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Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.



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Commodore's Communications

BYC@Topica.com Gets the News Out

By: Bonnie DiMercurio

If you did not receive an email from me dated June 24, 2002 regarding our hosts for the upcoming potluck dinners on June 29th and July 6th, and rafting up for the fireworks at the dam, then you are not on Topica. You will not receive any of my news items unless you subscribe to Topica. If you have not done so yet, you might want to go to our website and click on News/Bits and go to Join Topica and follow the instructions. You will also be required to accept the invitation to join, which will come after filing the application. The reason for this is to prevent someone else from signing you up to something you may not want. Topica will send you a notice that you must accept if you want to be on the Topica List. Please be sure not to delete the invitation thinking it is junk mail.



What have these guys been up to? See inside.

Thank you! Thank you!

BYC Receives New Industrial Strength Barbecue Grill

By: Bonnie DiMercurio

On behalf of the Boulder Yacht Club, we extend our sincere thanks to Harold Wheeler, Randy Wheeler's Dad, for making our new, very large grill. Bon Doza assisted in this effort by donating the steel drum, which Harold used to make this grill. Thank you, Bon, for your donation to this effort. Harold, thank you for all the work you put into making this grill for our Yacht Club. Randy, thanks to you for picking up the grill and delivering it to the marina. We appreciate it immensely. It will work wonderfully for our parties and potluck dinners time and time again.



Photo: Rey Neville

Jim and Marianne Moore exchange vows on Sunday, June 23. It was a beautiful day, a lovely wedding ceremony and a great party. Read more in Bonnie's article and the thank you from the happy couple.



Photo: Rey Neville

Bonnie is one happy commodore as Randy Wheeler presents BYC's new barbecue grill to the club.

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NEW BYC MEMBERS

A SPECIAL WELCOME!!

Lee and Vicki Hogman

S/V Cool Change MacGregor 21

Gary and Lila Luttrell

Mike and Pat Rollins

S/V WindWalker Catalina 25 ES 59

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

Bob Bender
Secretary/Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. July 6 PotLuck at BYC
- Sat. July 20 Bastille Day
- Sat. July 27 Night Fun Race
- Aug 2-4 Leukemia Cup Regatta
- Sat. Aug. 3 Race Carnival
- Sat. Aug. 24 Raft-Up On-The Water Party
- Sun. Aug. 25 Fall Race 1

*Please mark your calendars for a date change for Trivia Night from Sept. 28 to Sept. 21.

Thank you! Thank you! Again!

Much Needed Roof Vent Installed In Shed

By: Bonnie DiMercurio

We have another terrific member to thank. Rich Ray, boat name — Sweet Melissa, was out on Sunday, June 9, with his daughter, Kelsey, and her friend, Dani. They raced in the first of the two BYC races that day. The two girls, aged 12, did a great job racing Sweet Melissa. As a result, Rich wanted to buy them BYC T-shirts for helping to race the boat. He and I walked to the BYC shed and opened the door to immense heat. He asked if we would like a roof vent put in. I told Rich we had thought about putting some type of vent in the shed, but we just hadn't tackled that job yet. Rich told me he would put one in for us that very week. He has his own roofing company. He came out during the week, installed the vent and what a difference it makes!! Rich, our hats are off to you for the wonderful job you did installing the roof vent. Thank you for giving your time and your talent. We appreciate it very much.

Jellyfish? Sea Monsters? Snot Monsters? Alien Seed Pods?

Boulder Marina Invaded with (or by) Strange Growths

By: Bonnie DiMercurio

What are those nasty looking things we've seen in our Lake recently? They look awful! And they seem to be everywhere. They're stuck to the docks; they're floating in the water. They are even stuck to some boat bottoms. Rest assured, they are not harmful. Ugly, but not harmful. They are an invertebrate called a bryozoa or "moss animal." The massive, gelatinous bryozoa, *Pectinatella magnifica*, is the largest of the roughly 50 freshwater species and is probably the most common bryozoan in lakes and ponds in the south-east. At maturity, the colony is commonly the size of a grapefruit or a small watermelon, however they can measure as large as two feet or more in diameter. They are usually at-

MARINA RESTROOM CODE: 2 AND 3 PRESSED SIMULTANEOUSLY

tached to twigs, logs, rocks or even boat docks; however, they sometimes become unattached and can be found floating. They seem to prefer highly organic pond and lake bottoms, whereas sandy and pebbly bottoms are poor habitat. Bryozoans often go unseen because they are sensitive to direct sunlight and are often found several feet below the surface, depending on water clarity. So with our water clarity, they can be floating very close to the surface and still not get any sunlight. Each bryozoa colony consists of thousands of zooids. These zooids each have tiny protrusions with a mouth and tentacles, which create a current to filter the water for food particles. The rest of the body as well as the whole colony itself are encapsulated by a slimy, gelatinous covering called a zooecium. They can multiply several different ways, including the formation of highly resistant statoblasts (eggs) that enables them to over-winter and en-



Photo: Rey Neville

Bill Hendeley draws ire from strange growth yet it appears he is mysteriously drawn to them. Bill has not been seen since midnight on June 23. Could this be from a Rod Serling script?

dure almost any period of adverse conditions. Adult colonies, however, usually die in the fall when the water temperature drops below 16 degrees C. Although strange and nasty in appearance, these animals are absolutely harmless. In fact, bryozoans are thought to be useful indicators of water quality. *Pectinatella magnifica*, for example, is said to prefer eutrophic (highly fertile) ponds and lakes, whereas it would be less likely to occur in infertile or contaminated waters. So I guess that tells us we have a very fertile lake. I'm not so sure that's a good thing. But that's what we have.

So not to worry. You won't get eaten. And you won't get some awful disease from these critters. If you would like to

read more about them, the webpage where I retrieved the above information is: <http://www.marksoutdoors.com/features/mossanimals.html>. I say we all go for a swim!! Hope to see you all soon at the Lake.Bonnie DiMercurio

COMMODORE'S CORNER

WHAT A WEEKEND IT WAS!!

If you missed the Tony and Dan Get Sauced/Toga Party on June 22, you missed a good one! All the costumes were awesome and very creative. It's absolutely amazing what people can do even at the last minute to produce a toga. On the other hand, there was much thought and planning on the part of other members. And everyone looked terrific. It really was a wonderful party. We served about 60 people until they just couldn't eat any more. Then Erika Schaeffe made them an offer they couldn't refuse when she brought out her strawberry crepes for dessert. They were heavenly! The sauces were both terrific, one sweet, one tangy. Diners had a tough decision to make in choosing their preference. Some said it was like comparing apples to oranges, they were so different. In fact, some ballots had both Sauce A and Sauce B marked. They just couldn't decide. In the end, Dan Sargent's sauce was voted as the preferred sauce of the evening. Tony and Dan decided they would call it a tie. But the ballots were counted and I was told to reveal the results. So there you have it and it was fun.

But, wait, the fun is not over yet for this weekend! Jim Moore and Marianne Frauenfelder got married in the marina on Sunday. It was a Hawaiian theme wedding and it was fabu-



Photo: Rey Neville

Roman emperors, empresses, centurians, senators and gladiators gather to debate and vote on the sauce of the hour... and have a great time. Everyone did wonder, though, where Liz's asp had gone.

lous. Wonderful decorations, scrumptious food, plenty of beverages and music to boot!! What a day it was! Tony drove Marianne, her daughter and her two sons in their boat, Satisfaction, around to the dock nearest the ramp. Her youngest, Cam, emerged carrying the ringbearer's pillow. Of course it was a nautical, sailboat pillow. Her daughter, Kristen, was her Maid of Honor. Marianne's son, Dorian, then escorted her up the ramp to her waiting Groom. Tony did try to leave the marina with Marianne as she was trying to make sure she was doing the right thing. However, they didn't get very far in the channel before they turned around to head to the dock and proceed with the marriage. The Reverend did a wonderful job with the ceremony as Jim and Marianne said the vows they had chosen. Our very own Webmaster, Rey Neville, did the official wedding photography. We look forward to seeing some fantastic photos, as always, from Rey. The entire day was a truly wonderful event. Our very best congratulations to the newlyweds, Jim and Marianne Moore.

Wishing you your kind of wind,

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Photo: Mary Neville

Tony and Dan and everyone else got sauced at the great spaghetti cook off and Toga Party. Our hosts with the toga winners: Lynn Murdoch and Rey Neville. Read more in Bonnie's article.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

We are planning to place an order for some Ladies' sleeveless pique polo shirts in sizes Small to X-Large with our logo. The available colors are butter, navy, periwinkle,

watermelon and white. The cost is \$25. If you would like one or more of these shirts, please let me know as soon as possible to ensure your choice of size/color.

We also have plenty of T's, sweatshirts and jackets available at the original bargain prices. It would be great to see all BYC members wearing the BYC logo proudly and prominently.

Allan Stewart
Vice-Commodore
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BYC RACING

From the Race Chair:

The Spring series was completed on June 15. Congratulations to Dave and Kay Isom on Trouble Doll who finished first for this series. Nice job. The final standings for both the series and the individual races are posted on the website. June saw some really interesting things with racing.

The Hearn Cup was raced on June 8 with an interesting twist over past years. This year we featured a second division to stimulate interest in our fairer sailors. Division 2 required only a lady skipper. The crew could be all, partly female or completely male. I am very pleased to report Division 2 had four boats in its inaugural year; one more boat than Division 1 which requires all-female crews.

Congratulations to Ulli Schaette on Tiburon for finishing first in Division 2-BYC's first lady racer to finish first in this brand new division.

Congratulations also to MissBHaven's skipper, Bonnie DiMercurio and her crew for another first place finish in Division 1. Great going, ladies! We want to see you all out on the course next year. It is fitting to note that conditions were extremely light for this race which was shortened because of the 0-5 knots winds. This is some really tough racing and the skippers and crews of these boats deserve all the credit in the world for completing this race. There were NO DNFs! There were no losers. But there was certainly some interesting "ladies" crewing these boats as evidenced by the crew of "Emmie Rose" in Division 2. Patty Schmidt and her all-Coconut Bra crew get the prize for having the most fun.

A special thank you to Dan Sargent on SirVeyor II for committee boat duty (and dressing up as a sailing floozy)

June 9 saw a re-arrival of decent winds as we completed

Spring 3 and 4. In the first race, October Breeze showed us why the future of our racing is secured with a tremendous performance off the starting line. Desperado and Casa Cita fought around the course with Desperado correcting over Casa Cita. Second year racer Tiburon will continue to draw looks as her position is constantly improving. Trouble Doll finished first in Spring 3 with Desperado, Casa Cita and October Breeze correcting behind. A hearty welcome was also extended to new racer, Rich Ray and his crew on

between #1 and #4 while a similar situation exists at the back end of the pack between #7 and #10. There is as much racing skill and excitement at the back of the pack as in the front. As a result, we are looking at ways to recognize this sailing skill in the slower boats that will extend beyond PHRF modifications. This was never as clear to me as when we set MissBHaven as committee boat for Spring #3 and #4. It was just thrilling to watch the battles that go on that we miss when racing.



Photos: Rey Neville

Ready to sail. Crews for the Hearn Memorial Race GeeWiz, Miss-B-Haven, Tiburon and Luca II. Regretably, the wind lacked the same enthusiasm shown by this eager group.

board Sweet Melissa finishing in the middle of the pack. Nice going girls. Keep Dad sailing fast.

Spring 4 had all manner of winds from strong to none. Some of the most thrilling racing to date could be seen even to the most casual observer. After an early start foul, Desperado made up for the time penalty and then some by correcting first, followed by October Breeze who, once again sailed a tremendous race. Nice job to both skippers and their crews.

Spring 5 on June 15 hosted only 8 racers-down from the eleven and twelve racers in the previous races. This race became a knock-down, drag-out battle between Trouble Doll, Casa Cita, Desperado and MissBHaven with an incredible performance by the crew of Casa Cita who finally caught Desperado who led at the first mark, pulled out ahead and stayed that way, scratching and correcting first. Trouble Doll sailed a skillful race scratching second but correcting third. Late race heroics by MissBHaven allowed her to catch and pass Desperado at the finish line for third but she corrected fourth while Desperado slipped into a second place corrected finish. October Breeze never failed to threaten to overtake any boat ahead of her with the slightest mistake made by her competitors.

In analyzing the results of the spring series, I have noted two separate groups of boats. The lead boats are finishing with no more than three corrected minutes in a 2 hour race

A note on weather-though unpredictable as usual, we were able to complete the spring series without using the make-up date of June 23. Take a break, racers.

The next race is the Night Fun Race that ALL members are invited to participate in on July 27. We hope to make this fun and a worthwhile event for all. More on this later but ALL members mark your calendars. This will NOT be the usual race competition.

Also mark your calendars for the Leukemia Cup at CSA for August 3 and 4.

A final note, please take seriously your committee boat duty. Failure to do so WILL dramatically and unfairly change the standings in the series.

We will continue to consider changes to improve our race program as suggestions and proposals have been pouring in to me in an avalanche of good ideas. They are too numerous and detailed to discuss in this article, but rest assured to all of you who have taken the time and interest to contribute, that your ideas will be considered.

See you at the start line.

Tony DiMercurio
2002 BYC Regatta Chariman

FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Since our newlyweds have more romantic adventures on their minds than contributing to this column, we would like to mention that Ulli and Thorsten Schaette will host the PotLuck Dinner on July 6. If you plan to attend, please lend a hand with set-up and clean up, as you always do.

Also, Erika and Karl Schaette along with Jane Quartel and Dave Kenyon have volunteered to host the On-The-Water Party on August 24. Mark your calendars for a fun day. See the enclosed flyer to sign up.

For Marianne & Jim Moore
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FROM THE BRIDE & GROOM

To all of our dear friends at Boulder Yacht Club and Marina:

Thank you for being a part of our special day. When we were making a decision as to where we would be married, there was really no other choice. You all have become a second family to us and over the past 2 (almost 3) years, Boulder has become our second home.

We'd especially like to thank Doug, Elaine and Stuart for letting us descend upon the clubhouse and grounds. Bonnie and Tony, thanks for everything...all the help and the best "limo" driver a bride could hope to have, and to Dave Grimes and Dan Sargent for the manpower.

The love and good wishes we felt from everyone were overwhelming. Again, thank you everyone for being a part of our special day!

Marianne and Jim Moore

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Appreciation:

A note of appreciation to Erika Schaette and Karen Harper for taking the dish towels and dishcloths home for laundering the last number of weekends. Volunteers are welcome for this chore.

Toiletries:

When going to the lake, do you sometimes forget to bring your shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, etc.?? You will now find these articles for the taking, in a drawer by the

windows in the marina lounge. A member who speaks from experience has provided these complimentary items.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is July 25th. 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.

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ON THE WATER PARTY

Saturday, August 24, 2002

R.S.V.P. by August 17, 2002

Fun - Prizes - Fun - Prizes - Fun - Prizes - Fun - Prizes

Raft-up Fee \$5.00 Bring your own hotdogs or 'brats to place on your (or your neighbor's) cockpit grill and one salad or dessert to pass around. If you prefer not to grill, bring whatever you wish.

- 12:00 noon set your sails and go to cove # 4
- 2:00 p.m. raft-up, grill your brats , pass your dish, and feast
- 3:00 p.m. Games: Scavenger Hunt
 - Kid's Noodle Race
 - Watermelon Catch
 - Kid's Balloon Push
 - Water balloon Battle

*Hosts: Erika and Karl Schaette
Jane Quartel and Dave Kenyon*

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