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# The Bullship Log

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## —Online Meeting—

July 20, 2020 7:00PM

Members can join via Zoom App or browser

See link in email

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### Meeting Minutes: June 15, 2020

#### Call to Order

7:15 with 7 members. This was a remote meeting using ZOOM

#### Are there any visitors tonight?

Yes, Ray Olson.

#### Are there any new members tonight?

No new members were present.

#### Minutes - Yeoperson (or in newsletter)

The May minutes were read and accepted.

#### Pursers/Membership Report

During last month there was \$30.00 in dues deposited. Also \$11.00 was spent to cover report filing fees.. The current balance is \$1,601.45.

#### Committee Reports

##### Activities Captain

**Evans Walker** described a program that the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, located in Manitowoc Wisconsin, offers. Suggested the possibility of a virtual visit for next month's meeting.

**Evans Walker** will schedule a Club picnic for one of the of the following dates: Jul 11, Jul 25, or Aug 1, 2020

**August 1, 2020 was chosen as the date, at Red oak shelter Rock Cut State Park. Details to be discussed at next meeting and invitations will follow.**

##### Signal Officer

Stated that members without computers were to be contacted and once again offered paper copies of our Bullship log and minutes.

#### New Business

Evans Walker related an encounter with a Rockford Senior. The revelation concerned a 1960's Rockford sailing club. Martin O'Connor talked about local sailors that he has run across. He plans to make links on the Club Facebook page regarding this topic.

#### Who has been sailing since last month?

No one had gone sailing this past month.

#### Any Other Business

**William Reilly** discussed the 815 Boat Club. Future non virtual meetings were discussed.

#### Adjourn

8:35 pm

## First Sail 2020- Waukegan, IL to Kenosha, WI by Evans Walker

First time out for the season came late this year due to Covid-19 shutdowns. Marinas are still closed lots of boats still out of the water, especially Chicago boats.

Quickstep launched on July 7<sup>th</sup>, with fresh bottom paint and mast professionally tuned. Got all the gear, sails in place, cushions, and safety equipment loaded, topped off the fuel (4 whole gallons), so all set to go! Set to leave Larsen Marine on July 12<sup>th</sup>, everything ready but the weather. Always seems to happen you set a date and the weather doesn't cooperate. Winds went from W 5 to 10, to NNE 15 to 25, waves building to 4 ft, and small craft advisories. Called Brian at 6:00am we decided to delay leaving by a day, a great call on our part. July 13<sup>th</sup> winds changed to E 10 knots waves 2 ft or less, clear skies, temps mid to upper 70s, perfect sailing weather. Something always happens though.

Brian and I met at Southport Marina in Kenosha at 9 AM to drop car for getting back to Waukegan, while there we walked down to the slip to make sure all was fine. We found a sailboat from Michigan was occupying my reserved slip. Checked with the marina they did not know why the boat was there so they assured us we would have a spot when we arrived. So we took the 25 minute drive down to Waukegan, loaded the personal gear and prepped the boat for the trip. We did the basics, removing sail cover, starting engine, putting on Lifesling safety gear, and removing extra mooring and spring lines. By 10:30 AM all set to go. We backed away from the slip and proceeded down the channels out of Waukegan's main north harbor.

As we motored past the Waukegan Yacht Club, a racing fleet of Butterfly sailors were maneuvering around racing buoys set up in the turning basin. They're always fun to watch. We continued east down the main channel and Brian notice the green channel marker about ¼ mile off shore, the water and skies so clear the Chicago skyline really stood out. We made sure everything was set for raising sails as soon as we cleared lighthouse at the end of the channel. We were already pointing into the east wind so immediately Brian went on deck and raised the main. We fell off to port, put the engine in neutral and were under sail. Brian came back to the cockpit, we unfurled the Jib, killed the engine and enjoyed the quiet.

We set our course and trimmed the sails for the right course and speed and really did not have to make any adjustments. The conditions were nearly perfect. Now we got the electronics out. I set the car GPS to log our progress. I have our course plot of 14.8 miles over 4 hours and 25 min. We were able to take a couple of photos and video along the way.

When we reached Kenosha, the winds changed to ESE 10 or 15. We started the engine, rolled up the Jib, pointed into the wind and dropped the main. Gathered and tied the main to the boom, and proceeded into the harbor entrance.

As we entered the turning area, we saw the boat in our slip had been moved over and we proceeded to put out the fenders and set up the mooring lines for docking. Brian and I reviewed the plan for approaching the dock with a following wind. Since I just had the bottom painted the boat moved thru the water with very little effort. We only made one loop in the basin and made our approach. I put the engine in neutral 150 ft. from the dock. The following wind was keeping our approach speed steady. So I reversed the engine to slow down, the prop walk moved the stern to port so I had to adjust course steering to port. Brian stepped off and secured bow line and moved toward stern. We came in softly but wind still pushing stern and reverse moved stern to port. A poorly tossed mooring line by me toward Brian ended up in the water so we a little crooked when we stopped. Sloppy on my part, but no harm done. Now the hardest part, we had to put everything away and make all lines and sails ship shape. Enjoyed a great sailing day on the first one of the season.

