

# Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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April 2002

## BYC celebrates 20th anniversary at No-boat Regatta

**Past commodores feted  
Party favors please  
New venue “a hit”**

Boulder, IL — A good time was had by all. With 85 members and guests in attendance, BYC celebrated its 20th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the No-Boat Regatta. The gals were beautiful and the guys unrecognizable in attire far removed from the typical shorts and tee shirt.

With Liz and Art Seise as hosts and John Carnasiotis managing the schedule, the event was fun and well paced. Nautical decorations abounded and the souvenir mugs and anniversary Boulder Bits were well received especially the photo of Jeff Gates masquerading as Lord Nelson.

Watching democracy at work, we marveled at the peaceful transition of power from John and his crew to Bonnie and her new administration. Deep and sincere congratulations abounded for the outgoing officers and volunteers for all they had done to make our Boulder Yacht Club even better.

The Tony awards were fun; the service awards much appreciated; and the racing awards acknowledged sailing excellence.

Read the details about about all the activities on page 4. To see more pictures of the events, and the latest BYC attire modeled by Rich Efthim, visit the BTC web site.



**Boulder Yacht Club commodores**

*Some have asked why Rich Carson is smiling in the photo above...could it be Deja Vu? The commodores in attendance were:*

*Front row: Elva Franklin (96), Judy Hedrick (90), Bonnie DiMercurio (02)  
Second row: Ken Schowe (90), Rich Carson (97), Jeff Gates (83, 84),  
Nick Beulick (86).*

*Third row: Steve Kratchman (93), John Carnasiotis (01), David Grimes (00)*

## Poker and Pig Roast — What could be better?

What could be better? How about making a major donation to fight leukemia and lymphoma? Join us on April 27<sup>th</sup> and have a great time collecting a “winning” poker hand and dining on succulent roast pig.

BYC is making a major thrust this year to participate with the other yacht clubs on the lake to make this the best year yet in raising funds to fight these insidious and devastating diseases. Tony DiMercurio will manage the Poker Run starting at 12 P.M. which should be great fun on the water while Marianne Moore and Pam & Randy Wheeler will bring us the tastiest porkers starting at 5:30 P.M.. Entry in the Poker Run is \$5.00 per person with a prize of 50% of the fees. The Pig Roast dinner is \$10 per person with RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup> or \$15 at the door, which includes a donation going to the LLS.

See the attached flyer for all the details and lets make it a “full-house.”

## NEW BYC MEMBERS

### A SPECIAL WELCOME!!

DAVID & ELIZABETH BIRD  
 STEVE GROWCOCK &  
 MARYJO GORDON  
 FRANK & ANNA KRAMER  
 JON & KAREN MILLER  
 KEVIN & KIM PIATT  
 STACY & TINA MURPHY  
 EDWARD & MARIAN SCHULZ  
 MORDECHAI & KAREN SCHWARTZ

BYC membership is looking forward to meeting all of you and sharing our great times at Boulder with you!

Bob Bender  
 Secretary/Treasurer

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

**W**ELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! Well I think Spring is here. At least it's trying very hard. I am very thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as the Commodore for 2002. I am looking forward to a year filled with fun, exciting new ideas, many new members and terrific parties. It takes a little work to have great times. But when there are many hands - the workload is light. So I am asking all of our members to help in some way. It doesn't have to be anything huge, but let's all try to do something to help our Club be the best it can be. I'm not sure if many of you realize this, but our Club has quite a few more members than other clubs in our area. That's something we should all be very proud of.

If you have been to the Lake in the last few weekends, you may have noticed the gatherings have already begun. I know, we will just use any excuse (even working on our boats) to get together and share good food, good stories and good times. I think that is really terrific. That's what our Club is all about. So, there's no need to wait for the perfect day weatherwise. Someone will be at the Marina doing something. And this brings me to another point - our BYC Topica email list. If you have not signed up for this, you really should give it some consideration. It is a terrific way to communicate with a lot of our members regarding any questions you

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 21 ..... Spring Thaw

Sat. Apr. 27 ..... Poker Run/Pig Roast

Sun. May 5 ..... Spring Race #1

Sat. May 11 ..... Spring Race #2

Fri., Sat., Sun

May 17-19 ..... Leukemia Cup-CSA

may have on boat problems, solutions, ideas, if you need a ride to the Lake, who will be there at a given time or day. It's very easy. Just email Rey Neville or Bob Bender and ask them to add you to the Topica group and give them your email address. This group is not open or accessible to any other people - only BYC members. Give it a try. I think you'll be pleased.

Our social calendar looks great. We have some Pot Luck Dinners scheduled. But I also wanted to point out that anyone could do a Pot Luck Dinner on any given day. All we need is one person who will be responsible for opening and closing our galley and seeing that everything is cleaned up and put back in order. These impromptu dinners last year were an unbelievable success. Everyone had such a terrific time. And it's not a big deal for any one person as far as work goes. So if anyone would like to take care of a Pot Luck Dinner, just let me know and we'll set it up. You really don't need much notice to do this. So even last minute dinners turn out great!!

Another item I would like to talk to you about is the Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta. There are many ways you can participate in this terrific fund-raiser. You don't need to race a boat to participate. The whole purpose of this event is not racing but raising money. And it's for a great cause. There are also terrific prizes for raising the most money. So please talk to me about helping with the event and how you can raise money. So give me a call (636) 296-1059 or email me at [bdimercurio@msn.com](mailto:bdimercurio@msn.com).

And at this time I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Art and Liz Seise for an absolutely wonderful No Boat party at Orlando Gardens on February 16, 2002. They

did a terrific job and the attention to detail was superb. Thank you for all your hard work.

Now I would like to introduce the Officers and Board of Directors for 2002.

Bonnie DiMercurio, Commodore  
 Allan Stewart, Vice Commodore  
 Bob Bender, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Tony DiMercurio, Race Fleet Chairman  
 Marianne & Jim Moore, Social Committee  
 Jane Floyd-Hendey, Social Ambassador  
 Dan Sargent, Fire Marshall  
 Liz Seise, Editor - Boulder Bits  
 Rey Neville - Web Master  
 Dave Grimes, Director  
 Dennis Smith, Director  
 Dave Uttendorfer, Director  
 Art Seise, Director  
 John Carnasiotis, Director

If you have any suggestions, questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to ask any of these members. We are all working to make our Club better and better. Your input is important and appreciated.

Wishing you your kind of wind,

**Bonnie DiMercurio**  
**Commodore**  
**(636) 296-1059**  
**adimercurio@earthlink.net**

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The Ship's Store is now fully stocked at the marina. If you would like to place an order, please contact me. My e-mail address is: vadm22825@aol.com and my phone # is (314) 725-0630, and at the lake on "Easy Virtue" on Margaritaville dock. To see some of the items that are available, please go to our web site at: [www.geocities.com/boulderyc](http://www.geocities.com/boulderyc).

**Allan Stewart**  
**Vice Commodore**

## BYC RACING

Racing season is only a few weeks away. As a matter of fact, NOW HEAR THIS, NOW HEAR THIS, BE ADVISED, ALL BYC RACERS, SPRING 1 IS MAY 5!!!!

It's hard to believe that winter is almost over and soon the sound of the starting horn will be heard frequently. Our

racing season will provide an even greater opportunity for all to get involved.

But first, I need racing declaration forms from all sailors who plan to either race in the actual spring and fall series or to race in the Virtual Racing program we intend to launch at the same time. Please take time to make out a declaration form. This information is critical to complete both the formulation of this year's PHRF handicapping numbers and the list of committee boat assignments. So PLEASE take the time to make out a declaration form and either email it to me at [tdimercurio2@msn.com](mailto:tdimercurio2@msn.com) or send it to me by U.S. Mail. Also please indicate somewhere on the form whether you wish to race for real or you wish to be involved in the Virtual Racing program. Incidentally, Virtual Racing is FREE. That's right, Virginia, absolutely without charge! (Or trophies, either)

A word about this year's program: The Spring and Fall series racing will be identical to those seasons in the past. As stated in the last Boulder Bits, we have changed the Summer Solstice series to a night race and a race carnival. The night race will be similar to last year's race as that was a popular event. The plans for the race carnival are obviously not formalized yet but we intend to provide some fun to all members, racers and non-racers alike. Short relay races, hare and hound chases, At-anchor starts to a finish line and other ideas are presently being discussed. We would welcome any ideas the members have as to what "under sail" competitions you would like to see.

Let me discuss two major events. First is the upcoming Pig Roast and Poker Run plus the Leukemia Cup for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Consult the flyer in the Bits for information. This is not a race. It's a card game. We would like a good turnout for this most worthy event. Also, I need three boats to volunteer to drop anchor for a few hours to issue playing cards to the contestants. We hope to make lake history with this event. Also, please give some SERIOUS consideration to racing in the Leukemia Cup in May. Those of you who were there last year know what a great three-day party this is-and for a great cause. Let's face it folks-Boulder is setting the pace on this event.

Second I want to address the Virtual Race Program. This promises to be a lot of fun. Simply put, the actual race fleet will create a number of actual times. We will randomly put other boats in these slots and correct the times using the virtual racer's PHRF. (That's why I need declarations from EVERYONE). We'll post the winners the following week but we'll announce the contestants for the next week's virtual race after the actual race. So you may see Trinity, Aquila,

Sharon's Puff, and Alcestis "racing" against each other.

Not only is this designed to create some good-natured bragging among the campfire racers but also it should give the skippers of non-racing boats some idea of how well they might do in an actual race without actually racing!

So please get those race declaration forms in, register for the pig roast and Leukemia Cup and let's show the rest of the lake why we're the biggest and the best. See you at the start line.

**Tony DiMercurio**  
**2002 BYC Regatta Chairman**

## NO BOAT REGATTA 2002

Our annual No-Boat Regatta was held at Orlando Gardens Banquet Center on Saturday, February 16, 2002 with a great time had by everyone. There were 85 members in attendance including ten commodores who were all recognized for their outstanding contributions to our club over the past twenty years.

With his comedic timing, Tony DiMercurio, kept the audience laughing and applauding, with his presentations of outlandish awards to various unsuspecting winners and Bill & Sharon Schmidt provided another memorable video of times past.

Annual Awards were presented to the following:

### COMMODORE'S AWARDS

Bill Harper  
Dan Sargent  
Tony DiMercurio

### SEAMANSHIP AWARD

Rey & Mary Neville

### BOULDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dave Uttendorfer

### SPRING RACE AWARDS

1st Place: Tony DiMercurio  
2nd Place Eric Danielson  
3rd Place Steve Kratchman

### SUMMER RACE AWARDS

1st Place Ben Barlett  
2nd Place Steve Kratchman  
3rd Place Thorsten/Ulli Schaette

### FALL RACE AWARDS

1st Place Tony DiMercurio  
2nd Place Dennis Smith  
3rd Place Jim Moore

### RENSHAW REGATTA

Ben Barlett

### HEARNE WOMEN'S CHALLENGE RACE

Bonnie DiMercurio

As chairpersons of this year's No-Boat Regatta, we would like to say thanks to our Committee: Jeff & Barb Gates, Parks Smith & Barb Weber, Dave & Peggy Renard, Rey & Mary Neville, and Dave Uttendorfer. We enjoyed planning this annual special event and we hope everyone who attended had as much fun as we did.

**Art & Liz Seise**  
**No-Boat Regatta Chairpersons**

## SECRETARY/TREASURER NOTES

As the new Secretary/Treasurer, I want to welcome our new members, and thank our renewing members. You will be receiving your new 2002 roster with next month's issue of the Bits. Please let me know if you have any recent changes in information. For any who may not have received a renewal form in the mail, Rey Neville has now made it available on the BYC website, or I will be glad to mail you a copy. Remit your renewal as soon as possible so you will be included in the new roster. Thanks!

**Bob Bender**  
**rbender9@netscape.net**

## THE SOCIAL SCENE

Togas.. Trivia.. Karaoke...

We have quite a social season planned. The events on the hill are a great way to meet new people, have lots of fun, and experience some great food.

There has been great response from everyone wanting to host a party, but there are still 2 parties in need of hosts:  
May 25th - Karaoke Party (we have arranged for the machine)

Aug. 24th - Raft Up on the Water

If you need more info on hosting a party contact us at [chefgirl55@yahoo.com](mailto:chefgirl55@yahoo.com)

Don't forget...Catch up with old friends and meet new ones at the Spring Thaw on Sunday, April 21st. See attached flyer. Chef Marianne will be doing a variety of pastries and other sweets along with OJ and Coffee...

**Marianne and Jim Moore**  
**Social Committee**

## BYC SOCIAL AMBASSADOR

From March 1 to March 8, Bill and I attended a conference in Hawaii on the island of Oahu (perfectly terrible place to hold a conference!). Our hotel room was on the 25th floor of the Sheraton Waikiki, and it afforded us a great view of downtown Honolulu, the surrounding mountains, Diamond Head, and the blue Pacific. And from our balcony in the sky, we could also see that all-too-familiar sailboat harbor. Naturally we had to check it out. So the next day after our arrival, we ventured down beach to the Hawaii Yacht Club, which was further from our hotel than it appeared from our balcony.

We saw quite a variety of sailboats, of course, most of which were considerably larger than 36-to-40 feet. In fact, some of them looked to be twice that big. Interestingly, many of the sailboats looked quite "lived upon." More than a few of them had everything but the proverbial kitchen sink strewn on their decks. There were suitcases, microwaves, boxes of Christmas ornaments, recliner chairs, doghouses—you name it; it was on board. And, typically, along the curb in front of the slip was a rusty bicycle or two; maybe a motorcycle—ranging from sleek, shiny new to rusted, taped, wired, and patched; and then there was a more-or-less dilapidated car, usually an old BMW or Mercedes. And as expected, there were lots of salty sailors, weather wizened, tousle-haired, and slightly disheveled.

The evening following our reconnaissance of the marina, with our BYC reciprocal yacht club card in hand, we trudged down the beach through the thick golden sand to the HYC clubhouse. We first visited the ship's store. The HYC store had a great variety of logo clothing and accessories. We both bought an HYC hat, and then we went upstairs to check out the menu at the club's restaurant and bar.

We were pleasantly surprised to find a really great restaurant overlooking the marina and providing an exceptional view of the spectacular Hawaiian sunset. We were also immediately impressed by the bar adjoining the restaurant; it was festooned with hundreds of burgees from yacht clubs all over the world. Needs a BYC burgee, we thought, and we need an HYC burgee. Anyway, the restaurant menu was a bit limited, but we both were able to order a steak dinner. The food was good—very, very good, in fact. We also had a couple of drinks, coffee, and the best brownie on earth (but Bill says that I say that about every brownie I eat!). The bill was just \$32. It was half of what a similar meal would have been elsewhere in Honolulu.

As we were paying the bill and preparing to go back to the hotel, we met a lovely fiftyish couple who lived and had raised their two sons on their sailboat at that harbor. He had served

on the HYC board and she ran the ship's store. They had a 1927 76-foot sailboat that they were restoring, a 45-foot sailboat they lived on, and a 40-foot sailboat they used as a "run-about" for cruising around. These friendly folks filled us in on the yacht club's parties, membership process (complicated), and dock fees. The parties sounded like a lot of fun and there were many of them. The membership process was the toughest I've ever heard of (sponsors, letters of reference, personal interview before the board, etc.), but the dock fees were the same as ours at BYC.

Check out the Hawaii Yacht Club the next time you're in Waikiki. You'll be warmly welcomed. By the way, we promised that BYC would exchange burgees with them.

**Jane Floyd Hendey**  
Social Ambassador

## WEB STUFF — THE TOPICA LIST

What is it and why should I have it? Good questions. First, it is nothing more than a broadcast e-mail service. When a subscriber addresses a message to BYC@topica.com it is simultaneously sent to all subscribing members. Its like using a shortcut to put a lot of email addressees in the "to" line of a message. What makes it different is that all subscribers have the same shortcut. Everyone gets the first message and all subsequent messages in the "thread." Why have it? Use it to keep in contact, pass important information about the club or the marina, seek equipment, services or advice. Offer help to those who need it. So far this year Dave Isom has found a belt sander, partners were found to share the cost of some bulk products, and I've found a source for much needed lucite. So join in — lurk if you wish or participate. Either way we would love to have you. One other thing. Absolutely nobody else is on this list except BYC members. Visit the News section on the BYC website to get more information and subscribe.

**BYC Web Guy**  
Rey Neville

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is April 29. Please submit articles to Liz Seise, e-mail:

BuildingButlers@aol.com or via fax (314) 781-4616. We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us.



## Boulder Yacht Club Racing Declaration

Skipper's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat manufacturer/year: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat length: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as last season  Same as last season except  New Racer

Rig Height: Tal Mast  Standard

Rig Type: Mast Head  Fractional  Cutter  Ketch  Cat

Rig Measurements: P=\_\_\_\_\_ E=\_\_\_\_\_ I=\_\_\_\_\_ J=\_\_\_\_\_

Keel Type: Fixed Std  Shoal Draft  Centerboard  Wing  Swing  Dagger

Inboard: Exposed 2 Blade  Exposed 3 Blade  2 Blade in Aperture

3 Blade in Aperture  Folding or Feathering

Outboard: Out of water for race  In water for race (one tack)  Fixed in Well (in water both tacks)

Head Sail Type: Unstructured (Dacron or Nylon)  Structured (Mylar or Kevlar)

Head Sail Size: Up to 130%  131 to 155%  156 to 165%  Over 166%

Roller Furling: Yes  No  Furling Drum Above Deck: Yes  No

Spinnaker Pole Length: Standard J Length  N/A  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Storage: Dry-Sailed  Kept in Water

I agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the Boulder Yacht Club, US Sailing Association (formerly USYRU) and other rules that this series is sailed. I agree to indemnify and hold Boulder Yacht Club, its officers, directors and committeemen harmless of any liability of any nature whatsoever for accident or injury to myself, my crew, my guests or my boat while racing or engaging in any activity related or connected therewith.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Arnold, MO 63010**

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# **BOULDER YACHT CLUB**



**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

**OUR**

## **ANNUAL SPRING THAW**

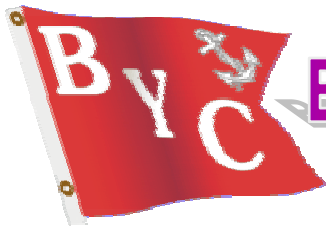
**WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**WHERE: BOULDER MARINA CLUBHOUSE**

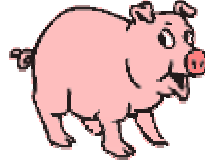
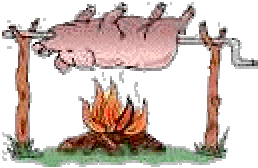
**TIME: 9:00 A.M.**

**FREE TO MEMBERS**

**coffee, juice and an assortment of pastries  
will be served.**



**BOULDER YACHT CLUB PRESENTS:**



**THE FIRST ANNUAL POKER RUN AND PIG ROAST  
TO BENEFIT THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**SATURDAY**



**APRIL 27, 2002**

**POKER RUN:** ENTRY FEE IS **\$5**/PER PERSON.

POKER RUN STARTS AT 12 PM FOUR BOATS WILL BE ANCHORED UNTIL 4 PM ON THE LAKE- ONE EACH AT COLES CREEK, COVE FOUR, OUTSIDE BOULDER MARINA AND NEAR C.S.A YOU CAN DRAW ONE CARD FROM EACH BOAT AND THE FINAL CARD AT BOULDER MARINA. ANY CARDS NOT DRAWN ON THE LAKE CAN BE DRAWN AT THE MARINA

A ONE-CARD BONUS IS AWARDED IF ONE TO THREE CARDS ARE DRAWN ON THE LAKE (TOTAL OF 6 CARDS) WITH AN ADDITIONAL BONUS CARD IF ALL FOUR ARE DRAWN ON THE LAKE. (TOTAL OF SEVEN CARDS.) BUT ONLY BEST FIVE OF TOTAL CARDS QUALIFIES. OR YOU CAN DRAW ALL FIVE CARDS AT THE MARINA. (NO BOAT NEEDED) TIES WILL BE DECIDED BY A HAND OF 5 CARD STUD POKER AT THE MARINA. NO PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED (BUT DESIRABLE). JUST CHECK IN AT THE MARINA OR ONE OF THE BOATS AT THE LAKE. CASH PRIZE AWARDED AT 5 PM.

**PRIZE IS 50% OF RECEIPTS, BALANCE TO L&LS**



PIG ROAST: **\$10**/PERS. INCLUDES ROAST PORK, BAKED BEANS, SLAW, DESSERT, BEER AND SODA. **PLUS A DONATION TO THE L&LS!**

DINNER IS SERVED AT 5:30 PM AT BOULDER MARINA. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED (BY APRIL 20) OR **\$15**/PERS. AT THE DOOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 636-296-1059. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BOULDER YACHT CLUB, 4867 VICIE COURT, ST. LOUIS, MO 63128**



## 2002 BOULDER YACHT CLUB Social Calendar & Race Schedule



DATE	DAY	SOCIAL_EVENT	RACE
April 21	Sunday	Spring Thaw (coffee & donuts)	
April 27	Saturday	Poker Run/Pig Roast - Benfit Leukemia Society	
May 5	Sunday		Spring Race 1
May 11	Saturday		Spring Race 2
May 17-19	Fri-Sunday	Leukemia Cup - Dinner at CSA May 18	Leukemia Cup - CSA
May 25	Saturday	Karioke Party	
June 8	Saturday	Pot Luck Dinner	Hearn's Cup Race
June 9	Sunday		Spring Race #3 & #4
June 15	Saturday		Spring Race #5
June 22	Saturday	Tony and Dan Get Sauced/Toga Party	
June 23	Sunday		Spring Make-up Race
June 29	Saturday	Fireworks at the Dam/Potluck at BYC	
July 6	Saturday	Potluck at BYC	
July 20	Saturday	Bastille Day	
July 27	Saturday		Night Fun Race
Aug. 3	Saturday		Race Carnival
Aug. 24	Saturday	Raft-up on the Water Party	
Aug. 25	Sunday		Fall Race 1
Sept. 7	Saturday		Fall Race 2
Sept. 8	Sunday	Nomination of Officers	
Sept. 14	Saturday		Renshaw Regatta
Sept. 15	Sunday		Renshaw Regatta
Sept. 21	Saturday		Fall Races 3 & 4
Sept. 28	Saturday	Trivia Party	
Oct.5	Saturday		Fall Race 5
Oct. 12	Saturday	Chili Supper	BYC Commodore's Cup
Oct. 13	Sunday	Election of Officers	
Oct. 19	Saturday		Fall Make-Up Race
Oct. 26	Saturday	Halloween Potluck Costume Party	
Dec. 7	Saturday	Ladies' Luncheon	
TBD 2003	Saturday	No-boat Regatta	