

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

July 2012

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Monthly Meeting: Monday July 16th @ 7:00 p.m. Harlem Township Hall

Program: **Making Your Boat Comfortable for Sleeping**
Capt. Burnie Turner will bring his new custom mattress and tell us how to improve your boat's berths dramatically.
Potluck snacks

RYC Picnic Saturday July 28th, Noon Bayview Shelter, Rock Cut State Park

Bring: dish to share, dinnerware, lawn chair, boat.
Most who sail set up in the morning, sail a bit, then break for lunch at the shelter and sail again a bit later, taking folks for rides. RYC provides chicken and beverages. A Taste of Sail participants are invited too.

August Meeting/Dinner Cruise

Our August 20th meeting (7:00) will be on the Forest City Queen, piloted by our club member Capt. Burnie Turner. RYC voted to cover the first hour cruise expense (\$250). If we stay out beyond that (\$125/hr.) we'll pass the hat. We'll have pizza, sodas, beer and wine available - we will pass the hat for that too. The F.C. Queen can accommodate 49 passengers. We invite RYC members & family as well as A Taste of Sail participants and sister club Northwest Sailing Assoc. to join us as well for a scenic fun cruise of the Rock River.

To get a handle on food/beverage needs and passenger space.

RSVP to Capt. Burnie Turner

burnie@cherrywoodmedia.com or phone 815-298-3800

New Members

We welcome aboard new members **Kevin and Claudia Wenzel** of Freeport. Although they have no boat yet, they are excited to be a part of our sailing group. Also, **Christopher and Diane Green** of Belvidere have joined. They have owned an O'Day Widgeon years ago, but recently bought and are sailing a Precision 15. Experienced sailors are always welcome!

June meeting minutes: Allen reported A Taste of Sail brought out 28 people to sail with us. Thanks to all who helped make it work. Mary Christian & Art LaBuy were at the meeting with lots of maps to sell. Ray Olson is promoting our participation in the Shrimp Boil event following the Racine Blue Nose Regatta on Sept 15 (more on that in August).

Commodore's Corner

Hello, all! Today, Sunday June 8th, we finally have some perfect local weather for sailing. Under 80° and nice ENE winds. Enjoy it while it lasts, because the oppressive heat and humidity are expected to return next week.

Largely due to the energy-sapping heat index, yesterday's short-handed crew for our Adopt-a-Road event elected to focus on the segment of Harlem Road east of the park entrance and skip the more residential portion west to McFarland. Hopefully, greater turnout and more comfortable conditions will prevail for future dates, and enough rain arrives to keep the Rock River channels open for our August outing on the Forest City Queen. In the mean time, make the most this strange summer and bring your stories to next meeting, and don't forget the RYC Picnic at Rock Cut on July 28th.

Visit <http://www.rockforyachtclub.com/> for latest updates.

Commodore Marty



Lake Mendota Sail

RYC & NWSA had a joint flotilla on Lake Mendota June 29 thru July 2. The heat was impressive. The winds were light, but sailing was good nonetheless. Swimming was a popular activity, particularly on the Penticoff's MacGregor 26, Thebote. Saturday night was the Madison fireworks display - seen from the water by about six of us on two boats. In all there were three boats and I'll guess twelve club members - plus Thebote's Sunday bunch added another five. Camping along the canal at Mendota County Park worked out well for getting to restaurants and facilitating boarding of passengers and crew - to say nothing of using of bathrooms and having campfires. Good time by all. ~ Allen Penticoff

2012 GREEN LAKE SAIL

DATES : AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 2012 - FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Dick Spears Cruise Captain

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.greenlakeecc.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. Call GLCC , ask for the boathouse.

There are several types of lodging at GLCC: camping with electrical hookups and hot showers, cottages and motel type rooms. Call GLCC, ask for lodging. 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.

After unrigging, everyone will follow their own schedule compatible with their return home.

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.