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FROM THE HELM!

Although the attendance was not as high as I had hoped, those of us who were at the March meeting were treated to a presentation by Ruthie Sherman on "Fire Safety." WOW, was she ever thorough and informative! She tried to tell us that she had trouble speaking to groups of people. Well, she didn't have any trouble communicating with this group. She must put us in a class by ourselves and we were the benefactors. Thanks Ruthie!

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard informed us that we will have Poker Runs this year and he has a printed list of rules for us to follow. The proceeds of the Poker Runs will be split up as follows: 50% to the Club for the 50th Anniversary party, 25% to the high hand, and 25% to the worst hand. Hope you all will participate. Looks like a lot of fun.

Our **April 2nd meeting** will be preceded by a visit to the Polish Yacht Club for dinner, which is always a hoot. V/C Ron will be our presenter at this meeting, with suggestions on fitting out our boats for spring.

THIS MONTHS CHUCKLE

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months, and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat up one cup of coffee. (Hardly seems worth it.)

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out of the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes. (In my next life I want to be a pig.)

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour. (Still not over that pig thing.)

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure. (Is that why Flipper is always smiling? And why isn't the pig included in this list?)

The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight, and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated. (From drinking little bottles of...? Did the gov't pay for this research.)

Polar bears are left-handed. (Who knew? Who cares? Did the gov't pay for this too?)

Some lions mate over 50 times a day. (In my next life I still want to be a pig. Quality over quantity, you know.)

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that.)

Commodore Ray

VICE VIEWS!

Here it is March, again, and the boat bug is really biting. Ruthie and I have been all over looking for a boat so we can join you on the water this summer. We just got back from a trip to New York with Lee and Mary Lou to see a 45' Commander that we thought was going to be **the** boat. I'll tell you, pictures sure do lie! We got there after a day of driving and went to the dock in the freezing cold. What a piece of junk! Just about everything was wrong that could be wrong. Needless to say, we all left rather quickly and cocktailed in the hotel, agreeing that "this isn't the boat for us." So, after a nice evening in NY, we headed back and are continuing the search.

The last meeting was a good one. Ruthie did a great job with the Safety information she provided to all of us. Some of the highlights are:

- * Make sure you have more than enough smoke detectors and the batteries are fresh.
- * Close the doors to all the rooms when you go to sleep or leave your house/boat. It will keep smoke out in the event of a fire and could save your life.
- * Make sure you have an escape plan and practice it at least one time. You will be amazed at what you remember after doing it only once.
- * Don't leave your clothes dryer running when you leave the house.
- * Make sure everyone knows exactly where to meet outside in the event of a fire.

* If you are in an apartment, stay there! Open a window furthest away from the fire and hang a white sheet or towel out the window to alert the firemen.

There were a more tips but those will have to wait for another time. **Just remember to be safe!**

Our next meeting is back to **Fridays on April 2nd**. It will start promptly (?) at **8 pm**. Hope to see you all there. Many of us will be gathering at **6 pm in the Polish Yacht Club for dinner prior to the meeting**. I haven't attended this in the past but I hear it's a blast! If you need directions, contact F/C Ed Pritchard.

The **Fitting Out Party** will be **Saturday, May 15th, 4 pm** at Kean's. Club will provide hot dogs, beer, and pop. This party is to give those working on their boats a break for some dinner on behalf of the Club. Everyone knows how grueling it is this time of the year and it is always a welcomed break. If you are working on your boat, you don't have to bring anything to pass. However, if you are NOT working on your boat, please bring a dish to pass. Joann Giffer was kind enough to offer her help in coordinating the dishes to bring, so please contact her at **(586) 296-0318** or on her E-mail, jogiffer@aol.com. I really appreciate everyone's participation.

Well, sadly I gotta go, so I'll see you at the docks in April!

Vice Commodore Ron

FROM THE REAR!

We are really looking forward to dinner at the Polish Yacht Club on Friday, April 2nd, also to the return to Friday meetings. For me, that marks the end of the winter season. Then we can finally say *goodbye* to the winter blahs!

A **BIG THANKS** to Ruthie Sherman for her outstanding presentation of fire safety at the last meeting! She did a great job of covering not only emergency concerns, but also everyday fire prevention ideas. Both boat and home safety were discussed. Ruthie mentioned many things we do in our homes that can, **AND HAVE**, caused fires. Thanks again, Ruthie!

Great news, mateys! The theme for our Venetian extravaganza this June is going to be **"Pirates of the Caribbean."** I cannot wait to see the boats and costumes in the parade!

That's it for now, see you soon at the docks. Our scheduled launch date is May 8th! (Pat Binkley has the "4 Musketeers" scheduled to launch together, again!)

Rear Commodore Jon

FYI:

Carolyn Stoehr has graciously accepted the position of Sunshine Lady, so if you have good news or sad, contact her at (248) 348-3787.

Our newest members are **John and Brenda Roth**, son and daughter-in-law of Jim Roth. Also, long-ago member **Jim Like** has rejoined our Club. Be sure to say "hello" next time you see them.

FACTS FOR THE FLEET!

Rendezvous updates:

Pre-meeting dinner at Ivanhoe Café (Polish Yacht Club), 5:53 pm, April 2.

This is a 93-year-old neighborhood bar that has survived in Detroit. Other than the nickname, there is nothing Polish about this place. They specialize in seafood, i.e., perch. It is at 5249 Jos. Campau in Detroit (313-925-5335).

Directions: going eastbound on I-94, exit at Chene, turn right onto Chene, go six blocks to Frederick St., turn left two blocks and it is on the corner – a nondescript brown wood structure. Parking is on the street. They do provide a guard. Entrance is on Frederick St.

We need a head count by Friday, March 25th. If you didn't sign up at the March 7th meeting, leave me a message at 734-455-3391 if you are going.

2004 Rendezvous Schedule is out.

Make sure you sign-up at the April 2 meeting.

Fleet Captain Ed

March Birthdays

1 – Shiela Binkley
5 – Bob Krupka
9 – Shirley Bartlett
11 – Joyce Alfaro
17 – Kelly Thomas
20 – Mike Boyle

March Anniversaries

25 – Roger & Shirley Bartlett
30 – Norm & Mabel Feliks

Other March Dates

7 – Meeting @ Kean's @ 2 pm
17 – St. Patrick's Day
20 – First Day of Spring

April Birthdays

5 – Mabel Feliks
7 – Terry Dawes
7 – Barb Leone
12 – Ray Lacey
16 – Ron Bickel
18 – **P/C** Jim Baran
18 – Larry Thomas
20 – **P/C** Jean Pritchard
25 – Robert Nixon
26 – Diane Deptula

April Anniversaries

7 – Joe & Carol Bacile
16 – Dan & Greta Jablonski

Other April Dates

1 – All Fool's Day
2 – Dinner @ Polish Yacht Club, 5:53pm
RVYC Meeting @ Kean's, 8:00 pm
4 – Daylight Savings Time begins
11 – Easter
15 – Federal & State Income Taxes due
15 – Passover
22 – Administrative Professionals' Day
24 – Last Night of Bowling

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2004

YOUR NAME _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER _____ Member? Yes ___ No ___

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER'S BIRTHDAY _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____

BOAT NAME _____

MAKE OF BOAT _____ LENGTH _____

HOME PORT _____

IF YOU KEEP A BOAT AT KEAN'S, WHAT IS YOUR DOCK NUMBER? _____

Please make checks payable to **River View Yacht Club, Inc. (\$10 per member, please.)**

Bring this completed form to the next meeting, or send to:

**Pat Thul
1083 Joshua Dr.
Troy, MI 48098**

In an effort to update our records, it would be appreciated if you would take the time to complete the above form, even if you completed one in the past, and submit it along with your dues.

Some things to keep in mind:

APRIL

- 2 DINNER 5:53 pm @ POLISH YACHT CLUB**
- MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S**
- 10 BOWLING**
- 24 BOWLING; LAST NIGHT**

MAY

- 7 MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S**
- AUCTION OF USED BOAT ITEMS**
- 15 FITTING OUT PARTY 4 pm @ KEAN'S**
- 29 MEMORIAL WEEKEND @ COVE MARINA thru 31st**

JUNE

- 4 MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S**
- 12 METRO BEACH WEEKEND**
- 19 VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN"**