

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy, none newsworthy.

May 2000

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

### Insect Time

After the extremely mild winter this last year, the insect population will be high. Last summer was very bad with spiders and paper wasps, and of course the mud daubers.

You should think about "Bug Bombing" your boat at the first opportunity. The newer water-activated insect foggers are great. Because they are activated by a small amount of water in the bottom of the container, there is no chance of a fire on board your vessel. In addition, these foggers take several seconds to start working so they allow time to get out of the boat and close it up before they start fogging.

On a boat up to twenty-five feet in length, one fogger can should be enough. Over twenty-five feet use two cans. Place in a relatively open area such as the cabin sole. Do not place directly on a food preparation surface.

The best time to fog your boat is when you are leaving at the weekend.

The next week when you return, air your boat out well and then use "No Pest Strips" if you can find them, for continuous insect control.

### Caution - Caution - Caution Eye-Witness Account

*Saturday, May 13.* Your Commodore, on board a vessel barreling southward down the lake towards the dam, witnesses near collision with a vessel which was in the BYC Spring Race #1.

Our skipper and his guests were in the center of the lake sailing with only the main up, when he suddenly realized we were in the middle of the race fleet with two boats heading for the finish that would clear our vessel. Then we all discovered there were two boats to our port side that were getting closer by the second. It then became apparent that we would have to go to port and attempt to get behind one of the vessels, but our boat speed and weight kept us from responding quickly enough.

The other vessel was able to avoid a collision by turning away at the last couple of seconds, avoiding what could have been a very nasty accident. By turning away, he lost second position in the race by a very slim margin to another racer and his crew.

All of us on board are relieved that no damage was done and no one was injured in the rapid maneuvering to avoid colliding. The other skipper, sportsman that he is, graciously accepted an apology from our skipper after the race.

This situation has been encountered by some of us in the past. It just points out how vigilant we all must be at all times, particularly when there is a race event, due to so many vessels going in several directions at the same time. So lets be watchful and careful out there.

**David Grimes**  
**Commodore**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. May 21 Spring Race #2  
Sat. May 27 CSA Cabin Classic  
Sat. June 3 Spring Race #3  
Sat. June 10 Social  
Sun. June 11 Spring Race #4  
Sat. June 17 Women's Race  
Sun. June 25 Spring Race #5

## FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

**A SPECIAL WELCOME!!  
TO THESE NEW BYC MEMBERS**

**GARY & JANICE JACKSON  
JOHN & MARY JO NEFF  
JOHN & JUDY PHELPS  
DAVID & PEGGY RENARD  
E. ALLEN & ROANNA SPRINGER, JR.**

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

### Observations:Halyard Music?

A soft and pleasant breeze blowing gently through the open hatch, causing your boat to sway ever so slightly as it caresses the rigging, wafting its way across the quiet marina. Through the open port, you are in awe of the beauty of a star-filled evening sky with the moon smiling brightly. Occasionally you hear the haunting and unmistakable sound of a distant train whistle, calling out into the night as it rushes to some distant city. Regrettably, to this we at Boulder Marina must also add the cacophony of slapping and clanging halyards.

An improperly secured halyard not only is an annoyance to all neighboring vessels; it also causes premature and unnecessary wear and tear on the running rigging of your vessel.

There is no need to scour the catalogs for expensive

solutions to this time old problem. Here are a few free methods of putting a silencer on those noisy halyards:

1. Loop a bungee cord or short line around a shroud and the halyard. The bungee should be a sufficient length to hold the halyard away from the mast.
2. Flip the halyard around the end of your spreader before securing to the base of the mast.
3. Attach your main halyard shackle to a sail tie on your boom away from the mast.
4. Attach your main halyard shackle to a lifeline.

There are as many ways to silence a noisy halyard, as there are stories of groundings on the great Carlyle Lake. Use your imagination and resourcefulness to make our marina a more pleasant environment. Your neighbors will definitely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ship's Store: Merchandise in the Ship's Store is moving well as sailors outfit themselves and their crew for the sailing and social season upon us. Many items remain and new items are on the horizon. If you have need of something that you cannot find at our Ship's Store, please come and visit with me about it.

**John Carnasiotis**  
Vice Commodore

## FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Don't forget....The BYC Boat Show 2000 will be held on Saturday, June 10. This is an "Open House" for your boat. Dress your boat up in its finest attire and prepare some hors d'oeuvres, and warm up your blender. Prizes will be awarded. There will be judging in four categories: 1) Best Tropical Drink, 2) Most Nautical Head, 3) Most Colorful Lifelines, and 4) Tastiest Hors D'oeuvres. After the judging, a cookout and party will take place at the clubhouse. Don't forget to complete the sign-up sheet and return it to Dave Uttendorfer before June 2. We look forward to seeing you there....

"A year from now you may wish you had started today". Karen Lamb

**Lally Lotzer**  
**Sharon & Bill Schmidt**

## BYC RACING

Racing declarations are in (for the most part) and PHRF's have been calculated (for the most part). Boats are launched, rigging is being tuned and we're ready to go. By the time you receive this issue of the Bits, we will have completed two races, but that still leaves three more in the spring series. Remember, you only have to complete three races in order to qualify for a trophy!

Ladies, do you have your crews assembled? June 17th is the date of the Women's Race for the Hearn Trophy. Some men have the idea that most women ignore the finer points of sailing, concentrating, instead, on their tans and whatever book they happen to be reading at the time. Here's your opportunity to destroy that myth! Wine and cheese will be served to the participants at the Trophy presentation. Don't be shy! This could be the most fun you have on the water all year (no men to harass you or order you around - be honest, you've all dreamed of that!). Light winds are guaranteed! Look for sign up sheets or talk to me, Barry Nielsen, CSCAPE or Vickie in the Marina office.

Correction: If you hit a mark while racing, the penalty is a 360-degree turn, not a 720.

Welcome back, Rich and Christy Carson, Déjà vu!

See you at the start line!

**Barry Nielsen**  
Race Chairman

## BYC Race 1:

Saturday, May 13th was BYC's first race of the spring series and what a great day for sailboat racing. We had 4 adventurous skippers who challenged their crews and signed up to race on this windy 15 to 25 knot day.

Those of us who witnessed this event were treated to some of the closest racing yet.

The starting line strategy was mixed with 2 boats on a port tack and 2 on starboard. At the first mark John Neff on Illusion II was ahead with Ben Barlett on Scimitar rounding second. Anyone who has raced against Ben knows that you can't ever take your eye off Scimitar for even a second. By the second mark Illusion and Scimitar were in a close race.

At the third mark Bob Bender, a new racer to BYC, at the helm of Serenity and Steve Kratchman skippering Casa-Cita II were making up lost time. As the racers rounded the upwind mark Scimitar was ahead with Illusion II in second. Finally, on the last upwind run Scimitar was ahead but the race was still anyone's guess.

The race ended with first place going to Ben Barlett on Scimitar, Second to Steve Kratchman on Casa-Cita II winning by only 1 second on corrected time over John Neff on Illusion II. Bob Bender on Serenity finished forth, less than 5 minutes behind the leader. All of the racers and crews did a great job keeping their boats under control in the strong winds.

What a great race!

**Stan Philipak (Entropy)**

## BOULDER YACHT CLUB

### Spring Race #1, May 13,2000

#### OFFICIAL RACE STANDINGS

Finish	Skipper Name	Sail #	Type	Boat Name	PHRF	Actual Time	Corrected time
<b>FIRST</b>	Barlett	77	San Juan 7.7	Scimitar	217	1:16:04	1:07:21
<b>SECOND</b>	Kratchman	H33	Hunter 33	Casa-Cita	193	1:17:22	1:10:07
<b>THIRD</b>	Neff		Newport	Illusion	224	1:19:12	1:10:08
<b>4</b>	Bender	6033	Catalina 30	Serenity	210	1:20:47	1:12:36
<b>CB</b>	Philipak	26086	Captiva 24	Entropy	258	CB	COMMIT-BOAT
—	Leggitt		San Juan 28	Miss Scarlett	214	DNS	DNS

## OUR BYC BOATS

### Uncommon Boats in our Marina

Model: Siren  
Length - 17 Ft. 2 In.; Beam - 6 Ft. 8 In.  
Draft - 4 Ft. 3 In.  
Sail Area-Main & Jib 145 sq.ft. Tot.  
Hull: FRP  
Country of Origin: Canada  
Berths: two  
Engine: O/B  
Head: Portapotti  
Galley: Opt. Alcohol Stove  
Designer: Hubert Vandestadt  
Boat Name: Gypsy (Formerly - Jan)

The current owners, Suzanne & Bill Watkins, our lovely British couple down on Easy Street, Slip #30. Day sailor and weekender. There are berths for two, but an optional tent will provide shelter for two more in the cockpit. The icebox is molded in, as is a tank that may be converted to a head. An alcohol stove is optional. The cockpit is 7 ft. long and self-bailing. Trim is mahogany. Siren has foam flotation.

This is another in a series on our BYC boats and will range from nearly the smallest to the largest.

**David Grimes**

## BYC SAILOR IN DISTRESS

A serious and debilitating illness has suddenly struck Rita Wunderlich, the charming and delightful partner of Carl Siemsen who sailed aboard Sea Horse docked on Hard Rock Dock.

Rita was diagnosed with "Transverse Myelitis," a disease that strips the insulation off the nerve endings. It comes on quickly and can strike anyone at any age. At present, Rita is paralyzed from the neck down. She is breathing on her own and has limited movement in her right arm. Recovery comes in levels and they have no way of knowing to what extent she will recover. It occurred suddenly according to Carl, who said that she was at Wal-Mart and started feeling badly and within two hours was paralyzed.

Although Carl says Rita is in good spirits at present, she

would certainly be buoyed by a note from her friends extending our prayers and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Rita can receive mail at:  
Ms. Rita Wunderlich  
St. Johns Hospital  
1235 East Cherokee Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65804

Information on this debilitating disease can be found at:  
<http://www.myelitis.org/tm.htm>

**Gail Melton**

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

### THANK YOUs

Boulder Marina and BYC split the cost on 6 new deluxe Weber Kettle Grills.

The new grills have one handle ventilation controls, split grill tops to make adding charcoal easier, and removable ash catchers on the bottoms.

They were acquired by Dennis Smith and delivered to the marina on Friday, May 5, 2000. Thanks you BYC, Marina Operators and Dennis Smith!

### PICTURES for POSTERITY

The 1999 Official Boulder Yacht Club Photo Album has been prepared. More photos of the 1999 Social Season are needed to complete this important archive. If you have any photos that you would like to see in the album, please give or send them to Susan Haase, Margaritaville #61 or 8033 Teasdale Ave. St. Louis, MO 63130, (314) 725-1155. Thank you.

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Deadline for the next issue of Boulder Bits is June 22. E-mail your articles to: [BuildingButlers@aol.com](mailto:BuildingButlers@aol.com). Fax articles to Liz Seise at (314) 781-4616.

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# Boulder Yacht Club



## Boat Show 2000

Saturday, June 10, 2000

Consider this an "Open House" to show off your "pride and joy".

Scrub the foredeck.....

Hoist the burgee.....

Prepare some hors d'oeuvres....

Warm up the blender....

### On the hill.....

- Burgers, Brats, Chicken Breasts
- Salads
- Beer & Soda
- MUSIC

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Best Tropical Drink
- Most Nautical Head
- Most Colorful Lifelines
- Tastiest Hors D'oeuvres

4:00 p.m. Boat Show Begins

6:00 p.m. Dinner Served at Clubhouse

Participants in Boat Show will be designated by a flag.

Please make reservations no later than June 2. No late reservations will be taken.



### Boat Show 2000

### Saturday, June 10

- Will participate in Boat Show Judging, and will attend
- Will not participate in Boat Show Judging, but will attend

Adults: \$5.00

Children: \$3.00

# attending: \_\_\_\_\_adults \_\_\_\_\_ children

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Boulder Yacht Club.**

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