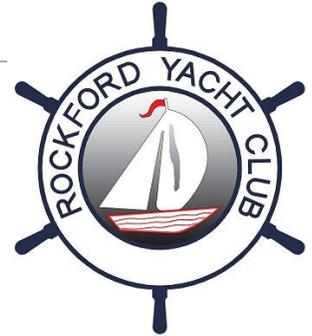


The Bullship Log



Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Jan 20 @ 7:00 p.m.
Potluck snacks & food

Happy new year, sailors

For most local RYC members, the 2014 sailing season is a long way off, unless you're retired, vacationing in the Caribbean, or happen to own an ice boat. Even so, it's not too soon to anticipate fun on the water this year. To begin planning/dreaming, you can attend Strictly Sail Chicago, January 23-26 at Navy Pier.

Whether you're looking to build your own stitch-and-glue kayak, buy a new Beneteau Oceanis 45, or book next winter's sailing cruise in the British Virgin Islands, Strictly Sail offers plenty of exhibitors and activities to nurture your dreams of summer.

November Meeting recap

As Allen mentioned in the previous Bullship Log,

new officers were chosen at the November 2013 monthly meeting. They are as follows:

Commodore: John Kochanski

Vice Commodore: Allen Penticoff

Purser: Burnie Turner

Yeoperson: Ruth Penticoff

Activities Captains: Kevin & Claudia Wenzel

Flotilla Captain: Allen Penticoff

Signal Officer: Marty O'Connor

Due to the change in Signal Officer position, please send any future BSL contributions, photos and other member alerts to martinoconnor@mac.com

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,

First of all, big thanks to Kevin and Claudia Wenzel for all the efforts and planning to put together a great Christmas party for us at Lino's, also to all the members who helped make the party a success. As everyone was coming in we were pleasantly surprised by 4 men who sang Christmas carols and some patriotic songs to honor those of us from the branches of the military. They collected some cash for Toys for Tots and we gladly gave. Then we had plenty of good drinks, wonderful comradery throughout the evening, a delicious dinner, desert, then the gift exchange and award ceremonies. What a wonderful evening to share with people you care about and that have common interests and share the same mindset for adventure and cooperation. It really was fun.

As we take our long winter break from actual sailing, unless you are South, we can plan and look forward to another great year of fun and excitement on the water. We also can look at a few photos and reminisce. As Preston often told me, "The time spent on a boat is not subtracted from your lifespan", and i believe it to be true.

Stay warm and see you soon. Have a Great 2014!

Commodore John

Commodore John's photos from 2013



Lastly, we'd like to share this exciting announcement from RYC member Burnie Turner

US Captain's Training

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United States Coast Guard approved Captain License classroom courses now being taught in Rockford, Illinois. Captain Burnie Turner, a Captain on the Forest City Queen, is now approved by the USCG to teach Captain (Master 100 and OUPV) License classes through US Captain Training. To find out about the class schedule and sign up, please visit US Captain's Training at <http://www.uscaptain.us>. Questions contact Capt. Burnie at 815-298-3800

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