

The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting
Harlem Township Hall
Monday - Jul 21 @ 7:00 p.m.



Race to Mackinac

A Fan's Guide to the 106th Race to Mackinac

With 333 boats participating in the 333-mile journey from Chicago to Mackinac Island this year, the 106th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac will offer plenty of opportunities for fans to view the boats on land, on the water, and from anywhere else you might be. Here's where you can see and track the 2014 race.

www.cycracetomackinac.com/fans-guide/

Rockford YC and NWSA Sail Events by Joe Rittner

Our first combined event of May 17 on Geneva Lake was cancelled due to cold weather. The temperature forecast was correct: lower 40's in the morning. However, the Summer Sailstice participation on Lake Mendota was a blast. John Morris and Joe Rittner rigged their respective San Juan 21 and MacGregor 25 the day before

(Friday) with the help of several NWSA members. John is a Chicago Sea Shanty singer and invited some of the group for the weekend. He also contacted Tom Kastle (singer, songwriter and tall ship captain) to the sail. Unfortunately he had prior commitments, but he and First Mate Mariah invited us to their place just east of Mendota Park harbor. Marc Holdwick, Preston Aylesworth and dancing partner Irene arrived in time for the short walk around the harbor. The brats, drinks and Mariah's specially made relish were terrific.





The highlight of the evening was Tom's serenade with concertina and guitar; just ask Irene. His original song "Who's House, Our House" about the recent standoff at the Capital has good reviews and lots of hits on the internet.

Marc rigged his Windrider 17 on Saturday and Preston joined as crew. John had some of the singers as crew and split the rest of NWSA sailors with Joe. John sailed mid lake while Marc and Joe headed for the UW. We had great sailing with consistent SW winds till a mild front hit. The VHF warned of strong winds and rain, but fortunately all we got were some light drizzles. Marc and Joe tied up at the new municipal slips just east of the UW piers. We enjoyed brats, beer and music at the UW Terrace.

The late afternoon brought a calm over the lake and we motored most of the way back. Sunday morning was muggy and we all decided to pack up, since we already had a good weekend. C's for breakfast is as good as ever and Captain Bill's seafood is terrific. Madison's pier with slips is very convenient. Lastly, the county did a great job rebuilding the Mendota Park seawall with new electrical hookups. I look forward to more combined RYC and NWSA sail events.

Future combined RYC and NWSA events are:
Aug 1-3 at the Green Lake Conference Center
Oct 4 Geneva Lake – Frostbite Sail
Oct 18 Geneva Lake – Fall Color Sail
Contact joerittner@att.net for information and joining the sails.



Also, Ray Olson contacted Joe Rittner and invited NWSA to the Racine YC Blue Nose event Sep 13. We hope to have several NWSA boat from nearby harbors tie up for the night and partake in the entertainment and shrimp boil. On behalf of NWSA, thank you for the invitation, Joe Rittner.

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates,
Can you believe that half of July is gone and half the sailing season is gone too? Finally I was able to rig my 14 footer and sail it a couple of times on Lake Summerset. One of the times my rigging came undone and almost bent my mast, not good. have learned to be more careful

and inspect the critical equipment before I leave to go sailing. Almost as problematic was the fact that it was the 4th of July weekend and speedboats pulling tubers and water skiers didn't pay much attention to my sailboat. This was another mistake, should have waited and gone out on a weekday with much less traffic on the lake. Big water sailors probably don't have that problem although big speedboats do create a big wake and it eventually gets us. With all things considered, it's still a wonderful sport and if we are careful, we will have a great time. Let's enjoy the rest of the time we have this summer and fall on the water.

Commodore John



**Taste of Sail 2014 photos by
Commodore John**

**Preston, Allen, and Burnie, from
Marty's boat**



