

# The Bullshiplog

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club



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**No Meeting at the Township Hall**  
**this month - this is an**  
**"event" month.**



**EVENT!**

## **Halloween Party at the Hill's Farm**

Open invite to all who receive this newsletter

**When: Saturday Oct. 27th, 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: 5721 Kelley Road, Rockford**

**Directions:** From "Bypass" U.S. 20 Exit Montague Rd. go west (left) over highway, first right is Kelley Rd. go around jog in road, past the subdivision about 1/4 mi., look for a sign and jack 'o lantern(s) marking their lane on the north side of the road.

Lost: 815-963-3525

**RYC is providing all beverages, including beer and wine.**

**You can -**

- \* come dressed in costume, preferably "nautical," or not**
- \* provide a snack / hors d'oeuvre**
- \* bring a friend**

## **Commodore's Corner**

Hello All! The first week of October has been really warm and it is just our luck that we took the boat out of the water on September 30th. On a positive note our sail down from Kenosha to Waukegan was one of the best of the season. The winds were SE at 20+ with 4 to 6 ft swells. Our neighbor, Jon Dimmick, helped us out and I think we got him hooked on sailing. We spotted a trimaran and Jon was impressed with it's speed. This month is one of our social events months but we still have to do a little business. The nominating committee will present a slate of nominees and we will take additional nominations and then vote on the 2008 officers at the Halloween party at Scott and Karen Hill's farm. Please plan on attending for the short meeting and great fun to follow!

Sincerely,

Evans Walker  
Commodore - RYC

## **Welcome New Members**

**Wendy Larson Bennett** - who purchased the Force 5 boat that we had at our July meeting and has now become a sailing addict while learning the sport... and trailer backing.

**Rick Jones** - who bought Carl Nelson's San Juan 21. He and wife Angela have two young children to take out with them - once Rick learns to sail.

Visitors - Nathaniel Grimmatt and friend, Sayla Patino, (love her first name - so nautical) came with member Robert Grimmatt (email: WhichWertNart@yahoo.com) - who reminded us he is in the battery business - so any questions or need a deal on a battery - contact him.

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**DUES for 2008** will be collected at the November meeting (\$25) - also Christmas Party reservations.

## Adopt A Road

We did our adopt a road duties on a nice Saturday morning September 22nd. A bunch of folks on hand to make light work of the chore of picking up nine bags of trash and six of recyclables. Thanks to: Joy & Dave Tarrant, Ann & Preston Aylesworth (coordinators), Allen & Ruth Penticoff, Bill & Marty Siegworth, Sam & Evans Walker. Dave Tarrant won Sam's drawing for a free breakfast.

## Last Meeting Stuff

We heard reports from Nick Scheuer on the Mellonseed regatta at Green Lake and the NWSA / RYC Green Lake flotilla report from Dick Spears, the program was Bill Siegworth telling us about some of our club members' recent adventures in the North Channel, and of course - the Chili Cookoff Contest.

## Contest Winners:

Most Unusual - Ruth Penticoff's veggie beer chili  
Hottest/ Spiciest - Evans Walker  
Best All Round - Nathaniel Grimmet  
Each was awarded a small prize.

## 2008 Officer Nominees

Commodore, Evans Walker; Vice-Commodore, Ruth Penticoff; Purser, Eric Mueller; Yeoperson, Nick Scheuer; Flotilla Cpt., Harley Johnson; Activities Cpt., Gayle Scheuer; Membership Cpt., Shirley Walker; Signal Officer, Allen Penticoff

## Flotilla Nuze

Still time to go to Kentucky Lake with us. I've got three boats confirmed as going and two maybes. Call Allen's cell at: 815-985-1108. Ruth and I are heading down early - hoping to explore some of Lake Barkley before the rest of the flotilla arrives on Thursday. You don't need to come down on "Thursday" - we'll be there through Oct. 21st.

Due to our extended "summer" we've all enjoyed a lot of sailing this Fall season. We've been to Pierce Lake several times - often meeting several other RYC boaters while there and talking to other sailors who appear. Ruth and I have had our American 14-6 out to Lake Summerset twice as well. Much more room to sail there than at Pierce Lake. If you know someone who owns property at the lake you can have them get you a "guest boat pass" that is essentially good forever. We have yet to see another sailboat out when we are. You are supposed to have the property owner with you when you are boating on this lake.

## LAKE GENEVA / FONTANA NWSA / RYC Flotilla Report Dick Spears, cruise coordinator

The last RYC / NWSA combined sail of the year was scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2007 at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. The weather forecast was for ideal temperature with a clear sky and light sailing winds. That said it all.

Trailing their boats to Fontana launch ramp were: RYC: Dick Spears MacGregor 25 ; Eric Mueller MacGregor 25, Nick Scheuer Mellon Seed NWSA: Jim & Shelly Kohl American 18 ; Len DiCicco Rebel 16, Dave & Bea Mikal ?? 14 , Jim Mueller Nimble 24, Mark ? Trihull Hobie Cat. There was a total of 9 boats and about 33 sailors. The rigging went smoothly, with assistance of willing crew members, with no major problems.

Crew joined the captains on the various boats which left the Fontana dock between 9:30 and 10:30 AM.

The winds were low and the sailing was slow with some motoring required to reach our Williams Bay destination at a reasonable time. Most of the boats rendezvoused at the Williams Bay dock for a pleasant lunch with good conversation, good lakefront scenery, and a refreshing onshore breeze. Six boats were rafted at the pier and two were beached on the waterfront.

After a pleasant lunch with good conversation at the picnic area along the waterfront, we set out for an afternoon sail. The wind dropped off later and most of us had to motor part of the way back to Fontana. Most of the boats docked back at Fontana at about 4:00PM, others came in later. After the boats were unrigged with the help of many crewmembers, approximately 26 of us went to Gordy's restaurant for an early dinner with sea tales and general camaraderie.

Sailing with Dick Spears were: RYC John Reh, George Kittner, NWSA Conrad Bazylewski, Cassandra Dockins and Tom Dockins.

With Eric Mueller were: RYC Harley Johnson, Marty O'Connor, Brian O'Connor and Linda O'Connor.

With Jim & Shelly Kohl were; Jim Heyden, and Leroy Dana

With Len DiCicco were Irene Jarmulska, Sandy Piwowarczyk and Bob Winkenbach

With Jim Mueller was; Joe Storch, Judy Storch and one other crew

With Mark on the Hobie tri-hull was Asayo Horibe

A special thanks to the captains who brought their boats and made it possible for so many to enjoy a great day of RYC / NWSA sailing.