

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.



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Lake update:

Meeting with Representative Shimkis

by: Bonnie DiMercurio

I attended the meeting with Representative Shimkis Wednesday evening, May 29th, in Carlyle, Illinois. He only spoke for about 5 minutes. He did stay for a short time after, speaking with individuals regarding their particular questions. They had "stations" set up in the conference room that were manned by the Corps. I spoke to the man who is the top guy making decisions on the lake levels. He said they hoped to have the lake at 455 feet by June 7th. When it reaches 455 feet, they will hold it at that level to allow farmers to plant their crops. Once planting is done, they will then drop the level a little at a time. I asked what the possibility was for the lake to be at 450 feet (necessary for CSA to function) by the first weekend in August (potential date for the Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta). He thought it would definitely be at that level by then.

We may not have the bathrooms open by the weekend of June 8th and 9th, but that wasn't for sure. We can keep our fingers crossed and maybe we'll get lucky. The docks have water and electricity and the Porta-Potties were serviced Tuesday. Doug is meeting with the Corps next week to find out what they are going to do about a pump-out facility while this high water persists. They should have a solution very soon.

That was about the extent of what was said. The water at Boulder was down more since the weekend when I went by on Wednesday evening. The gas lines are now above water. I could even see a few tufts of grass on the end of the break wall near the gas dock. Everyone hang in there, and hopefully things will be back to normal very soon.

Poseidon, are you listening?

Renaming A boat can be fun!!!

by: Bonnie DiMercurio

Several weekends ago, Thorsten & Ulli Schaeffe had a very impromptu boat renaming party. "Joy" has been properly renamed "Tiburon." Since it was spur of the moment, wine had to do instead of champagne, but nobody complained! This past weekend, there was a wonderful boat renaming party on "Luca II." Karl & Erika Schaeffe renamed "Lady Karen" so, as is appropriate, they had a renaming party complete with champagne. "Luca II" is now the official name of their boat. Anyone wishing to rename their boat may want to consider a renaming party. It's fun and a great reason to socialize. (You know we use every opportunity to party!!)



photo: Rey Neville

Erika and Karl Schaeffe invoke the spirits of sea and air to secure their good will while the newly named Luca II plies the seas; or was it just a good excuse for a party?

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NEW BYC MEMBERS

A SPECIAL WELCOME!!

Glenn & Nancy Leahy

O'Day 26 *S/V O'Day Dream*

Richard & Daphne Peterson

Irwin 30

Bob & Annette Weber

Rhodes 22 *S/V Ruba*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. June 8 Hearn Cup Race/Pot Luck
- Sun. June 9 Spring Race 3 & 4
- Sat. June 15 Spring Race 5
- Sat. June 22 Meatballs/Toga Party
- Sun. June 23 Spring Make-up Race
- Sat. June 29 Fireworks at the Dam
Potluck at BYC
- Sat. July 6 Potluck at BYC
- Sat. July 20 Bastille Day

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

COMMODORE'S CORNER

We are now into June. May has been an interesting month at Boulder, low water and high water. Never seems to be a happy medium, but everyone seems to be adapting quite well to the unusual conditions.

A few new items to tell you

New carpeting is installed in the Marina lounge. It looks terrific. Let's all try to keep it looking great! We also have new lighting under our Boulder Yacht Club tent. Hopefully this will not cause an excessive problem with bugs. We'll just have to try it and see. It does give a nice glow to the area. Since our last Bits the tent has been in use many, many times. We also have two new cigarette butt containers. These are made especially so that a lit cigarette can be put in the opening and will be extinguished automatically. Please make use of these containers rather than other methods of disposal. They work quite nicely and are located under the BYC tent.

Tent use clarification

You may have noticed a flyer posted at the marina from me. Its purpose is to insure everyone understands our BYC tent is for use by any marina patron. I have witnessed many of our members inviting new marina patrons or persons just passing through to come join us. They were invited to grill with the rest of the group, and share tables under the tent. I am very proud of our members who are so willing to greet and extend invitations to anyone in the marina. We know what a wonderful group we have in BYC. We are always trying to encourage others to become members so they too can participate fully in our Club functions. When I see the outgoing nature of our members to others, it makes me very proud to say I am part of Boulder Yacht Club. Keep up the good work.

We are all in this together

As you have noticed if you have been to the Lake, we have a wonderful "ferry" to move us from near the flagpole to the dock. It works very well. The pontoon that is being used was kindly donated for this temporary use by Don and Dorothy Bollmeier. Their boat is "Sails Call," which they share with Al & Lynne Roney. When you see Don and Dorothy, please be sure to give them a huge thank you. The marina management made some alterations to the pontoon boat, added the pulleys (courtesy of Mike Curry), added some line and lawn chairs and we have a terrific system to get us across to the docks in high water. Thanks to all for the creative thinking. The system works great!

I'd also like to remind people to thank the many others who have taken time to check boats, add lines to boats in need and re-tie boats that weren't riding the waves too well. There are many good Samaritans out there. If you have noticed your boat has been re-tied or lines have been added, ask around. Find out whom the kind person was that helped secure your boat when things were rough. These kind deeds were done without anyone ever asking. A kind word goes a very long way, so be sure to say thank you!

Potluck; good luck indeed

We had a terrific Potluck on Saturday, May 25th. We had a good turnout. All had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Dave & Diane Commens for hosting the potluck. They did a great job getting the fires going, setting up the galley area and also seeing that everything was cleaned up. As you all can see, handling a potluck is fun and manageable when everyone chips in. If anyone is interested in hosting a potluck, please check with me and we'll set it up. Again, thanks Dave and Diane for a great job!

Boulder Cinema - film at eleven

One last item for your consideration: If anyone has movies they would like to show at Boulder Cinema, please feel free to bring them up. Let me know what movies you have (if I'm there; if I'm not, just check with the rest of the group) so we don't have two or three to show at one time. I'm sure plenty of you have some terrific movies.

Wishing you your kind of wind,

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photo: Rey Neville

Fun on the lake in spite of the flood.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Attention all sailors!! Now here this!!! Check your wardrobes and buy more BYC apparel such as shirts, hats, jackets and all our other fine items. Stock is plentiful but we are unable to order new items at this time, as we need a minimum order of at least twelve items.

We have had a request for a special order but cannot place it until we have a few more items to make up the minimum. If you would like to add to our order, please see me or give me a call. My e-mail address is: vadm22825ol.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.

Allan Stewart
Vice-Commodore

BYC RACING

Comments from the Race Chair

Well... We're only two races into our spring series and the schedule on which we have worked so hard has been slightly disrupted by Mother Nature. Before reviewing race standings, I would like to point out a major schedule change due to the high water.

The date for the Leukemia Cup has been changed to August 3 and 4.

Additionally, I would like to remind all members that the Ladies Race scheduled for June 8 WILL GO ON AS SCHEDULED. (See flyer) Also, WE NEED LADY RACERS!! Whether you run the series races or not, there is no reason why your wife, girlfriend, sister, aunt, mother-in-law, masseuse, first grade teacher, hairdresser, (you get the idea) can't take the helm for a great time of racing and fun; but especially if you are a club racer. Let's lead the way, gang. I see women on the series racing boats!

Incidentally, there has been some controversy brewing over a division II in the ladies race. At this point, I do not plan to have a division II unless there is significant interest in the form of racing declarations for this division. (There's one attached to this BITS) We'll have to see what response we get by race day.

Spring series

The spring series started off on May 5 in fine fashion with

the Spring 1 Race won by Trouble Doll with some great off-wind tactics. MissBHaven and Casa Cita followed in second and third place. It was great to see new arrivals Dave Grimes in SlowPoke, Karl and Ericka Schaeffe in Luca II and Bill and Karen Harper in JennRae III as well as the seasoned veterans in Tiburon, Ariel, Desperado, October Breeze and Water Music. The day started out with relatively slow winds and cloudy skies but winds developed nicely as the race progressed.

In Spring 2 on May 11, the winds started briskly causing most contestants to hank on a smaller sail or reef in to a manageable level. However, shortly before the start, it was obvious to most that the winds were starting to calm and sail changes were occurring with great urgency even within the start sequence. Again Trouble Doll and Casa Cita flew on the windward leg but gave way to MissBHaven late in the race with MissBHaven finishing first above Casa Cita who corrected above Trouble Doll to take second and third respectively. This occurred when, true to Carlyle fashion, the winds piped up again causing some white-knuckle racing throughout the racecourse.

At the end of the first two races standings are: first-MissBHaven, second-Trouble Doll, third-Casa Cita, fourth-Ariel, fifth-Serenity, sixth-SlowPoke, seventh-Desperado/Jenn Rae III (tie), eighth-Tiburon, ninth-Water Music, tenth-October Breeze, eleventh-Luca II.

These standings will dramatically change with the Spring 3 and 4 races scheduled for Sunday, June 9. All racers are encouraged to participate in this two-race day. (Water levels probably won't be a problem.)

PHRF Handicaps

With the completion of the first two races, it is obvious that we need to take a close look at how we both handicap the boats and how we figure corrected times. In analyzing the results, I have noticed two distinct (and very separate) groups of boats. There are major differences in these two groups in both racing experience and handicap numbers. As it is a goal to make series racing both fun AND competitive, Stan Philipak and I will be analyzing the data and try to come up with a proposal for acceptance by the racers that will narrow the gap between these two groups. Hopefully we can get this done in time to use it for the fall series. At this point in time, PHRF changes alone do not appear to be a viable option. A case in point, in Spring 2, MissBHaven would have had to run a 75 from her 196 to fall out of the "brass" level where Desperado, in fourth would have had to run a 368 from her 237 to finish at MissBHaven's corrected time

or a 347 to correct to third. ("brass" level) Changes are needed to keep the racing fun so stay tuned, Race Fans.

It's been a real interesting year and it's only May!! Let's keep the good times rolling.

See you at the start line.

Tony DiMercurio
2002 BYC Regatta Chairman

FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

I hope you noticed that we included boat names with the new member listing in the Boulder Bits this month. I know that I remember names easier when I can link them to a boat. After all, an interest in boats is the one thing every one of us has in common.

On a personal note, we drove over to check on the boat on May 15, when the flood began to get serious. When we arrived, Doug, Stuart, Larry Davis, Parks Smith and several others were checking on boats and adding extra dock lines. I would like to thank them all for their work, especially Parks Smith who checked on our boat (and a lot of others) and doubled up a frayed bowline. The best asset of our club is the willingness of our members to help each other.

Bob Bender
Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Despite the floodwaters, the potluck on May 25th was well attended. I know everyone is anxious to move into the summer season on dry ground!

We still do not have a host for the Raft-up on-the-Water party. Unfortunately if no one volunteers, we will have to cancel it. The raft-up is a great way to get members with children (and grandchildren!) together to get to know one another! Keep in mind more than one family can share "party duty". We need you to step forward before June 17 to give us time to get the word out in the Bits. Hurry before it's too late!

On a happier note.. We're happy to be following in Dave and Kay Isom's footsteps... On June 23rd at 12:00, we will be getting married on the hill. We'd like our dear friends we've made at Boulder Yacht Club to share this day with us.

Marianne & Jim Moore
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photo: Rey Neville

Potluck and a happy birthday celebration for Tony. We won't tell what side of the half-century mark he is in.

THANK YOU, MATES!

I am extremely grateful to my fellow sailors who took care of me a few weeks ago when I suffered an injury while helping out with a mast raising.

From the moment the accident occurred to the time the ambulance arrived, concerned and well-skilled people tended to me.

My wounds are healing and I hope for a complete recovery.

I want to thank my friends at the marina for their timely and competent care. I am also quite proud to be a member of a family that is vigilant and attentive to the well being of one another.

Fair Winds,

John Carnasiotis

NEWS FROM FRIENDS FROM AFAR

Hi all. A quick message to all our friends at Boulder. We have been reading all your E-mail about the flood at the lake. I recall the flood of - I think 95 or 96 when we had Different Drummer on Margaritaville. This looks 8 -10 foot higher. Guess no one is getting stuck. Frankly, glad we are not there but appreciate all the information and read it first.

Some of you know we bought a Trimaran in Northern Italy early last spring and spent July, August and September on it in and around the Northern Adriatic. We keep it in the Village of Cervignano (About 60 Miles NE of Vienna). We also have a car there. Both the car and Wellenlaufer carry

Austrian registration.

We were on Aviano Air Force Base (another 60 miles west of us) on September 11 and we were watching TV within 15 minutes of CNN picking up the event.

Our 3 legged cat (Nick) did better with the language than we did. Unfortunately we lost him this winter in Alabama.

Janet's quilting interest led her on several successful explorations of the fabric stores in both Italy and Austria. We finally put PJ's back in the water last fall and resumed our cruising the US after nearly 2 years of interruption (that was supposed to be 3 - 4 months at the most). Because we were getting started late in the season we hauled PJ's to Kentucky Lake and after a day of wet testing headed to Alabama and Florida via the Tenn-Tom Bigbee. We wintered in and around Lillian, Alabama using Pirates Cove Marina more or less as home base. PJ's is on the hard now and we are getting ready to head back to Italy on 1 June 2002 for three months. We plan to be in Central Illinois for most of September and October and will get to the Marina at least once for a club event. We plan to explore a bit of Slovenia and more of Croatia this year with Wellenlaufer.

In the meantime we keep our membership and interest in all of you and the club. We read the bits and all the E-mail faithfully. If we can be of any help either from our base in Italy this summer or in Alabama or Florida this winter let us know. We do a small journal and would be glad to add anyone who wants it to our E-mail list. If our experience can be of help to anyone, we'd be glad to share.

When we get settled in Italy we will have our cell phone turned on again and will have our number posted in bits. We don't get charged if you call us. We have found a \$20.00 Sams card gives about 125 minutes of call time from the US. Costs us more like \$0.40 a minute so we don't call much. We get our E-mail pretty regularly once or twice a week Use jannpage@juno.com to reach us anywhere we are in the world.

Cheers,

Jan Noecker and Lloyd Simonson

EDITOR'S NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is June 24th. . 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.



2002 HEARN CUP



INTRODUCING: THE HEARN LADIES CUP SAILBOAT RACE

Date: Saturday, June 8

Time: Skipper's Meeting: 10 a.m.
Race start: 12 p.m.

Cost: \$5/BOAT

Awards: First Place Trophy awarded
immediately following the race.

Award for "best dressed" male crew member

Rules: Lady skipper and crews only. One man allowed on boat for physical power only. No tactical advice allowed. Male crew member mode-of-dress optional.

Preregister (preferred) or register before the skipper's meeting on race day.

Boulder Yacht Club Racing Declaration



HEARN CUP LADIES RACE, 2002

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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TONY AND DAN GET SAUCED

That's Right!

You asked for it and now you're stuck with it!!



VS.



Dan and Tony are hosting a spaghetti sauce cook-off and Toga party on **June 22**.

A full spaghetti dinner including two sauces — one from each of the masters — salad, garlic bread and a special dessert PLUS your favorite beverage!

R.S.V.P. BY JUNE 10 with check to:

B. BENDER, 4867 Vicie Street, St Louis. MO. 63128

COST: \$6/ADULT (\$10 AT THE DOOR)

\$3/CHILD under 12 (\$5 AT THE DOOR)

June 22, 2002—DINNER AT 6:00

GUESTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR FAVORITE TOGAS.

A PRIZE TO THE BEST MAN'S AND WOMAN'S TOGA (MEN MUST WEAR UNDERWEAR).

REGISTRATION FORM: FILL OUT, MAIL TO ABOVE ADDRESS
Tear at line and return with your check.

NAME:

No. of Adults @ \$6 \$

No. of Children @ \$3 \$

TOTAL (CHECK PAYABLE TO BOULDER YACHT CLUB) \$