

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club
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Meeting @ Harlem Township Hall Monday October 15th @ 7:00

Program: Mostly social, some business - time again to consider who will be officers for 2013.

Potluck snacks - much better last month - thanks! Let's keep it up.

Newsletter: There is a page two with lots of photos.

Adopt-A-Road

Saturday October 13th @ 8:00 a.m. Harlem & Argyle Road.

We clean up the trash along Harlem Road from Argyle Road to McFarland. With a plentiful crew it only takes an hour - then we head off for breakfast camaraderie. Let Allen & Ruth know you can help - last minute deciders are always welcome. apenticoff@comcast.net or 815.985.1108 cell

New Members

Jay and Cheryl Church inquired about sailing at the boating concession at Rock Cut State Park - and were told to check out Rockford Yacht Club. They found us on the Internet and sent in a membership application after contacting me by email. Jay and Cheryl have a 1973 Hobie Monocat 12 they have yet to sail - and need help setting up. The Hobie is named "*Knot For Sail*." Well, we do hope it is for sailing. They also have a powerboat "*Menace to Society*" a 2002 SeaRay Sport 18. While "lifelong" boaters - Jay and Cheryl have no sailing experience and hope to learn from us and *Sailing For Dummies*. I'm sure they can. They live in the Perryville/Guilford road area of Rockford. Welcome Aboard.

Upcoming Flotilla

Northwest Sailing Association is having a "Fall Colors" sail on Lake Geneva on October 20th @ 10:00 a.m. (although the color may be gone by then). Color or not - take a chance on some good sailing and camaraderie. Visit their website www.nwsail.com for more details. I noticed their homepage has a photo that shows RYC members enjoying themselves following a sail with NWSA.

Launching will be at the Fontana boat ramp, on the west end of Lake Geneva - usually there is no launch fee this time of year and the powerboaters are pretty much gone - a great time to sail a great lake.

Commodore's Corner

Well, it's about time!!! Your Commodore and his lovely bride finally went sailing for the first time all year, thanks to Skipper Harley Johnson and organizers of the NWSA Frostbite Sail on September 29th. It turned out to be beautiful sailing weather, and the winds, while not constant, were reliable enough to keep us moving with minimal call for fossil-fueled assistance. We sailed to Williams Bay for lunch as usual, and were able to sail away from the dock afterwards. Post Labor Day boat traffic on Lake Geneva was slightly greater than normal, but we enjoyed viewing several classic wooden powerboats, as there was a special gathering of them at The Abbey in Fontana that afternoon. Foliage along the shoreline has already begun to display nature's magic, and colors will hopefully be near peak during the NWSA "Fall Color Sail" scheduled for October 20th on Lake Geneva. I highly recommend RYC members join the flotilla if at all possible.

If luck holds, I'll join you there as well, Commodore Marty

Racine Report

We had good sailing and good fellowship at the Racine event, which was discussed at the last meeting. But for those who did not make it - we had several boats and about a dozen members who got together to enjoy the shrimp boil hosted by the Racine Yacht Club.

Photo: Nancy & Ray Olson welcome Pam & John Cappitelli aboard their Hunter 34 at Racine. Check out those smiles!





Ruth and I (Allen) recently checked out Evergreen Lake north of Bloomington IL for sailing potential. Looked like a nice lake - but the boat ramp fees seemed a bit stiff - \$16 non-resident daily (left). On the other hand - they have a giant square knot sculpture (right). We also checked out nearby Lake Bloomington (no launch fee) - perhaps a good lake for a smaller sailboat too. Look at both on Google maps.



Below we visited the Ernest Hemingway Museum in Oak Park, IL. They had a nice model of his fishing boat of many years - *Pilar*. The museum is great as is the tour of his boyhood home nearby...and the Frank Lloyd Wright home/office. The "Sail On" sign was in an Oak Park pizzeria.



Right - Turner's Tanzer 26 chasing the Olson's Hunter 34 in the light winds Saturday at Racine. Aboard as crew were the Siegworths and Penticoffs.

Below - the Scheuers show that passing is easy under power.

