
The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Feb 19 @ 7:00 p.m.



Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Sailors!

The January meeting was meant for planning the season, but the weather did not seem to cooperate and neither did our key to the Township Hall Building. We had a great meeting anyway at Panera with coffee provided by the O'Connors. – (Thanks). We came up with some new sailing and program ideas.

Got lots of random thoughts so here goes:

Awards: Forgot to mention the awards from 2017 in the last newsletter.

Member of the Year: Linda O'Connor for all the great planning done throughout the year.

Captain Ron Award: John Morris

Harley Johnson Sailor of Merit Award: Shirley (Sam) Walker. Sam will be missed as she passed away at the end of the month of January. Sam was one of the founding members of the club and took care of the printing and mailing of the newsletter for years when it went out as an actual paper. She kept the club on track by always knowing the proper protocol for the meetings. She and Evans were very welcoming to our family when I first joined the club and was invited to go out sailing with them on Lake Michigan. My kids (now over 30) still remember getting to steer Sam and Evans boat while they kicked back and watched. Many former club members and current members attended her celebration of life.

Self Tending Jib: Here is something I definitely want to try this year. I found this on a website called the Stingy Sailor. Being a trailer sailor, this site looked interesting. There is a simple way to rig your jib so that you can control the tension on it but it will switch sides on its own. That sounds relaxing to me, being able to tack with both sails up and only touch the tiller. Look up the site.

Bright side of Invasive Species: I hadn't been out on Lake Michigan in a little while and when I got the opportunity last year I was a little surprised at how blue the water looked. I recently read an article in the Chicago Tribune that said the Zebra Mussels are causing this. I guess they eat the algae that feeds water fleas and ultimately the fish. While the food chain has been disrupted at least the lake is nice to look at.

Dehler for Sale: If you read the article about the coolest boat I never bought, lo and behold the new owner put it back up for sale for only 12 grand. Now it's really the boat I never bought.

G10: I just recently learned about this stuff. This is an epoxy and fiberglass sheet material that is made with high pressure and heat to cure into a very strong sheet often used as backing plates. It can be epoxied to the underside of your decking to reinforce the deck hardware.



Allen and Ruth sent a few quick photos from Cuba. Looking forward to their full trip report.



