

# The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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Machesney Park, IL



## Meeting at Harlem Township Hall Monday March 18th @ 7:00

Potluck snacks

Program: Board meeting for all. See *Commodore's Corner*

The February meeting had little business - besides, I can't find my notes.

Some new business, is that Rock Cut State Park needed an event permit for our A Taste of Sail on June 8th. With that permit was a requirement for proof of insurance AND inclusion of ILDNR as an additional insured. This has been take care of, and the added premium to add the DNR to the policy is only \$50. Actually, this is not a "new" requirement. We've gotten by all these years without the proper permit. The new park superintendant, Melinda Kitchens, brought this up when I sat and had a chat with her about possibly doing a program for us (yes, sometime) and what RYC might be able to do to help the park (fund more launch ramp docks). The \$50 is not enough to deter the event, so the policy change has been requested, but the bill not received yet. ~ Allen

### **Below is a member's special request:**

Allen -- I am looking for someone with the time and interest to join me on my San Juan 21 *Enriqueta* for overnight, weekend and longer cruises.

Any sailing/cruising experience would be welcome, but not a firm requirement. Enthusiasm is more important; I can train. Some guy (*since I am married it would be awkward for this to be a woman*) who has some small boat experience and would like to cruise but can/will not buy his own boat would be perfect. I'm pretty easy, but I'd like somebody to eventually be able to handle all on board functions. Dry land help would be welcome but definitely not a requirement.

I am in no way looking for a replacement for Jerry, my usual crew, but he is a devout day sailor and cannot overnight or stay out for extended periods.

Thanks -- Fair Winds,  
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## Commodore's Corner

*This letter finds us in the coldest and snowiest days of winter with another storm soon bearing down upon us..... but we can take heart in knowing that in a few short weeks sunny Spring days will be here. For those of us who ventured out into the rain storm which turned into a snowstorm to attend last February's RYC meeting, we were rewarded with very tasty bowls of chili with a chili cook off. Everybody won! It was mostly a social meeting with lots of camaraderie and great stories shared. The highlight of the meeting was Allen Penticoff's presentation with a slide show, on what he does as a writer of articles for Good Old Boat magazine. His talk was very interesting and informative as to his approach to photograph and sail the boats he has chosen to write about for the magazine. Allen obviously enjoys his work and is enthusiastic about it. Thanks Allen!*

*This next RYC meeting will be a business meeting and we will follow the normal agenda except that a **board of directors** meeting will take place as part of the agenda. Everyone is invited to participate, comment and propose new items relating to the club's operation, events, activities and direction.*

*For those of us who have access to a computer, please go to [www.RockfordYachtClub.com](http://www.RockfordYachtClub.com) and login with:*

*username: **your last name**  
general password: **(redacted for non-members)**  
click on: "my account info"*

*Then please update your profile so that our records are correct. You can change your password as well. It should only take about 5 minutes. Please remember to bring your questions, comments, recommendations and sailing stories if time allows to our next meeting on Monday March 18th. See you then!*

*Commodore, John*

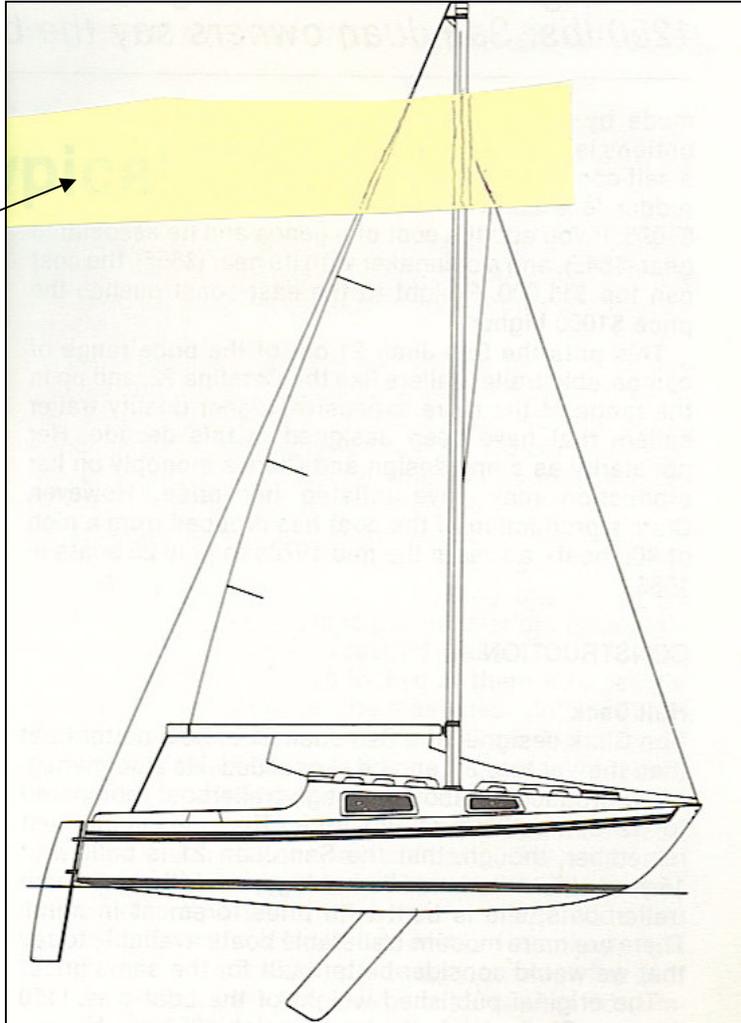
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San Juan 21 Details on page two.

San Juan 21

John Morris has a great boat. These 21 foot sloops are quite lively with a good turn of speed due to their generous sail area. They do quite well in handicapped racing - often taking honors. There are "one design" fleets around the U.S. as well. All are much loved.

tape  
in manual borrowed  
from former RYC  
member Carl Nelson



**Specifications**

LOA	20' 6"
LWL	17' 0"
Beam	7' 0"
Draft Board Down	4' 0"
Draft Board Up	1' 0"
Displacement	1250 lbs*
Ballast	400 lbs
Sail Area	190 sq ft