The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Mar 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

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\$30.00 payable to Rockford Yacht Club Bring payment to meeting, or Mail to:

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Commodore's Corner

Ahoy mates,

With the grass turning green – it already it seems like we should be sailing. After our very successful showing at the Boat, Vacation and Fishing show – we are READY to sail.

We met so many people and had a great time. Visit www.RockfordYachtClub.com and click on "view past events" to see what came down. We had a small table and plenty of coloring sheets for children. That gave us a chance to talk to the folks while they colored. From that there was a lot of interest in A Taste of Sail. Speaking of coloring sheets, our website also has pdf documents under "For younger sailors" of all the nautical coloring sheets, and a "RYC coloring book" as well – much thanks to Burnie Turner. Pass these on to your own

grandkids. Once the kids finished, they could ring the ships bell, have a "stamp" on their hand – fish, sailboat, or crab – then a trip to the treasure chest for some candy. We had 41 hanging on our curtain when we were done – and a few went home with the kids.

A few of the kids got up in the sailboat and seemed genuinely interested in sailing.

We offered a day sailing lesson on our MacGregor 26 as a grand prize for the show – but I've yet to hear from anyone on that.

So it all went great and we had a good time. Joe "don't take no for an answer" Rittner did a fabulous job corralling adult passerby and teaching them all about sailing and the club. We are already planning for a better showing next year.

Hope to see you at the meeting Monday night when we can talk about the event more and make some plans for the remainder of the RYC year – flotillas and other get together events.

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