

# The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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## Meeting at Harlem Township Hall Jan. 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

We'll have elections of officers and a vote on amending the by-laws. We'll also enjoy some food provided by the last year's officers. If you have an idea for a last minute program, pass that on to Allen, who can send out an email update.

### Proposed By-Law Change

The position of Membership Captain is to be eliminated: delete Article V. Officers Section 5.E.

Adding membership duties to the purser's duties.

Article V. Officers Section 5.D. is amended to read:  
(changes underlined)

The Purser...

Collects all dues and other fund due the club and is accountable for its safe-keeping. Handles all the Club's finances. Keeps all financial and membership records. Prepares monthly financial report and helps prepare annual budget and financial report. Maintains and publishes membership directory as needed. All checks require two officers' signatures for payment. Purchases from \$25.00 to \$250.00 must be approved by the Commodore or Vice-Commodore and one other Officer. Any purchase over \$250.00 must be voted on and approved by the Club membership applying the same rules as used under Article IX for Amendments.

### Proposed Slate of Officers for 2010

Commodore:	Burnis "Burnie" Turner
Vice-Commodore:	No Nominee
Purser:	No Nominee
Yeoperson:	George "Turtle" Kittner
Flotilla Captain:	Bill Siegworth
Activites Captain:	Penny Turner
Signal Officer:	Allen Penticoff

## Commodore's Corner

*It has been a great year being your commodore, but soon the wheel will be turned over to Burnie Turner to steer us through the next year.*

*We had a lot of fun this year. A Taste of Sail, flotillas, picnics, parties, haunted hay rides and so much more. We picked up trash and had a good time doing it. The camaraderie of the Rockford Yacht Club is always amazing. Few clubs like ours survive for two decades, but your dedication to it and each other has made it last.*

*As we start our next decade, come forward and help the officers keep us fresh and vital by suggesting new programs, events and activities.*

*Mahalo, Commodore Ruth*

## **RYC News**

Congratulations go to **Dick Spears** on accepting the "Misfortunate" Captain Ron Award, to **Harley Johnson** for receiving the "Good" Captain Ron Award and to **Ruth Penticoff and Evans Walker** for being co-recipients of the Member of the Year Award at our annual Christmas party in December. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. (Photos on page two of the email version.)

Mark your calendars:

At the meeting we'll discuss possible co-ordination of meeting up at the **Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier Jan. 28 - 31.**

[www.strictlysailchicago.com](http://www.strictlysailchicago.com)

Our friends at Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association have invited us to participate in their **Summer Sailstice Celebration** (its actually an international event) on **June 19th**. There is a Commodore's Cup Race/regatta up the lake and back with plenty of partying. In contrast to our flotilla with them last year, joining them on Sailstice, will find far more boats and crew in attendance. Well worth the trip. We may well run into some MTLSA folks at Strictly Sail.



The room at Linos was filled with RYCers celebrating another great year of sailing and camaraderie.



Co-recipients of the Member of the Year Award Evans Walker and Ruth Penticoff



All you have to do to get the Unfortunate Capt. Ron Award is have the engine fall off your boat. Congratulations is not appropriate to the 2009 recipient, Dick Spears, more like sympathy



Evans says the room was FULL of toys.



RYC donated \$100 to Harlem Township's **Toys for Kids** program. Parents must register and live within the township. It appears our contribution goes to a worthy effort. And it is the least we can do for Harlem Township.

