

The Bullshiplog

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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* Meeting Date Change *

The Meeting Date is Nov. 26th
Harlem Township Hall
7:00

Board Brings the Food

(The date change due to the hall being used on our normal date.)

No Program at this time, but Vice Commodore Ruth has not given up the search for a speaker yet. It's always fun to get together and talk boat in any event.

Christmas Party

Please see enclosed reservation form.
Send it in right now. Deadline Dec. 3rd
Late RSVPs - contact Gayle at
815-398-5640
gscheuer@insightbb.com

Party Date is Monday Dec. 17th
6:00 cocktails, 7:00 dinner
Lino's in Rockford

2008 Dues

Our annual dues collection begins once again.
\$25 - bring to the meeting - checks should be made payable to: "Rockford Yacht Club."

If mailing - send to:

Eric Mueller
13751 Bergland Rd.
Winnebago, IL 61088

Separate checks for the Christmas Dinner are requested - please do not send together.

Commodores' Corner

Hello All! First I would like to thank everyone in attendance at the Hill's Halloween party for voting in the new slate of officer's for 2008. I am happy to serve as Commodore for another year and I hope we can continue to have fun and promote sailing anywhere we can for years to come. Now that it is November we need to make sure our boats are winterized and start planning for our winter activities. I plan on spending more time on the water this winter ice fishing. Sam and I got our first taste of winter up-north with some snow this past Monday but the water was still open. If you do venture out watch the weather, the winds and waves get larger faster with all the leaves gone. I look forward to our November business meeting at the Harlem Township Hall and seeing you all there!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Evans Walker
Commodore - RYC

2008 Officers

Only a slight change up from last year....

Commodore - **Evans Walker**
Vice Commodore - **Ruth Penticoff**
Purser - **Eric Mueller**
Yeoperson - **Nick Scheuer**
Flotilla Captain - **Harley Johnson**
Activities Captain - **Gayle Scheuer**
Membership Captain - **Shirley "Sam" Walker**
Signal Officer - **Allen Penticoff**

Thanks to all for staying on to do the chores to keep our club going.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to new member Joe LaSalla on the purchase of a sailboat. Joe had been shopping for a sailboat on E-bay - even before ever sailing. Allen took him out for a sail on Pierce Lake - then Joe was back to shopping, hooked more than ever.

This is an email Joe sent. "I shopped for a long time and finally decided on this yacht. It's a 1978 Hunter 25 up in Racine. I got a ride last Sunday on lake Michigan and was a dream come true. We were only out 2 or 3 hours but I've been smiling ever since. It was in the mid 70's with 10 - 30 mph winds out of the S E. This boat has 3 sails. Main, jib, genoa and a 7.5 hp longshaft outboard. She's sail ready with no problemos and comes with a cradle all for 2500 bucks. I'm happy."

Joe named his boat - "Slopocchio" a combination of Slow Poke and Pinocchio.

Upcoming Sail

Hardy sailors, it's time once again to try for another "Day After Thanksgiving Sail."

While the ladies are out shopping, will the weather allow us a bit of a sail on Pierce Lake on November 23rd ?

If so, we'd meet at the boat ramp (docks may be re-moved) around 1:00 to sail our smaller boats.

Contact Allen at 815-985-1108 cell or email for decisions on doing this or if you'd like to sail as crew.

Kentucky Lake Flotilla Report ...next column



Eric & Harley enjoy breakfast among the morning mist.

This year our Kentucky Lake flotilla was comprised of only two boats and crews - Allen & Ruth Penticoff with their MacGregor 26D - *Thebote*, and Eric Mueller with Harley Johnson on Eric's MacGregor 25 - *Knots of Fun*. Member Dan Medler drove down, towing *Knots of Fun* behind his Suburban through stormy weather, but was crew aboard *Thebote* for the three days of the flotilla. All days we were rewarded with good warm sunny weather and plenty of wind - much needed rain only came at night.

Allen and Ruth took a longer vacation, getting down to Kentucky Lake on Sunday, but not launching until Monday after spending a one day campout at the Wranglers horse campground where Allen's sister lives and works in The Land Between The Lakes.

The water level was down only four feet from normal pool. Allen and Ruth went immediately after launching into Lake Barkley and searched for a suitable anchorage. They'd never really explored this lake before and were anxious to see more of it. This was their opportunity, voyaging thirteen miles or so - as far as Eddy Creek Marina.

Lake Barkley sailing is pretty much limited to the wide winding channel - though there are some wider areas where leaving the channel is possible, even at winter pool levels. Nevertheless, it is not considered a sailor's lake and some are impressed when you say you've sailed there. Others have done it themselves, and are not so impressed. It is much more challenging. There are more big homes, marinas, towns and a big prison that one can sail to. They anchored out in three different coves, all good anchorages, but noise in one was a bit of a problem from a water pumping station. Good strong wind prevailed and they were able to sail in and out of the lake. Too much wind at times!

On Thursday *Thebote* met up with those who came down during the previous evening. But the wind was really howling as Eric set up his boat in the Lighthouse Landing parking lot. Despite the wind keeping *Thebote* in the marina - *Knots of Fun* went out into the 30 knot winds, white caps and three foot waves. After awhile the wind abated a bit and *Thebote* ventured out to find them. A heck of a double reefed romp to windward it was. *Knots of Fun* was found near a sandy beach - with Eric and Harley out for a little swim. We all stayed here in Pisgah Bay as a series of severe thunderstorms passed over us. Quite a lightning show. But strong winds drug our anchors and we had to de-raft and set apart - unfortunately the *Knots of Fun* crew got soaked doing so.

Friday was much better and both boats made the sail down to Cindy's *On The Barge* for a heaping helping of blackberry pie. We didn't bother with dinner as we all were too full from late lunch at Cindy's.

Anchorage for the night was in Higgins Bay - Ewe Branch, a favorite place. Fall colors were in evidence and we where well out of the wind for our evening raft up and sharing of liquids.

Saturday was a big sailboat race day - and the lake was covered with sailboats from early morning until night as they make the voyage from near the dam to the highway bridge and back. *Knots of Fun* sailed on back to Lighthouse Landing while *Thebote* picked up Allen's sister and brother in law in Sugar Bay for a short ride. Though starting out with the genoa up, it was a bit much and the main was furled for a more comfortable ride. Later, downwind, both were used as *Thebote* sailed over to explore the big marina/resort called "The Moors" on the west side of Kentucky Lake for the first time.

After checking out this large resort/marina - that has a nice new restaurant, *Thebote* got some sailing in down the west side narrow channel before returning to the main channel and even some night sailing. It was too nice to stop - but we did. Meeting up with *Knots of Fun* again, we all piled in Dan's vehicle and drove over to *Catfish Kitchen* for an exceedingly hearty meal - and no waiting.

Although plenty of wind again Sunday - we all went for breakfast up the hill at our favorite cafe - *The Lite Side*, then derigged and headed home with a nice tailwind. (If Allen gets his LONG detail filled journal typed up, he'll share it as a pdf email with you all.)

Rockford Yacht Club Christmas Party Dinner Reservations

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: Friday, Dec. 3rd

Join us for the annual RYC Christmas party

Monday December 17th at Lino's - 5611 E. State Street, Rockford

Cocktails @ 6:00 (cash bar)

Dinner @ 7:00

All dinner choices include 7 courses: relish tray, soup, garlic & pizza bread, Lino's salad, variety of pasta, coffee and spumoni. Prices include tax and tip and are based on a minimum of thirty people. We need 30 people to reserve a private room.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Vegetarian Lasagna | _____ @ | \$15.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Chicken ala Lino | _____ @ | \$15.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Orange Roughy | _____ @ | \$19.15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rib Eye Steak | _____ @ | \$23.95 |

Total: \$ _____ Payable to: [Rockford Yacht Club](#)

Print Name(s): _____

Payable at the Nov. 27th RYC Meeting, or mail to:

Gayle Scheuer
233 Calvin Park Blvd.
Rockford, IL 61107

We will continue our tradition of the "Chinese Auction" gift exchange.
Always entertaining. Bring a small wrapped gift if you plan to participate.

Awards: Member of the Year, Good Captain Ron Award, Bad (misfortunate) Captain Ron Award

Bring your tales of heroism / helpfulness and/or your tales of misfortune. It's okay to bring up someone else's misfortune - can George "Turtle" Kittner's be topped? Make George feel good and tell us those stories of things gone amiss.