

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club
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No August Meeting at the Township Hall

Our meeting is aboard the *Forest City Queen* cruising the Rock River. Quite the social event - including several NWSA members.

Monday August 20th @ 7:00
River View Icehouse on the Rock River.
Go straight to the boat dock.
We'll slip the lines at 7:30.

If you are among the few who have not confirmed a reservation by email - call Capt. Burnie @ 815-298-3800

July meeting notes

We had new members **Chris & Diane Green** with us - they have a Precision 15. Also visitor **Ron Calhoun** arrived on an old Moto Guzzi - he sails a Chrysler 26. And NEW member **Vicky Reidy** was there without hubby Tim. Although Tim was with Vicky at the well attended picnic. More about the Reids in a moment.

Announcements were made for the Green Lake sail which is August 17 - 19th. Ray Olson is promoting the Racine Shrimp Boil which is Sept. 15th in conjunction with a big regatta. Bill Siegworth told of their recent vacation cruise to Michigan (with Capt. Ron award potential incident) and subsequent decision to sell their lovely Hunter 34 (unrelated to incident). Allen Pentecoff announced that he will be conducting an introduction to sailing class for Rock Valley College on Sept. 14th. Burnie Turner provided a program about getting good custom mattresses made for your boat.

New Members - Victoria "Vicky" and Timothy "Tim" Reidy

Just before the July meeting I received a letter with a RYC membership application in it completed by Vicky Reidy. I found it interesting, for she had Googled "boating in Rockford IL" and discovered us. She printed the membership application out and filled it in with enthusiasm. Vicky in person is just as enthusiastic about learning to sail. She gave me permission to recount what is on their application - which we of course accepted.

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Commodore's Corner

Greetings, fellow RYC sailors!

Finally, a break from the heat and plenty of scheduled RYC activities scheduled to take advantage of it. We had a nice turnout for the annual picnic at Pierce Lake, though a bit more wind would have been welcome. Scott Foster brought along his Flying Scot and was generous enough to take several passengers from the club for a light wind sail. Thanks, Scott. Hope to have you back as an active RYC member soon.

Coming up, we have the Green Lake joint flotilla with NWSA this weekend, followed by the August meeting aboard the Forest City Queen. Really looking forward to enthusiastic member participation. Hope we have full crew for all events.

*See you on the water,
Commodore Marty*

New Members continued....

"Dear Membership Committee,

My husband and I want to become sailors but before we do we want to learn all we can about how to sail and how to select and store/harbor (where) (costs) a boat (sail boat?) that we buy. Maybe someone at RYC is upgrading and has a boat for sale. Please accept us.

Tim has taken sailing lessons years ago at Wilmette Harbor but I need lessons. We love the Rock River and Rock Cut Park. We are in need of some more info and friends who love the water too. Help us before another summer ends! Thank you so much! Vic and Tim Reidy and Jack the dog."

Vicky also noted on the application that Timothy was "Best Friend too!" of 21 years. They have a canoe they keep in their garage on Old Orchard Road in Rockford. Vicky is a teacher and Tim works in IT. RYC will do its best to fulfill their wishes for the season - starting with the Green Lake sail.