

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club
September 2011

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Meeting At Harlem Township Hall
Monday Sept. 19th @ 7:00

No program scheduled.

Potluck Snacks

Adopt A Road - Sept. 17th @ 8:00 a.m.

We're going to try for Adopt A Road on **Saturday Sept. 17th**. Meet us at the corner of Argyle and Harlem Roads at **8:00** a.m. We go to breakfast afterwards (the best part). Good chance to catch up with what folks are doing as well as do a good deed.

August Meeting Highlights

We had a new visitor/member John Kochanski with us. John and Diane live at Lake Summerset and have a Zuma 13. John and Diane recently had a long sail with the Seigworths on Lake Michigan. John also recently acquired some instruction on sailing the Zuma with Preston Aylesworth. Welcome aboard. Picnic - see Commodore's Corner.

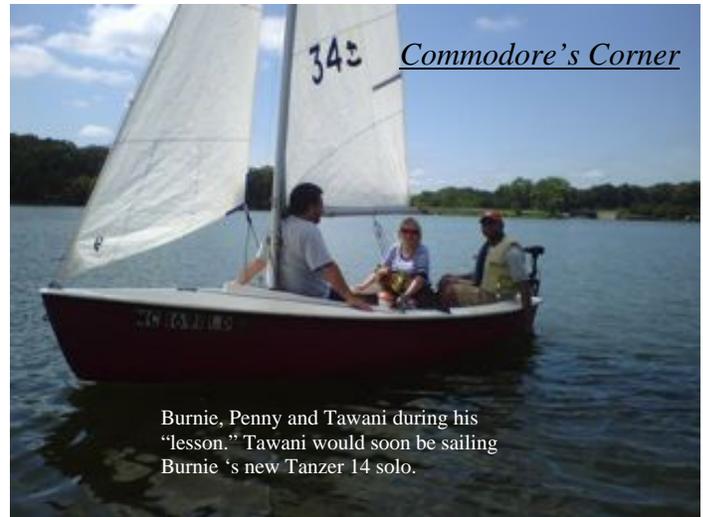
Not seen at a meeting in quite some time were Joy and Dave Tarrant. We warmly welcomed them back. They announced that they were selling their MacGregor 26D, *Mucky Duck*. Dick Spears also announced he was retiring his MacGregor 25 and it is for sale (sail) as well. So anyone interested in a great trailer sailer for a reasonable price should contact either party.

(Also, Allen knows of a car topable boat available for \$150. Sort of looks like a Butterfly with a Sunfish sail. See page 2.)

Allen and Ruth will not be at the September RYC meeting as they will be at the September NWSA meeting where Allen will be doing a program on iceboats.

Flotillas Lake Geneva on October 1st.

A flotilla with NWSA is scheduled for launch at Fontana ramp at 10 a.m. Sail to Williams Bay for a sack lunch. Return to Fontana ramp at 4 p.m. with dinner and story swapping at 5 p.m. at Gordy's restaurant. Contact Dick Spears 815-923-4374 by Sept. 23 to reserve a crew spot. Skippers with own boats can appear on date of sail - but nice to know in advance if you'll accept crew.



Burnie, Penny and Tawani during his "lesson." Tawani would soon be sailing Burnie's new Tanzer 14 solo.

Hello Everyone,

The RYC Picnic was a good time despite the rain that morning. The turn out was a bit low, but we figured with the way it rained and the look of the sky the turn out was still respectable. Thank you goes out to all those who made it. There were a few boats that made it out on to the lake. Rides were taken by all who were interested. A co-worker of mine, Tawani, took his first ride in a sailboat that morning which included his first lesson and he was hooked. He took our just acquired Tanzer 14 out on his own after that one lesson!

The RYC Christmas party needs an activity chair person. I will be asking for a volunteer at the next meeting. It is their responsibility to make the reservation and handle to invitations/RSVP. I truly hope everyone has had a chance to get out on the water at one of our flotilla events or on your own. We have had some of the best sailing weather of the season in the past month or so.

I just ask everyone to remember that it is our club and everyone's participation is the only way to keep the club viable and going for years to come. Please try to participate in club events and don't be afraid to be an officer for the club. It is not much of a commitment considering we do only meet six times a year for business meetings. The alternate months are for social meetings and events. The first weekend in October is the NWSA Frost Bite sail on Lake Geneva. We usually have a pretty good turn out of RYC members for that event.

Penny and I will once again sponsor an event at the haunted hay ride and barn in South Beloit for all those interested. The admission will be half price for RYC members, family and friends for the event. Fun is usually had by all and I'll have the exact date by meeting time.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Commodore Burnie



Rockford Yacht Club is now on Facebook thanks to Penny Turner

GREEN LAKE SAIL

by Dick Spears

August 5,6,7, 2011 (Friday - Sunday)

Green Lake is one of the best sailing lakes in the state of Wisconsin, with beautiful scenery and much less boat traffic than we normally have in our area. Most boats were launched at the Green Lake Conference Center (GLCC) and stayed at rented slips. Those bringing boats were Harley Johnson (O'Day 23), Joe Rittner (MacGregor 25), Dick Spears (MacGregor 25), Allen Penticoff (MacGregor 26), Leo Werhner (Montego 20) and John Morris (San Juan 21).

I spotted this ~ 12' boat on Blackhawk Road between Hwy 251 and the RFD airport. Lanteen (Sunfish type) sail & hull looked good. Whereabouts of rudder? Trailer unlikely, but could car top. Allen

FRIDAY

Dick Spears ; crew: John Reh

Joe Rittner ; crew: Paul Del Monaco and Barbara McAlister

We had slow sailing from the GLCC to Green Lake City. The boats were docked (rafted) along the available dock space. We had lunch at the lakeside park with dessert from a nearby ice cream parlor. The afternoon sail took us back to GLCC.

After dinner Joe Rittner provided a sailboat ride for Paul Del Monaco and Barbara McAlister.

SATURDAY

Joe Rittner ; crew: Paul Del Monaco and Barbara McAlister

Dick Spears ; crew : Irene Jarmulska , Arlene Harley , Kevin Vaught and Betty Rhoads

Harley Johnson ; crew : Marty and Linda O'Connor, John Morris and Jerry Von Bergen

Allen and Ruth Penticoff ; crew ; Dan Medler

We again set sail for Green Lake City.

The seawall was occupied so we tied-up and rafted our boats along a dock in mostly shallow water. Picnic tables were utilized in the lakeside park and we had lunch together. The food was good and the company was great with good conversation. Most of us again had ice cream for dessert. Afternoon sailing enabled us to get back to GLCC by the scheduled 4:00. Again many had dinner at the GLCC dining hall. Joe Rittner provided boat rides after dinner on many of the evenings and found the winds to be much better than we had during the day sails.

SUNDAY

Most had breakfast at the dining hall and then went out for a morning sail. The winds were better than we had seen all week which gave us a great morning sail.

.Joe Rittner crew ; Paul Del Monico and Barb McAlister

Dick Spears crew ;Kevin Vaught and Betty Rhoads

Harley Johnson ; crew : Marty and Linda O'Connor, John Morris and Jerry Von Bergen

Allen and Ruth Penticoff ; crew Dan Medler

Leo Werhner crew ; Judy Werhner

We sailed toward the East end of the lake and then headed back towards GLCC. We all returned to the launch ramp by 12:00 so the boats could be pulled from the water, unrigged and on the road for home at an early hour. We all worked together to get the boats out of the water and back on the trailers. We then unrigged the boats with the willing help of many crew members and headed home. Unrigging the boats was hot work in the 90 degree heat of the day.

Some of the best parts of the event were the great camaraderie at the lakeside park and at the dining hall and sailing together on a great lake in Wisconsin. GLCC is a wonderful place to visit that you just don't find anymore in this day and age. It was a great sailing event for both the NWSA and RYC sailors who participated.

A special thanks to those who brought their boats and provided sailing for so many people.

Cruise Captain ; Dick Spears