



The Bullship Log

July 11, 2022 – Meeting 7PM

Cocktail hour beforehand

Thunder Bay Grille

7652 Potawatomi Trail, Rockford, IL 61107

As it turned out, June was a month of distractions and missed opportunities for RYC. First off, we were forced to cancel Taste of Sail, due to some miscommunication in obtaining permission from Rock Cut for the event. Immediately following that snafu, we had a monthly meeting scheduled, but only one member arrived; Evans Walker. It seems as though it's been a hectic start to summer for almost everyone, with a cold, nasty spring postponing routine home & garden tasks, as well as boat-tending. Hopefully, we can relaunch our activities schedule from here on out, starting with our July Meeting this coming Monday, July 11th. Please mark your calendars, and Signal Officer will send a reminder email out that morning.

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July 16th — Annual HOOK Race from Racine, WI to Marinette-Menominee

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At least one of our members has been active on the water this year, as Allen Penticoff recounts his experience in the following story: **Beware the Forecast**



Yesterday I took my American out with a friend who is 84, a seaplane pilot, EV ultralight owner/pilot, and nuclear activist, Richard Steeves (not Rick).

Forecast was 9-10. We GOT 10-20. Mostly 20. Wild swings in velocity. I got very wet, and it was cold because temps were in the low 70s. Arrived to find the Green Lantern restaurant closed (just on Monday), but dried out a bit for the downwind sail along the whole of Lake Waubesa's populated east shoreline. But able to tack right back to the Goodland Park dock. Never unfurled my jib. Was looking forward to using it. Plenty of speed though.

Towed with my Bolt EV. Terrible EV mileage (2.2 mi./kWh) going into the wind on the way up - half of normal! I don't think it affects the motor any. The Bolt's back up camera hates a trailer being back there. Beep, beep, beep. "Get over it would ya." I also learned it will not let you go in reverse with the driver's door open. Puts it in park. If I back up with the hatch open I can see whats going on, sort of, but the camera is out of action. It beeps instead for having the hatch open, but at least one can cancel that noise. A neat EV thing is that you can drive with the hatch open and have no fumes. Lights on the hatch transfer to bumper lights.