

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

January 2012

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



Monthly Meeting Harlem Township Hall

Monday January 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

Potluck Snacks

Program: none, except sailor camaraderie

Business: Plan flotilla calendar

Strictly Sail: Navy Pier Jan. 26 - 29

Some members will be going and staying overnight - plans at the meeting.

Dues:

This is just a reminder for those of you who have not paid your dues for 2012. Please mail them to:

Burnie Turner
11380 Main St.
Roscoe, IL 61073

Or bring them to the next meeting.

Also at the next meeting I will be asking all of those of you who have not updated and/or verified your contact and boat information to please do so. Once I have everyone's current information I will be putting together a Members Directory for distribution. We will also be handing out your membership cards for all those members who are paid in full.

Thanks, Purser Burnie

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Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year, fellow RYC sailors.

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays and took advantage of the unusually mild January weather we've had in the Rockford area.

I am gratified to represent you as Commodore for the 2012 season. On behalf of the whole club, I'd like to thank outgoing Commodore Burnie Turner, and wife Penny, for their generous efforts to provide numerous fun activities and outings for our membership over the past years. Thanks to Allen and Ruth Penticoff, Evans and Sam Walker, Bill and Marty Siegworth and all the other past officers and core members who continue to serve and support relative newcomers like my family.

Linda and I, along with our son, Brian, have enjoyed the hospitality of many skippers during club events. Together or individually, we have had the pleasure of crewing on Harley Johnson's O'Day23, Eric Mueller's MacGregor 25, Dick Spears' MacGregor 25, Joe Rittner's MacGregor 25, Allen Penticoff's MacGregor 26, American14 and DN Iceboat, John Frazer's Catalina 25, Scott Foster's Melges 20' X-boat and 19' Flying Scot and George Kittner's 19' DaySailer.

We most often travel to meetings and flotillas with Harley Johnson, who we met through RYC, though we've both lived in DeKalb and shared a lot of mutual acquaintances. Though I now own three sailing vessels, all under 14 feet in length, the opportunity to share sailing time on these larger boats and learn from the experience of their skippers is invaluable. Flotillas are a great way to initiate non-sailors and reluctant spouses to a more relaxing and social time on the water and at dock or anchor. I strongly encourage new members, or those who simply missed out previously, to join the fun this season.

Commodore Marty

RYC Christmas Party/Annual Dinner

2011 Award Winners



Penny Turner accepts the "Member of the Year Award" from husband/outgoing Commodore Burnie Turner.



2010 recipient of the "Good Captain Ron Award" presents the award to this year's honoree - Preston Aylesworth - for all the help he has provided so many sailors over these many years. BTW Preston is wintering in Florida in his homemade caravan trailer.



Theboteskipper - Allen Penticoff, once again receives the "Unfortunate Captain Ron Award" - He knew he was to be the recipient when he crushed his daggerboard launching at Green Lake with a large audience.