
The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Nov 17 @ 7:00 p.m.



Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,

Well, I finally did it. I bought a 1986 Precision 18 with my friend and neighbor Bruce Lombardo today. We can't bring it home because it's packed in a boat shed at the Horny Goat Marina in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They will store it for us until Spring with no charge since it's already paid for. Good Deal!! We're looking forward to a lot more sailing in 2015.

Diane and I, sorry to say, won't be around for the Christmas party in December because we will be in Florida until the 19th and home on the 20th or 21st depending on the weather conditions. I hope that you, Allen, can lead the party like you did in previous years. I will miss that but we had to use up our points or lose them. We like to get away in the winter months because we have so much to do the rest of the year.

Bye for now,

Commodore John



Autumn afternoon at Rock Cut

by Marty O'Connor

As we all know too well, prior obligations have a way of supplanting your best sailing and paddling opportunities. That's how it's been for us this year, so late in October, Linda insisted I forgo a Sunday blacksmithing demonstration to take our dog, Heidi out in our canoe instead. The weather was perfect, Heidi enjoyed herself, and Linda escaped injury when she stepped in a large hole upon landing for lunch at the Lions Club Picnic Area. Heidi earned the nickname "Tippy" while riding in the canoe, because she frequently switches sides to observe wildlife, or reach over the gunwales to grab a sip of lake water. We saw mostly Canada Geese and a few Mallard ducks, but

were also entertained by the diving antics of a small group of Grebes near the middle of the lake. They plunge below the surface off one side of the boat and come up again with a small fish some 30ft off the opposite bow. Cute little guys, and not terribly shy, but tough to snap good photos of. We only encountered two sailors all day, one of which was RYC's own Jim Olson in his Montgomery 15. We caught up to Jim as he was about to heave to for lunch, chatted for a bit and took a few photos to swap later, then chased off after the other sailor to see if we knew him. It looked like he was sailing a small yellow craft like Preston Aylesworth's Holder, but had a blue and yellow Zuma sail. As we approached, we concluded it was neither Preston with a replacement sail, nor Commodore John with his dinghy away from Lake Summerset, but another Zuma sailor from Rockford. We talked briefly and told him of the Rockford Yacht Club, after which we paddled back to the launch area for a break. I went back out for a short solo paddle while Linda and Heidi stretched their legs, then we loaded up and headed for home. So glad we took a little time to mess about before the leaves fell completely.





Strictly Sail won't be held at Navy Pier this year

Visitor Show Information

Strictly Sail Chicago and the Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show and have joined forces to bring you the best in boating, RVing and sailing, all under one roof!

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Dates & Location

Wednesday-Sunday, January
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2301 S. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, Illinois 60616

Show Hours

Wednesday: 2:00pm–9:00pm

Thursday: 11:00am–9:00pm

Friday: 11:00am–9:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am–9:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am–5:00pm

