



The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

July 2010

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Meeting @ Harlem Township Hall
Monday July 19, 7:00 p.m.
potluck snacks

Program: We'd like to discuss this email below as to whether RYC may wish to get involved. (Sent by Preston's daughter Brenda)

I attended an Abilities Expo last week in Schaumburg and found a program called "Heart of Sailing". For children with Down Syndrome or Autism for program that gives free sailing for the child and their family for 2 hours. Their mission is to "share the love of sailing by teaching navigational and sailing skills to children and adults with special needs, introducing them to a new educational and therapeutic experience." This is a wonderful recreational therapy for the child, and can be enjoyed by the entire family and crew.

The Heart of Sailing will be in Chicago (July 24 - 27) and Madison, WI (July 30, 31 & Aug 1-3). Their website is www.heartofsailing.org
<<http://www.heartofsailing.org/>>

Please share with your families and also to get on their e-mailing for updates for next year.

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See attached form for updating your membership info. You can email it back to apenticoff@comcast.net or U.S.P.S. to: RYC, 11380 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073 OR bring to the meeting. Thanks for helping us get our records straight.

Commodore's Corner

Hello Everyone,

First, we're saddened to learn of the death of founding member Bill Davey. We have not had Bill sail with us in some time, but he came to every RYC Christmas Party and usually had a good tale to tell. There is more about Bill elsewhere in the newsletter.

The short sailing season is here and seems to be going by way too fast. Penny and I have been out a few times and had a couple of great days on Lake Michigan. We have experienced everything from flat water with a good brisk wind moving us right along at hull speed, to one day with 8 foot swells and one heck of a roller coaster ride. Another time the motor died and would not restart right in between the 2 break walls with the river current and winds wanting to push us into the rocks, which is always where they seem to conk out.

I hope everyone in the club is experiencing some great adventures and fun times on the water. If you get a chance ask Charlie and Jennifer about the busted rudder cable under double reefed main and storm jib. It was only eight miles into a Lake Michigan crossing trip.

Don't forget mark your calendars for the RYC Picnic coming up August 14th at Rock Cut State Park. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting,

Commodore Burnie

Flotilla News

July 25-27 Lake Michigan Crossing Bill Siegworth
July 29-31 Bayfield; Dick Spears will NOT be going to the Bayfield sail. Those interested in that sail should contact Jeff Austin at N7333Y@aol.com or 815-979-8907
Aug 7-9 Green Lake – Dick Spears see more in newsletter.
Aug 9-15 Sheboygan WI – join Siegworths there for week
Aug 14 RYC Picnic Pierce Lake
Late August Tall Ships @ Navy Pier
www.tallshipschicago.net
Sept 3-5 Sturgeon Bay to Traverse City - Siegworth

Social Meeting June 21, 2010 – 1st Annual RYC Pool Regatta

By Burnie Turner

Meeting/Regatta was held in Roscoe, IL at Commodore Burnie's & Purser Penny's home. Around 18 members were in attendance with 8 members competing in the boat building and Regatta. The evening started out with the boat building, camaraderie and a few beverages (frozen margaritas). We then enjoyed the food that everyone brought. Not waiting too long after dinning, we got the regatta under way. It was a 2 heat race with finals across the pool using a fan for the wind. Race results posted below. It did start to sprinkle off and on during the races but all the heats were run and ribbons handed out. The rain started and the event had to move in doors. It was quite humid and Penny and I do apologize for that!

It was getting late and the margaritas ran out so the event came to a close. Over-all everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we thank you for participating.

Heat 1

Joyce - Jeff Austin	1st
Moby Nick - Nick Scheuer	2nd
Jenni - Charlie Fritts	3rd
Jim - Jim Pardee	DNF

Heat 2

No Brainer - Marty O'Connor	1st
MJ2 - Bill Siegworth	2nd
Shadowfax II - Kyle Anderson	3rd
Sam - Evans Walker	4th

Finals

MJ2 - Bill Siegworth	1st
Joyce - Jeff Austin	2nd
No Brainer - Marty O'Connor	3rd
Moby Nick - Nick Scheuer	DNF

Charlie Fritts got the Commodore Choice Ribbon for best decoration of a boat not finishing in the top 3

Photos at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/TheboteSkipper/RycRegatta>

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Bill Davey

Commodore Rockford Yacht Club February 1989 - October 1990

Bill Davey was one of the original 11 members that formed the Rockford Yacht Club in 1989. Bill and Alex Krinickas took the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Sailing and Seamanship course and on the water lessons together at Rock Valley College. Their instructor, Richard "Dick" Riley, Bill Davey, Alex Krinickas and other class members believed it would be a good idea to form a sailing club in the Rockford area.

Both Bill and Alex signed up to become instructors at RVC and continued their education to become certified charter captains at Sailboats Inc. in Chicago.

Bill and Alex took the initiative to purchase a 10-day sailboat charter package from Michigan City Sailboat Charters and took people out on 1 or 2 day charters. This allowed new and prospective members the opportunity to sail on Lake Michigan on larger boats than the Sunfish that RVC used for the Pierce Lake classes.

Bill and Alex chartered from Michigan City Sailboat Charters for three years where many of the early Rockford Yacht Club members experienced adventures and memories of a lifetime. One of the most notable adventures happened on a crossing of Lake Michigan. The co-captains Bill and Alex with crew decided to set out across Lake Michigan on a morning with Small Craft Advisories. Bill was a very adventurous and sometimes reckless new sailor and believed it would be good experience for the crew to reef the main under adverse conditions. The crew set out and was greeted with a 15-25 knot winds and 6 to 10 ft choppy sea. Bill went on deck to the mast (with a life vest only after Janet Smolar insisted he wear it!) and proceeded to begin the reefing process of the mainsail. At the same time the diesel engine began to fail. With all the wave action, the sediment in the diesel fuel tank was clogging the fuel line and stalling the engine. The boat was pushed broadside by the waves and Bill was knocked overboard. The crew acted quickly to get Bill back on board safely and to this day Bill Davey holds the dubious distinction of being the only RYC member to be knocked overboard at sea!

Bill was always willing to take a chance and also the help out. Bill introduced one of his students Barbara Morris to Alex and as most of you know they are now married with two teenage children.

The Rockford Yacht Club was originally formed in February 1989 and the Charter and bylaws were registered with the state of Illinois in March 1989. Bill Davey was listed as the acting Commodore until elections were held in October 1989 where Bill was elected the first RYC Commodore and served one term until October 1990.

Bill had many adventures with the club, met and brought together people from many walks of life. He will be missed by all but not forgotten.

Alex Krinickas and Evans Walker

To see a photo of Bill, visit the Rockford Register Star link with Bill's full obituary.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rrstar/obituary.aspx?n=william-davey&pid=143989655>

You can also Google "Bill Davey obituary" to find this link.

Memorial Service is Friday July 16 @ Cliffbreakers - 2:00 social hour, 3:00 memorial service, 4:00 Marine Corp Color Guard ceremony and 5:00 reception at Cliffbreakers

NWSA/RYS 2010 GREEN LAKE SAIL
DATES : AUGUST 6, 7, 8 2010 - FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
Dick Spears Cruise Coordinator

Green Lake Chamber of Commerce : www.visitgreenlake.com <<http://www.visitgreenlake.com>>

Heidel House : 800-444-2812 Bay View Motel: 920-294-6504

Lakeside Motel : 920-294-3318 Green Lake Inn : 920-294-3417

McConnell Inn : 920-294-6430

Green Lake Conference Center (GLCC) : 800-558-8898 www.glcc.org <<http://www.glcc.com/>>

The Chamber of Commerce web site is : www.greenlakecc.com

Note: Green Lake is one of the best sailing lakes in the state of Wisconsin, with beautiful scenery and less boat traffic than we normally have in our area.

Dick Spears and Joe Rittner will each trailer a MACGREGOR 25 to GLCC. Others are planning to bring their boats to this event. It is a favorite event for those who participated in past years. GLCC is on highway 23 about 2 miles west of downtown Green Lake. A slip with launch is \$25/night +tax. Make your reservations early.

There are several types of lodging at GLCC: camping with electrical hookups and hot showers, cottages and motel type rooms. Their dining hall has good food; serving breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet style. The GLCC is a Baptist affiliate and therefore is a non alcohol facility so choose your lodging accordingly.

All boats and crew will meet at the (GLCC) launch ramp (Fri, Sat).

9:30 -10:00 AM - BOATS ARRIVE AT GLCC LAUNCH RAMP FOR RIGGING

10:30 AM - LEAVE GLCC DOCK FOR SAIL (bring lunch)

4:30 PM - DOCK ; HEAD TO DINING HALL FOR DINNER (5:00-6:00PM)

The Sunday schedule will be determined later, but may include breakfast (7:30-8:30AM) @ dining hall, a sail and swim at Norwegian Bay, weather and time permitting.

DIRECTIONS : Green Lake is 180 miles north/northwest of Chicago so get an early start on Friday or plan to arrive on Thursday.

Chicago and North suburbs: I 94 north; use I 894 as western bypass of Milwaukee; I 894 turns into US 45 and then merges with US 41; stay on US 41 to Fond du Lac; get off on Johnson Street/Hwy23 and go west about 27 miles to GLCC.

Chicago and NW suburbs: I 90 to Madison; get off on US 151 which is the next exit after merger with I 94; take US 151 to Columbus and get off on route 73 North of Columbus; take 73 North to 23 and then east about 3 miles to GLCC.

If you have any questions, call Dick Spears 815-923-4374 or cell 815-236-8666.

Sailstice Sail Report by Allen Penticoff

We had three boats from the Rockford Yacht Club travel to Mark Twain Lake in northeast Missouri to participate with the Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association (MTLSA) in Sailstice 2010 on June 19th. Sailstice is a worldwide sailing celebration, and that is what we did there. There is more about it at www.summersailstice.com - we're even mentioned there in a report by Tom Wells of MTLA.

Ruth and I had arrived early on Friday with our MacGregor 26 "Thebote" and got some sailing in with a strong hot wind - some swimming too. Swimming in the clear warm brown water would happen frequently through the hot weekend. Nick and Gayle Scheuer arrived with their Shearwater 28 "True North" late in the afternoon, launching as we did at the high water ramp on the north side of the lake. The lake was twenty feet above normal pool level! Because of had serious trailer problems on the way down, Eric Mueller and Harley Johnson arrived last with Eric's MacGregor 25 "Knots of Fun" - but in time for dinner on Friday night with us and some of the MTLA.

Saturday was hot again - lots of sun but little wind. Nonetheless, about ten boats formed up for a small triangle race in the middle of the main part of the lake. This was MTLA's "Commodore's Cup." The course had been shortened due to the light air. It was a "pursuit" race, where the slowest boats start first - Thebote was supposed to be the second boat to start, but a miscalculation of the wind caused us to cross the start line with several of the later starting big boats. A first leg tactical error put us in third place at the first mark. On the second lap, we gained substantially on one and two going upwind, but could not overtake them. A storm was approaching and the committee boat announced that after the first three boats finished, the race was being called off - the others were way behind us. So Ruth and I, with Thebote, had the honor of finishing third in the Commodore's Cup. Many were impressed at the light air performance of our overloaded old MacGregor, and for not the errors early on, we'd taken the cup!

Due to the pending storm, the big raft up in one of the bays was called off, so we all headed back to the dock at Blackjack Marina, where songs were sung, drinks shared, food passed around (the food theme was to provide a dish representing a country) and dogs fell in the water. Ruth and I did not stay the night on the dock. Instead we motored as the sun set up to pretty Twin Forks Cove where we anchored for the night in considerable calm compared to marina activities.

Sunday was more hot and light air. We rafted alongside the Wells' Tartan 37 "Higher Porpoise" in mid-lake without anchoring, Eric and Harley came along and rafted on the other side of them. Swimming and water fights ensued with two other passing MTLA boats. While the others went home, Ruth and I sailed toward the far end of the lake, finding very strong winds as we tacked up Hurricane Gulch (well named) under genoa and sun umbrella. The sun umbrella had become more or less permanent through most of the week. We anchored near a pasture with cows mooing deep into Happy Cove. With the high water we could go much deeper into the coves than normal. During the night our anchor dragged during a short storm - sending us into a stand of dead trees, but no harm was done and we reset back in the cove. Ruth and our Schnauzer Berghie went ashore in the morning by hopping off our bow run up on shore at a soft spot at the foot of a meadow.

We were not in touch with the others, but went on west to explore Cathedral Cove at the extreme end of where sailboats can go, stopped at the Indian Creek marina for ice and sailed on back in good wind to explore Hidden Lake, which after navigating a twisting, tree filled creek with our new chart, did find a large lake within a lake - and time for another cooling swim before taking our boat out and heading home late in the day.

Some photos to be viewed: <http://picasaweb.google.com/TheboteSkipper/Sailstice2010#>

A little canoeing story sent to me by Tom Atwood...

May 1 - Today I am looking forward to my first canoe trip this year. I'd planned to go a couple weeks ago, but somehow I changed my mind about going from Genoa to Kirkland on the Kishwaukee River. Only went on that trip once, years ago.

Last week I'd planned to go via New Diggings and on to the Galena River, but my arthritis changed my mind for that weekend. Now again I am planning to go tomorrow, Sunday, if the weather will permit. Rochelle area is my destination, the Kyte Creek is the actual beginning and near Chana is the end place. We had some strong rain yesterday but today (Saturday) looks good now but some more rain is on the way.

May 3 - The rain held off, I got to Rochelle okay and found Skare Park okay (west of Flagg Center). We got going about 10 a.m.. The Kyte Creek is a little muddy near Rochelle, but clears up as we went west with take out at the third bridge. The creek gets rough in spells. Our last stop turned out to be the hardest. First we came upon a herd of all black cows, with one bull who only gave us a baleful look. He kept on eating. The cows were busy having calves, one in particular had just given birth and she ran away from us.

Then came the barbed wire fence. Entering the one wired place wasn't bad, it was fairly high off the water. The other one as we left the pasture gave me and some of the other boaters more trouble. I tipped over, but didn't get stabbed by the fence, just lucky. Another boater got her shirt torn up, but there were no injuries.

Anyway, I got my first ride of the season - a real fun trip. Don't know when I'll do my next one, I'll let you know for the Bullship Log.

Updated Membership Information Form

Name:

Birthday (mm/dd):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell:

Work Phone:

Email:

Occupation:

Spouse:

Birthday (mm/dd):

Cell:

Email:

Children:

Boats

(1)Manufacturer:

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