

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy, none newsworthy.

June 2000

COMMODORE'S CORNER

BYC STATISTICS

Some people are obsessed with statistics, some are interested in them and most people could care less about them. So here are a few STAT'S for those who are at least interested in them.

BYC MEMBERS - 136

STATES REPRESENTED

ALABAMA	1
ILLINOIS	41
MARYLAND	1
MISSOURI	92
TEXAS	1

BOAT MFR'S 36

LARGEST MFR'S TOP 3

CATALINA	39
HUNTER	17
O'DAY	17

SMALLEST BOAT LOA SIREN 17

LARGEST BOAT LOA ENDEAVOR 37

MEMBER OCCUPATIONS

AIRCRAFT-AEROSPACE	6
ATTORNEYS	7
CARPENTERS	3
ENGINEERS	14
MECHANICS	5
REGISTERED NURSE	7
RETIRED	20
TEACHERS	7

SPECIAL REQUEST

Last month's social event brought a problem to the fore-front again.

Members wanting to join an event way after the cut-off date.

On Saturday, June 10th in the morning, we had about 30 people signed up for the "Boat Show" refreshments and 3 Boats showing. By 3:00 PM we had over 100 members wanting to join in the festivities and 11 boats willing to show.

This caused the social committee to have to go to Carlyle for a great deal of additional food.

Please try and get your reservations in on time so the Club can prepare the proper amounts before the day of the event.

David Grimes
Commodore



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. July 8 Makeup Race
Sat. July 15 Fun Race
Sat. July 22 Raft-Up
Sat. Aug. 12 CYC Moonlight Regatta
Sat. Aug. 19 Social to be announced
Sat. Aug. 26 Fall Race #1

FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

A SPECIAL WELCOME!! TO THESE NEW BYC MEMBERS

RICH & CHRISTY CARSON
KAY DILLS
GAIL HUDSON
JAMES D. MOORE
GARY & SHERRY MUELLER
ERIC & ELLEN (HENNEBERRY) SMITH

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

Dave Uttendorfer
Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Ship's Store Report: Avast ye mateys!! Gather your doubloons and focus your spyglass on these **NEW ITEMS** at our Ship's Store.

Denim long-sleeve shirts in the following sizes: XX-LG, X-LG, LG, M, and S. 100% Cotton. Only \$25.00.

Polo shirts, short sleeve, 100% Cotton, Navy Blue or White in the following sizes: XX-LG, X-LG, LG, M, and S. Only \$20.00.

T-shirts, stout 100% Cotton, Navy Blue in the following sizes: XX-LG, X-LG, LG, M and S. Only \$10.00.

Caps, keep the sun out of your eyes during nautical maneuvers or anytime with these Official BYC caps. Khaki. Only \$10.00.

All items are tastefully **embroidered** with the **Official Boulder Yacht Club Logo** and qualify as Official Uniforms suitable for most sanctioned and unsanctioned social events.

Captains, don't forget your young Cadets. Sizes are now available so that all Cadets can proudly wear Official BYC clothing items.

Support your club and spend some of your plunder on these useful, fashionable and very cool items.

How do I buy from the Ship's Store?

1. Check out the display case in the Clubhouse. Survey all the wonderful items available from the Ship's Store.
2. See John Carnasiotis, Slip M-61 or (314) 725-1155.
3. See Vicki Logan in the Marina Office.

Tell it to the Vice-Commodore: Do you yearn for an item that is not currently available from the Ship's Store? Come visit me or call me and tell me all about it.

John Carnasiotis
Vice Commodore

SOCIAL

Spring Thaw

The Boulder Trade Winds brought in Spring Thaw, sailors and a small amount of treasures.



Hungry sailors grab some first rate chow at the Spring Thaw.

Photo: Bill Schmidt

To stave off scurvy, biscuits, gravy, eggs, &, fresh fruit were shipped in to feed the hungry treasure hunters. Not one case of scurvy was treated. Captain Bill did not have to shanghai Bill Berry for his help. Our thanks to Bill, the young galley maid, Sharon, and all the lasses who heaved to and helped with the scullery chores.

Boat Show 2000

Show your boat..... what sailor doesn't excel at that and this day was no exception. Boat decorations were flying high, and if that wasn't enough, there were tasty delights as rewards to look at the boats. There were familiar boats that we always wanted to see, plus other seafaring boats that everyone wanted to see. 11 boats in all. Awards were given for decorating the boats and for the tasty treats.

The party afterwards gave us a chance to talk about all the boats, as if sailors need a reason to swap salty yarns. We had about 100 people at the party, so there were a lot of yarns going around. Randy Wheeler and Karl Schmitt did some fancy cooking on the pits. Pam Wheeler and Barb Schmitt served Pam's now famous salads.

Judging the awards for best of the Boat Show: Barb and Jeff Gates, Vicki Logan, and Shirley Doza. Oh, yes, the awards were: Best Tropical Drink-Pat & Barry Nielsen; Most Nautical Head-Tony & Bonnie DiMercurio; Most Colorful Lifelines-Tony & Bonnie DiMercurio; Tastiest Hors D'oeuvres-Dale & Angie West. These races were very close; the judges had to go back several times. We would like to thank all the people who helped, and all the people who showed their boats. We also thank the people who attended, for without you, there is no party.

P. S. See Ya at the Raft-Up.

**Lally Lotzer
Sharon & Bill Schmidt
Social Chairpersons**

BYC RACING

As sailing days go, it wasn't anything like the conditions experienced by Whitbred racers and I doubt that Tania Abei would have even considered it uncomfort-

able. But for weekend sailors on Carlyle, it was borderline lousy. Overcast with periods of steady rain, the race chairman was hoping that the three boats that had signed up for the Women's' Race would decide to stay dry and withdraw so that he could catch up on some nap time (while it may not have been a great day for sailing, it was perfect for a siesta on the boat). However, that wishful thinking underestimated the determination of these women. They were pumped up and ready to go! A little damp weather was not going to dampen their enthusiasm!

The three boats were **Freedom**, skippered by Lisa Keller, **Miss B Haven Too**, skippered by Bonnie DiMercurio and **St. Somewhere**, skippered by Angie West. Even though the rules allowed one male crew member, Angie and her crew disdained the offer (what would they need a man for?) until Dennis Smith bribed his way on board with an offer to bring a pitcher of Black Russians. It's reassuring to know that in some respects, women are no different than men - they can be bought too!

While in the marina it looked as if it would just be wet with no wind, once we got out on the lake, the wind filled in to a steady 10 m.p.h. and lasted throughout the race. **Miss B Haven** crossed the start line first and never looked back, leading from wire to wire. **St. Somewhere** started second and finished second followed by **Freedom**. All of the skippers and their crews did a good job of handling their boats and getting them moving (there were only a few unplanned 360's). Sails were trimmed (no luffing) and most of us men would have been hard pressed to sail better. Congratulations Ladies!

After the race, we gathered in the marina lounge for the presentation of the **Hearn Cup** to Bonnie DiMercurio and crew (Jane, Mary Ann & Pat). Actually, the cup was missing, so we had to use a substitute (a plastic cereal bowl came in handy but for some reason, Bonnie didn't want to take it home). Fortunately, Dan Sargent solved the mystery of the missing cup and we should regain possession so that Bonnie's name can be engraved as the winner of the year 2000 Women's Race. A few bottles of champagne and some hors d'ouvres rounded out a pretty good day - even if the race chairman didn't get his nap!

By the time you receive this issue of the Bits, the Spring

season will be over. Going into the final race, the only thing known for certain is that, Ben Barlett (Surprise! Surprise!) just about has first place locked up. Second and third are up for grabs and could go to a number of boats. The closeness of this series indicates how evenly matched the fleet is. In our last race, only eleven minutes separated the first place boat from the last place boat, and five boats finished within one minute of one another. Race # 5 (make-up) should be a lot of fun!

For those of you who may not know it, Ben Barlett recently completed an intensive week of sailing and racing in Newport, RI at the J-World Racing School. We are certain he received the secret racing mantra which when uttered unveils the tactics, course and trim to win any race. Notwithstanding protestations to the contrary from Tina and Bonnie DiMercurio, his loyal crew, he has been seen muttering to himself recently.

In any case, in the article that follows, Ben has kindly provided us with a technique he found very valuable in heavy wind called "climbing the ladder" which he picked up during his recent racing skills inoculation.

Next Up - The make-up race for Spring race #5 on July 8th and a **FUN RACE** on July 15th. Be watching for details.

Barry Nielsen
Race Chairman

Climbing the Ladder

There is a technique that one can use to keep the boat flat during heavy winds known as "Climbing the Ladder". After the traveler has been completely loosened and the boat is still overpowered - it's time to think about this measure. When a strong puff hits the boat, the main sheet should be released by 6"-12" enabling the wind to be released out of the leach of the main sail which helps to flatten the boat out. At the same time, the boat should be pointed higher into the wind which gains 1-2 boat lengths windward distance to the mark without sacrificing boat speed. The end result being no slipping to leeward on a puff, no loss of boat speed and a gain to the windward mark. (I call that win/win).

Ben Barlett

Who Cares About Racing a Sailboat?

I would like to challenge all who may think you or your boat is not qualified to race, to try it more than once! I am very passionate about my boat...and about racing my boat. I wish I could express the thrill and the adrenaline rush I get when I even think of the racing program. It is what teaches me something new each and every time I go out on the lake to race. New? Yes, new, but not about racing or even about my boat. New about working along side people I like. Learning about what I can do and cannot do to help. Of course, I am competitive and I would like nothing better than to win but winning teaches very little. It is very difficult to figure out all that went right when you win a race. All kinds of information comes to light when you lose or place so far behind first that nightfall may come before it is over for you. It is this kind of lesson that makes me a confirmed believer that each and every boat and its helmsperson with crew of any description can have their winning day.

Take note all of you who would like to race but who think you are not good enough. We all thought that before our first race. You get to learn something new every time you race and watch how other boats set up while in the harbor, as well as on the water. You get to know people better when racing. As a racing crew, you become a unit and you rely on one another and learn to care about one another.

Yes, I am humbled by every problem I have experienced while on the course, but it does not dampen my enthusiasm for the sport. I began racing too late in life to stop now and am too young-hearted to give up. Frankly, I am having too much fun to think about quitting when I have a boat that moves so well.

I have had a number of sailing experiences, which have now given me knowledge on how to handle and overcome many distractions. In a race in which I was participating, another boat and mine were involved in a mishap resulting in the bow pulpit being smashed on my boat. After Randy Wheeler assessed the damage, we went on to finish the race...and came in first overall. My hat is off to my wonderful crew, Randy and Pam Wheeler and Rocky Rue and the great job they have been doing. Each time we begin a race we have a great focus and tremendous intestinal fortitude for whatever experience we may encounter.

Safety and safety equipment are a priority on Casa Cita II. My crew members do not go to the foredeck without a harness connected to a jack line and each must have a vest or jacket on or on the seat next to them while on the boat. You will always see me with a vest

and harness attachment. We work together to form a team because we know something could happen at any time to any one of us and we watch out for each other.

So too have we all learned something from these experiences.

Steve Kratchman, Casa Cita II

Hon. Chair Sundown Social Club on Margaritaville
(Memberships now being accepted.)

OUR BYC BOATS

Uncommon Boats in our Marina

Model: Endeavour 37
Mfr: Endeavour
Length: 37 feet 5 in.
Berths: 6
Beam: 11 feet 7 in.
Engine: Perkins 50 HP
Draft: 4 feet 6 in.
Fuel: Diesel
Sail Area: 726 Sq. Feet
Head: Port Side
Hull: FRP
Weight: 22,000 pounds

Current owners: Angie & Dale West

Yacht name: St. Somewhere

Berthed: Margaritaville

Special features: High Bow, Vertical transom.

With a private stateroom aft and with a total of six bunks, the Endeavor qualifies as a live-aboard boat with a lot of storage space. With two or four aboard there is no need to use the settees for berths. The keel is long and the displacement hull is heavy. Draft is shallow.

The aft cabin is to port and has a double berth, seat, and hanging locker. There is direct access to the head. On the other side of the boat there is a double quarter berth and nav station. The partial bulkhead does not isolate

this area from the galley. The galley is U-shaped and has both pressure water and a foot pump. The ice chest is 10 cubic feet. The main cabin entrance to the head is opposite. The forward area of the cabin is devoted to the dinette and storage. The central table folds. No bulkhead separates these areas, which contributes to a feeling of spaciousness. Wood is teak and the sole is teak parquet. Ten ports and three hatches open.

On deck, teak is used for the coaming and rail caps as well as for handrails. Main sheeting is to the bridge deck. A winch for the main halyard and one for the genoa are mast-mounted. Two primary winches are on the coaming. Jibs lead to a track on the rail.

David Grimes

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

THE CASE OF THE PURLOINED LINE

Well its now happened to Hard Rock. Sometime between June 11 and June 23 vandals decided they needed rope. So, the perpetrators with knife in hand, whacked the coiled excess off of my stern and spring lines. Thankfully, they left the remainder of the line attached to the boat and the dock.

I reported the theft to Doug and Stewart. Their suggestion was for me to scour the docks for a boat with newish white 1/2 in. lines. Its a big marina, so I need your help. If you've seen a boat with lines like mine with one frazzled end, please let me know. Meanwhile, keep a weather eye out for rascals with a dull blade, you may be next.

Rey Neville

Water Music-Hard Rock 52

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." – *Albert Einstein*

JOKE OF THE MONTH

What are the three types of men?
The handsome, the caring and the majority.

EDITORS' NOTES:

EDITOR'S NOTE: Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is July 20. Fax articles to Liz Seise at (314) 781-4616 or e-mail: BuildingButlers@aol.com.

Liz Seise
Editor, *Boulder Bits*

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Rey Neville
BYC Web Guy



Boulder Yacht Club

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

JUNE 17, 2000

TO: All Members of the Boulder Yacht Club

SUBJECT: Appointment of two (2) Board Members to fill resignations

Board members present on June 17, 2000 were Don Schiller, Ken Schowe, Dennis Smith and Commodore David Grimes.

The Board of Directors voted to fill vacancies left by the resignation of Jack Melton and Rich Cooper. The Board voted to have Art Seise and Parks Smith fill their positions until the next election of the Boulder Yacht Club.

The Board also discussed the concrete patio still in the works. The Yacht Club kitchen---still looking to improve the area. Any suggestions, please let us know.

Don Schiller,
Secretary, Board of Directors

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RAFT-UP

JULY 22



COVE 4
1:30 PM

FUN FOR ALL

FRIED CHICKEN

ADULT \$4.00
CHILD \$3.00

Pick up dinners at marina
11:30 to 12:00 noon

RAFT-UP ONLY (no dinner) \$3.00 per boat

RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN JULY 14 FOR DINNERS

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES



GAMES
FOOD
PRIZES

NAME _____	NAME OF BOAT _____	RAFT-UP ONLY _____
No. of dinners: ADULT _____	CHILD _____	Child name: _____ Age: _____
Total No. of people attending: _____		Child name: _____ Age: _____
		Child name: _____ Age: _____

Mail to: BONNIE DIMERCURIO
101 Heritage Hills Place
Arnold, MO 63010-3409

Total amount for food: _____
Plus boat fee: \$3.00
Total amount paid: _____

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