
The Bullship Log



Monthly Meeting
 Rock Cut State Park Concessions
 Monday - Jun 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Note: the June Monthly Meeting will be at Rock Cut.

Hopefully we can get in some afternoon sailing or paddling before the and possibly after the meeting, which will be held at the concessions building.

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Sailors!

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in the Taste of Sail event this year. The signs Allen had made up looked great and seemed to attract a crowd. The 4 boats stayed busy all day. I don't have a count yet on the number of rides given but we have a lot of names to follow up with.

See you on Monday the 19th, for the meeting. The meeting will be held at Rock Cut State Park at the usual time of 7:00 at the concession stand. Come earlier if you want to.

There are other water craft available for rental you can try out Monday if you would like. I am planning on bringing my duck boat to try out.

We will be making plans for the Sailstice sail coming up on the weekend of the 23rd – 25th on Lake Mendota in Madison.

Commodore Brian

BEST MARKETING YET

Allen's sign idea and followup efforts certainly paid off. Based on feedback from my passengers yesterday, nearly all of them were attracted to participate after seeing the signs. One family of four from NW Chicago noticed the signs as they returned to the campground, so they came over to sign up.

Sailing conditions were near perfect, with mild and steady winds throughout the day and all across the lake. Everyone remarked how peaceful and relaxing the experience, and some said this is much more fun than renting a paddleboat.

Joy and Dave Tarrant, with assistance from Preston Aylesworth and Bruce Lombardo, managed all the registration and dockside activity. Joy counted 51 and Allen had another unregistered guest who may be buying a boat soon.







On a sad note, RYC lost a former member, Arlene Henson on Friday

Arlene J. Henson 1940—2017

Arlene J. Henson, 76, died June 16, 2017, at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon. She was born August 24, 1940, in Chicago, IL; the daughter of Earl and Irene (Marshall) Whitney. She married Wayne Henson in February 1956. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Byron. Arlene received her Associate's degree from Rock Valley College and then went on to Northern Illinois University where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degree. She worked as an adult probation officer for DeKalb County prior to her retirement. Arlene was an amazing artist. She was a member of the Eagle's Nest Art Group and loved showcasing her talents at Ceramics by Cin and the Serenity Shed. She was active in the Byron Library, Byron Senior Citizen's Group, a knitting club, and a prior member of the Rockford Yacht Club. She was an avid gardener and was a real animal lover. Arlene enjoyed spending her time making friends especially at Conover Square. She is survived by her children, Brian (Mary) Henson of Rockford, Jeffrey Henson of Rockford, Steven Earl Henson of Waupun, WI, and Rebecca Henson of Franklin Grove; the father of her children and lifelong friend, Wayne Henson of Stillman Valley; siblings, Rochelle (Grenville) Claxton



and Richard Whitney; grandchildren, Jenna Henson, Jake Henson, Josiah Henson, Cory Reidl, Tyler Reidl; great-grandchildren, Irelynd, Bella, Aislind, and Kerrian; sister-in-law, Betty; and beloved nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and infant great-grandson, Cheyanne. The family would like to thank the staff at Serenity Hospice and Swedish American Palliative Care and Oncology for their loving care of Arlene.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 22, 2017, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron, with Father Howard Barch officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street, Byron, concluding with a rosary at 7 p.m. Memorials are established in her name and will be applied to Serenity Hospice and Home, St. Jude's, and towards cancer screening and prevention. www.farrell-hollandgale.com