

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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Boulder Yacht Club elects officers for 2002

The Board of Directors accepted the election of officers for the Year 2001. They are:

Commodore	Bonnie DiMercurio
Vice-Commodore	Allen Stewart
Sec./Treasurer	Bob Bender
Race Chairman	Tony DiMercurio
Social Committee	Jim & Marianne Moore

Selected to fill one position on the Board of Directors:

3 Year Term	David Uttendorfer
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The Board would like to thank John Carnasiotis, his officers and the many members who helped accomplish the great improvements we now have at Boulder Marina.

Help welcome our new officers at the No Boat Regatta on February 16, 2002. We'll see you there!

Your Board of Directors,

David Grimes, Ken Schowe, Art Seise, Dennis Smith, David Uttendorfer and John Carnasiotis, Commodore

BYC tent damaged by high winds

BOULDER, IL — A fast moving cold front moved through Boulder on October 24 and caused considerable damage to our tent. The fabric is torn and some support posts are bent. Read the complete details in the Commodore's comments on page 3.

BYC social season ends with a scream

BOULDER, IL — For the ghoulish and fun loving gang who braved a brisk October chill to attend the now annual Halloween party, it was a monster smash. The cold weather had no affect on this hearty bunch with the cauldron in full blaze keeping the unwanted spirits at bay. Meanwhile inside the club house more welcome spirits were found and readily consumed. Costumes were many and creative. We had the really scary many legged black bug, ghosts of the not so recently departed, and an entirely appropriate fireman. Not to be outdone were a cast of sprites, jokers and the ever popular BYC men in drag. Also seen were a nicely figured moustashed sailor, a nightshirted interloper and an old man and the "C" along with numerous others. Poseidon of the Lake (our commodore) oversaw the activities and emceed the Boulder Cinema feature attraction, *Young Frankenstein*. Winning the award for the absolutely least imaginative costume of the evening was the ever frolicsome, Dave Uttendorfer. Be sure to put the Halloween holiday party on your calendar next year for good times, silly costumes, delicious potluck contributions and perhaps a fright or two.



Photo: Rey Neville
Sprites, kings, jokers, nightshirted time travelers are just a sample of the great costumes found at the 2001 BYC Halloween party.

NEW BYC MEMBERS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO
THESE NEW MEMBERS!!

DON & KATHY DETERS

Dave Uttendorfer
Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE COMMODORE

A message of thanks:

This has been a season to remember and be proud. Our membership has swollen to new highs due in large part to the dedication of our individual members to the values that make an organization great. With involvement in the activities and concerns of the club, our bounty has been considerable.

Boulder Galley has become the shining star of our clubhouse. It is a beautiful, efficient and fully functional kitchen. The surrounding serving counter is an ideal spot to stand and share a ration or two of grog with friends.

Boulder Social Deck has proven to be a wonderful compliment to our tent atop Boulder Hill. Members gather to share mealtime preparation, dining and camaraderie.

We have a Marquee announcing the evening feature for our own Boulder Cinema. Our cinema complex has only recently been attached to a large tower top antenna allowing for the viewing of local St. Louis stations and important sporting events.

Boulder Clubhouse proudly sports a new paint job, wall-paper trim, toy box and new lamps.

Our 'Boulder Corn' popcorn machine has been rebuilt and mounted on a rolling cart.

Anyone wishing to be heard at an official BYC function has the luxury of using our new Public Address system.

Venturing into the Shed at night is no longer a frightening

UPCOMING EVENTS

2001

Sat. Dec. 1 Ladies' Xmas Luncheon
(see Susan's article and enclosed flyer)

2002

Sat. Feb. 16 No Boat Regatta
Orlando Gardens
8352 Watson Road
St. Louis, MO

adventure, since the installation of ceiling lighting.

Our official flag pole proudly displays a new American flag, a newly designed and larger BYC burgee, a flag of office for each officer, as well as halyard positions for the burgees of other yacht clubs including those for CSA and CYC (which were flown during the Commodore's Cub festivities).

Trips back and forth to our boats became easier this year with the addition of two more dock carts.

With all these wonderful accomplishments, was there any time to party?

Party? We had more parties than ever before. In addition



Photo: Rey Neville

Spirits from the beyond. Note the sprites on our ghosts shoulders that only the film could capture. Hummm.

to the regularly scheduled parties, we enjoyed many pot-luck gatherings that were well-attended and great fun. On the few weekends when no party was planned, several members gathered on Boulder Social Deck or in the Boulder Clubhouse sharing an evening of dining, drinking and visiting until the wee hours.

The Official Boulder Marina Ceremonial Fire Cauldron and Navigational Beacon was dutifully tended to and delighted us regularly with enormous blazes reaching high into the evening skies.

There was time for serious sailing too! This year we did not use the Commodore's Cup as an opportunity to give ALL the trophies to sailors from other yacht clubs. One of our own took a FIRST PLACE. Our regular schedule of races was increased with the addition of a Summer Solstice series.

Best of all, however, was the fact that a great number of our family of members involved themselves in the concerns and activities of the club. Valuable contributions of time, talent, expertise, equipment and effort lightened the burden of each of our achievements.

Thank you for helping me make this year of the new millennium a new beginning for Boulder Yacht Club.

Boulder tent report:

On Wednesday, October 24th a powerful and foul wind came up over the marina and seriously damaged our tent. Were it not for the heroic efforts of **Mike Ferguson** and his brother, we would not have a tent today. The wind tore one of the main corner supports loose and then proceeded to lift and tear the tent, bending and breaking tent poles while banging them against the clubhouse roof. In the midst of this melee, Mike and his brother ventured into the tempest and cut the remaining support lines in order to collapse the tent. With the tent still flailing, they unbuckled the tent from the frame and secured it from further damage. We all owe Mike and his brother a sincere expression of our thanks.

Several members have stepped forward with offers of help. **Karl Schmitt** will deliver the tent for mending this week. He has also agreed to take the twisted mass of metal that used to be our tent frame and repair or replace whatever is necessary. Thank you, Karl, for this valuable helping hand.

Hopefully, we will be enjoying our tent next year and for many years to come. It will proudly display its scars from

this conflict with the elements.

Winter anchorage:

On February 16, 2002, all stalwart and frustrated prairie sailors will gather for our annual No Boat Regatta. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with fellow BYC members, reminisce about the preceding year, share plans for a winter warm-water sailing trip or brag about new gear for the boat, and have a sailing respite from the rigors of cold St. Louis winter weather.

We will splice the main brace at an open bar, dine sumptuously, install our new officers, hail our race champions, laugh at a film of the preceding year at the lake and have a jolly good time.

Don't be a stick in the mud. Plan to attend. Details in this issue of Boulder Bits and invitations will be arriving this winter at your home ashore.

Fair Winds
John Carnasiotis

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

I told you it was coming! Cold weather is now here. By the time you receive this issue of the Bits, I will have already taken all the Ship's Store clothing to my home. I do have an order for more sweatshirts that is due in around November 9th. So I should have a good supply on hand. You will be able to purchase any of the items from the Ship's Store throughout the winter. We have many nice items that would make great birthday gifts or Christmas gifts! Yes Christmas IS coming. Remember what I told you about cold weather? Well, it's here a lot sooner than you thought. So I'm telling you now-Christmas is coming. And it will be here before you know it too. So, start your shopping while I still have a great selection. Just as a reminder, I have included a current price list:

- Long sleeve denim shirts \$25.00
- Microcheck sweatshirts \$26.00
- Jerzees Sweatshirts \$24.00
- Luna Pier nylon jacket \$28.00
- Size 2xl \$31.00
- Men's & women's Polo shirts \$18.00 (all colors)
- T-Shirts \$ 9.00
- Caps \$10.00

- Canvas tote bag \$16.00
- Burgees \$20.00
- Keychains \$ 1.25

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our Ship's Store. It has been a very exciting and fun year for me. And I think the Store has blossomed quite nicely. I have enjoyed working with all of you throughout the past year. And I look forward to working with all of you in my new capacity next year.

I am always open to new ideas, new suggestions. In fact I am soliciting them with a short questionnaire included with this issue of the *Bits*. I would really appreciate your input and ideas. They always say, "Two heads are better than one!" So, let me hear from you.

Have a wonderful winter, terrific holidays and I'll see you at the No Boat!

Your trusty apparel assistant,

Bonnie DiMercurio
Vice-Commodore
(636) 296-1059 adimercurio@earthlink.net

BYC RACING

The BYC Commodores Cup Regatta was an outstanding event again this year. As mentioned in the Commodores Cup flyer we promised great Chili and always-great sailing stories. We delivered on both accounts.

The chili was exceptional thanks to Rey and Mary Neville and I'm sure great stories were made on the 20+ boats



Photo: Rey Neville
Bonnie and Tony receive their award for winning first place in the B Division of the 2001 Commodore's Cup.

from BYC, CSA and CYC that braved the strong winds and rainy weather to come out and race.

The winds started out at 20 knots and increased to 25+ by race end. It never stopped raining... and raining. What a day! Heavy winds brought out the best in sturdy boats and skilled sailors with Tony and Bonnie DiMercurio on Miss-B-Haven taking First place in the mid-PHRF division...yes, I said First place. Congratulations to everyone on Miss-B Haven. It's nice to see some of the awards hardware stay at Boulder. Tony will be telling this story for a long time.

Doug Draper on Blade Runner (CYC) took First Overall and first in the Low-PHRF Division and Gerry Donaldson on Valdez (CSA) grabbed first in the High-PHRF Division. I would like to give a HUGE THANKS to Ken and Monica Schowe for volunteering as committee boat for this event. It was a rough ride...with lots of wet stopwatches...Thanks Again.



Photo: Rey Neville
Our Regatta Chairman, Stan Philipak, presents the trophy for first overall to Doug Draper while Elyse looks on with rapt admiration.

The Fall Racing series came to a close with the #4 make up race on October 20th. The final standings for the Fall Series are (complete details can be found on the web site):

First	Miss-B-Haven	Tony & Bonnie DiMercurio
Second	Desperado	Dennis Smith
Third	Summer Place	Jim Moore

The racing was close with a number of surprise finishes.

I would like to say thanks to everyone who came out and raced this season. Especially those who showed up every race and helped out with the marks and other volunteer duties. I enjoyed participating and watching the season un-

fold.

Congratulations to Tony DiMercurio as the 2002 Regatta Chairman. I am sure Tony will provide an exceptional 2002 racing season.

I've had lots of fun; It's been a great season

Stan Philipak
2001 BYC Regatta Chairman

THE SOCIAL SCENE

Ladies' Luncheon

The annual **BYC Ladies' Luncheon** will be held this year at **Canyon Café** at **Plaza Frontenac** in St. Louis on **December 1st**.

Come have lunch, visit with BYC ladies, and do some shopping at the beautiful Plaza Frontenac. The cost is \$16.00 which covers lunch, tax and gratuities. *See enclosed flier.

To get to Plaza Frontenac from Illinois, take the Poplar Street Bridge west on Highway 64/40 (approx.. 13 miles) to Lindbergh Blvd. Southbound. Proceed south on Lindbergh Blvd. for 1/8 mile to Plaza Frontenac on your right. Free parking is available either inside or outside.

Gentle Breezes
Susan Haase

No Boat Regatta Scheduled For February 16, 2002

Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual No Boat Regatta. It will be held at Orlando Gardens Banquet Center located at 8352 Watson Road in southwest St. Louis County. Invitations will be mailed the latter part of December. The price remains the same as in recent years at \$30.00 per person.

This upcoming No-Boat is a special one indeed. We will be celebrating twenty-five years since the first No-Boat Regatta was held and we hope as many members as possible will be able to attend.

Requests were made to check into having a Cash Bar this year. It would be more expensive for everyone to purchase drinks individually so we have decided to stay with the all-inclusive package which includes an open bar.

See you on February 16, 2002.

Art & Liz Seise
No-Boat Regatta Committee

2002 Tony Awards

Based on popular demand and comments from many Yacht Club members I would like to return to the original way the Tony Awards were created. Many people have asked me to return to the "personalized" awards as opposed to the "Screwy" which was created to more closely approximate the real award shows. I'm willing to do this provided I have the time (and the creativity) to put these awards together.

What I would really like to do is return the choice of award winners to the general membership in the form of nominations. I don't get a chance to see all the zany things that happen on and off the lake and depend on stories from fellow sailors. I would really like to recognize all sailors who merit such a prestigious award and avoid the skilled few that appear to receive one of these coveted awards every year.

I, therefore, am asking the help of all members to submit nominations (anonymously, of course). Your nomination should include the name of the individual and the deed they performed that merits special recognition by the yacht club general membership at the No-Boat. Make nominations directly to me either by e-mail (tdimercurio@celsis.com, tdimercurio@earthlink.net), snail mail or phone call (314-487-6776 office or 636-296-1059 home) Please limit your nominations to deeds performed in the operation of sailboats. (Getting caught by the state police driving home from the lake naked with a cocker spaniel in the car does



Photo: Rey Neville
With the tent up and the side curtains in place, chili supper diners are oblivious to the tempest raging outside.

not warrant an award. Getting caught by the state police while sailing naked with a cocker spaniel on the boat does.)

Your nomination will be reviewed by the Tony Committee at the annual meeting, dinner dance and panty raid which will be held at Club Sleazeball in Grubville, Missouri.

Please try to have your nominations to me by the end of the year so I can have enough time to invent a suitable punishment for the victim.

See you at the No-Boat. And I will be watching.

Many chili thanks:

Neither cold nor rain nor blustery gales could keep the hungry sailors from the appointed hour for the 2001 Chili Supper. With driving wind and rain and a chill in the air, the Chili Supper went off without a hitch — due primarily to a cheerful crew of volunteers, our new Boulder Galley and the Boulder tent with the much needed side curtains in place.

With a phalanx of volunteers, we successfully served a tent full of satisfied sailors with four heats of chili plus Carmen Davis' own special blend of chili. Complementing the chili was Susan Haase's special recipe cornbread and fresh helpings of Supersmoker cole slaw, thanks to Chef Marianne Moore. And, of course our chili would not be complete without Monika's noodles or the precooked ground beef prepared by our four cooks: Pam Wheeler, Bonnie DiMercurio, Barb Weber and Jane Floyd-Hendey.

As in every year it would not be possible to put on the Chili Supper without the many volunteers who come forward



Photo: Rey Neville

Grey skies outside don't dampen the spirits of this enthusiastic group.

and offer their assistance in the setup, serving and dreaded (until this year) cleanup. Our special thanks go to Sandy Bourgeois, John Carnasiotis (the popcorn concessionaire), Tony DiMercurio, Liz and Art Seise (hot dogs to perfection), Bon and Shirley Doza, Bill Franklin, Nick and Sue Beulick, Tina Philipak, Bill Schmidt, Dee Dellerman and the many others who pitched in and gave a hand. Thank you all.

Rey and Mary Neville

NOTES FROM THE ETHER

When you receive your club renewal form early next year (the marina management kindly includes our form with their contract mailing) please note the new section — "Participation in BYC E-Mail Programs."

It asks you to respond to two questions. First we invite you to receive the Boulder Bits via e-mail. Benefits to this are you get the news in living color delivered directly to your e-mail address and you save the club a buck or two.

Secondly, we ask whether you wish to participate in the club's Topica news group which allows participants to exchange e-mail with the subscribed group. Participation is exclusive to active members of Boulder Yacht Club, so you can be assured there will be no messages coming from someone not involved with BYC. Keep up to date with immediate happening, or share interesting stuff, or get help from the many knowledgeable BYC members. Its whatever you make of it.

Lastly, I thought you might be interested in some of our web site statistics. We've had 1705 hits on the site in the past year; 72% of visitors use Windows 98 while 6% use Mac OS; 9% of visitors arrive via a web search with the most common search selection of "carlyle yacht club" indicating our site may just be bringing sailors to our little corner of the world.

See you on the Internet.

Rey Neville
Your web guy

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is the last edition of Boulder Bits for the 2001 sailing season. We wish everyone a Happy Holiday! Our next issue will be in spring 2002. Rey Neville & Liz Seise

BYC 2002 ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

We would appreciate your input on the following questionnaire. Our club is always trying to find better ways to serve our membership. To help further that goal please respond to the questions below and return them to me, Bonnie DiMercurio. You may submit it either by mail to 101 Heritage Hills Place, Arnold, MO 63010, or send your response via e-mail to adimercurio@earthlink.net.

1. What type of activities would like to see our Club offer? Please recommend activities or changes you feel would offer members a better program, increase attendance, and add variety. _____

2. What suggestions do you have for party ideas? _____

3. What would entice you to race your boat in our racing program? What reason or reasons prevent you from racing now? _____

4. Additional comments. _____

NAME

BOAT NAME

Please take a few moments to give us y our ideas. You can sign it or not.
We really appreciate your time and thoughts. Thank you.



**Boulder Yacht Club
Ladies' Luncheon**

**Saturday
December 1, 2001
Noon**

**Canyon Cafe
Plaza Frontenac
1707 South Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO**

**Luncheon to include:
Choice of Entree**

**Soup OR Dessert
Non-Alcoholic Beverages
Tax and Gratuity**

Tariff: \$16.00

**RSVP with payment no later than November 24, 2001
Send Check to:**

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(314) 725-1155**

