
The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Apr 20 @ 7:00 p.m.



Adopt A Road Report –Allen Penticoff

Our first Adopt A Road of the season was accomplished Saturday, thanks to our crew of volunteers: Eric Mueller, John Kochanski, Bruce Lombardo, Joe Rittner, Bill & Marty Siegworth, Allen & Ruth Penticoff, and Linda & Marty O'Connor. We had several bags of trash and I ended up sorting 4 bins of bottles and plastic. Two barrels/bags of just aluminum cans. Marty O'Connor shared new bag holding open hoops.



April Program Guest

Joe Rittner has invited guest speaker, Mike Kenny for a presentation on the Heineken Regatta this past March in St Maarten along with his experience sailing Lake Michigan, including the solo Mac and crewing aboard "Defiant." (w/Red&White spinnaker in photo)

Joe took this picture of Mike, at left, aboard his Catalina 38 Debbia during a recent Louie's Last Regatta, Milwaukee.

Flotilla Kickoff Party Postponed

Due to a conflict with the NWSA Ice Breaker Flotilla, and also due to tornado damage in the neighborhood of our hosts, Tom and Louise Price, the Kickoff Party will be rescheduled for a more convenient date, to be determined.

I spoke with Tom last night and he said they were very fortunate that the tornado missed them by a few hundred feet. While their home required some emergency repairs to the roof and some broken windows, and may need complete roofing replacement, many of their neighbors lost their homes entirely.

– Marty O'Connor

Lake Geneva Destinations and Information

Sailing season is about to start. One of the closest and cleanest sailing waters can be found on Geneva Lake (its formal name). Many of us are trailer sailors and would rather anchor out for a night or two instead of just a day sail and the time involved in launching and retrieval.

Geneva Lake allows overnight anchoring per the officers at the Safety Station in Williams Bay, WI. The boat may not be left unattended and lights are required if anchoring outside of the “No Wake” buoys. Lights are not required inside of these buoys. I took advantage of this only once at Williams Bay and anchored by the beach between the “No Swimming” buoys and the “No Wake” buoys. At that time I made prior arrangements with the Fontana launch attendant and Police to leave my car and trailer in the parking by paying the next day’s \$18 launch fee in advance. It was a good trade off to get an additional day sailing w/o the retrieval and relaunching procedures.

Car and trailer parking is available at Hansen’s Pier, a private 2 acre grassy lot at the Y intersection of E. Geneva St and Laurel St. This is ¾ mile East of the Williams Bay launch ramp. I’ll have the phone number and current overnight rates by the April 20th meeting. Last year it was \$10 when I called for info. Google Maps shows the lot on the south side of the intersection.

Fontana and Williams Bay have municipal piers close to launch ramps for short term use while enjoying local restaurants. Fontana has Gordy’s and Chucks, W. Bay has Harpoon Willies and Café Calamari. A new upscale restaurant, Pier 290, is part of Gage Marine and has their separate pier on the west part of W. Bay.

The first scheduled combined sail with RYC and NWSA is May 16th. If the weather is favorable I plan on using Hansen’s Pier for an overnight car and trailer storage and anchoring out. I hope that several RYC trailer sailors and crew will join in this event. However, please let me know in advance so that we can have enough boat owners and crew for this sail.

Let me know if questions. Joe Rittner joerittner@att.net

Adopt A Road Appreciation Picnic

John Kochanski reports, via Preston Aylesworth, that we are invited by the Winnebago Highway Department to an appreciation dinner at the Winnebago Highway Department, 424 N. Springfield Ave, Rockford, IL on April 29th at 5 p.m. Preston said that they will have hotdogs and hamburgers.

We will need to call Lisa Halverstadt at 815-319-4011 or email lhalverstadt@wincoil.us by April 22nd to let her know how many of us can make it.