

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Carlyle Lake, IL

Bits and Pieces: Some Noteworthy, None Newsworthy

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OFFICER REPORTS

FROM THE COMMODORE



As I write this article I am keeping a close eye on tropical disturbance 92L, located in the Gulf of Mexico. The reason for my concern is we are heading down to Destin in a couple of days, precisely when the heaviest rain is set to impact the panhandle of Florida with high winds and possible flooding forecast.

It brings to mind the handful of times I have been caught out in some extreme weather on Carlyle Lake. We have been very lucky not to sustain any injuries or significant damage, although I did bounce off another boat in the harbor and bent a rung or two on a ladder (sorry, Steve and Kim). With the technology available to us on our phones these days you wouldn't think this could happen, but lack of awareness and sometimes unavoidable circumstances lead to being caught in these situations. The key if you are caught out in a storm is to remain calm and work the problem in the safest way possible. These days if there is even the slightest chance for severe weather, we will either stay tied up in the marina or I will have my eyes glued to the radar looking for danger.

On a lighter note, by now most of us have our boats in the water and we have taken shake down cruises to kick off the season. Some of us have even been able to cove out and enjoy the company of our fellow sailors. Hopefully in the months to come we will be able to enjoy many more beautiful nights

Tim Bira, BYC Commodore

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE



A few weeks ago, I noticed my freshwater pump would cycle on and off when all faucets were closed. This was especially annoying in the middle of the night. It got worse as the weekend went by. In the past the culprit was the pump itself. After checking under each sink and all plumbing connections, I was stumped until I noticed the puddle. Darn! The hot water heater tank, itself, was leaking. Since this was the original from 1993, I couldn't complain too much about its service life. Mine heats using electricity or can utilize an antifreeze coolant loop from the Yanmar engine.

Wanting to retrofit with the same unit, I entered the model number into Google's search engine. To my surprise, it was still made in the exact configuration of my old one. Prices, however, were all over the place.

I checked Amazon, West Marine, Defender, eBay and a few others. I ended up finding a company I had not heard of before: fredwarner.net. Check them out. They have all kinds of marine items. They ended up having the best price, and shipping was free! The part was in stock and arrived about a week later. The swap out was easy since all fittings were in the same locations. A couple of hours later my new tank was installed. Special thanks to the guy from Azgard who offered free advice, encouragement, and held the flashlight.

Jeff Morrison, BYC Vice-Commodore

FROM THE RACE CHAIR



Hello, everyone! We are two races into the season. The first one was the TYC Cup, which is the first race which counts for the BYC Year-End Championship. At the lake-wide events, only BYC member count for the standings in the BYC Championship, but the stats for that race are (in numerical order):

Mustang Sally, TBD, EllaJ, Nabolisk, Schatz Sea, Genesis, Against the Wind
All other participants dropped out

Then we had the Cruiser Cup, hosted by BYC. Results are as follows:

Mustang Sally CYC 1.18.50, Determined CYC 1.22.20, Martha J BYC 1.23.56, Ella Jay CYC 1.26.25
Cheers CYC 1.28.44, Blue Moon BYC 1.30.04, Schatz Sea BYC 1.32.01, Genesis CYC 1.32.41.

That gives CYC 7 points and BYC 17 points, (no TYC boats participated). It was blustery to say the least, but everybody had a good time.

Our next race is a Boulder race on July 17, and it will most likely be a Hound and Hare Race (the fastest boat starts last and whoever finishes first is first). This is lots of fun as boats need to pass in order to win. Also, these races are great for beginners as there is no drama at the start of the race vying for positions on the start line. Look for the blue leaflets in the club house with all the Racing Rules. At first it might look a little confusing but in general, the basic concepts are starboard/port and leeward/windward. Also, give room at the mark when you enter a circle about 3 boat lengths wide. Hope to see you there!

Thor Schaette, BYC Race Chair

FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR



Wow, where is the summer going? Thank you to the fisherman for supplying and cooking the delicious fish at our fish fry last weekend, as well as to all attendees for their sides and desserts. Although I was unable to attend, I heard the fish was great and a good time was had by all.

Mark your calendar with the upcoming events. On July 17, we have the Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 PM; \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. This event is free for new members, but all wishing to attend should RSVP (see flyer, which is also attached to this email). Following that is the Bloody Mary Breakfast on July 25. On August 14, we will hold our canoe race, and the next morning (August 15) is Claire's Waffle breakfast. August 28 is Unanchored Miracles, this year's charity event sponsored by Boulder Marina. Anyone interested in helping support the kids and their families on that day should contact Shanna Sampson. Finally, Kim Cantino is in the planning stages for her amazing Seafood Boil Dinner in September (flyer attached to email). As always, please continue to visit the club website (<http://boulderyc.org/events/social-calendar/>) as event flyers with event specific information are posted there.

Carolyn Sutorius, BYC Social Chair

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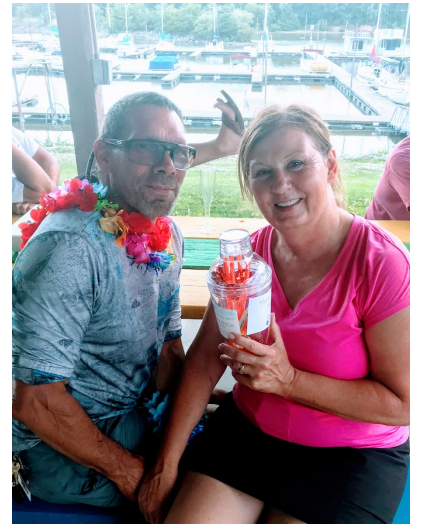
Thanks to all who participated in the Tapas on the Docks party this past weekend! It was a gusty day, but we rallied and had a great event full of great food, delicious drinks, and laughter. Votes were so close in some categories, but the winners of the event are as follows:

Best in Show: Dannon and Dan on Ever Satisfied
Best Drink: Karen and Dave on Island Time
Best App: Emily and Joel on Pascagoula Run
Most Comfortable Boat: Jeff Morrison on Gail Force
Most Improved Boat: Natalie Sampson on Dream Weaver
Most Romantic Boat: Pat and Andrea on Luna
Class Clown: Bob Elden on Dandelion

See the next pages for pictures of the event, as well as the recipe for the crowd favorite appetizer, taco wonton bites!



Tapas on the Docks 2021



FROM THE GALLEY

For those who enjoyed the taco wonton bites from the tapas, here is the [recipe](#):



COURSE
Appetiser

CUISINE
Mexican



SERVINGS
24

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 lb ground chuck
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 15-oz can refried beans
- 1 1-oz pkg taco seasoning mix
- 1 12-oz pkg refrigerated wonton wrappers
- 2 8-oz pkg shredded fiesta blend cheese
- 1 8-oz carton sour cream
- 1 cup fresh salsa

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F; lightly grease 2 (12-cup) muffin pans.
2. Cook ground chuck and onion in a large skillet over medium heat until beef is browned and crumbly; drain. Stir in refried beans, taco seasoning mix, and 1/4 cup water; bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until thickened.
3. Line muffin cups with wonton wrappers; top each with 1 Tbsp meat mixture and 1 Tbsp cheese. Lightly press down and place a second wonton wrapper over cheese. Top with 1 Tbsp meat mixture and 1 Tbsp cheese.
4. Bake 15 minutes or until edges of wontons are browned and crisp. Top with sour cream and salsa.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor