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Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Meeting Location: Harlem Township Hall
819 Melbourne Ave.
Machesney Park, IL



No Meeting at the Township Hall

June Meeting Social Event
Monday June 21, 7:00 p.m.

We'll gather at the Roscoe home of Commodore Burnie and Penny Turner
Address: 11380 Main Street - Roscoe IL
(on the west side of the street between Reimer Dr. and Elevator Road)

See the Commodore's Corner for details.

Adopt A Road Report

Thanks to the following for coming out to pick up trash on Harlem Road. Eric Mueller, Marty O'Connor, Bill Siegworth and two grandkids, Brian Black, Preston Aylesworth, Scott Foster, Dennis Nelson, Burnie & Penny Turner and Allen & Ruth Pentecoff.

A Taste of Sail Report

We had four boats officially on the schedule, Allen Pentecoff's American 14.5, George Kittner's O'Day 17, Harley Johnson's O'Day 23, and Dick Spears MacGregor 25. Scott Foster also provided some rides in his Flying Scot 19. Ruth Pentecoff commanded registration with the help of Valerie Kittner and Sam Walker. Evans Walker and Marty O'Connor assisted with docking and loading, while Eric Mueller and Joe Rittner provided second mate duties aboard Harley and Dick's boats.

Twenty-nine people were taken out for their sailing lessons, from young to old. We also had two photographer/reporters from the Rockford Register Star out - who went sailing with us and provided a short piece about the event in the Sunday newspaper local section (last page).

The article called the weather "weird" - as it was. As our start time approached, the wind died, then it started to rain. Thunderstorms were nearby but never passed over. All the crews held off on going out, then when the worst threat was by, Allen took his two guys out while it was still raining lightly - but the wind had picked up - and continued to pick up. The rest of the full boats came out about 40 minutes later when the rain quit.

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Commodore's Corner

Hello Everyone, Official summer is almost here. Now if it would only stop raining. The rain is a good thing sometimes though, because with all that we have had lately I am finding all my deck fittings that leak into the cabin. Our new boat (see below) is on the water and tied up in the slip at Riverside Marina Racine, WI. If all goes well Penny and I will have taken her out for a sail before the next time we meet. I hope everyone else has their boats ready and has a great sailing season this year. Sorry we could not make it the "Taste of Sail", but our daughters graduation party was the same day.

Penny and I will be hosting the next RYC social meeting at our home. We live at 11380 Main St. Roscoe, IL 61073 we have the white mail box across the street from the pizza restaurant. Everyone should bring a dish to pass as usual and Penny and I will be providing the beverages. If all goes well we should also be able to have model sailboat races in the pool. If you are so inclined bring your swim suit for the pool or hot tub.

Commodore Burnie



Allen and crew managed to have a little mishap that nearly filled the American 14.5 with water. But since they were already wet, it didn't matter much. The wind was pretty good, but the storm lingered to the south, causing some concern.

Later sessions were all dry. The wind, however, came and went, with the noon and two-o'clock sessions experiencing both wind and calm. The 4:00 session started with light air, then it steadily increased. While the others packed up for the day, Ruth and Allen went for a sail to the other end of the lake in solidly windy conditions where the jib was not needed.

We had one participant, Dan Eckburg, who is applying for membership. All the others enjoyed themselves too and several expressed interest in learning more about sailing or buying a boat.

Thanks to everyone who was there and helped or just hung out - it made it all the more fun.



A great after sailing beer.
Heavy Seas' "Loose Cannon" IPA
see the link on the email message
for more photos.

A Taste of Sail Photos:

by Allen <http://picasaweb.google.com/TheboteSkipper/ATasteOfSail2010f>
by Marty O. <http://gallery.me.com/martinoconnor#100145>

Register Star story and photos

<http://www.ristar.com/multimedia/x1417297006/Sailing-lessons-on-Pierce-Lake>

Three or four boats and crew will be participating in the June 19 "Sailstice" with the Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association. Penticoffs, Harley & Eric, the Scheuers, and possibly the Wehnens. Not too late to join us. Some of us may miss the meeting as we'll be staying in Missouri through Monday.

Lake Mendota Flotilla Report - by Allen Penticoff

Allen and Ruth Penticoff took their MacGregor 26 up to Madison's Marshall Park on Friday night to launch on Saturday morning. About 10:00 a.m. Dan Medler and Ray & Nancy Olson came up to sail with them. Nick and Gale Scheuer were on the way with True North. The wind was very light but managed to sail over to the boat ramp at the Governor Nelson State Park where we found some shady picnic tables to dine at. We needed shade badly all day as it was very sunny and little wind. We drifted with our sun umbrella up over to Governor's Island where Ray and Allen got in the water. Penticoff's dog Bergie was introduced to swimming - which he was not good at and did not like - but it was funny. Motoring back to Marshall Park was necessary. But after the passengers were let off, the wind came up and good sailing ensued. So much so we ran out of time to raft for long with Nick and Gayle before it was time to go anchor for the night. Saturday was a particularly big day for all the powerboaters to be out - the bay was crowded until sunset.

Sunday was more windless hot at first. Then the wind picked up. The sun was still intense. We did not get much time with Nick and Gayle as we took our dog ashore late. They went sailing, so we met and rafted with a Madison couple who had a Hunter 260 anchored at Governor's Island. Later went to Marshall Park for ice then mostly drifted sails furled back to Governor's Island area. Took a little trip under sail up the Yahara River as far as we could go. Nick and Gayle had to head home.

Monday was good wind and cloudy enough that we didn't need shade. Friends Matt and Ellen Vogl came up to sail with us. We tried to tie up at the Hoofer's dock, but were shoo'd away as there was a big sailing meet going on. Except near the university, few boats were out. We sailed to the west end of the lake and back along the north shore before returning our guests to Warner Park. Then a nice sail back to Marshall Park for a late afternoon haul out and head home. All in all a very nice Memorial weekend sail on Lake Mendota.