
The Bullship Log



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

2015 Racine Blue Nose Weekend

Who: The Rockford Yacht Club and the Northwest Sailing Association

When: Friday September 18th through Sunday September 20th

Where: Racine Yacht Club: 1 Barker St. Racine, WI Tel: (262) 634-8585

Where to launch: Public launch or Pugh Marina. Pugh is deeper and closer to Racine Yacht Club. Pugh Marina is on the Root River on the North side before the opening of the lake.

What to do: Sail, motor up Root River, maybe pot luck or go out to eat Friday evening (club has gas grills), Saturday Shrimp boil with band and lots of conversation.

Saturday: In the morning, coffee and kringle at 8:00 am. The club will also have breakfast or you can go to the many restaurants. The club will also be serving lunch. Then let's go sailing and in the late afternoon come to a shrimp boil with a band in the evening. The club hires bands from Chicago and I have heard many good bands there.

Sunday: More coffee & kringle, sailing, and then pack up to go home. The club will have breakfast and lunch or you can grill out.

If you don't have a boat, come up for Saturday & Sunday and sail with a member. Also, there are a lot of hotels you can book. I use Hotwire.com to book many overnights in the spring when I'm getting my boat ready for the summer sailing season.

Racine Yacht Club Amenities: Yacht club with restaurant, bar, bathroom with showers, patio with seating, grill area with picnic tables, kayaks, canoes, slip for your boat with electricity and water, a lake front view, and free parking or use lot next door to the south of the club.

Contact Ray Olson if you want a free slip. He can help you arrange one.

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Commodore's Corner *by Allen Penticoff*

On Wednesday July 29 with Nick Scheuer's assistance, I launched Thebote at the Icehouse boat ramp on the Rock River. We sailed a bit right away. Then I came back on Wednesday night for a nightcap with Burnie after he finished his evening cruise with the Forest City Queen - and I watched the Ski Broncs for a bit. Thursday is Dinner on the Dock at the Prairie Street Brewhouse. Big crowds. The transient slips are full, but Thebote had the end of the wood dock reserved for three nights (\$25 per night) so we were able to stave off suitors for our space with reserved & no docking signs - and personal defender reps on the two occasions we took friends out for brief slow sails up the Rock under jib alone. There was not much wind - but there isn't far to go between the Jefferson Street and Whitman Street bridges. The party lasted until late and the Blue Moon appeared between the chimneys of the brewery - sort of Stonehenge-like. I slept aboard Thursday night while Ruth went home. On Friday a.m. I pretty much had the place to myself - but I had work to do - so no sailing in the great winds that day. Friday evening we came down - had dinner delivered to Thebote - then wandered the neighborhood a bit before calling it a night early to sleep aboard. The docks are not near as crowded on Friday nights - but some folks do stay up very late. Saturday was another beautiful day - but after a short sail we took out. Then we discovered just how much mud and slime can accumulate on your boat sitting in the Rock River for three days. I think much of it happened at the boat ramp as the upstream side was far worse than the downstream side.



I think it would be fun to do a "Sailing Night" at the Prairie Street Brewhouse sometime. Probably a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday would be best.

There is just enough room to sail on this "very small lake" - and the food and beer is very good. There are plenty of slips available - so the limited sailing doesn't matter much. We did get a fair amount of attention from being "a sailboat on the Rock."





