



The Bullship Log

Newsletter of Rockford Yacht Club

May 2011

Monthly meetings held at Harlem Township Hall
819 Melbourne Ave. Machesney Park IL
Generally the third Monday each month at 7:00 p.m.
There are occasional exceptions to date/place/time.
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Monthly Meeting: Harlem Township Hall, Monday May 16th @ 7:00 p.m., Potluck Snacks

Program: Cedar Strip boat building method explained by Tim West

Commodore's Corner

Hello Everyone,

This month is a business meeting and we need to get the Flotilla schedule finalized since sailing season is upon us. We will also need to get volunteers to be the activity chairs for events such as the picnic and A Taste of Sail. The Lake Delavan flotilla event idea needs to be discussed and a date set also. Please don't hesitate to bring any other ideas you might have to the meeting. Club participation has been great so far this year. Meetings have had very good attendance and I think we set a record for the number of members at the spring road clean up. So let's keep up the momentum for the rest of the meetings and events this year and make RYC an even stronger club for many more years to come.

This month's meeting program will be a presentation by Tim West. He lives in Rockford and is an avid paddler. He has built many wooden canoes and kayaks. He has built them using both the cedar strip and the stitch and glue methods. The stitch and glue process used to build a sailboat was presented very well by our last guest speaker. Tim will be discussing the cedar strip method of boat building. He will also be bringing a couple of boats along and the materials and tools used for this method of construction.

On a personal note Penny and I are getting very close to wrapping up some of the projects on the boat for this spring. The new mattress came in and looks great, cushions recovered, the new counter top is all ready to be installed and the cabinets are coming right along as well. The rest of the list is a little too long to include in a Commodore's Corner, so if you have some time to kill, just ask. Then again, as all boat owners know the list never really ends.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Respectfully, Commodore Burnie

Eric Mueller passes on this link to photos of flooding at Kentucky Lake, where as of this writing the lake is ten feet above normal pool level.

<http://tinyurl.com/3h2v55r>

Flotilla

Lake Mendota, Memorial Day Weekend. A good time.
Allen Penticoff – flotilla captain

I am still stymied by making my Word program add a page.
So, things I wanted on page two will be in your email message.