

# The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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## Meeting at Harlem Township Hall

Monday May 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

### Potluck Snacks

**Program:** Chris Gaddis, a young man I ran into in Freeport, is restoring a Pearson Triton 30 he brought up from Florida. Soon it will be in Lake Michigan. Then..... the world. Come hear Chris tell about his adventures so far. He also has remarkable technical talents and is inventing things that will make cruising life more comfortable and efficient. For example - he's building his own solar panels and has a unique cabin heat source that will also produce electricity. Chris is a Freeport native. Come welcome him aboard.



## Commodore's Corner

*Ahoy Mates,*

*Missing the April RYC meeting due to a bad cold was disappointing for me. I would have loved to have seen the presentation by Burnie on building and sailing an ice boat. I'm sure the presentation was a great one. Thanks to Marty for filling in for me.*

*After reviewing the scheduled flotillas for the 6 months of the sailing season on the RYC website, and with, I'm sure, other non-scheduled outings, it looks like we'll have lots of great opportunities to get on the water this year in spite of the frost one day and 90 degrees the next as is happening this week.*

*If you haven't done so already, take a look at that web site [www.RockfordYachtClub.com](http://www.RockfordYachtClub.com) to plan and go on some or all of the sailing events for the season. July looks pretty open right now for more sailing time. Also, please keep your personal information up to date. You can login with your last name then: sailing01 as the password.*

***Big Welcome Aboard to Daniel Kaszycki!***

*I hope to meet him at the next meeting on the 20th.*

*Commodore John*

## Flotilla Nuze

### **Lake Mendota - May 25 - 27**

The Lake Mendota Memorial Day weekend sail is just around the corner. Contact Joe Rittner or Allen Penticoff for coordination details. I believe we'll try to get spots in the "boat camping" at Mendota County Park - Middleton. This works well for going ashore, swapping crew, having bonfires and ordering pizza. Oh - and having showers and real toilets. Bring a lawn chair per person too.

### **A Taste of Sail - June 15th**

Please sign up at the meeting for A Taste of Sail. We need skippers with boats - we need dock crew - registration helpers and people to come and hang out and kibitz. It is fun. Not at the meeting but able assist. Contact Allen Penticoff 815.985.1108

### **Sailstice - June 21st - Lake Mendota NWSA/RYC**

Sailstice is celebrated around the world. We should too. This will be a joint NWSA and RYC gathering - and thinking of our friends at MTLA who got us started on this event.

## April & April Meeting

We had a great turn out for our Adopt A Road in April. 12 - 13 members! Most went on for breakfast too. And we had some folks out for the first time. The work went fast and we had a good time following. THANKS ALL

Siegworths hosted a Sailor's ball on the same night - May 20. That was a nice gathering of RYC and other sailors.

Flotillas were discussed. There are some conflicts between RYC plans and NWSA plans - so in some cases you'll have to chose one or the other. Dick Spears promoted a Lake Geneva sail (date?).

The Shrimp Boil at the Racine Yacht Club is Sept. 14th. Ray Olson is promoting it.



Chris Gaddis' 30 foot Pearson Triton, on its trailer in Freeport.  
We'll have a slideshow with more photos at the meeting.

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