

Boulder Yacht Club

Boulder Bits



Bits and Pieces. Some Noteworthy; none newsworthy.

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---COMMODORE'S COMMENTS---

Spring is finally here! It always seems that the beginning of our Sailing Season takes forever to roll around. The weather has been crazy the last few weeks. Hopefully April will bring an end to the snow and rain so we can get busy on our pre-launch boat work. I'd like to remind everyone that on April 16th we have our Spring Thaw and Flea Market. I'll provide a light breakfast for everyone between 8:00-11:00. Please bring your flea market items to the Marina Pavilion. See you there.

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---FROM THE VICE COMMODORE---

Let's see if I have this right. Spring began last Sunday, March 20. Opening Day at Busch Stadium is near. The robins and mockingbirds are singing again. But, here I sit gazing outside, looking at 6 inches of the white, fluffy stuff. With more predicted. Maybe the weather gods are messing with me?

Well, technically, spring has sprung. All of the plans for boating season are now set in place and catalogues are thoroughly dog-eared from countless hours of dream searching for the newest toys and fancier upgrades. I love this time of year. Heading back to Boulder, seeing old friends, making new ones, coving out and just being...outside.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.....after this friggin' snow melts

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---FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER---

Since the no boat there hasn't been a lot of secretarial work to do. We have only had a few members renew their membership and one new member that I got from Cindy today. I would like to remind members that it's time to renew membership. I know that now you are busy with preparing your boat for the summer and sometimes renewing your membership slips your mind, so I will be reminding you periodically. Our new member is Scott VonBokel and first mate Becky Henzl on a 33' Carver marine named "Last Tangle". Let's give them the ole boulder welcome.

I have gotten some emails from people having trouble paying with paypal. There may be other ways if you are computer smart, of which I am not, but the easiest way is to go to the club website at www.boulderyc.org. At the home page click on pay here to pay online and you are there. You can pay for one event or multiple events. It's so easy even I can do it.

I will get the recent renewal's membership card out shortly. We went to Myrtle Beach Sc last week and played on the beach and intercoastal waterway.

See you at the lake.

Bill Schmidt BYC Secretary / Treasurer

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-----THE SOCIAL CHAIR -----

"Happy Springtime!" But as I write this article it still looks like winter – wow what a snow, BUT this will not last long and our first event of the season is around the corner. The SPRING THAW and FLEA MARKET is coming up April 16. See the flyer for more details and don't forget the free goodies Jeff is providing. I also want to mention the New Members Party that will be coming May 14. I am still looking for a Host and/or Hostess. This will be an easy and fun party and I've got some ideas so all you need to do is help me out. The Tapas Party in June is also looking for a Host and/or Hostess. This is probably the easiest Party as everyone brings their own food. AND we have a band for the occasion already lined up, so that's even more that's already been organized. So in you are interested in either of these events please let me know. My email is pammcb@brick.net.



See you all soon!
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-----FROM THE RACE CHAIR -----

I will be holding an informal rules of the road and beginner race tactics review at 10:30am for one hour on April 16th, the day of the Spring Thaw. This is open to all sailors and boaters.

As you know from reading others articles, the New Members get together is Sat. May the 14th. We will also be hosting the first BYC race in this year's season. "What is needed to participate in this race?" you may ask. It is simple, NOT MUCH. You don't even need a boat! If you would like to experience the exhilaration of racing, you can become **crew** on numerous boats in our fine fleet. Ask around to volunteer to crew, or contact me at 667-8258 or kunderwater@charter.net, or you can just show up at the skipper's meeting the morning of the race. The main thing is to get as many people and boats participating as possible. If you have a boat but need a crew, I can help with that too.

I also need boats and volunteers for the committee boat at all races. All you need to be able to do is anchor and tell time. I will coach you on the process. This is a much appreciated job. You don't need race experience to crew the committee boat. I am looking forward to see you all on the lake.



May you have fair winds and flat seas.
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(Note from the race chair's secretary) Kort was fortunate to be invited to the NACRA- I 20 Catamaran Mid-Winter Performance Nationals in Pensacola Florida in March where he and Mike Hill of the CSA took 3rd place out of 27 boats!

---BYC DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN---

David Renard Board of Directors chairman
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---BYC FLOTSAM & JETSAM---

On our lake we don't sail from country to country but we sail from cove to cove and occasionally drop the hook in one of these coves for an overnight stay. Before you launch this spring you might want to check some things to make this a pleasant night on the water. Check your battery or batteries to insure enough power for lights and music which we sailors need. Check your Ice coolers to make sure your food and liquid refreshments are at the right temperature to enjoy. Check your stove so you can have steak for super and biscuits and gravy for breakfast instead of cold cuts. Oh yeah check your anchor and rode so that you can stay there overnight. The most important thing is to *make sure the engine intake sea strainer is free of corrosion and is properly secured*. Strainers that weren't drained properly in the fall could've been bent by ice over the winter. Replace questionable parts.

Eight bells and all is well

The bells used to mark shipboard time were organized into a schedule that reflected the four-hour watch served by the crew. Each watch is identified by its time of day and one watch, called the **Dog Watch**, was split into two parts to allow taking of an evening meal. The resulting number of uneven watches insured both crews shared the graveyard shift of 0000-0400 equally. These are watches observed by ship's crew: middle watch (0000-0400), morning watch (0400-0800), forenoon watch (0800-1200), afternoon watch (1200-1600), first dog watch (1600-1800) second dog watch (1800-2000) and first watch (2000-2400). Bells are sounded in a pattern every thirty minutes. The maximum number of bells that can be struck is eight, hence the saying "*eight bells and all is well*." This is the common schedule of ship's bells that is repeated every four hours: 00:30-1 bell, 01:00-2 bells, 01:30-2 bells pause-one bell, 02:00-2 bells pause-2 bells, 02:30-2 bells pause-2 bells pause-1 bell, 03:00-2 bells pause-2 bells pause-2 bells, 03:30-2 bells pause-2 bells pause-2 bells pause-1 bell, 04:00-2 bells pause-2 bells pause-2 bells pause-2 bells.

An article by Steve Kratchman. I just finished reading this eLine zine from BoatU.S. and was prompted to email you this copy. Upon reading two articles, one about the extended coverage when an item normally given to wear and tear and not covered by insurance but causes extended damage and the other was the store of a damaged boat experience while in Mexico just south of San Diego. If I did not already experience the wonderful service from Boat U.S. insurance coverage during my past several years of sailing, this story would make me jump to the phone and call for coverage on my boat. I firmly believe anyone using a non-boating carrier such as their home or car insurance agent is a waiting disaster regardless of the size or value of their boat. I just thought these articles were worth placing in the Bits because many of our members are either uninsured or have questionable insurance they know nothing about until damage is done. The story about a damaged boat in Mexico probably won't pertain to us but the one about insurance coverage of wear and tear might. The simplified version is if your boat sinks caused by a worn out part the insurance will cover the cost of the raising and damage from the sinking. You still have to pay for the part though. If you want to read the complete article email Bill Schmidt at magicdragon1@prodigy.net and I will forward Steve's article to you.

In May we have the "New Members Party". This is a good time for the new members to meet some of the long time sailors of our lake and go over some of the things that makes sailing here interesting.

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

April 16-----Spring Thaw and Flea Market

May 14-----New Members Party

May 27-29-----Leukemia Cup Weekend for information go to www.leukemicup.org/gat/.

---EDITOR'S NOTE---

If you see an error in the Bits, or if you want the Bits by e-mail contact me at magicdragon1@prodigy.net. If you see an error when there is an attached BYC Roster E-Mail me and I will correct the error.

I don't know why I put this in here but the **deadline** for the next (May) issue of the Boulder Bits is **4/25/2011**.

We encourage everyone to send articles of interest to share with us. I know I will get articles on time this year. Bill Schmidt, Editor magicdragon1@prodigy.net

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Photo by Laurel



Myrtle Beach



Flea Market 2010

----LEUKEMIA CUP NEWS----

It's hard to believe the 2011 Bob Levin Leukemia Cup Regatta is only a couple months away. As many of you know, Bob Levin was an avid Carlyle sailor for many years. He succumbed to Leukemia this past year and we hope to honor his memory with the most successful regatta ever.

We've added some incentives this year for registration. After 10 years of regattas we've accumulated several left-over prizes, skipper's bags and assorted other items including Mount Gay hats. They are limited in number but early registrants can obtain some great stuff for your donation of \$250, \$175 or \$125. See the flyer sent to you Tuesday for the details, where you can also find a LCR

registration form. As in past years registrants by May first will have the name of their boat imprinted on the back of the regatta t-shirt.

We hope to see you racing this year, but if that is not your "cup of tea" then by all means register and attend the party. The food is always good, the beer cold, the Mount Gay rum tasty, and everyone has a great time. Make sure you participate in the silent and live auctions as some great stuff will again be available, especially the top-of-the-line Dahon bicycle Thorsten has again donated to the event.

You can also find information on the regatta **at** <http://www.leukemicup.org/gat/> where you will find the *Notice of Race* and the registration form for your boat and crew. Here you can also register for on-line donations by clicking **Start Fundraising** and then select **Register Now**. This allows you to establish an account for your friends and associates to donate through just by sending them an email. We are hoping everyone will get more involved in obtaining donations, and this is an easy way to do it. Another method is by selling advertising for the Program Book. A full page is \$300, 1/2 page is \$200 and business card ad is \$50. Just ASK!!!! You will be surprised at what you can do if you just ask. I am happy to create artwork for businesses that don't have anything suitable. Just let me know. Since BYC is not making a donation as in past years, I hope everyone will make an effort to help raise funds this year and honor the memory of a great sailor and friend, Bob Levin.

Also, we are looking for two people from our club who would help with the registration and the silent auction. If you can help with this, please contact me.

So please try to participate in some way and please make every effort to raise money. We will again have some very nice prizes for the top fundraisers. Any questions or suggestions email me [reyneville\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:reyneville(at)yahoo.com) or call 618.632.7347.