

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Meeting Location: Harlem Township Hall
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Machesney Park, IL



Meeting at Harlem Township Hall Monday Feb. 18 @ 7:00

Potluck Snacks.... with maybe some chili dishes

Program: Allen Penticoff on what is involved in doing a Good Old Boat review.

Allen says -

Mark Holdwick asked me to do a program for NWSA on this topic - I've not done that yet - so I thought perhaps I'd practice with RYC first. I know of no other yacht club that has been so well represented in an internationally distributed sailing magazine.

So far - RYC boats that have been reviewed: Siegworth's **O'Day 26**, Wehners' **Montego 20**, Scheuer's **Shearwater 28**, Krinickas' **Santana 2023**, Cappitelli's **MacGregor 26x**.

Further - an RYC connection led to reviewing the Goodman's **C&C 35** which led to reviewing a **Westerly Centaur 26**. Both of these out of Racine.

Cappitelli's M26x review is due to be published in the May/June issue of *Good Old Boat*, while the *Westerly Centaur* is scheduled now for the July/August edition.

Even I have almost lost track of what boats I've reviewed. The others have been a **Flicka 20** (which led to a friendship developed with the designer, Bruce Bingham), **Seafarer 24** (Lake Mendota), a **Morgan 25** (that was test sailed during a Good Old Boat regatta race), **Sabre 32 Aft Cabin**, and a yet to be started review of the **Gemini 3200** catamaran. I'm open to suggestions for other reviews now.

Flotilla /Event Schedule

April 20 - Adopt A Road
May 11 - Women's Sailing Conference
May 25 - 27 Memorial weekend on Lake Mendota
June 15 - A Taste of Sail - Rock Cut State Park
June 22 - Sailstice - with MTLA
June 29 - July 1 - Lake Mendota
July 27 - RYC Picnic
Aug. 2-4 Lake Winnebago / EAA fly-in
Aug. 31 - Sept. 2 - Egg Harbor, WI. with NWSA

Commodore's Corner

Lakes are frozen solid, the ground hog says that Spring will be here in six weeks and we are anticipating another year of sailing.

I have been involved a bit here at Lake Summerset with the Community Relations Committee when I asked if there was a plan in place to modify the boat launching ramps in case the lake level didn't come up - I got many responses from our Lake Planning Committee. Last fall it was difficult to get my boat out of the water. I hope other lake communities and marinas are looking into this issue as well so that we can launch our boats in the Spring. Our group will be looking at water level benchmarks to see if we will need to extend the ramps and there is some hope that the lake will come back to full level based on historical data. Solid plans are in place for longer ramps if it won't.

One of my objectives for this year is to offer all members more opportunities to make suggestions. I'm sure that this has always been the case as in "new business" section of the agenda. I'm still a relatively new member. It would be good to have more communication and hear some ideas regarding anything related to our club such as new membership ideas, updating and listing of all the boats in the club, also if any are for sale with a description of it and amount. This way our members would be the first to know about them. I'm interested in knowing more details about the flotillas or trips further in advance like accommodations, who's going and which boat has room or is looking for a crew. Our friends at the Northwest Sailing Association would also be interested in knowing this I'm sure. Stay warm and well.

Commodore John

Membership Renewal

We are still collecting dues from members.

\$25 pay at the meeting or mail to:

Rockford Yacht Club
% Burnie Turner
11380 Main Street
Roscoe, IL 61073

Strictly Sail Set Up Day

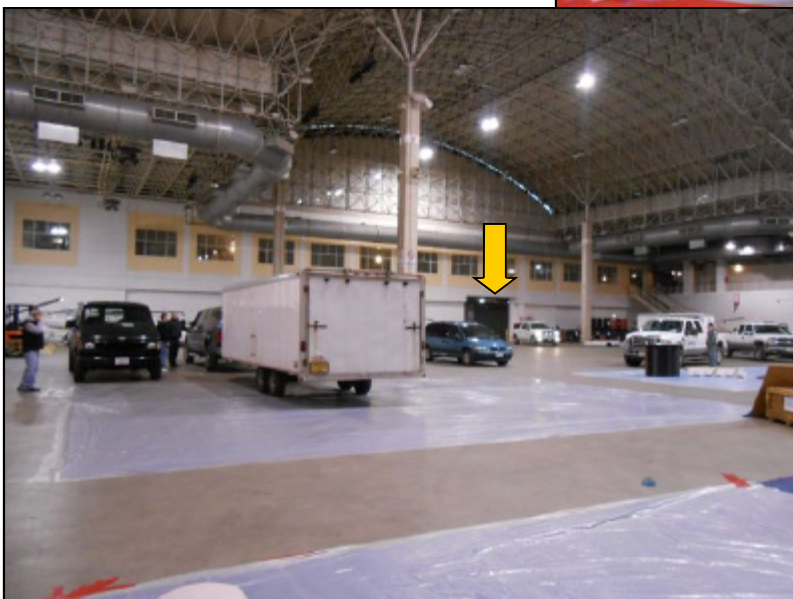
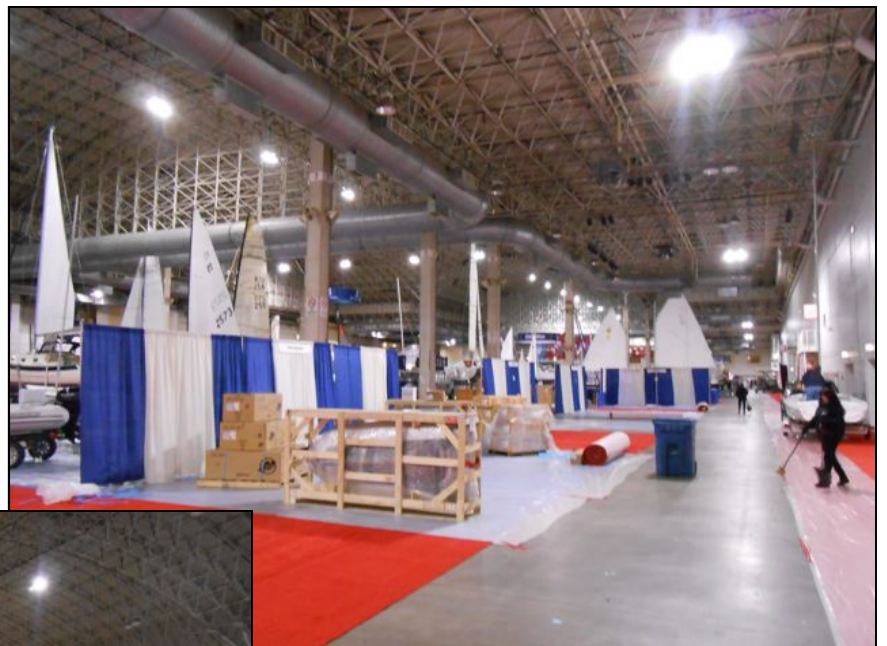
During this year's Strictly Sail show in Chicago, I had to help bring in a Nacra 16 catamaran from work to be set up for the show. As a consequence - I got to see some of the mayhem going on leading up to the show.

Our booth was near the west end food court - so being near the end where the garage entrance is - we were scheduled to be among the last to arrive on Wednesday. When we got there, most of the big boats were already in place and set up. Still, a lot of the lesser displays were just being set up and a lot of vehicle traffic was coming and going. That leaves the place smelling rather of exhaust fumes - and since the garage door is open more than closed - it was none too warm in there either.

Eventually we were just asked to get our vehicle, my mini-van out of there. Fortunately we'd unloaded everything already. We were allowed to leave our trailer parked inside, behind the false wall.

We found the show staff to be friendly and cooperative - even when we showed up ahead of schedule.

Unfortunately, I did not find my way back to the show this year, so at this meeting we should hear from some of the members who attended and give us a report on what they did and saw that interested them.
~ Allen



That little square to the right of my van is where all the stuff comes in. I have a hard time imagining that huge sailboats negotiate the ramp and tunnel that leads into the show area.