

The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Feb17 @ 7:00 p.m.



Annual Chili Cook-Off



Bring a pot of your favorite chili recipe to the meeting this Monday night to participate in our annual chili cook-off, for which winners will be awarded no prizes. Cornbread, veggie trays, cheese, crackers, condiments or desserts are always welcome additions in lieu of chili.

Program

We have no formal program scheduled for this month, but Allen Penticoff is planning to present a slide show of his recent business trip, hauling a Nacra17 to Miami on behalf of The Cat House in Machesney Park.

Commodore: John Kochanski
Vice Commodore: Allen Penticoff
Purser: Burnie Turner
Yeoperson: Ruth Penticoff
Activities Captains: Kevin & Claudia Wenzel
Flotilla Captain: Allen Penticoff
Signal Officer: Marty O'Connor

Please send any BSL contributions, photos and other member alerts to martinoconnor@mac.com

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,
The closest Diane and I came to sailing was cross country skiing across Lake Summerset last week. At least we were technically on the water.....frozen water. I'm happy for the snowbirds who are basking in the sun right about now and are in a warm climate. By the time you read this letter Diane and I should be in Cocoa Beach, Florida for a little rest and recuperation, beachcombing for shells and walking in the Gulf stream shores of the Atlantic. The only sailing to be had around here is in online videos in Sail magazine or one of the others. Hopefully next month the ice and snow will thaw a bit and we can get our boats out of storage and start getting them ready for Spring sailing. Let's all think positive and be content with knowing that warmer weather is just around the corner. Til then, stay warm and hang in there and have a good social meeting on Monday.

Commodore John

Message from the Siegworth's

Hello everyone,

After 10 years we made it to the south for winter, we are living the Dream. We left home Dec. 28 with Devin going with us. After two days of driving south we made it to Palmetto FL, where we had MJ2 shipped to in Oct. On New Years Eve, we we spent the night onboard, on the hard. The next day she was put into the water. It was cold (very windy) for the rest of the week so the mast stepping had to wait till next week. Devin had to be back to school Jan. 6 so he had a flight home sun. the 5th. That was his first time on a plane, and by himself, all went well. Now we had to wait for a high tide to get out of the marina, that was at 430 pm the 13 of Jan. It took three days to get to Fort Meyers Beach were Jim & Carol Mullins have a condo inn Big Carlos Bay, so anchored there for four days and spent a lot of time with them. Don and Gayle Jepson were in Marathon already and they drove to meet us. The girls drove the cars back to Marathon and Don and I tried to sail down there. It took them 5 hours and us 5 days, To much wind on our back and bad weather on the way down. We are home for now on our mooring ball. There are over 250 boats on balls and anchored here , all with dinghies, all needing showers, bathrooms, food, water, pump outs. The place is set up well for all our needs, shopping, restaurants, are all within walking distance. Marty is doing yoga basket weaving, and Dominos. I am playing softball 3 days a week. We both play bocce ball. All activities are right here close. We have concierge by the name of Gayle that has planned many nights out around town with all her friends. The days are going by quickly and soon we we will planning our trip home. The weather has been great, we will miss it. MJ2 has needed repairs, and that is normal, there is no end. Wish you all were here, see you all soon.

Bill and Marty

Boat for Sale

Mark Gasser <markgasser1@yahoo.com> sends this along: "...my 14' sailboat, a 'Sprinter 14' (and trailer) is still for sale and the price keeps coming down. I love the boat and sailing too, but I can't justify continuing to pay storage fees, so I'm selling it. Here's the link. If you know anyone interested, please pass this along. I'd probably consider any reasonable offer for a boat in this good of shape. It's been stored indoors, covered, since I built it."

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