



# *The Bullship Log*

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club  
Month

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Meeting Location: Harlem Township Hall  
819 Melbourne Ave.  
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No meeting August 16th

Instead

We'll meet at Pierce Lake  
Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> @ Noon  
for our annual sail/picnic

See Commodore's Corner for details >>>

**Lake Michigan In-Water Sailboat Show - Waukegan**  
Larsen Marine docks in Waukegan Harbor.  
**Friday through Sunday, Aug. 27 through 29th, 2010.**  
**Hours are 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.**

The area's finest local dealers will have the latest models from Beneteau, Catalina, Jeanneau, Hunter, Valiant, Sabre and more right here at our docks and available for your personal inspection. This One-of-a-kind event is FREE and plenty of parking is available. You will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff on hand to welcome you aboard and answer any questions you may have.

Raymarine has committed to bringing their 'Mobile Showroom' as well! Representatives will be on hand to show you the latest high-tech marine electronics, as well as to answer any questions you may have on your current systems.

625 Seahorse Drive, Waukegan, Illinois 60085. Need directions or have questions? Give us a call at 847-336-5456 and let us know how we may help you!

George "Turtle" Kittner is interested in going.  
Contact him at: 815.227.1810

## Commodore's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Okay, about time for some sunny sailing weather don't you think? In spite of Mother Nature deciding we needed lots of rain this summer, we have had some great sailing days if you can catch them. Let's hope the weather holds out for the annual RYC picnic at Rock Cut State Park this Saturday August 14th. The picnic will start at 12:00 noon at the Bay View Area pavilion.

Everyone should bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. The Yacht Club will provide fried chicken, lemonade, plates and utensils. Some members have planned on getting to the boat launch area around 10:00 am and meeting up for a sail before the picnic begins.

Weather permitting Penny and I will be bringing the newest addition to our fleet, a nice little 13' Chrysler Pirateer. Even if you don't bring a boat stop by the piers and I am sure you can catch a ride as crew. There will be no business meeting this month since we are having the picnic. I hope everyone will try to make it out for this event. On a different note, Penny and I were thinking about hosting a flotilla at Lake Redstone in La Valle, WI in September. It is located 20 minutes west of Baraboo WI. We'll discuss it more at the picnic.

See you there,

*Commodore Burnie*

## July Meeting Highlights

Visitor Alice Nelson, a "retired sailor" attended.

Picnic discussed.

Flotillas – Cross Lake Michigan done by all who were interested. Bayfield flotilla cancelled. Aug 6-9 Green Lake flotilla – Dick Spears gave the particulars. Dick Spears also provided a report on recent Lake Mendota sailing.

Jean Larsen had a discount movie ticket offer she presented – deadline @ picnic. Evans Walker discussed a potential Caribbean/Tortolla trip. Burnie Turner had a dead engine story to tell, and a story about a broken rudder cable on Charlie & Jennifer's boat. Bill Siegworth reported on their Lake Michigan crossing.

### Mac Race Observers

George Kittner and Joe Rittner went out on the charter sailboat *Thalassia* to witness the beginning of the Mac Race. Below is a message is from Larry Hagemann (NWSA) about the trip. George reports a good time.

"SW winds 10 to 15 KT to West in afternoon. Showers and Thunderstorms in the morning. Showers and Thunderstorms in the afternoon. Waves 1 to 2ft", **Do you want to go sailing?** Especially after well over an inch of rain, spectacular lightning displays Friday, flooded viaducts, and steady rain when you are on your way to the harbor.

Eighteen intrepid NWSA members ENJOYED a GLORIOUS day chasing MAC Racers and congratulated themselves on their decision to persevere!

John Mason, Marsha Michel, Mike & Slivia Sandell, and Mike Saavedra on New Adventure Dorothy Cutrone, Gina Morri, Ron Haluczak and Ed Gross on Obsession; Victor Koroshak, Charlie Brown, Joe Rittner, George Kittner, Michelle Watters and Mary Gynn on *Thalassia*; Larry Makowski, Brad Tilsch and myself on *SeaHawk*.



Nice wheel station there George – where's a picture of the rest of *Thalassia*.

Green Lake – next month we'll get Dick Spear's full report.

I interviewed Dick by phone for the details...

Twenty-three RYC and NWSA sailors showed up. Harley and Eric Mueller were on Harley's O'Day 23, The Fraziers' Catalina 25 took all three O'Connors out, Preston Aylesworth got the dust off his MacGregor 25 and took George Kittner out as crew too. Joe Rittner had his MacGregor 25 there as did Dick Spears. That's enough M25s for a one design race! Dick says everyone was happy, although foul weather made sailing Sunday a no-go.

### **Tall Ships Volunteers**

There has been some interest in the activity at the end of August at Navy Pier. They are still looking for help at the show (on land not on boats) to work shifts from 9 to 3 and 3 to 9 on Aug 25 to Aug 29. You get a T-shirt and 2 passes if you work two shifts. You pay parking! I am working Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday on second shift - **I did not attend the training session, may I still volunteer?**

**YES!** By now, have received your acceptance letter and have signed up for a volunteer schedule on Survey Monkey or via the Pepsi Tall Ships Chicago 2010 volunteer email. If you have not already done this, PLEASE submit your schedule or send an email to [tallshpsvolunteer2010@mpea.com](mailto:tallshpsvolunteer2010@mpea.com). Do this as soon as possible and you will be scheduled accordingly. You also receive a volunteer waiver with your letter. Please bring the signed waiver with you to the Volunteer Check-In area. Mailing address available.

*See You at the Picnic*