

# The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Meetings: Odd numbered months, business meeting @  
Harlem Township Hall  
819 Melbourne Ave., Machesney Park, IL  
Even numbered months,  
Social events at various locations



*Sailing fun, camaraderie  
and service since 1989*

## Monthly Meeting

Monday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Harlem Township Hall

Food, fun & friendship

Program: selecting the “unfortunate”  
Captain Ron Award, discussing our  
plans for the new year and vote on by-  
law changes.

First thing for this year – you may see some  
changes in the production of *The Bullship Log*.  
Allen has acquired an iMac and is wrestling  
with adapting to using “Word for Mac” to  
produce the newsletter. The fonts have had to  
be changed to accommodate production. In the  
past, Allen would print a hard copy then take it  
to Sam & Evans for copying and distribution.  
Attempts to do this by email seemed more  
efficient than driving around, but resulted in un-  
anticipated changes when printer drivers could  
not support the fonts used. So, beginning this  
issue, the fonts are simple and standard. Allen  
will continue to spruce up the PDF version with  
photos and more color. But to hold printing  
costs within reason, colors are not used for the  
print version and many photos are not possible  
as they usually don’t copy well in black only.

As always, we need your sailing stories to  
make this a rich and entertaining newsletter.  
Send them to [apenticoff@comcast.net](mailto:apenticoff@comcast.net)

## Commodore's Corner

Are you tired of winter yet? I have to admit  
I've been daydreaming about sailing.  
Summer seems so far away. The good  
news is, this is a good time to get those  
indoor projects done – so when sailing  
season arrives we'll be ready for some sun  
& fun.

The Christmas Party was interesting – a  
change in location at the last minute due to  
a power outage at Lino's. Thanks to quick  
thinking by Evans and Allen, we were able  
to move to Oscars. (Thanks Sam & Evans  
for waiting at Lino's to redirect members)  
The Oscar's staff was very accommodating  
and the event went on (mostly) as planned.

Would anyone be willing to join a planning  
committee for RYC's 20 year anniversary  
event? It would be nice to have a special  
celebration for this milestone. Let me know  
if you would be willing to help or if you have  
any ideas.

Dreaming of warm winds,

Commodore Ruth

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**Reminder:** Some of you still have not paid  
your \$25 dues for 2009. If your address  
label has a “P09” you have paid. Otherwise  
you need to send them in/pay @ meeting.

*Note: Those who joined at or after A Taste of Sail '08 are  
pre-paid for 2009.*

## RYC News

Founding member, **John Cappitelli**, and long time significant other, **Pam Johnson**, have recently tied the knot. Congratulations.

New members, **Bernie Turner** and **Penny Peterson** have announced they are engaged to be married - upcoming in April.

Bernie and Penny also agreed to become the Activities Captains for 2009. Thanks. We look forward to planning some great events.

**Bill Siegworth's** father, **Frank Siegworth** (78), passed away on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our condolences to Bill, Marty and family.

You can read Frank's obituary by doing a search for "Siegworth" at [www.beloitdailynews.com](http://www.beloitdailynews.com)  
This page includes a photo of Frank Siegworth. Direct link:  
<http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2009/01/07/announcements/obituaries/obit05.txt>

On a happier note, Bill and Marty purchased the "unknown" 14' sailing dinghy in December that was donated to RYC by **John Kostelnik** of Poplar Grove, for \$200. In typical Bill Siegworth fashion, no procrastinating was involved in getting it fixed up and ready to take the grandkids out sailing on the Rock River across the street from their Beloit home. Thanks for buying and fixing up this nice little sloop Bill! This brings the Siegworth sailboat count up to three: ?-14, O'Day 26, and unfinished Hunter 34 project.

**Don and Gayle Jepsen's** Christmas letter tells us they have a six month old granddaughter, Allison Grace Hill (Ali), daughter Melissa's first. G-ma reports she is "the best baby."

Allen has been contacted by the **Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association** about meeting up with some of their members at the soon upcoming **Strictly Sail – Chicago** boat show. Details had not been worked out yet – but let Commodore Ruth or Allen know if you are planning to be at the show on Saturday Jan. 31 and we'll try to work out something for a joint meet up with RYC and MTLA.

**Strictly Sail – Chicago Dates:** Thu. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> thru Sun. Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Details and specials at the website: [www.strictlysail.com/shows/](http://www.strictlysail.com/shows/)

## RYC Annual Awards

At the December meeting, the **Member of the Year Award** went to: **Albert "Harley" Johnson**. Funny, though, Harley had already left the party and was unaware he was the recipient until Commodore Ruth Penticoff called him a couple days later.

The "**Good**" **Captain Ron award**, which is up to the current holder to decide who receives it next, was designated by Dick Spears to go to **Ruth and Allen Penticoff** for 2009. This is the second time Allen and Ruth have received this award for "helping out fellow sailors."

Congratulations to all. The "Bad" Captain Ron award, the "golden paddle of shame," that goes to the most unfortunate sailor of 2008, was not awarded at the meeting/party as the noise level was such that we could not hear nominations from the attendees. Therefore, this award will be chosen at the January meeting. Come to defend yourself if you think you are a nominee. Skim your past *The Bullship Logs* for potential nominees. You may also nominate yourself if you feel your misadventures warrant the award – it is cathartic to fess up. Always fun.



RYC Christmas Party at Oscar's



Our newly engaged Activities Captains Burnie and Penny



Dick Spears Awards the Good Capt. Ron Award to Ruth & Allen



Leo Wehner & Harley Johnson came out to try out/assist. Harley didn't sail this time. But Leo gave it a try in Allen's Boat.



Martin “Marty” O’Connor, Linda and Brian out with iceboat for first time at Lake Shabbona on a nice windy day – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Marty and Allen with respective DN iceboats.



Both boats flying across the lake. Marty and Leo at the helms. Winds around 15 or so.



Leo lands Allen's DN quite well.



Hard to see – but Leo is sliding on his butt across the ice pulled by his small “training” kite-board kite after skates didn't work out. A new sport.