Rey Neville and is renewable annually.

Founding officers were elected to serve in 1983. Dues were initially \$10 annually, with an original membership of some 96 families. Flag officers were Jeff Gates, our first Commodore, Jim Eilering, Vice-Commodore, Dale Haubenriser, Secretary-Treasurer, and Dick Hannah, Sail Fleet Captain. Chairperson, Derry Mount coordinated the social program, with Sue and Nick Beulick as his helpers. Burgees for the boats and BYC stickers for car windshields were distributed to all new members.

Audree Schroeder was widowed in 1982.



*The great raft-up of 1997. Remember the sponges? Ouch.*



*The fleet beating to the first mark during a race in the 1990 season.*



Arlo and Liz. Barb & Bob in 1991. Miss Hospitality. Racing rules?



Its About Hats!

Bill and Sharon take a siesta. Anyone for a hayride?

She attempted to operate the marina with the help of her son, Dennis, who earned the BYC "Gold Hammer Award" in 1983 for constructing a new toilet and bathhouse as it now stands.

There were over 200 slips in the marina by this time, including development of the area east of our center walkway. BYC membership continued to grow, and in 1986, it was necessary to increase our dues to \$30 to cover the rapidly escalating cost for insurance.

The main parking lot was expanded at this time to accommodate the increasing number of cars and boats. In May 1986, tragedy struck with the untimely passing of Dennis Schroeder at age 31. Two senior BYC members, Jean and Jim Eilering, took over as interim marina managers until new owners were found.

The positive aspect to this sad loss was that the Balance and Logan families took over ownership of the marina in July 1986. They immediately removed the house trailer, constructed a new shop, and installed a new gin pole. They converted the original building into an office and lounge, complete with carpet and furnishings.

Baptism of fire struck the new owners in the summer of 1988 with a severe drought. Lake levels were at a dangerous low as lift-out time



Did Merlin meet his Match? Only the devil knows. Holloween 2000.



Love at first sight. Nick and Sue in 1983.

If there is one thing that can be said about Boulder Sailors, its that we know how to have a good time.

the entrance channel.

BYC obtained the necessary authority to coordinate construction of our flagstaff in 1987 under the guidance of Jerry Fultz, our Commodore that year. Butch Bond, a long-term BYC member, assisted him. Meetings in 1988 and 1989 with BYC Member, Dan Card, an attorney, provided the essential guidance to assure not-for-profit corporate operation of BYC and to confirm that the club had no assets. All properties were accompanied with notices donating them to the marina or labels donated by

BYC. All year-end expenditures were about equal to income, as it remains today.

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treasurer's report in one of the early BYC years, states, "We spent more than we took in, but we still have money in the bank."

Mother Nature struck Boulder Marina again in 1993, when a tornado destroyed the docks. BYC members were on the spot to assist Doug and Stuart with the relocation of boats to safe moorings, notification of owners, and organizing temporary access to the makeshift dock arrangement. Many members worked with Doug and Stuart through the week, to secure boats and the marina. The positive aspect was our new state-of-the-art docks, thanks to the wisdom of Doug and Stuart (Oh, yes, Mother Nature too).

Steve Kratchman, our Commodore in 1993, obtained and coordinated installation of the beautiful channel marker located at the marina entrance, which clearly



Is it Lord Nelson or Jeff Gates?



*Why are these people laughing so heartily? Why? Because they are among the the honored recipients of the famous and infamous "Tony" Awards given annually at the No-Boat Regatta. Who this year?*

marks the home of BYC. Steve also is responsible for the nautical wood bollards that line our driveway to the docks.

This history would not be complete without explaining the origin of the annual Renshaw Memorial Race and the annual Hearn Women's Race. Bob and Barb Renshaw enjoyed sailing out of Boulder with a 23' O'Day in the late 70's, and accepted delivery of their new Shannon 28' at Boulder in 1980. From Bristol, Rhode Island, they moved the boat to the Seattle, Washington area in May 1983, and then after a long haul, spent six months in Fort Walton, Florida, plus a stay on Chesapeake Bay before returning to Boulder in the spring of 1986. Both Barb and Bob were avid racers, with Bob as Sail Fleet Captain in 1990 and '91, and Commodore in 1992. Bob coordinated construction of the BYC storage shed and dinghy rack with the help of many willing BYC members, including Barb, his First Mate, who applied the first coat of paint. We lost Bob to cancer in 1995. He will long be remembered for his enthusiasm for BYC and sailing, as well as his good cheer, laughter, and smile. The Renshaws are still represented in the club rolls.

Chris Holthaus and Wendy Hearn Holthaus also enjoyed the social events and racing with an experience worth repeating. They managed to get their rudder tangled up in an anchor line holding the mark just outside the Boulder campgrounds during a spring race. Wendy was quick to jump in and untangle their rudder. She managed to free the boat after quite an ordeal, but the wind caught their sails and Chris took off without her to resume racing. We remember the Holthaus' for their fun loving, support, and participation in the BYC program. They both died during the Christ-

mas holidays of 1992 as they attempted to land their small plane, to join a family gathering in Jacksonville, Florida.

In modern history, Laura and Ron Robertson, Commodore in 1994 and '95, take credit for the tent, parties for the young-at-heart, including children, and the first editions of "Boulder Bits." Liz Seise assumed the position of editor of Boulder Bits in 1996 and developed the expanded version we enjoy today.

A new set of BYC by-laws was adopted in 1996 under the direction of another attorney, Richard Cooper, who also served as Commodore in 1998. These by-laws and subsequent amendments stand today under which the club operates.

Club membership increased to over 140 families under the guidance and effort of Elva Franklin, our Commodore in 1996. Bill and Elva addressed another need with the replacement of the original two-wheel dollies with new dock carts.

David Grimes, our Y2K Commodore, is credited for initiating the action resulting in construction of our new concrete social deck and updating the Weber kettles. The creative addition of our Official Ceremonial Fire Cauldron and Navigational Beacon in 1999 goes to Karl Schmitt. Jon Wasson earned an award for creating the original

BYC Web Site. Rey Neville deserves our gratitude for expanding and maintaining the BYC Web Page in addition to working together with Liz Seise in publishing the Boulder Bits.

Recognition for the most recently completed additions, our beautiful new kitchen and BYC Cinema goes to the 2001 Commodore, John Carnasiotis, along with his talented crew. Doug and Stuart

should receive much deserved credit for the Boulder concrete social deck and consensus to add the kitchen, both very welcome additions.

Marina sponsored dinners, countless theme parties, fishing rodeos for little skippers and celebrations, including Kay and David Isom's wedding on the hill in 1999 are all part of memories in the BYC tradition that we have shared together over the past twenty years. BYC membership is over 150 families and growing. Success of BYC is due to the substantial effort of the

many members who devote endless hours, talent, energy and leadership to support this organization, where we share a common interest in social activities, both organized and impromptu, a spring and fall race series right for the family and a constant ever-present awareness of safety afloat.

In looking back over the years, many wonderful people come to mind, who shared in the fun and helped make Boulder such a wonderful place to "Dock a Boat."



*Karl and his Kettle - 1998.*



*Chili Supper 1990 style.*



*Swashbuckling in 1984.*

