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FROM THE HELM!

Our May meeting was very well attended. The auction netted \$250 for the Club. Thank you to all who made it a success, donators and buyers alike, plus our newest auctioneers, Joann Giffer & Chuck Koleski.

I would also like to thank Linda Baran for the new rosters. Please come to a meeting for your copy.

We now have new burgees, thanks to Carol Bacile. They are made of stronger material than in the past, and the green is more vibrant. Please call or tell me when you see me if you would like a new one. They are still only \$25 and I will keep them on my boat for your convenience.

We had our Fitting Out Party this past weekend and it was lots of fun. Many members turned out for hot dogs and beer. Thanks to all who brought a dish to pass. The contents were terrific and were gone pretty quickly.

Don't forget our **Venetian weekend, June 7th & 8th!** R/C Ron has a great party planned. Be sure to give him a call if you plan to attend, for an accurate guesstimate for the food preparation.

Our first rendezvous is coming up this Memorial Weekend. Wallaceburg is the destination. Hope the weather cooperates for all of us, no matter what the plans are. See you soon!

Sorry I was not able to attend the Fitting Out Party; heard it was fun. Once again, the weatherman shined on us.

It's about time for summer to go into full swing. I am sure most of us are ready?!

By the time this article is printed, the Memorial Day Rendezvous to Wallaceburg may be over. Now, our thoughts should be turning to **VENETIAN WEEKEND, June 7th and 8th**. Please call R/C Ron Sherman for your dinner reservations. This is always important for the planning committee.

It's time for us to decide how innovative we can be with our decorations, so come up with something distinctive to captivate the ISLAND THEME. This would also be a good time to invite guests, as the price of \$15 per person is reasonable for a party like this. Let's make it a weekend to talk about for years to come! All it takes is a little effort on your part. Lest I forget, there is the traditional Commodore's Bloody Mary Party on Sunday morning to wrap up a great weekend.

As always, I will close with a chuckle.

The Rev. Francis Norton woke up one Sunday morning. It was an exceptionally beautiful, sunny, early spring day, so he decided he just had to play golf.

Commodore Lynn
FROM THE VICE!

He told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't "accidentally" meet anyone from his parish. Setting up for the first tee, he was alone – everybody else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You aren't going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then, Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up, and fell into the hole. That was a **420-yard hole-in-one!**

Saint Peter was astonished! Looking at the Lord, he asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and answered, "Who is he going to tell?"

Vice Commodore Ray

FROM THE REAR!

Don't Miss It!

It's coming to a Marina near you!

You'll have a blast!

Your friends and family be sorry if they miss it!

It's "For Fun's Sake" you know!

What is it? Why it's RVYC's **2003 Venetian Celebration** Party, that's what!

So dress up your boat in an Island theme (Palm Trees, Coconuts, Hula Skirts, Funny looking shirts, Parrots and Monkeys, Lights and anything else you can think of) and join us on **Saturday, June 7th** at Kean's for the Venetian parade to bless our fleet for the upcoming boating season.

If you look back on last year, we certainly could use some help! Ruthie and I with our engine problems, Ray and Barb with, well you know what happened there, the Thul's with their fuel problems, and all the rest of us with our "issues".

But that's not all. We will follow up the parade with a "best decorated boat" contest to be judged by our own Commodore Lynn, with the help of Lee and Mary Lou. Had enough? Not yet. The night will be filled with food, music, and dancing into the wee hours of the morn. Jerk Chicken, Grouper, tons of side dishes that will make your mouth water, and the beer and pop. Entertainment provided by Thomas and Thomas. (Remember them from Jean's Commodore's ball?) Well, they are back to seriously entertain you.

And to think you can have all this for just **\$15 per person!** Wow – where else can you get that much for so little? Only at an RVYC gathering of the Fleet!

So, make it a point to join us for a day of fun in the sun and a night of first class entertainment! You won't regret it – I promise!

Here are the specifics:

Saturday, June 7th

- Parade and Blessing of the Fleet at 1 pm.
- The Venetian party will begin at 6 pm with food.
- The Entertainment will begin at 7 pm.

Sunday, June 8th

- Commodore Lynn's Bloody Mary Party will begin at 10:00 am on Kean's deck by the pool.

I need to get a count of participants so let me know if you plan to attend and the number of people expected. You can contact me at the following:

Email:

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Phone: 313-667-9360

Did anyone of you get the location for this from the last newsletter?

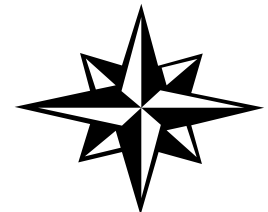
N 42° 33' 12"

W 82° 44' 52"

It's G1PH FL G 2.5s Red at the turn into Metro Beach. We'll be heading there in June!

See you at the docks!

Rear Commodore Ron



More facts to float and stroke from F/C Ed

Metro Beach

Where:

On Black Creek off of Lake St. Clair. Channel entrance: Lat. 42°33'55"N, Long. 82°47'43"W. We will be in the North Basin – go past the South Basin and turn left at the island. In that we could not get a reservation on the finger docks for this weekend, participants decided to go to Metro Beach on Friday night to assure slips in the North Basin. This is on a first come first serve basis. Bring: lawn chairs, roller blades and golf clubs.

Participants: Abernathy, Alfaro, Bacile, Bickel, Binkley, Bunge, Cieslak, Clapper, Dawes, Jordan, Koleski, Niermann, Passmore, Peterman/Sherman, Pritchard, Roth, Vauris, Thul, Tusset

When: June 13-15, 2003

- **Marina Telephone number:** Harbor Master on duty from 8 am to 11 pm, 586-463-4581

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Schedule of Events:

Friday June 13:

- ❖ Try to get to the North Basin by 8 pm.
- ❖ Horsd'oeuvres and libations party at 8:30 pm.

Saturday June 14:

- ❖ AM par 3 golf tournament organized by Ed Pritchard & Ron Sherman.
- ❖ PM bocce ball tournament organized by Lee Vauris.
- ❖ 7 pm cookout. Bring something to grill and a dish to pass.

Sunday June 15:

- ❖ Bloody Mary party and club breakfast – bring a breakfast dish to pass (Ruth promised to bring her Pecan French toast).
- ❖ Another round of par 3 golf?
- ❖ Movement to home marina.

Fourth of July & Lake Erie Adventure

This is a multi-phase, multiple marina trip that begins on the south shore of Canada and concludes on the north shore of Ohio.

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water

Participants: Alfaro, Baran, Bacile, Bickel, Binkley, Brown, Bunge, Dawes, Niermann, Pritchard, Passmore, Tusset, Vauris

July 3-4: Leamington Marina

Marina Telephone number: (Canadian Marinas monitor channel 68)

- 519-326-0834, Lat 42 01.4 Lon 82 36.2

Movement:

Thursday July 3:

- 7 pm Welcome cocktail party. Dinner on your own.

Friday July 4:

- 10:30 am tee time at Lake Erie Shores Golf & CC.
- Plan a trip to the local LOC store to stock up on your favourite Canadian libations.
- 4 pm Hors d'oeuvres party on the dock.
- Dinner on your own; several restaurants within walking distance of the Dock.

July 5-6: Middle Bass Island State Park Marina (previously Lonz Winery Marina)

Marina Telephone number: (monitor channel 71) 419-285-0311

NOTE: you must send or fax a \$25 deposit by June 6th to hold a slip

Movement:

Saturday July 5:

- Blowers on at 8:45 am -- top off your water tanks -- no water or showers on Middle Bass.
- Bicycle tour of Middle Bass, visit St. Hazards Microbrewery, take the ferry to Put-in-Bay, check out J.R. Walleye's Bar.
- 6 pm club cookout, bring a dish to pass and something to grill.

Sunday July 6:

- Bocce ball tournament, bicycle tour of Middle Bass, visit St. Hazards Microbrewery, take the ferry to Put-in-Bay.
- 6 pm group dinner at J.R. Walleye's.

July 7 – 11: to be determined; potential ports of call:

- Kelley's Island
- Put-In-Bay
- Cedar Point
- Maumee Bay State Park
- Raisin River