

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Carlyle Lake, IL

Bits and Pieces: Some Noteworthy, None Newsworthy.

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Hey! My name is Rich Sutorius, and, at present, I am the Vice-Commodore of the Boulder Yacht Club. My wife Carolyn and I have *Mañana*, a 1981 Seafarer 26' that we've owned for about 32 years. *Mañana* is on Jost Van Dock at slip 14. We're the only dark blue Seafarer 26' on the dock (well, for that matter, the only dark blue Seafarer 26' on the lake). Prior to that we had a Seafarer 22' (see a trend here?) that we kept at West Access Marina. Pre-Carolyn, my first boat was a used Styrofoam Snark that I bought for \$50. The most useful thing about the Snark was its ability to double as a beer cooler when filled with ice. In addition to *Mañana* I am also the owner of a 17' 1985 Florida Bay Mud Hen that I bought from an auction and is presently being restored.

I started sailing in 1978 when I saw an ad in the newspaper for sailing lessons. The final was a day on their 30' boat on Lake Carlyle to put the classroom training to the test. Up until that day, I had no idea there was a place this close that you could sail on!

About 25 years ago I visited Boulder Marina for the Chili-Cookoff and instantly fell in love with the people, the spirit of the place, and made the decision to move down. We've been here ever since and have no plans on leaving (unless that lottery thing comes through and we relocate to the Caribbean).

Some sailing highs include charters in the Caribbean, sailing a 12-meter yacht in Newport, sunsets on the BYC patio and all the great friends we've made over the years. Another high was having *Mañana* as a feature boat in Good Old Boat magazine, along with a video on the GOB website! Downers have been that I seem to have developed a reputation for leaving my ship (i.e. falling overboard) while the boat is on autopilot, having to be rescued and occasionally stepping off a boat and managing to miss the dock (I'm still blaming this on the tri-focal glasses I was wearing at the time). There was also a time where I was trying to remove a panel from inside the lazarette and managed to get it lodged in place with me trapped in the middle. Luckily my dockmate heard me yelling for help, came over and pulled me out with only minor injuries (mostly to my pride).



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FROM THE SECRETARY_TREASURER

Ahoy all. This has been an unusual season with Covid and all. It's hurt our ability to hold events but we are adapting. I see people social-distancing and some wearing masks in the group. Let's all keep diligent and safe so we can continue to enjoy our outdoor activities and our friends. We welcome the following peeps to the club. I hope I am able to read handwriting correctly.

- Bryan Worley & Roger Beckebuegler on Critter Critter
- Jeanette & Tiffany Hodge
- Cory & Ashley Green on Bonne Pearl

I have spoken to a few of you new folks already and looking forward to meeting the rest. Please come to events and introduce yourselves. It's a friendly group here at Boulder. We are having a Cheeseburger in Paradise event on Saturday, August 8th. Please come and listen to the band Duoly Noted. We will have another one-man band in September. Great way to have fun but still keep some distance. See y'all at the lake. Stay safe and healthy.

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Next time you're on Jost Van Dock, head down and meet Cory Green, his wife Ashley, and their adorable two-year-old daughter, Freya, aboard their O-day 22, *Bonne Pearl*. The Greens are new to sailing and can't wait to learn more and make new friends here at Boulder.



CAPTAIN'S HOUR

If you've ever had the chance to travel with or read one of the best-selling books by the renowned yet humble captain/author John Kretschmer, you've likely heard of Captain's Hour. This is a period which typically occupies an evening hour of a voyage, and it is a time of shared reflection and storytelling always accompanied by an adult beverage or two. Though we might not be able to share captain's hour in typical Boulder fashion right now thanks to COVID, there's always the possibility of sharing a drink and conversation using video calls. If you haven't tried it yet, Skype, Facetime, Google Meets, Facebook Video Messenger all offer multi-way video calling services. Try one out with some BYC members or other friends, and make a drink to accompany your call (because, why not? What could go wrong? X). To get you started, here's an oldie but goodie drink recipe for your next Remote Captain's Hour: The Dark 'N Stormy.



Invented shortly after WWI, Bermuda's Dark 'N Stormy gets its name from the stormcloud-esque dark rum layer across the top of the glass and is considered a classic maritime beverage. Simply fill a highball glass with ice, add 2 ounces of Gosling's Black Seal Rum, 4 or 5 ounces of ginger beer, and garnish with a lime wedge. Enjoy with friends near or far.

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Did you know that the term "feeling blue" has its etymological roots in the maritime industry? When a high-ranking seaman died at sea, blue flags (and sometimes a swatch of blue paint across the hull) would adorn the ship as a sign of loss. [NOAA](#) and [Merriam-Webster](#) for more nautical turns of phrase.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello! If you would like to contribute to next month's edition or need to update your email address to receive The Bits, please contact me at the email address below. This year, the monthly deadline for each article entry will be set for the 20th day of each month. I encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with the BYC family. You don't have to be an officer; you just have to have a story and/or pictures to share.

***Submission Instructions:** send an email to the address below with your article as the email text and any pictures attached as jpeg files. Event flyers could be submitted in PDF format but if you would like me to check them for errors, a word/google doc is fine.

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