

Boulder Yacht Club Boulder Bits



Carlyle Lake, IL

Bits and Pieces: Some Noteworthy, None Newsworthy

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OFFICER REPORTS

FROM THE COMMODORE



Normally in this space we like to tell entertaining tales or interesting experiences we have had at the lake. This month's article is a little different in that I am going to talk about the passing of a good friend and sailor, Bill Schmidt. Bill held almost every position in the yacht club, and he and Sharon were a constant presence at the lake. Bill was always good for a joke, or to give you trouble, but you knew he was coming from a place of friendship. I recall how frustrated I was one evening when we were competing in a game of washers. Bill was a little tipsy, as we all can be from time to time at the lake, yet he proceeded to kick my butt round after round after round. He never forgot that night and reminded me of it almost every time we talked. Bill and his entire family are one of the reasons this club and this lake are such a fun place to spend the summer. Bill, you and your family are in our prayers and I wish you "Fair Winds and Following Seas".

Tim Bira, BYC Commodore

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE



Well, this week (April 18) has started on a sad note. A good friend and fellow sailor has passed away. I have known Bill Schmidt for over ten years. He has been a fixture at Boulder Marina and within the BYC community. Having served many officer positions more than once, he also produced and edited our BYC Bits for more years than I can count. Bill could often be found under our marina pavilion with a cigar in hand and a parrot named Pepper on his shoulder (and a stain on the back of his shirt from his inconsiderate pet). He did not seem to mind, and he always had a good joke to tell or sage advice to offer. I had the pleasure to sail with him on his boat and on a chartered boat in the British Virgin Islands. To the right

is my favorite picture of him at the helm of a 45' catamaran during that BVI trip. "I raise my glass to you, Sir, on a life well lived. You will be sorely missed."



Jeff Morrison, BYC Vice-Commodore

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER



Hello Everyone! We are still working with Paypal to get our digital dues link working correctly, so if you have not paid your club membership fee yet, please bring your completed membership application and \$35 fee to the marina ship store and leave it with Shanna, or send both via snail-mail to me at the following address:

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THE SOCIAL CHAIR



Well, the sailing season is starting. People are launching their boats and hoping the lake level rises. I know some are stuck in the mud and some are still on the hard due to the low lake levels, but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun while we wait.

Although we have not planned any club-sponsored events yet, there have been rumblings about an Ocho De Mayo Party (May 8--keep an eye on the facebook page), and Jeff and Rusty are throwing together a Cheeseburger in Paradise (not in quarantine!) get-together on May 15. It's just an evening to gather with friends and have some fun and

listen to Rusty's band play some great music. Burgers, hot-dogs, and such fare will be served. If you want to contribute a side of some sort, try to make it grab 'n go/ individually-portioned so we can avoid unnecessary food handling. The event will be held on the patio for ventilation and social distancing purposes. There will be no cost to attendees, but in order to be sure there is enough food, please RSVP on facebook or via the Google Form that was sent to club member email addresses by May 8.

On June 19, we plan on having a family fun night with games of washers and corn hole. This is a bring your own food and drink informal event. Again, until COVID numbers start to decrease, we are still discussing what club sponsored events we should or should not have and will have more information next month, so stay tuned. A spring-cleaning of the shed is one such event on the horizon; anyone who would like to help, please reach out to me and we can plan a date and post it on Facebook.

Carolyn Sutorius, BYC Social Chair

MARINA MEMOS



Hello BYC Members,

This year, Boulder Marina is teaming up with Miracles N' Progress, a nonprofit organization similar to Children's Miracle Network or Make-A-Wish in that they provide kids (and their families) who dealing with life-altering conditions like cancer opportunities to have fun experiences that allow them a brief reprieve from their condition. Our goal is to provide as many of these area children and their families the opportunity to visit the marina, go out for a short sail, play games, eat, and enjoy what will be a new experience for many of them. If you're interested in learning more about this nonprofit, please copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.miraclesnprogress.org/>

Our date for this event is August 28th, and we are looking for volunteers! Please complete this short survey below (click on the link) if you are interested in volunteering in any of the capacities listed below (and, please mark your calendars). As we get an idea of the number of volunteers, we will be better able to plan the logistics of the day, and more information will follow. We greatly appreciate anyone who is willing to help in any way they can! If you have any questions, please reach out to Shanna at Boulder Marina.

<https://forms.gle/UyBBWZkgTkcD3gTQ6>

Shanna Sampson, Boulder Marina Management

IN LOVING MEMORY

William "Bill" Schmidt, 1943 - April 18, 2021



“O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths—
for you the shores a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces
turning...”

- Walt Whitman, 1865

Rest in Peace, Bill Schmidt: Commodore, Captain,
Husband, Father, and Friend

EDITOR'S NOTE



Thanks for reading the BYC Bits! If you'd like to contribute a story or images to an upcoming edition, please follow the instructions below.

***Submission Instructions:** send an email to bycbits@gmail.com with your article as the email body and any pictures attached as jpeg files. Event flyers may be submitted in PDF format but if you would like me to check them for errors, please attach a word/google doc instead. Items received after the 25th of each month may be held over until the next edition.

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