

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Above is a photo of Andy Schavland's 38 foot pilothouse Spray, **Vernadel**. You can see it hails from Rockford, IL U.S.A.

Andy is a Rockford resident who spent 10 years building this steel boat in his backyard. We hear it was quite the show when a huge crane was brought in to lift it out and put it on a trailer. Andy keeps *Vernadel* at Pugh's Marina in Racine.

Our November Program - will be Andy telling us about his adventure in boatbuilding. He'll bring his scrapbook and some of the plans for construction.

Our meeting will be at Harlem Township Hall on Monday Nov. 19th at 7:00 p.m.

We start with potluck snacks, then will move on to a little business - the always brief elections to the RYC board for 2013, and hear from members about their recent sailing experiences.

RYC Christmas Party

It is time to make your reservations for the - which once again will be on the third Monday in December (12/17 @ 7:00) at Linos in Rockford. **Reservation deadline Friday Nov. 30th.**

Linos has held the price on their meals so it is always a good time and a good value. Due join us for RYC's biggest fellowship event of the year.

See page 3 for the reservation and details. Print-mail/bring.

Commodore's Corner

Hello all,

As soft water sailing season draws to close in our region, I sincerely hope all of our keelboat captains have successfully retrieved their craft for winter storage. Low water due to this summer's drought certainly hasn't facilitated such endeavors, as exemplified by Ray Olson's haul-out preparations recounted for attendees at the October meeting. Looking forward to reports of no damage from Ray, and better luck for the rest of the fleet at our next meeting.

Thankful as I am that national elections are over with, I must remind members that 2013 RYC Club Officers are to be elected at the November meeting. Still working on the official nominee list, so eager candidates are welcome to get on the ballot by calling me@815-901-5934, or contacting any current club officer to volunteer. Traditionally, robo-calls and vicious mud-slinging are discouraged in all RYC elections, and with such a short campaign season and no scheduled debates, I foresee a clean and fair process again this year.

Commodore Marty

Harlem Township Toys for Kids

RYC donated \$200 to Harlem Township's holiday **Toys for Kids** program. We appreciate what they do for us and the money goes to a very good cause. Last year they helped 96 families with 244 children ranging in ages from infant to 15 years old. All these children live within Harlem Township.

October Meeting Highlights

October was a social meeting night. While the turnout was about 20 members, and the snacks were mostly dessert - everyone had a story to tell about a recent sailing adventure. But the best two were...

Leo Wehner had ANOTHER incident of police and emergency crew called to Lake Suel in Rochelle for “a parachute going down in the lake.” For those that don’t know the story. Last year Leo was sailing (flying?) his kite-board on Lake Suel - and when the kite went down into the water, motorists passing by on Interstate 39 called 911 about a parachute crashing in the Lake - sending police rushing to the scene - where Leo and Judy had difficulty persuading them that REALLY - everything is okay. Ditto. Leo plans to take a hiatus from kite-boarding on Lake Suel.

Ray and Nancy Olson have a Hunter 34 they keep at the Racine Yacht Club. When time came to take their boat to another marina to have it hauled for the winter - they couldn’t get out of their slip. Lake Michigan is at record breaking low lake levels. Ray reported they barely got out of the slip then got stuck in the fairway. A powerboat tow was arranged for - and it was necessary to heel the Hunter over with a line to the top of the mast during the tow in order to get to deeper water. Ray reports that the Racine Yacht Club plans to dredge their marina area.

One of the desserts at the October meeting was **Marty Siegworth’s** popular “Cheese Bars.” Below is the recipe.

Marty’s Famous Cheese Bars

- 2 - 8 oz. packages cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla or 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 packages crescent rolls
- Cream together cream cheese, sugar, egg and vanilla.
- Spread one package of rolls into a 9x12 pan. Pat out.
- Spread cream cheese mixture. Top with one package of rolls.
- Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon mix.
- Bake @ 350 deg. for 30 minutes - NO LONGER - check often

Rockford Yacht Club Christmas Party Dinner Reservations

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: Friday Nov. 30th

Join us for the annual RYC Christmas party

Monday December 17th at Lino's - 5611 E. State Street, Rockford

Cocktails @ 6:00 (cash bar)

Dinner @ 7:00

All dinner choices include 7 courses: relish tray, soup, garlic & pizza bread, Lino's salad, variety of pasta, coffee and spumoni. Prices include tax and tip and are based on a minimum of thirty people. We need 30 people to reserve a private room.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant Parmigiana | _____ @ | \$17.18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Chicken ala Lino | _____ @ | \$17.18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Orange Roughy | _____ @ | \$20.42 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rib Eye Steak | _____ @ | \$25.19 |

Total: \$ _____ Payable to: Rockford Yacht Club

Print Name(s): _____

Payable at the Nov. 19th RYC Meeting, or mail to:

Rockford Yacht Club
c/o Marty Siegworth
2555 Riverside Dr.
Beloit, WI 53511

We will continue our tradition of the "Chinese Auction" gift exchange. Always entertaining. Bring a small wrapped gift if you plan to participate.

Awards: Member of the Year, Good Captain Ron Award, Bad (misfortunate) Captain Ron Award

Bring your tales of heroism / helpfulness and/or your tales of misfortune.

Don't Delay - Send Today!