

# The Bullshiplog

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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## No Meeting This Month

### **Tropical Nights Party**

**Sat. Feb. 16th**

**Penticoff residence**

**6302 11th St. New Milford**

**5:00 movie Capt. Ron begins**

**6:00 serious partying begins**

**We'll be tropically warm,  
so dress appropriately.**

**RYC providing beer, wine & pop  
Bring a snack or dessert to share,  
or BYOB if you like liquor**

**Chase away the winter blahs - tropical style.  
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## RYC News

Not much news this month. We had a good speaker, Kevin Clarkowski at the January meeting...who braved quite a snowstorm to come from Milwaukee. He brought three visitors as well as Evans bringing his neighbor Jon. Sam and Evans brought the 22 cute thank you cards they got from the Second Grade King School class where they did a thing with toy boats, rope work and a short film. You can see them all - they're great - at the party. One is attached as a email pdf for those online. Thanks to Sam and Evans for bringing the pizza to the meeting too.

We discussed some business, if your newsletter has "P08" on the address - your dues are paid for 2008. Burgees were discussed, and was a possible across Lake Michigan sail. We may have a scuba related program for our March 17 meeting - stay tuned.

## Commodore's Corner

Hello All! Boy is it cold outside!!!! I just got back from Lake Winneconne near Oshkosh and I was out learning the fine Wisconsin sport of Sturgeon Spear- ing. Very interesting sport on the frozen lake starring down a 3x8 hole in the ice, inside a darken ice shanty hoping that within the 24 sq ft viewing a 50+ lb fish will swim by our hole instead of swimming in the 14,102 acres of lake we were not watching. The amount of time spearing is limited and yet thousands of people come from all over the U.S. to partici- pate. Mostly they come for the party and use this as another way to get outside and on the water during the winter. I find it strange when people say that there is nothing to do in the winter. Speaking of get- ting out this winter, if you have not already made plans come out for the social event this month at Al- len and Ruth's, more details inside. Have a great winter.

Sincerely,  
Evans Walker  
Commodore - RYC

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Penticoffs are still looking to go sailing on Lake Peoria late March. We notice that is Easter week- end, and may change the date to March 29 - 30 if that works better for folks.

Second grader, Veronkia wrote:

Dear Mr. Walker

I liked seeing the sael Botes. Saling and the knots. I like makeing knots it is fun. Wons I wint on a sael Bote with my mom, my DaD, my PaPa, me, and my grandma to go fishing I cawt. a catfish my PaPa cawt a Bas it was rily fun senserily, Veronika

See other side.... And YOU at the party.