

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Meeting at Harlem Township Hall

(Be aware of heavy construction at Melbourne Ave.)

Monday July 18th, 7:00

Program: Bring your boat for show and tell.

Upcoming flotillas & events

No late July or August Flotillas Planned - call some buddies and GO SAILING!! Some are sailing in the North Channel of Lake Huron - no report yet. Penticoffs will be sailing Lake Mendota on July 22 & 23. Others?

There have been a lot of folks out sailing. I happened on Les Eversen at Pierce Lake one afternoon and joined him for a couple hours. Nice surprise. Network! Allen

August Social event

Wed. August 15th 6:00 (rain date Aug. 22)

Ruth suggests that we meet at Shorewood Park in Loves Park for a picnic dinner and watch the Ski Broncs perform. 6:00 is when the Broncs start their thing, show starts at 6:30.

A Taste of Sail

We had a pretty good turn out of boats and participants to our June 9th A Taste of Sail. Eight RYC boats were there, with Allen's American 14, Les Eversen's Precision 16, Alex Krinickas' Santana 23, and Brian Black's Venture 17 taking most of the people out who came to sail. Scott Foster took some out on his Melges X Boat too. The number of people who came out was about 28 plus a lot of RYCers. Not bad, and it was an excellent day, if a little light on wind. Thanks to all who helped out, especially George & Valerie Kittner and Ruth Penticoff who did the shoreside duties.

Commodore's Corner

Hello All! A lot has been happening in June and July. We finally got Quickstep in the water on June 16th. Joy and Dave Tarrant help us move the boat from Waukegan, IL to Kenosha, WI. We had very light winds but we were able to stay in the wind channels and sail most of the way north avoiding the dead air pockets and the biting flies. Right before the 4th of July Sam and I purchased an old 14 ft Glastron run-about with a 50hp Evinrude up in Northern Wisconsin.

We took it on a run in the Rock River on the 3rd of July to test it out. Everything seems to work well. We avoided the mad house on the river on the 4th but we look forward to spending some weekday evenings on the Rock River. This past Sunday we took our neighbors Debbie and Jon Dimmick on an exciting sail from Kenosha to Racine and back. We had SW winds in the steady 20's with gusts to 30. Fun sailing with only a slight chop. Getting in and out of the slip also adds to the excitement with the winds. The best news was 3 miles offshore the air temp dropped about 20 degrees into the upper 70s verses the high 90's in the marina.

I hope everyone is having a fun filled summer and we hope you can make it to the meeting to share some of your own adventures.

Evans Walker
Commodore - RYC

Other News

At the May meeting those in attendance approved of the club signing on as a coalition partner with Green Communities Coalition after Allen gave a description of the goals and mission of the organization. Commodore Walker signed the statement which calls on Rockford's mayor to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Full information is available at their website: www.GreenCommunitiesCoalition.org

RYPicnic

The A Taste of Sail was followed up on the 10th with our annual RYC Picnic. About 40 people turned out for that as well, but because of the previous day's sailing only a couple boats were there. Allen took a new family out in his American.



Nick Scheuer & Due South

Adopt-A-Road Report

June 23rd was our latest road clean-up. Another well attended event with thirteen people who made it all go so fast. Thanks to: Joy & Dave Tarrant, Ann & Preston Aylesworth, Bill & Marty Siegworth, Sam & Evans Walker, Allen & Ruth Penticoff, Harley Johnson, George Kittner, Scott Foster. George "Turtle" Kittner won Sam's free breakfast drawing...not all bad luck eh George.

Member News

Sad news for member Charlie Fritts. His mother, Elaine Mary Fritts, 79, passed away on June 7th, then only a month later on July 9th, his father, James D. Fritts, 86, died as well. Our condolences and sympathies go out to Charlie and Jennifer at this time of family tragedy. The club has made a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in Elaine's name, however his father's passing is so recent we have not sent a memorial gift yet.

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Scott Foster reports good progress on his boat and trailer repairs. George Kittner has repaired a large hole in the bottom of his boat's bow with success.

Welcome aboard to new members -

Bob & Julie Schaper of Belvidere. Bob is a reporter for the Register Star. They have a brand new Sunfish they are learning to sail on. Reports are Julie is thinking "bigger boat" already. We all know the feeling.

Joe LaSalla of Rockford. Joe is new to sailing, and is looking into the purchase of a boat.

Scott Foster, who has been attending meetings for a couple months recently joined us. He has two boats, a Melges X boat and a board boat.

Robert and Dawn Grimmett and family who attended our picnic, went sailing, and joined the club. Kids are Nathaniel, Rebekah, Abigail, and the real sailing enthusiast - Samuel.

Not a member - yet - Phil Knowles, who worked at Hamilton-Sundstrand with Ron Bauman gave me a call the day after the picnic - for some help with setting up and sailing his Quickstep 19 that he purchased a couple of years ago at the Inspiration Ministries auction (he got a great deal on it). We sailed Sunday June 24th with his son, who was about to head to Europe. It is a nice boat, and it sails well, so we look forward to seeing more of it and Phil.

## Memorial Day Flotilla

I should have taken notes when it happened! Fuzzy memory says that Bill & Marty Siegworth were already boat camping at the Mendota County Park with two grandchildren (two wild little boys) with their O'Day 26 Martha J when we arrived Saturday morning, with our MacGregor 26, Thebote. We had member Dan Medler and his daughter Kim (first time) aboard for a day of sailing on a gloomy day with adequate wind. We sailed over to the canal docks then back to the park where we burned some wood with the Siegworths. The Medlers had to return early. Ruth and I anchored in our usual cove. Sunday Brian and Karen Black had arrived with their Venture 17. The Siegworths finally were relieved of the boys and were out sailing with some friends. We all rafted up at Picnic Point for an on-boat meal. The Black's remained rafted alongside Thebote all night. Sunday was excellent sailing. Monday was not quite as good - less wind. The three crews decided to pack it in early and hiked to a nice restaurant/bar down the street in Middleton for a late lunch.

My apologies for any erroneous details. Photos in extra section. - Allen