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Behind the Name

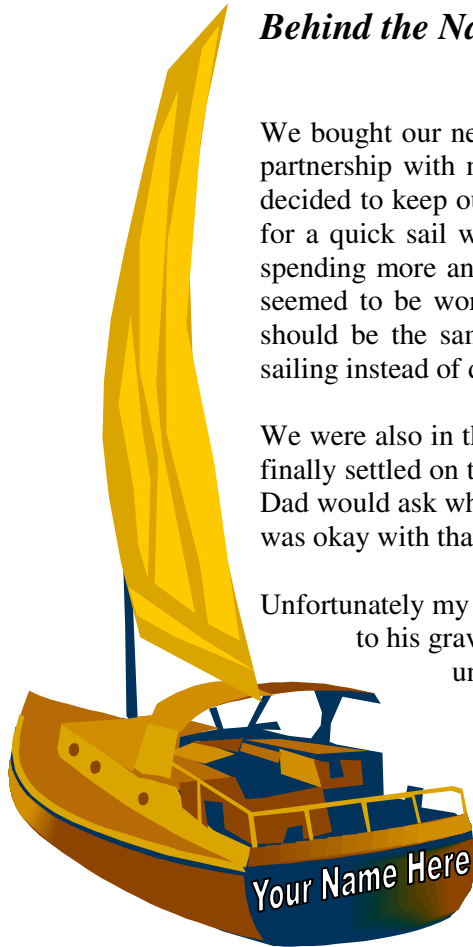
by Ron Frey, BVYC Commodore

We bought our new Catalina 22 the summer of 2003. At the time, I had a large farming partnership with my father, our farm being located north of Abilene. So my wife and I decided to keep our boat at Milford Lake, thinking it would be convenient to have it there for a quick sail while driving to and from the farm. As the summer wore on, we were spending more and more time sailing and less and less time working on the farm, which seemed to be worrisome to my Dad. He, being a hard-working, driven man, thought I should be the same way, and it became more difficult to explain to him that we were sailing instead of doing tasks on the farm which needed my attention.

We were also in the process of naming our boat. After considering many possibilities, we finally settled on the name FRIENDS. If I didn't show up at the farm for several days, my Dad would ask what we had been doing. We told him we were out with FRIENDS, and he was okay with that!

Unfortunately my father had a farm accident and died as a result of that incident. He went to his grave never knowing that our boat was named FRIENDS, and thus never understood why that summer of 2003 we suddenly had so many friends!

The sailing season is upon us. So get out on the water and enjoy your boat, whatever she is named. We sure will!



Annual BVYC Spring Launch
Saturday April 12, 2008 from 5 p.m. to ?
Bamboo Buffet
2304 Stagg Hill Road, Manhattan

After a productive Spring Workday Saturday morning at the Blue Valley Yacht Club, come to the Bamboo Buffet for Chinese and American cuisine. Our informal gathering will give us time to eat and get to know each other in the private dining area. COST is \$8.29 per person, please pay at the door.



FRIENDS under winter wraps

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All members of the Club are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion to the newsletter.

Just My Thoughts

by Daryl Strouts, BVYC Secretary

What's In A Name?

We name our children, our pets and our boats. It's something personal.

Earlier this month I went sailing with Henry Otto and asked him about the name of his boat, "Palindrome." He explained that a palindrome is a word that is spelled the same way both forward and backward. Obviously, this is something I'd forgotten from my Jr. High English class.

Palindrome is a fitting name for his boat for two reasons. First, his surname, "Otto" is a palindrome; and secondly, the boat, a 20' Elver, is double-ended, shaped the same at the bow as at the stern.

My Boat Needs A Name.

I've had two boats. The first, a Flying Junior, was never formally christened, but was often referred to as "The Daryllicked" – (think derelict) - as a testament to my sailing skills and the boat's propensity to dump its crew.

My current boat, a Swedish-built, 17' Stortriss MK I, was named "Ten Years Later" by the previous owners. I'm sure there's a good story behind that name, but it's not my story, so I've started my search for just the right name.

Looking for insight, I've decided to dedicate this edition of *Konza Sailor* to the age-old practice of boat naming. To accomplish this, I put out a general call to the membership and received several stories. Those are published herein. I hope you enjoy reading them and, if you are looking for a name too, a bit of inspiration.

Once you've decided on a name, give it these tests offered by BoatUS.com:

- **The explanation test.** How often do you want to explain what the name means? Bizarre Greek gods, in-jokes and Latin phrases (Carpe Diem doesn't count) usually fail this test.
- **The non-cute test.** How sappy is the name? Puns, childhood nicknames and in-jokes usually fail.
- **The brevity test.** Imagine repeating your boat name three times, especially if calling "mayday." Are you hoarse yet?
- **The hubris test.** If you're racing, try not to pick names like Magic Bullet unless, of course, you have that one-in-a-million boat that actually wins every time.
- **The "Been There, Done That" test.** There are a lot of Obsessions and Odysseys out there already.
- **The omen test.** Naming your boat the Money Pit one day may mean you need a new engine the next.
- **The radio test.** Lots of words that look good — Slithery, for example — sound pretty funny on channel 16.

(Source: www.boatus.com/news/namegame.htm)

We Need A Boat Naming Event.

Finding that perfect name for your boat is cause for community celebration. Some boats, like mine, will need to go through a de-naming ceremony first. As the June 21 social event for the Club calendar is still undetermined, I propose it would be the perfect time for a boat naming ceremony. And of course, those boat owners choosing not to participate shall remain nameless.



Juanita

"I'm the owner of "Juanita". Juanita is not the name of a girlfriend...well, maybe it is. Juanita is my San JUAN 7.7 (26'). Sometime after I bought her and named her after her makers, I discovered that she is hull #1 and was made in December of 1979. She was the first 7.7 meter boat Clark Boats made in their San Juan series. Clark Boats was based in Washington state in the San Juan Islands. To my knowledge, she was purchased by someone in Oklahoma and after that sold to a commercial pilot in Missouri. I bought Juanita from him in 1989 making me the 3rd and last owner. She did not have a name on her at that time and for a lack of imagination, I named her "Juanita". In retrospect and in light of the fact that she is hull #1, I think it is a fitting name for her.

Shortly after the movie, "The Perfect Storm" came out, I took my family to watch it. As we were at the movies, Tuttle Creek experienced a storm of it's own. Juanita's mooring ball broke loose and she landed on the rocks in front of the clubhouse. Photos of that are still on the Blue Valley's website. I took Juanita to have her hull repaired. The shop that did the repairs felt that they could not match the color of the paint on the stripes and consequently covered the damage with the decals. Since a single decal "Juanita" looked funny on only one side, they put decals on both sides."

- Cliff Conrad

Take Five

"That sleek Clipper 26 that graces the harbor and occasionally the lake is named "Take Five." We bought her in 1984 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. When we bought her she was wearing the name, C'mon Wind III. The previous owner said we couldn't keep that name because his new boat was going to be named C'mon Wind IV. So we had a boat that needed a name. At the time our son, Dan, was taking saxophone lessons. One of his favorite tunes was Dave Brubeck's "Take Five." He suggested one evening that we name the boat "Take Five." My response was that every boat needed to be named after a woman. I asked how the name "Take Five" would relate to our boat and sailing. His response was, "If you have five minutes, take them and go sail." His response made good sense; we named her "Take Five" and we've take(n) five many times since. We sailed "Take Five" on the Potomac River near Washington, D.C. in 1984 and 1985; on the Hudson River at West Point, NY, during 1985 through 1989, and on Tuttle Reservoir since 1989. Some of our Virginia and New York friends still can't believe that we settled in Manhattan, Kansas because of the sailing."

- Bart Bartholomew

The Lindgren List

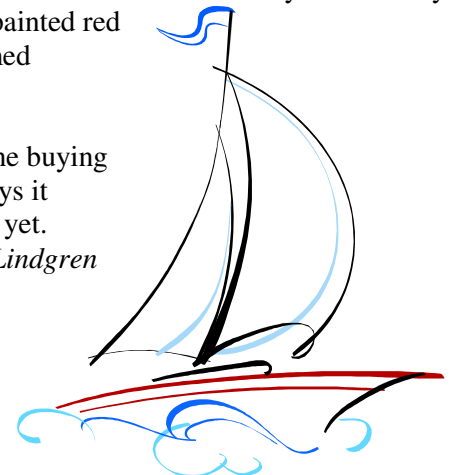
We have probably owned more boats in our 15 or so years with BVYC than probably anyone. We love experiencing "new" boats--"new" to us is any good old boat we can purchase cheaply--fix up, sail and then sell. We don't make a lot of money for it--but sure do get to enjoy a lot of good boats--an addiction, by the way.

Here we go--

- We had a Victoria 18 named (what else?) Vickie
- Next was a 26' Ranger named Lindy Kay (now known as "Ozprey" named by Paul Thompson after he bought her from us) --Lindy for our last name and Kay for our daughter's middle name
- Then a 30' Hunter named "Serenity"--because we liked the name
- A 22' Catalina called Froggy by her previous owner (Doc Hostetter)
- A blue Clark San Juan named "Blue Moon" that no one at the club ever saw
- A 27' Watson named "Cool Break"--also not seen at the club
- A 26.5 Hunter that was sold before we could even get her home and name her
- We have had a 22' O'day named Music--named by a previous owner
- A 25' Catalina named Harmony--named by a previous owner
- A yellow 19' Rhodes named Sunflower--because it was yellow!
- An 18' Foot O'Day named Flipper--named by a previous owner
- A 30' Catalina that never really got named but the intention was to paint it red and name it "Ruby Slipper"--Ruby for the red and Slipper because it slipped through the water--but it is currently for sale and won't be named by us. Gene wanted to name this boat "Bubba Gump" because it sounded like a shrimp boat with its single cylinder engine--I nixed that.
- We now have a 27' Hunter in our front yard that may or may not be painted red but will be named "Ruby Slipper"

I think we are done buying boats--but Gene says it probably isn't over yet.

- Colleen Lindgren



CHINOOK WIND

“Having had quite a few boats in my life, I've always been searching for the right one. About a month ago I bought a new boat I think will last us for several years. The new boat is a MacGregor 26X, which we've named CHINOOK WIND. It's named to be a reminder of where we call home, as the Chinook winds blow over the mountains--in our case, sweeping over the mountains near Boulder, Colorado. When the Chinook comes, it feels to us like the signal of spring. As myth goes, a strong Chinook can make snow one foot deep almost vanish in one day. The snow partly melts and partly evaporates in the dry wind, and Chinook winds have been observed to raise winter temperature from below -4°F to as high as 68°F for a few hours or days before falling to base levels. For us, the boat's name is a comforting reminder of our mountains and the imaginary—if not real—coming of spring weather.”

– Dr. David Thompson

**Another Great Day For Sailing!**

Bart Bartholomew snapped this picture of Henry Otto and Daryl Strouts sailing on Tuttle Creek Lake, March 9. The ice had cleared the lake that day, but the icy spray still remained on the north side of many rocks.

..... More Boat Names

For what it's worth... since 1991, the BoatUS Graphics Department, which produces custom boat graphics, started compiling a list of the most-requested boat names each year, giving birth to the official BoatUS Top Ten Most Popular Boat Names List. Here are the names that made the annual Top Ten list at least 8 times in the last 18 years.

Aquaholic
Carpe Diem (Seas the Day)
Escape
Happy Hours
Liquid Asset
Obsession
Odyssey
Osprey
Serenity
Therapy
Wet Dream

Still looking for that perfect name for your boat?

Here are some clever ones:

Dot.Calm
Gypsea
Knot On-Call
Knot Working
Lazy Daze
Luna Sea
Miss Behavin
Plan B
Sea Ya
Seaduction
Serenity Now
The Dog House
Time Out

(source: www.boatus.com.boatgraphics/names/top10.asp)

FOR SALE

1977 two-stroke Evinrude 6hp motor for sale CHEAP. Contact Franz Samelson, 539-2978 (Franz says, “It is in basically good condition, i.e. it idles fine but apparently needs some adjustments. For details, ask Wayne Martin.”)