

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Meeting at Harlem Township Hall
Monday April 15th @ 7:00 p.m.
Social Meeting
Potluck Snacks

Program: Iceboat Engineering - Burnie Turner

Burnie designed a simple to build iceboat that uses a Sunfish sail called the "Ice Tender." He's made a fair amount of money selling his inexpensive \$10 plans over the internet. For our meeting he will talk about how he designed, built, and marketed his iceboat. Interested members can get a free copy of the plans.

Burnie's website is: www.cherrywoodmedia.com
Where you will find the iceboat plans, some photos and video.

Adopt A Road - April 20th 8 a.m.

We'll meet at Harlem & Argyle Roads - and search for trash and treasure along our stretch of Harlem Road on the southern edge of Rock Cut State Park. The first pick up is always the worst - hope we can have a "all hands on deck" for this one. Breakfast at the usual place afterwards, where we'll enjoy good RYC camaraderie.

Sailors' Ball

We know this sounds pretty fancy - but it really is a come as you are gathering hosted by Bill & Marty Siegworth in their lovely home. A dish to share. BYOB if you think you need something special. The food is always good and the company great.

Saturday, April 20th, 6:00 pm
2555 S. Riverside Drive
Beloit WI (look for RYC sign)
Bill's cell: 608-751-0897

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,

Welcome to Spring! With the snow finally gone and the lake levels rising to normal and above we can look forward to getting our boats ready for another great year of sailing. Some of us already have our boats out of storage and are working on them.

The RYC board meeting of last month was very lively with lots of input and many good ideas were discussed. One of the ideas was to try to have a flotilla coordinator who will work with the flotilla captain in order to identify which boats are going and how much room is available for crews. Accommodations can always be found either online, on Google Maps or by past experience for those folks who won't be overnighing on boats - as are the locations of good places to eat.

For the upcoming social meeting we will have a presentation by Burnie Turner for building an ice-boat. How cool is that? For me personally, I'm always interested in the mechanics of how and why things work, especially as it relates to boats of any kind. See you then.

Commodore John

Flotilla Nuze

At the March meeting we discussed the need for someone to sponsor particular flotilla events (cruise captain). Not financially, but someone who can recruit and coordinate the event. This helps the success of the event tremendously - and it's something we've not done in quite a while. This is especially true if you have experience with the location/event and are able to help new members to act as crew or bring their own boats without trouble. Put your hand up and take on one of these in the next month...

May 18 - Lake Geneva Sail with NWSA

May 25 - 27 Lake Mendota (Penticoffs - RYC cruise capt.)
apenticoff@comcast.net or 815.985.1108

Flotilla Captain, **Jim Pardee**, has a nice spreadsheet showing the RYC & NWSA events. Request a copy or an emailed file from him: 608-751-3053 jimvlc@aol.com

New Member

This is a short intro to new member **Daniel Kaszycki** who was referred by Ray Olson.

Daniel is 25 and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago with a B.S. in Biology. He recently moved back to his hometown of Rockford, IL and will attend NIU this fall as a student in their Masters program while he applies to dental schools across the nation. He will be residing in DeKalb after finding a home there. Daniel currently works for a local health club, FitMe Wellness. His interest in physical fitness has prompted him to work towards obtaining a Certified Personal Trainer license this summer. Daniel's interests include snowboarding during the winter months, visiting local art galleries, and of course sailing. He does not currently own a boat but plans to purchase one in the near future. He hopes to utilize his membership to expand his knowledge of sailing and will eagerly assist any member on the water.

Please welcome Daniel as the newest member of the Rockford Yacht Club.

