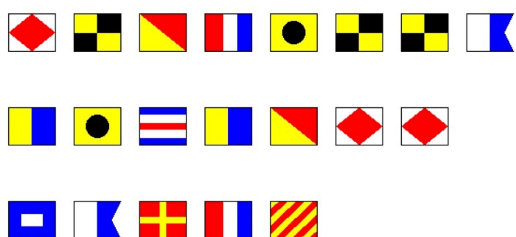


# The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting  
Harlem Township Hall  
Monday - May19 @ 7:00 p.m.



## Flotilla Kickoff Party

Saturday May 17th, 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Steve and Sarah Leonard's home  
5209 W. Forest Trail  
Rockford IL 61109

Despite the fancy names applied to this event in years past, it is simply a potluck — so bring something tasty. Steve and Sarah are providing Sloppyjoes along with beer, wine and soft-drinks, but do BYOB if you wish to share something special. Prepare to have a good time hobnobbing with your fellow sailors and dreaming about sailing yet to come.

Questions: call or text Steve @ 815-262-0756

Commodore: John Kochanski  
Vice Commodore: Allen Penticoff  
Purser: Burnie Turner  
Yeoperson: Ruth Penticoff  
Activities Captains: Kevin & Claudia Wenzel  
Flotilla Captain: Allen Penticoff  
Signal Officer: Marty O'Connor

Please send any BSL contributions, photos and other member alerts to [martinoconnor@mac.com](mailto:martinoconnor@mac.com)

## NWSA-RYC Icebreaker Flotilla

Boats will be launching in the a.m. from Fontana Access Ramp, sailing as much as conditions allow with a stop in Williams Bay at noon for sack lunch, then return to Fontana by 4pm to de-rig, followed by dinner at Gordy's

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## Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,  
Got my sailboat out of storage and am working on it almost daily to get it in the water by Memorial Day weekend. The weather's been pretty good except for the rain every other day so I was actually able to get some things done on it, especially getting the centerboard to go through the slot. Now I have to finish sealing the gap between the hull and floorboard and put a second coat of non-skid floor paint down on it.

I'm sure many of you are doing some work to get your boats ready for the sailing season. We can help each other a lot by sharing about what we've learned regarding boat maintenance over the years so I'm asking everyone who can to share their stories about that at the Monday evening RYC meeting. Let's all bring something to munch on and by all means, let's have fun planning a great year of sailing.

Commodore John

## **RYC Raft Deconstructed** by Allen Penticoff

I have finally gotten tired of watching the RYC raft rot. Literally, it was so rotted that it was dangerous to walk on – in fact the port side caved in under my weight and I fell to the ground while working on it – but no harm done. The eight seats were still in good shape. They disappeared with a “FREE” sign on them at the curb. I’ll strip it of steel and sell the scrap. Dumpster or burn the wood and soon have nothing left but the trailer. So if you hear of anyone looking for a MacGregor 25 trailer – we have one for cheap.

It is taking far more work to disassemble it than I thought. I was well built and very remarkably engineered. I feel sad that we did not sell or give it to someone else long before it came to be in this deteriorated state. But that’s how stuff is. Now to get some of that other crap in our yard gone.

