

The Bullshiplog

Newsletter of the Rockford Yacht Club
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No April meeting at the township hall.

No scheduled April social events either.

But, as you'll read in the Commodore's Corner, we've been getting together anyway. Some beneficial to the community, others for paying respects to a long time member.

Anyone interested in a flotilla May 2 - 3 ?

Contact Allen - apenticoff@comcast.net

Fun item: Discover your inner pirate. Go to www.piratequiz.com Answer the questions and they'll decide what your pirate name should be. Allen's was "Mad Roger Kidd." What's yours matey?

Boat U.S. Membership

RYC is has a cooperating agreement with Boat U.S. If you use their insurance you must join their association. Get the membership for \$12.50 by using our **Group # GA83077Y**

It was indeed a fine day for finding trash.



Commodore's Corner

Who has been sailing? I have!

Allen and I snuck off on Easter weekend to Pierce Lake on Saturday with the American 14.5. Fluky winds as usual, but the sun was out and it felt great. We are really looking forward to a weekend away on *Thebote*...very soon.

We had a record breaking turnout at the year's first Adopt-A-Road April 4th. The first one is always tough but with so many volunteers it was done in an hour! Thanks to all who participated. Of course breakfast afterwards is a great time to socialize before everyone goes about their busy weekend.

Most of you have heard the sad news of Ann Aylesworth's death. She embodied the sailing spirit - always up for an adventure and nothing kept her down. We'll miss her dearly.

Happy Spring Sailing,

Commodore Ruth

Adopt A Road Report

A great turn out with 16 members coming from far and wide to help. 18 bags of trash were picked up.

Bill & Marty Siegworth, Sam & Evans Walker, Charlie Fritts and Jennifer Deuth, George Kittner, Eric Mueller, Harley Johnson, Burnie Turner & Penny Petersen, Brian Black, Marty & Linda O'Connor, and Allen & Ruth Penticoff.



Ann and Preston won Member of the Year 2006

Ann Aylesworth Remembered

Ann's husband, Preston Aylesworth was a charter member of the Rockford Yacht Club. He met Ann through square dancing, but soon they were dancing on the waves in one of Preston's several boats. She soon became a frequent attendee at all the yacht club meetings and events. Serving as yeoperson more than once. Many close friendships developed, particularly with their best buds, Joy and Dave Tarrant, with whom they've shared many an adventure.

Ann would sail even on Preston's tiny Snark and Holder 12 sailboats. She would camp with him out of their Ford pick up in the most rugged way during the cold days of October as they came down to Kentucky Lake with the Holder along. Preston has other larger boats, such as a 26 foot S-2 and a MacGregor 25. But they will always be remembered for the exotic trip they made from Morris, Illinois, down the

Illinois River, Mississippi, through Kentucky Lake and down the Tennessee - Tombigbee - all during a cool October through November in a sixteen foot cabin-pram powered by a 9.9 h.p. Johnson 4-stroke outboard. Ann would e-mail regular journal updates about the trip, and many of us followed along (I still have them all saved).

Ann and Preston have always been there when help is needed for any activity. In particular, they headed up the Adopt-A-Road program for several years after the Tarrants handed it off to them. Ann would regularly walk the whole way down a stretch of road despite having trouble with her legs. She and Preston would later sort out recyclable things from the bulging trash bags and turn the aluminum in for cash - which they donated to the club.

The last time I saw Ann with Preston was typical. Despite struggling with a lethal disease, she was in great spirits and she and Preston were out at a charity fundraiser - helping someone else. We'll miss you Ann. But we won't forget you. ~ Allen Penticoff



Left: Ann and Preston sailing the Holder at Kentucky Lake.
Right: Preston shows off the river boat at a RYC meeting.

Services: McCorkle Funeral Home Rockton IL
Visitation Friday 4.17 5 - 8
Mem. Service Saturday 10:30
In lieu of flowers memorials to American Cancer Society

Ann Aylesworth's Obituary



Ann Cobb Aylesworth Ann died on Thursday, April 9th, 2009 in Rockford. Ann was born in Charlotte, Michigan, on December 26, 1942, the daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Wehr) Crozier. Ann attended a one room country school. She then graduated Salutatorian of her 1960 Charlotte High School class of over 200 students. Ann married Douglas Cobb in Charlotte, MI in 1961. They moved to Rockford in 1962 when Douglas took a job with the Rockford Newspapers. She ran an in-home child daycare for over 20 years and later held office positions at Parkside Warehouse and Trader Publications. Ann was involved in Cub Scouts for many years and received the District Award of Merit. After being widowed, she took square dance lessons. In 1989 she met the love of her life, fellow square dancer, Preston Aylesworth. They were married May 29, 1992. They have danced in Germany, on a cruise ship, Washington, Texas, Florida and many states in between. Currently a member of Lucky Leafs and Petunia City Squares in Beloit. Ann enjoyed boating with Preston. They are charter members of the Rockford Yacht Club. Ann served RYC as Yeoperson and coordinated the Road Cleanups for the club. In 2006, Ann and Preston took a 16' boat down the river system from Morris, Illinois, to Mobile, Alabama. Ann is survived by husband, Preston Aylesworth; sons, Steven (Sgt. Katrina) Cobb of Lacey, WA and Andrew (Jeanne) Cobb of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren Samantha, Jordan and Theodore Cobb of Lacey, WA; sister, Myrna Dehnert of Bradenton, FL; nieces Brenda and Janet of FL; Step-daughter, Brenda (David) Eisenbeisz and their children Karl and Kathleen of Loves Park, IL, brother-in-law Brad (Nancy) Aylesworth, Galena, IL and sister-in-law Virginia (Dale) Christopherson, Rochelle, IL. Treasured friends Dave and Joy Tarrant, Loren and Audrey Hildebrand shared many special memories. Special thanks to Lester and Karla Kretsinger, dear neighbors, who have always been there for her. She will be missed also by many special friends at the Rockford Yacht Club and the area Square dance clubs. Predeceased by parents, first husband Douglas Cobb in 1986 and youngest son Bruce as the result of a winter auto accident in 1990 at age 21.