

The Bullship Log



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

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Sailors!

Thanks to everyone that helped out at the road clean up. Had a good turn out and a lot of trash including car parts. (Toyota grill)

Hope you made it to the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Many attended, the food was great and a live Mariachi Band showed up playing Elvis music! I believe Nancy Olson suggested we try it.

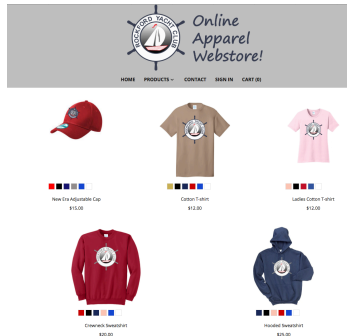
Thanks Nancy.



Photos: Thanks to Joe Rittner

Dave was even awarded a new hat

Club promotion items: If you would like a Rockford Yacht Club hat, T-Shirt, Ladies T-shirt, Sweatshirt or Hoodie they are all available on the site. They can ship to you or you can pick it up in the store. Here is the link to our promotion site: <https://stores.inksoft.com/rockforyachtclub>



Sadly, RYC has lost another friend and long-time member, Jeff Austin. Note the bolded details for the planned Celebration of Life at the end of June.

Jeffrey David Austin 1944–2018

Jeffrey David Austin, June 7, 1944 (New York) - May 6, 2018 (Florida), age 73. A dentist for 45 years, "Doc" Austin was proud of serving generations of patients at his practice in Rochelle, IL. He graduated with a BS from Michigan State in 1967, and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry in 1971, and was a lifelong member of the Chicago and American Dental Society. At dental school, he won an award of merit as the best technical student in his class. He felt so lucky to have a career he excelled at, loved, and had wanted since he was seven. Jeff was also a passionate pilot, sailor, target shooter, and dog owner. He loved anything with an engine and the northwoods of Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Molly and Joe Austin and brother, Steven Austin. He leaves his beloved wife of 20 years, Joyce O'Neill Austin; children, Lyrah Austin Bushnell and Bryce Austin; grandchildren, Liam and Kellen; and stepdaughter, Annette Vee and her children. He will also be missed by many others, especially his lifelong friends, Elise Burger and Fred Isley, and his dogs, Walker and Connor. By his choice, his body has been donated to his dental school alma mater and his chosen gravestone reads, "Beyond my wildest expectations, I'd take the trip again."

A Celebration of Life will be held June 24, 2018 at Salt 251, Hwy 251 South, 531 S. 7th St., Rochelle, IL 61068. Open house and refreshments 3 to 6 p.m., at 4 p.m. memories and reminiscences from family and friends.

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Items on Calendar:

5/25 – 5/28 Memorial Day Weekend Sail at Lake Mendota, Madison WI. Some form of race is being planned. Bring your ideas to the meeting and we will figure out what the race will be. A map of the lake will be helpful if someone can bring one.

6/16 Taste of Sail @ Rock Cut State Park

7/7 RYC Picnic Bay View Shelter @ Rock Cut State Park

7/20 – 7/22 North Point Rendezvous, Sail from Racine or Kenosha to Northpoint or trailer sail out of North Point.

August – Turners plan to be on Lake Petenwell in Wisconsin. Should be slips available if you want to go there.

See you on Monday the 21st at Harlem Township Hall for the May meeting of the Rockford Yacht Club.

Let's SAIL MORE in 2018.

See you at the Monday meeting,
Commodore Brian

NWSA and RYC sailing events on Lake Mendota

June 1- 3 John Morris will coordinate the NWSA opening sail with the Rockford YC. Launch will take place at Marshall Park with overnights at the County Park seawall. Rockford YC boats and crew are invited to join this sail. Contact John Morris at: JM.Sail.21@gmail.com

June 22-24 Joe Rittner will coordinate the NWSA "Summer Sailstice" on Lake Mendota with the Rockford YC.

Meet 6/22 11am at Marshall Park for launch or your own launch time with crew. Overnight at County Park seawall or anchor out.

Friday dinner usually at "Capt.. Bill's." Sat and Sun 9am breakfast usually at "C's" across street from Capt. Bill's.

Contact Joe Rittner at: joerittner@att.net or cell 815-382-4116.

May 19 Joe Rittner plans to sail with own crew on Lake Geneva launching at Fontana. Sail for the day and watch the scow races by the Lake Geneva YC. Bring your boat and crew and enjoy the day. Contact Joe

Pictures: John Morris, Marc Holdwick, Allen Penticoff and E Scows at the weather mark.

