

The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club
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Meeting Location: Harlem Township Hall
819 Melbourne Ave.
Machesney Park, IL

No Meeting at the Township Hall in December

However - same night and time join us for the
Annual Rockford Yacht Club Christmas Party
Monday Dec. 17th

By now you should have made reservations. If not, they can usually squeeze in some last minute arrivals. Contact Marty Siegwirth @ 608-295-6630 cell or 608-365-2197 home.

We'll meet at Lino's Italian Restaurant, beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. then dinner at 7:00.

We have a "Chinese Auction" with an exchange of gifts. Those who bring something may take something from the table - or from someone else if it is your turn. A typical gift is valued at no more than \$15 - and may be nautical or not.

We chose our "Member of the Year" via ballot, and after hearing some tales of woe recounted - chose someone to receive the "Unfortunate Captain Ron Award" - the golden paddle of shame, and we find out who is the recipient of the "Good Captain Ron Award" - that is chosen by last year's recipient (Preston Aylesworth).

It is always a highlight of the year for RYC, with a good turn out of members and their spouses - some of whom we don't otherwise see all year.

The weather forecast looks almost too good for Monday, December 17th - so we expect to see you all there.

New Officers

At the November meeting we elected the following slate of officers to serve in 2013. Thanks to those who have served and left the board, and extra thanks to those new to a position for the first time. It is important in any club to rotate the responsibilities to avoid burn out among a few. RYC has been good at this, and thus remained strong all these 23 years.

Commodore -	John Kochanski
Vice Commodore -	Martin O'Connor
Purser -	Burnie Turner
Yeoperson -	Ruth Penticoff
Activities Captains -	Claudia & Kevin Wenzel
Flotilla Captain -	Jim Pardee
Signal Officer -	Allen Penticoff

Commodore's Corner

Okay, this is just wrong. It's December 3rd. I am NOT supposed to be sitting out on my porch enjoying a pale ale while typing the Commodore's Corner in my shirtsleeves.

I should be concerned about the condition of my iceboat runners, and getting gas for the snow-blower. If this weather trend continues, I may still have a chance to take my Sunfish out on Pierce Lake before the year ends. That 's doubtful, if the latest forecasts prove credible, but at least I can bring my DN runner blades inside and hone them up a bit, while still enjoying a pale ale.

Hope to see most of you at Lino's for the RYC dinner, and I'm still dreaming of a White Christmas, followed by months of thick smooth ice on the lakes. To those that can't make it, Happy Holidays, and a splendid New Year.

Commodore Marty

November Meeting Highlights

We had a visitor, guest speaker, Andy Schavland, who told us about his ten year adventure in building a 38 foot steel boat in his Rockford backyard. Dick Spears gave a belated report on the Green Lake sail. Then RYC member, Mark Holbeck, who is also NWSA's Fleet Captain, handed out West Marine gift cards and nice trophy awards to John Morris, Eric Mueller, Joe Rittner, and Dick Spears for going on three NWSA sails, and being Most Active Sailors, with four or more sails. Two separate awards to the same folks. Congratulations all.

2013 Membership Dues

You can pay your **\$25 membership dues** at the upcoming meeting/party or at the January meeting. Those wishing to mail their dues should make a check payable to *Rockford Yacht Club* and send to:

Rockford Yacht Club
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11380 Main St.
Roscoe IL 61073



Recipients of the NWSA “Most Active Award” - L-R new member **John Morris**, center - **NWSA Fleet Captain 2012 Mark Holbeck** is holding the plaque that will be presented to **Eric Mueller** who was absent, and **Joe Rittner**. **Dick Spears** was also recipient of the award but had that presentation at the NWSA meeting.

Nice looking plaques. All those who received this award also qualified for the “3 or more sails” award that was a West Marine gift certificate. Nice award to wrap up the year. NWSA is very grateful to RYC for often providing boats and crew at their events. It has become quite common for RYC to be the better represented club at sailing events that NWSA sponsors. We are grateful that they enjoy having us join them - we truly benefit one another in many ways - including shared members. The three above are all NWSA members (as is Dick Spears).

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The place where I work is a Harken dealer. We will probably also soon deal in products found at www.Sea-Dog.com Sea Dog only sells wholesale - so if you see something you need - contact me and I'll see if we can get it for you at a discount - this applies to Harken equipment as well. We are also planning on getting a supply of cordage, mostly 3/8 inch and smaller running rigging.

We also have on hand a limited supply of other marine hardware - check with me if you need something. Allen Penticoff work # 989-692-9430 (fwd to my cell) email parts@cathouse1.com

Unfortunately, this page with the photo did not make it into the print version of the Bullship Log. If you are among those who read the print version - you may wish to print this page and add it to your newsletter when it arrives. In the mail. ~ Allen