

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

November 2013

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Meeting Location: Harlem Township Hall
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Machesney Park, IL



Meeting at Harlem Township Hall
Monday November 18th @ 7:00

Program: Nominating/electing officers for 2014 - and finding out what everyone has been up to.

One of the things we'll be doing is approving a donation to Harlem Township's holiday Toys for Kids program. We much appreciate what they do for us - and a little money to their worthwhile program is the least we can do.

We'd hoped to have Rock Cut State Park's site superintendant be at our November meeting to discuss the *Kid's Don't Float* program - but alas she had a schedule conflict. We'll have her meet with us at some future date to tell us about how things are with the park - and discuss the possibilities for the safety program.

I don't have and notes or minutes from the October meeting - as Ruth and I were not in attendance.

We were, however, sailing on Kentucky Lake over the October weekend of the 19th - 21st. We met up with Eric Mueller and Harley Johnson who had brought Harley's O'Day 23 down for our flotilla. Ruth and I spent the better part of Saturday doing a boat review aboard a very nice Beneteau 32s5 of some folks who only recently began sailing from Green Turtle Marina. We had to scramble to wrap that up and get back to Lighthouse Landing from the Ken Lake Resort Marina before the sun set. Sunday was a great warm day for sailing with good wind that allowed us to beat well down the lake to a favorite cove for a cozy nap on the hook. That evening we met up with the guys and went to dinner at Patti's where I devoured the famous 2-inch pork chop - the others were equally satisfied with their dinner. Monday Harley & Eric packed up and went home. Ruth and I stayed to sail some more - and with still great wind and moderate temperatures were able to sail as far south as Sugar Bay (I think) and return in time to pull out and head across the Ohio River to stay with my mother and sister in Metropolis for a night. I slept in *Thebote* in their driveway, while Ruth enjoyed heated indoor comfort. We had a nice drive home via Springfield which was not much longer than the usual route past Champaign. ~ Allen (photos page 2)

Time for Dues renewal. Our \$25 membership dues run the calendar year - see Burnie at the meeting for payment by a separate check or cash from your dinner reservations.

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy mates!

With the snow currently on the ground, I'm glad that I covered my sailboat and tucked it in for winter. I would have loved to get it out one more time, but it wasn't meant to be and will have to resort to sailing magazines and books of adventure to keep my hopes and dreams from fading. The fact that my wife, Diane, and I will be going to Branson, Missouri, and then on to the Gulf Coast will be another kind of interesting adventure in the warmer climates. Hopefully there will be a boat somewhere in all this travelling. Sorry again that I will have missed the November meeting but we will be back with bells on for the Christmas party on December 16th with a gift for exchanging and an appetite for a nice dinner.

To all of you - Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Commodore John

Our Christmas Party

Monday December 16th @ Linos

Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00

Dinner 7:00

Chinese Auction gift exchange, Awards

Claudia emailed dinner instructions and reservations to everyone - but if you've misplaced them - call **Claudia Wenzel @ 815-238-3663** or email **kc.wenzel@comcast.net** by November 30th. Chicken \$17.82, Rib Eye \$25.83, Fish \$21.06. Vegetarian lasagna may be available too. \$?

Join us for RYC's biggest and best event of the year.

Dinner can be paid at the meeting or by mail direct to Claudia: Check payable to Rockford Yacht Club c/o 1233 W. Lincoln Blvd., Freeport, IL 61032



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Kentucky Lake Flotilla
by Allen Penticoff



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Photos Clockwise around:
 A. The 1990 Beneteau 32s5 of Jim & Jessaka McCann of Franklin TN. We sailed aboard her for a Good Old Boat review - and took photos from a nice Hunter over on Lake Barkley. Beautiful boat.
 B. Enjoyed a nice sunny nap aboard *Thebote*, our MacGregor 26D.
 C. So much wind that Eric & Harley aboard *Carol's Rival* - Harley's O'Day 23 didn't need jib power. We, however, lost them.
 D. Traded our much traveled Suburban in on a nearly new Volt - hated to part with our collection of Madison Parks boat ramp stickers. Thought of peeling them off...but.
 E. Ruth and I bothered a salesperson at Lighthouse Landing to check out this nice Island Packet 29 for sale. Great cruiser.