

# Boulder Yacht Club

# Boulder Bits



Carlyle Lake, IL

Bits and Pieces: Some Noteworthy, None Newsworthy

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## FROM THE COMMODORE



Hello, club members. Very important functions of our club are coming up in the next two months. Every year, we nominate and elect new officers and directors as well as conduct our Annual General Meeting. Every member has an important role to play in this process. This club has been around since the 80's, and it had over 100 members in its heyday. Over time things have changed.

Membership has dropped off possibly due to lack of interest in sailing as a whole, then the pandemic hit. The latter, however, has brought back more interest, so now we need to regroup as a club and become more active and

participatory. You can do this by being present at our nominations meeting and submit your ballot at election time (prior to the Annual General Meeting). The Nominations Meetings will be held September 4 and Elections/General Meeting will be on October 2.

With all that said, here are more informal descriptions of the duties of the Flag Officers and Board of Directors. As we help each other on the water and on the docks, we should help each other run the club and make it the best possible club it can be!

### Commodore:

The Commodore is basically the head of the club. They lead all the club meetings, make sure all the other officers fulfill their duties as prescribed by the bylaws, and also appoint the webmaster. They also uphold any decisions made by the Board of Directors. The Commodore also ensures that information is communicated to the club members and presents the club with a favorable image. The Commodore may also speak at events, giving thanks to those sponsoring parties and helping with activities, and may also present awards at the no-boat.

### Vice Commodore:

The Vice-Commodore assists the Commodore in their various duties. He/She would also act as Commodore if the Commodore is absent and is needed to make a decision and also if the

Commodore position should become vacant. They also maintain all aspects of the Ship Store which basically ensures there are items such as caps, shirts, club burgees and other various items which contain the BYC logo. They work with the Secretary/Treasurer on the cost of Ship Store items to ensure they can be covered and also discuss the pricing for said items.

CURRENT UPDATE: The employees at the store making our caps and shirts came down with COVID, so this is delayed. They are also working on a website specific for us to order items so we don't have to have a large inventory. Sorry this is taking so long.

#### Secretary/Treasurer:

The Secretary/Treasurer is basically a combined position. He/She keeps a record of all club meetings, keeps a roster of the officers and committees, and a roll of the members and the yachts. He/She also reports to the club at its Annual General Meeting, and to the Board of Directors as required, collects all monies due the club, and make such disbursements as are ordered or approved by the Commodore and Staff Officers, as well as keep account of all club monetary investments and make a financial report to the club at its Annual General Meeting. Lastly, this individual ensures the proper tax documents will be filed and kept up to date in order to maintain the club's Not for Profit Status.

#### Race Chairperson:

This is the first of two positions that should have a committee. This position also has a two-year duration, the first being the chair of the committee and the second to assist/mention the new race chairperson elected into office the following year.

During the first year of the term, the Race Chair responsibilities will include:

- Overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Race Program and all related events as determined by the Commodore and agreed to by the Race Chair.
- Preparation of the schedule of races and events to be presented to the membership by the Race Club including all series racing, special club events and lake-wide events which involve racing.
- Preparation and circulation of a committee boat schedule including alternates to encompass the year's activities.
- Calculation and circulation of most recent PHRF ratings for the Boulder Fleet with assistance from the Race Chair Advisor.
- Keep financial records generated by the Race Program.
- Conduct skipper's meetings with the Boulder Yacht Club for series racing, open regattas, and events.
- Procure and award all trophies for Club sponsored events.

During the second year of the term, Race Chair Advisor responsibilities will include:

- Assist the Race Chair in the preparation of PHRF ratings when requested.
- Assist the Race Chair in the preparation of budget, spending and income for the year.

- Maintenance of race equipment including marks, flag systems, lights, megaphone, writing board, computer, records, etc.
- Conducting skipper's meetings during open regattas and events.
- Planning and coordinating special regattas and lake-wide events.
- Taking the place of the Race Chair in his/her absence.

#### Social Chairperson:

This is the second of the two positions that helps to have a committee. If the chairperson feels the need to have an identified team to help them, then they may do so, but it is not required.

The description for this position is rather short in the bylaw, but basically says "It is the duty of the Social Chairperson(s) to set the social calendar, recruit party hosts for the Club parties, assist the party hosts with information, suggestions and help whenever necessary." What can probably be added is that if flyers are created for event advertisement, they should show the BYC Burgee. This is another position that I believe should be mentored by the previous year's social chair – but that is purpose of the 'planning' meeting that should take place at the beginning of the calendar year, usually in January, so that when the No-Boat is held, both events and races can be shared with the club members.

I've actually written more on the duties of this position which can go under consideration as an addendum to the bylaws. It details the following needs: timeliness of event publications, need for RSVP, event costs, supply inventory, and enlistment of cleanup volunteers. This can also happen with our other positions if the club feels it necessary to prescribe the duties in more detail.

#### Board of Directors:

The BYC Board is a group of people that have had previous experience in the running of the club which can provide direction and guidance to the Flag Officers. They also provide a check and balance as to the conduct of the club and the officers as to keep the purpose of the club on track and ensure a favorable image. There is a Chairman of the Board, a secretary, and three additional board members who comprise a total team of five.

From the Bylaws: The Board of Directors shall provide general guidance and direction of policies of the Club. Specific day-to-day administration of Club activities and events shall be the responsibility of the Commodore and Staff Officers as defined in Article V. The Board of Directors may require all Staff Officers and Committees to report to it when necessary for the discharge of its decisions. The Board of Directors shall not permit the Staff officers or Club in general, to incur debts in excess of annual income without approval of a majority of members at a general or special meeting.

*Pam McBride, BYC Commodore*



### **FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER**

August has brought us some awesome sailing weather which is usually the hottest month of the boating season. I know we are enjoying our boat and I hope you all are enjoying yours as well. Please welcome Rich & Christy Carson on DeJa Vu, a Catalina 34, who recently rejoined.

Please watch Facebook for upcoming event details. The next upcoming event is our Charity Event on September 10 th . This year we are supporting Wild Bird Rehabilitation. Their mission is to ensure the survival of native songbirds through professional medical care and education regarding their value and needs. They also provide public education regarding the humane treatment of

wild songbirds and the conservation of their habitat. If any of you would like to put together a basket to raffle off at the event, it would be appreciated. Please see our Facebook page for details and cost of the event. RSVP for this event is a must due to the cost of the meal.

September is also the time of year we need to find new volunteers for officers to run the club. More to come on that from Pam McBride. All of this information will be posted on our Facebook page. As always, if you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Pam McBride or me.

*Carolyn Sutorius, BYC Sec/Treasurer*

### **FROM THE RACE CHAIR**



Ahoy Mateys! I'm excited to present the results of the August races. First we had eight tandem canoes, and sixteen racers paddling through a gauntlet of water balloons, water cannons and two 360 turns. Ending in a spectacular split second finish, there were only .846 seconds between first and second place. Congratulations to Tim and George, the Sea Scout, as well as to runners-up, Emily and Kort.

The August 20th BYC club race #4 had seven boats participating on a 4.5 mile course. Final standings have been posted on the club face book and at the clubhouse. I want to thank all of you that participated and helped make these races possible.

We have four lake wide races remaining so let's all make an extra effort to participate.

- Sep 3rd Renshaw Regatta
- Sep 10 th Cruisers Cup sponsored by TYC
- Oct 1st BYC Commodores Cup
- Oct 29 The Great Race

*Bill Rathbunn, BYC Race Chair*

### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Remember that all event flyers and details may be found on the club website at [boulderyc.org](http://boulderyc.org)

### PICTURES FROM RECENT EVENTS

Our local Sea Scout chapter has been busy this past month with their induction ceremony and other events. See the attached pictures, and thanks to Rich and Joel for lending their boats and time to these young yachters!



### EDITOR'S NOTE

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*Emily Elden, BYC Bits Editor*