

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of Rockford Yacht Club
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Meetings: Usually the third Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

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



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Monday June 17 @ 7:00

Potluck Snacks

Program: None. Social Gathering – swapping of sailor stories.

May meeting highlights:

We scheduled the RYC Picnic at Rock Cut State Park for July 27th. We heard from the folks who sailed in the last month and about the RYC – NWSA sail on Lake Geneva. We had folks sign up to skipper boats and help with A Taste of Sail.

Evans Walker reported that Illinois no longer requires registration of paddle craft, but a \$6 paddle permit is required. The state also no longer sends out renewal notices for your registration – you must remind yourself.

Our guest speaker told us much – but I took a note about the MX Mariner app for Android. Sounded very useful.

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,

After a very cool and wet Spring we finally have some nice warm and sunny days to enjoy. Finding time to get out there on the water can be a challenge sometime but when we can it's always a memorable event. Learning from our successes and miscalculations alike will gain us good experience. I always enjoy reading and hearing about the stories from others of what went right and what went wrong during the sail. Deciding to use an abundance of caution, for me, is now a must, having seen and having made some poor decisions on the water in the past that could have been disastrous.

Many thanks to Chris Gaddis for his presentation on the reconstruction of his 30 foot Pearson Triton sailboat. We wish him well and fair winds in his upcoming voyages. I hope we can hear from him occasionally as he travels.

Let's all try to have a safe time on the water. Please invite some friends and neighbors to the Taste of Sail on Pierce Lake this Saturday the 15th for a great time.

Commodore John

A Taste of Sail Report:

We had a bit of a fiasco – the local daily newspaper did not print our event in the paper version of GO. We got a couple calls from people who saw it online and a few who read it in The Rock River Times. We scrambled and used the internet to get the word out. In the end we did have 20 persons go sailing with us. Harley brought up his O'Day 23, but did not launch. We had Allen Penticoff's American 14.5, Burnie Turner's Tanzer 14 footer, and Marty O'Connor's Chrysler LS-13 to take folks out in. Despite a gloomy start with a bit of rain – it soon cleared out and made for a nice day of sailing – although each session was greeted with different wind.

I (Allen) personally had three young people, a teenaged young man, a girl about 10, and another girl 8 who really took to sailing. All three steered my boat to the dock quite well. We also had some former sailors show up. I hope we see more of them at the meeting.