

# The Bullship Log

Monthly Meeting  
Harlem Township Hall  
Monday - September 19 @ 7:00 p.m.



## Upcoming Events

Racine Yacht Club hosts  
Blue Nose Regatta & Shrimp Boil  
September 16, 17 & 18th

## Purser's Report – 2016YTD

Carry over balance from 2015	\$1,420.72
Web Site Fee 2/26/2016	\$-39.95
Boat Show Expense 4/3/2016	\$-167.09
YTD Dues Paid in full	\$630.00
Partial Dues Paid	\$19.90
Available Funds	\$1863.58

## Commodores Corner

Ahoy all,

These times they are a chang'n.

A big change for Ruth and I will be eventually moving to a house on Decatur Lake near Brodhead, Wisconsin. We have been paddling kayaks on Decatur Lake for years and long admired the small cabins along a stretch of back water from the Sugar River. On July 24th, while paddling by, I asked some folks on shore if any of the properties were for sale. Indeed two were. When we looked at the small brown one we liked best with a realtor, we quickly realized it would be too small to live in full time (quite big for a sailboat though). When shown the house next door with water on two sides we were suddenly smitten. It was instantly named "The Fun House" both for its odd inside sizes and odd exterior trim - but also for what we intended to do with it. Have fun.

It is ours as of August 18th, and while it is a lot of work making it our own - it's a labor of love. Going for a late evening paddle, or early morning cruise down the river - it is quite delightful and much like the many times we've enjoyed anchoring in remote places - but without the hassles and worries. There is one big carp (?) we call Nassy, who jumps in the same exact spot several times every morning. Hummingbirds, chipmunks, geese (lots of geese) and sandhill cranes along with many very friendly human neighbors are a part of our new life. I've already become involved in the local EAA Chapter 431 and the Midwest Antique Airplane Club which recently held their big annual fly-in at the Brodhead Airport. Part of that "new life" - so don't be surprised if I'm not raising my head next year to be a club officer. Got new adventures on the horizon.

For an aerial view, search Google Maps or equivalent for W1073 Cottage Road, Brodhead, Wisconsin. The restaurant at the nearby Decatur Lake Country Club is well known for their Friday fish fry. If up our way - call and we'll see if a rendezvous can be arranged. So that's why we've not been sailing lately - what's your excuse? Come commiserate at the meeting on Monday night.

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### Double Day Sail in Racine –Marty O’Connor

Over Labor Day weekend, Ray Olson invited us up to Racine Yacht Club to sail a few hours in a club-owned Hunter23, since his boat has been in the shop for the season. Linda and Nancy opted to shop and sightsee around town while Ray and I went sailing. Winds were about 9-14kts from SSE, perfect for reaching out and back toward the lakeshore, but causing some heavy chop while exiting the mouth of the harbor. We raised both sails in the harbor and motored



out with no difficulty, then tacked to a starboard beam reach, heading roughly 060° until we were about three miles offshore. Trying to judge our return time so as to bring the boat back on time for the next crew, we decided to reverse course around 2:45, and reach back toward the marina. Although winds were initially forecast to peak and subside during the period we had the boat reserved, they actually increased slightly, along with the swells, but we never observed any whitecaps. We got back near the harbor channel in plenty of time to head down the shoreline and view a bit of downtown Racine, before one more jibe back toward the marina, then tacked to windward and started the 8hp outboard, which died, gave us some trouble restarting, and died again at the mouth of the harbor. We had to sail on a run until we could clear the channel and head back up to drop the sails. Ray re-pressurized the fuel tank and got the motor going steadily again, so we were able dock with no trouble.

We were hailed by a friend of Ray's who was just rigging sails on his C&C 34 to go out for a short sail, and invited Ray and me go with them. Being calm enough in the harbor, and close to the time the next crew was scheduled to take out the Hunter, we left it rigged and ready for them, and joined Dave Janke and son, Nathan aboard their boat. Traffic in the channel was much busier by this time, with a mixture of sail and power boats departing and returning. We observed the next crew of the club-owned Hunter raise the outboard and attempt to sail out the mouth of the channel ahead of us, wondering why he chose to sail against incoming waves in all that traffic. As we later found out, he couldn't keep the motor running either, and it's a good thing he had sails up and the experience to beat through the rough narrows. Dave is a gracious host and knowledgeable skipper, one that Ray often crews with during races. The wind had kept up and shifted southerly a few degrees, so it felt good to be in a larger boat that offered a relatively smooth ride through the growing swells. We only went out a couple of miles before turning back, as Linda and Nancy were wondering if we would be back in time for the pork roast dinner. We made it back just as the band was warming up and the food was being served.



After supper, Ray and I went back to the dock to look around take a few

photos, where we visited with another friend of Ray's, and also met the new owner of a Pearson 36, Richard Theyerl of Rockford.

The ladies were about ready to leave, so we called it a night and left for home, stopping in East Troy for coffee and ice cream. Linda and I had a great time and must thank Ray and Nancy again for their hospitality and another fun Labor Day weekend.

