

***The Bullship Log***  
*Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club*  
December 2010

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## ***Merry Christmas All***



***It is time once again for our RYC  
annual Christmas Party***

***Join us at Lino's Restaurant  
on Monday Dec. 20th  
6:00 cocktail mixer  
7:00 dinner***

***Awards, gift swap, fun. We will  
celebrate another year of good  
sailing, new members and  
camaraderie.***

***If there are any changes or last minute  
needs to reserve your place, contact  
Ruth Penticoff @ 815-985-4223***

***It is okay to bring your \$25 renewal dues  
check or cash to the party too - see Penny.***

## **Commodore's Corner**

*Hello Everyone,*

*The end of the year is officially here. I want to thank everyone in the club for a great year. We had some events that were very productive like a "Taste of Sail" that always recruits a few new members and some that were just fun like the first annual "Swimming Pool Regatta". The picnic was a lot of fun this year with all the boats we had in attendance. Sailing and camaraderie is what RYC is all about. So I feel that in this economy the RYC is doing fairly well with our member participation and by taking on a few new members. I would like to try to keep that momentum going. So I propose that we move at least one of the social meetings to maybe Rock Cut or another location during the summer for an evening sail or paddle event. We also need everyone to try to think of time during the summer that you might want to host a flotilla at your favorite sailing spot.*

*Three years ago Penny and I came to a November meeting not knowing a soul. We were invited to come to the Christmas Party and enjoyed ourselves and decided we would give the club a try. Penny and I are now officers again next year and will try to do our best for you. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Christmas party. Please don't forget to send in your dues for next year!*

*I want to personally thank all the new members for joining and all those members that attended the events this past year and hope we can keep the enthusiasm going for years to come.*

*Respectfully,*

*Commodore Burnie*

### New Officers for 2011

Commodore: **Burnie Turner**  
Vice Commodore: Martin "Marty" O'Connor  
Yeoperson: George Kittner  
Purser/Membership: Penny Turner  
Flotilla Captain: Bill Siegworth  
Signal Officer: Allen Penticoff  
Activities Captain(s): vacant

**Burnie recommends** this couple's sailing blog to follow:  
[www.windtraveler.blogspot.com](http://www.windtraveler.blogspot.com)

**Strictly Sail** is Coming up January 27-30  
[www.strictlysailchicag.com](http://www.strictlysailchicag.com) for details. New hours are shown.  
9-7 Saturday, 10-5 Sunday. Discounted parking too.