



# Rockland Yacht Club Newsletter

## March 2011

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**From the Commodore:**

The February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rockland Yacht Club was attended by nearly 50 members and friends. They were greeted by a freshly painted club room with other improvements by Helen Kuhl, Heidi Burden, Jon Kuhl and George Sayre. The club also approved the treasure's report which includes the purchase of an outdoor utility shed for storage of the grills and propane tanks.

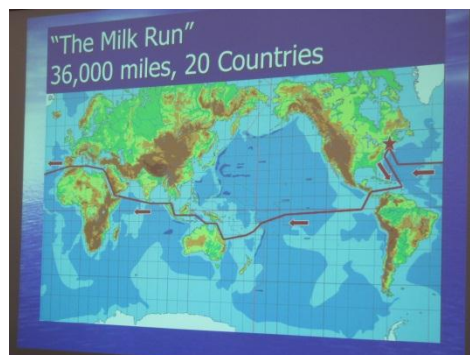


Eric Stockinger and KC Heyniger

The positions of Executive Director of the Apprenticeshop, held by Eric Stockinger, and, the Apprenticeshop Director of Waterfront Programs, held by KC Heyniger, were awarded Honorary Memberships in our Rockland Yacht Club for 2011. The close communication between our two clubs further promotes our RYC Goal of "supporting recreational boating activities in the Rockland area". Their outstanding youth sailing program is a service which RYC has not provided. We are pleased Eric and KC have expressed an interest in active participation in RYC.

Toni Vander Veer promoted the RYC clothing availability stating the order forms are available on the Web Site. She introduced Barbara Klapprodt who will be taking over the clothing program.

This year Helen Kuhl as Membership Chairman, initiated an incentive program for members to send in their Membership Forms by January 1<sup>st</sup>, so she could start work on the Membership Book. This insures it will be available for distribution by Mid May at the Spring Fling. This was greatly rewarded, as we now have over 80 Memberships returned. A drawing was held for the two \$50.00 prizes, received by Lenny Reich and Jim Rigassio. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.



Following the general meeting, Rick And Julie Palm entertained us with a dynamic presentation, illustrated with slides of their sailing trip around the world from 1990 to 1992. Imagine going around the world in one hour! The map illustrates their path, starting from New York, for the Caribbean where they met the Caribbean 1500 with 30 other boats. They went through the Panama Canal and stopped in the Galapagos, then across the Pacific. After stopping in the South Pacific, Fiji, Australia, South East Asia, Thailand, and Sri Lanka, they beat up the Red Sea, through the Med and back across the Atlantic. They managed to capture what it might have been like for Julie to be alone at the helm in open waters, and, at the same time land a 5 foot long fish! The mix of slides included people of many lands, spectacular and interesting sights, activities on board, and insights of their travels.

Their program was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

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**Member Profiles:** Judy and Alan MacDonald

**Judy** was born and brought up in Sanford, Maine. As she likes to tell it, she has moved one mile in her lifetime! As a young mom, she and her ex-husband owned a Real Estate Company, while she devoted much of her time to her two daughters and a son, now 47,44, and 43. She later worked at Hussey Seating Co., for 18 years before retirement. She was introduced to sailing in the late 80's, so when she met Alan in 1995, who had a Cape Dory 19', there was an immediate common interest. Judy has 5 grandchildren, all of whom like to visit Rockland and take their turn on Sea Monkey.

**Alan** grew up in Needham, MA and learned to sail in the fifth grade. He and his cousin borrowed a sunfish on Long Lake, and learned the hard way, after tipping themselves over innumerable times. They discovered balance by

Moving slightly forward and backwards, and soon learned about wind direction and where to place the tiller. He took a junior sailing course at Charles River Basin, and later sailed with a college girlfriend along the south coast of Cape Cod, again on a sunfish, then a Beetle Cat. (Judy says: which probably explains his difficulty in handling multiple sails, even today) He later bought a Cape Dory 25 with his brother..

During the fleeting 30 years between early sailing and enjoying retirement cruising, Alan went to Mount Hermon, Denison, and Babson. He worked for Wang, Data General, and NEC, He has two sons, Rob 35, and John, 32.

The off season got a bit boring for Alan so he has been substitute teaching at the high school level. I can imagine he keeps the kids entertained, but on their toes!

**Shortly after their meeting,** Judy convinced Alan to sell his boat, a bit small for cruising, so they could purchase a 32' C&C with more room. They sailed it out of Robinhood marina for a few years before exploring and falling in love with Penobscot Bay and Rockland. They later replaced it with their current 38' Pierson center cockpit to finally get their "live aboard" in Rockland Harbor. They joined RYC and 6 years later became Commodore for two years. As Commodore, he greatly increased membership, and, with Judy's strong support and organization, initiated casual Friday pot lucks during the summers, furthering social use of the club house!

When asked what they would like RYC to become...Alan would say "to have every boat in Rockland as a member, have launch boat service, fine dining, and a club plane" Judy loves RYC just as it is. Alan reads only non fiction, Judy reads only fiction. Alan is "slow" and over analyses everything, Judy does everything fast and efficiently. Alan has no grandkids, Judy has five. One calls the boat his Winnebago with a mast, one calls *Sea Monkey* her "aft-cabin" baby! **But they both agree that Penobscot Bay and RYC are the best!**

