

# The Bullship Log

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club

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## Yes - we are having a February Meeting at Harlem Township Hall Feb. 15 @ 7:00

The meeting is purely social, little business to be discussed - except maybe the flotilla schedule.

At the January meeting we decided that every other month left many feeling it was too long between gatherings. So we're returning to having a meeting every month, but the even months will be social in nature with minimal business.

Bring some food/snacks/drinks if you care to (no alcoholic beverages) and we'll see what potluck turns up while we talk about the boat show and other things sailing.

If you have an idea for a program - let us know and we'll put it on if we can.

Thanks to Burnie for the Jan. program on the Sea Clear charting system.

At the January meeting outgoing Commodore, Ruth, brought along her Schnauzer, Berghie, who seemed to take a liking to the Vice Commodore's chair.



## Commodore's Corner

*I would just like to thank all of the officers that served the club last year. I thought everyone did a great job. Thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as commodore this year. I hope I can do as well as all the past commodores and keep the RYC going strong.*

*Strictly Sail was nice as always. Getting out and seeing the boats and equipment in the middle of the winter always gets me all charged up for spring. I would also like to remind everyone to come to the next meeting and not to forget to bring back the forms that Evans handed out. With those, we can update everyone's information for the new directory this year. Also don't forget to think about when and where you might be going sailing this summer and bring those to the next meeting, so we can get the flotilla schedule roughed out. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.*

*Commodore Burnie*

## **Meeting Minutes**

We had no reported sailing since the last meeting. Evans Walker provided a spreadsheet of income and expenses showing we have a balance of \$2,978.41. The beer and wine at the Christmas was less than \$2 per person. Evans also handed out directory info and asked that members review the information and return to him with any updates needed. The flare shoot off was discussed again. Flotilla Captain, Bill Siegworth discussed flotilla options, including more events on Lake Michigan, with perhaps a lake crossing. An amendment to the by-laws was passed eliminating the Membership Captain, and merging the duties with the Purser duties. The membership indicated they preferred going back to having a monthly meeting at the Harlem Township Hall, with the even month meetings being mostly a social gathering. Those attending the Strictly Sail show arranged a meeting place. New officers were voted into positions...

## **Officers 2010**

Commodore: Burnie Turnie    Activities Cpt: Penny Turner  
Vice Commodore: vacant    Flotilla Cpt: Bill Siegworth  
Purser: vacant    Signal Officer: Allen Penticoff  
Yeoperson: George Kittner

Cmdr Burnie is looking into RYC Tee Shirts. Far right shows a woman's long sleeve T with the logo on the back and him modeling a short sleeve men's. We can get them for \$13 each if we have an order of 20 or more. The shirts also have a 3.5" high RYC logo on the front left side. They come in men's and women's size and T's also tank-tops.



St. Petersburg Sailing Association/Good Old Boat Regatta - was held on January 23rd. Ruth and I attended and had a great time. Preston Aylesworth also arrived to join in the fun while towing his cabin pram, Crew's Ship, to parts farther south in Florida. I had arranged to do two boat reviews while there, and Ruth accompanied me onboard a Flicka 20 that we sailed on our first day (of a week) there. She and the owner sailed it around the pier while I took photos of them sailing. The next day I checked out the other review boat, a race-prepped 1984 Morgan 25. The owner took Ruth and I to lunch, but sailing was being saved for race day. We'd met up with the publishers Karen Larson and Jerry Powlas of Good Old Boat, and MTLSA members Tom and Sandy Wells the night before the race at a party on the upper Tiki Bar of the elegant St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Ruth and Preston missed out on sailing during the regatta, but each had a good time ashore, while I raced as crew on the Morgan 25 Odyssey. We had over 50 boats in three divisions. Spinnaker, Cruise (non-spinnaker), and Fun. We raced in the spinnaker division, which had a larger triangular course than the other two. We finished third of eight boats, with plenty of stiff competition. I was allowed to steer the boat the whole second lap. We used an asymmetrical spinnaker a lot. The start//finish line was near The Pier in St. Petersburg for easy spectating, but the finish was marred by weird wind and tide that made crossing the line agonizingly slow. Besides the race. I met with Montego 20 designer builder Jopie Helsen, and designer/illustrator Bruce Bingham. The latter, Ruth and I had a lovely three hour lunch with in Gulfport. We saw plenty of wildlife, including alligators, rosette spoon-bills, and porpoises. The weather was pleasant upper 60s and low 70s the whole time. But their recent cold snap had killed a lot of fish - that were floating everywhere. Inland at Lakeland, plants had suffered greatly as well. We made a lot of new friends and had a great time. We're looking forward to next year's event. Allen & Ruth Penticoff



Allen with the rest of Odyssey's crew  
Owner Grover Griffin leaning against  
mast.



Ruth and Murray Baxter sail the Flicka  
20 in a stiff breeze on Tampa Bay.