

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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They Just Don't Quit: Next Parties June 30 and July 14.

Following the spectacular Barbecue and Trivia night John and Susan put on for us, we can now look forward to *Fireworks & Potluck on the Hill* and the *Taste of BYC*.

Bring your own entree and a side dish to share and enjoy the Carlyle Lake Fireworks on June 30.

On July 14, the great chefs of Boulder Yacht Club will join forces to tantalize your palate with culinary delight.

See the attached flyers for more details. And for our new members, see the details on the *Taste of BYC* party, your dinner may be on the house.

Racing at BYC Can't Get Much Closer.

The spring racing series has just concluded and it can't get much closer than this. Read about it in Stan's article. To view complete race result details go to the web site, click the Results link under Racing on the left navigation bar.

Our Vice Commodore, Bonnie DiMercurio, won the Hearn Memorial Race in a mostly light air day. Each of the racing teams were supplemented by guys in drag. See photos and story on page 3.

The newly implemented summer series will start on June 23rd with two races: one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. If you haven't tried the fun of racing, now is a great opportunity. We should have lighter winds and there will be the added twist of twilight racing.

FROM THE COMMODORE

PARTY REPORT: The Back Yard Barbecue and Trivia Challenge took place at the Shelter on the Shore across the street from the marina and was very well attended. **Karen Kraft** was the winner of the 50-50 drawing. **Steve Kratchman** won the raffle and received a duffel bag from West Marine, and team "D" won the Trivia Challenge. The winning team was comprised of **Chris Cook, Lisa, Bob, Nathan and Kristen Howard, Dave Grimes, Dan Sargent, Nellie Waddell and Doug and Elaine Balance**. Valuable prizes were claimed by each of the winners.

FIREWORKS: This year, the City of Carlyle will blast off their annual fireworks display on June 30th. Many members of our club will be journeying down the lake to secure a good anchorage for the spectacle. For those of you staying at the marina, do not despair for we will have a gathering on Boulder Hill, perhaps on the new Boulder Social Deck. **Saturday, June 30th, Potluck Dinner**. Details in the flier enclosed.

WANTED: Our club is in need of a few items with which to improve our facilities. We are in need of a good electric range and a large deep stainless-steel sink. Please see John Carnasiotis or Bonnie DiMercurio.

A Word of Thanks: **Ryan Tate**, Manager of West Marine in St. Louis, has been very supportive of our club. His store has always responded to my requests for donations. On behalf of all the officers, members of the board and for all our membership, I extend sincere thanks to Ryan and his crew.

West Marine Opportunity: Positions are available for both part time and full time employment with West Marine. Ryan would like to have sailors on his sales crew. Terms of employment are generous. Contact Ryan at West Marine in St. Louis.

DOCK ETIQUETTE

Slip Aid: One of the more stressful aspects of the sailing experience occurs in the marina. Departing and especially entering one's slip can be a harrowing adventure. If you are on the docks or lounging on your boat and a neighbor is preparing to enter or leave their slip, walk over and offer to assist. A mishap while maneuvering your vessel in the marina can certainly ruin your day.

Guidelines for Effective Slip Aid:

1. Approach the slip and **offer assistance**.
2. Listen for instructions from the skipper and **do what is requested**.
3. When fending off, try to push or pull on a solid part of the boat. **Avoid grabbing a stanchion or a lifeline**, as this is a prime cause of leaks and fiberglass spider cracks around the stanchion base.
4. Aid in securing dock lines.

Even the most experienced sailors appreciate proper dock assistance, especially on a blustery day or when sailing short-handed.

Halyard Music: Most of the boats have been launched and therefore, more captains and crew are spending time on their vessels in the marina. It is time to revisit that perennial problem of Halyard Slapping. Please secure all halyards so they do not slap against the mast. If you are unsure how to achieve halyard silence, ask a neighbor. They will most probably be delighted to assist.

The Gauntlet: After the sun has set and your ration of grog has been consumed, a stroll to your vessel can be a dangerous experience. Even if you have abstained from any grog and the sun is bright and shiny, the walk may prove to be a treacherous journey, not because of pirates or brigands, but due to **Dock Hazards**.

Bow Sprits and Anchors: Please adjust your aft spring lines or appropriate dock lines so your vessel or its anchor do not protrude over the dock.

Hoses and Power Cords: These should be run under the dock if possible, unless they are being used temporarily. They should be promptly removed after use.

Carts: Please return all carts to the loading area immediately after use.

Obstacles: The docks should be kept clear of any gear or items which may serve as an obstacle to safe passage.

Your attention to these matters will improve the harmony of dock life in our marina

Fair Winds,

John Carnasiotis
Commodore

A SPECIAL WELCOME!! TO THESE NEW BYC MEMBERS

- PHIL & JERI GONZALEZ
- STEVE & MARGARETTE JOHNSON
- JAMES SPENCE
- AL & LYNDA WOOD

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

Dave Uttendorfer
Secretary/Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. June 23 Summer Race 1
..... Race 2 (night)
- Sat. June 30 Potluck Dinner on Hill
..... Fireworks at Dam
- Sat. July 7 Summer Races 3 & 4
- Sat. July 14 Taste of Boulder Party
- Sun. July 29 Champion Race-CSA
- Sat. Aug. 4 CYC Moonlight Regatta

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

Here we are in June already! Time flies. We just hope the wind blows!!! Well, our members have been getting a lot of wonderful clothing items. Even the children have been getting colorful new t-shirts. The children's sizes are available as a special order. We don't keep them in stock. But we can order any color and any size. Larger sized t-shirts are available, special order, for \$12. So, let me know what you need. Our white and navy polo shirts are now the same price as our other color polo shirts - \$18 for up to size XL. (Sorry, but that sale is over.) Larger sizes, by special order, are \$21. Our navy blue t-shirts are still on sale for \$7, in-stock items only. Our embroidered items must be ordered 12 or more at a time to avoid an extra set-up charge. So, if you need something, let me know soon so we can get the order in.

Remember we have nice canvas tote bags with our BYC logo on them for \$16. They open to a good size. Great for hauling "stuff" to your boat. Black, navy blue and khaki hats are available for only \$10.

Smooth sailing from your trusty apparel assistant.

**Vice Commodore
Bonnie DiMercurio**

BYC RACING

Wow...4 races into the spring series and it's still anyone's guess as to who will come out on top. This Spring Series has been very unique.... We've shortened races because of not enough wind; a race was cancelled because of too much wind (if you can believe that). I guess that's just racing at Carlyle Lake.

We had (or attempted to have) our first double race day on Saturday June 2nd. We completed the first race, however the wind and the waves kept building and the decision was made to cancel the second race in the interest of safety. The skippers and crews did an excellent job in keeping their boats under control in the 25-35 knot winds. All of the race boats made it safely back to the marina none the worse for wear.

The Hearne's ladies race was the next day and in the typical Carlyle Lake fashion, the winds were gone.



Photo: Tina Philipak

Joy and crew in the Hearns Ladies Race.

The Hearne Ladies Challenge brought 3 boats out to the racecourse. The ladies and ladylike crews raced hard with very little wind to work with. Bonnie DiMercurio on Miss-B-Haven pulled away with an early lead. Ulli



photo: Tina Philipak

Thorsten dressing the part and his captain.

Schaette at the helm of Joy followed in second place with Angie West and her crew on St. Somewhere picking up the third spot. Everyone, from my vantage point as committee boat, appeared to be having fun.

The ladies race brought out some interesting crews. A slight rule change allowed a male to help add muscle to the boat, however they had to “dress the part.” We had three boats and three adventurous drag racers who dressed for the occasion.

Thorsten Schaette won top honors (gift certificate to Applebee’s) in the “dress the part” category with Tony DiMercurio and Dave Grimes winning the wallflower prizes. Tony even changed from his culottes into a nice evening skirt for the awards ceremony.

Thanks to everyone who came out for this event. It was a lot of fun.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the marks.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the hill and out on the water...

Stan Philipak
Regatta Chairman

SOCIAL

The Backyard Barbecue and Trivia Challenge was a rousing success. It was held across the road at the pavilion overlooking the lake. A beautiful sunset accompanied diners while they enjoyed the abundant and delicious feast. Approximately 85 people attended.

Competition was intense as six teams challenged one another for prizes in the trivia contest. The questions were tough and covered a large selection of sailing and musical knowledge. The final question: How many gallons of water does Lake Carlyle contain at summer pool? Teams were busy doing advanced math calculations. A fun evening was had by all who attended. A big round of applause to Susan Haase and John Carnasiotis, along with Karen Kraft, Alan Stewart and all who assisted to make this event so successful.



FLOTSOM AND JETSOM

VOLVO LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

The crew of **Rapuzha** would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your participation in our fund-raisers for the Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta. Your generous donations and support allowed us to donate \$1,056 to this great cause. Once again, thanks for all your wonderful encouragement and assistance.

Randy & Pam Wheeler

JUST HOW MANY GALLONS OF WATER?

For those who weren’t at the Trivia Night gala or for those who were, the last question of the evening done in Jeopardy style was: “How many gallons of water are in Carlyle Lake.” Huh? Only John would come up with this. Anyway the engineers were scratching and the trivia pros were in deep recall trying to respond to this one. Meanwhile, the rest of us were busy looking thoughtful without a clue. Fortunately, the answer came soon. It is 75 billion gallons. Read elsewhere for the team who came closest and got it right.

SEEN ANY BUGS LATELY?

Those of us who have none in our boats are probably using the **No-Pest Strip**, which you purchased from me last season. Many have used them successfully over the years and they last a whole season, but when you want them, they cannot be found. I have more and will sell them at the marina for \$5.50 each. They are safe, look very nice in a white plastic unit with a hanger, and do not emit any detectable odors. They kill flies, corps bugs, mud daubers, and insects galore. Be sure to follow instructions on package for usage. Just call Steve Kratchman at 314-962-1220 or e-mail your order to casacitaii@msn.com and they will be delivered to the marina. This is the perfect time to protect you and your boat from the mess caused by unwanted messy crawling/flying creatures.

Steve Kratchman

EDITOR’S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is Jul 19th.

Fax articles to Liz Seise at (314) 781-4616 or e-mail: BuildingButlers@aol.com



BOULDER YACHT CLUB
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

A TASTE OF BYC

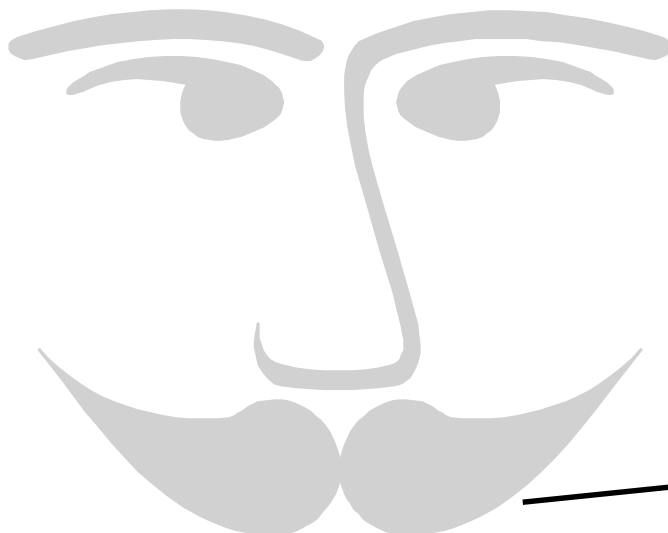
Saturday, July 14, 2001

6:00 p.m.

Boulder Hill

Join us in partaking of a variety of dishes prepared by some of BYC's finest chefs. It will be a taster's delight that will please even the most discriminating culinarian. Beverages will accompany the buffet.

Cost: \$8.00 Adults (Free to new adult members who have joined since Nov. 1, 2000)
\$5.00 Children



RSVP with check payable to BYC. Mail to Dave Uttendorfer no later than July 5.

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FIREWORKS

(at Carlyle Dam)

Viewed from Boulder Hill

Pot Luck Dinner

Bring: Your own entree

A side dish to share

Dessert: FREE FREE FREE FREE

Root Beer Floats

With the Commodore's Compliments

Saturday - June 30th

Cocktails (BYO) at 6:00 PM

