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*From the Helm*

Here it is, February and time once again for another message from your bridge. As fast as these winter months have passed, it hasn't been fast enough for me. Just 2 more months and we will be at the marina fitting out our boats and getting ready for the upcoming boating season. I for one can't wait to be back on the water.

We had a great Superbowl party but not before a lively meeting. Jim Baran put together a couple of terrific boards which provided quite a few people with some "extra" spending money. Here are the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> (0/0)  
\$25 Ruthie Sherman  
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2<sup>nd</sup> (7/7)  
\$25 Joann Giffer  
\$50 Patti Jordan

3<sup>rd</sup> (14/14)  
\$25 Ed Pritchard  
\$50 Jean Pritchard

4<sup>th</sup> (21/24)  
\$25 Ken Wilkerson  
\$50 Patti Jordan

Prior to the party, we had a good (although longer than I expected) meeting. During this meeting, we voted in a new member.

Please join me in welcoming Sue Grimm as an official member of RVYC! Welcome aboard Sue!

We covered a lot of ground but we have some issues that were left unresolved. At our next meeting, which is March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Kean's, we will need to make some decisions on the following issues:

Chatham: We are debating whether to go back again this year or try another location for Labor Day. The concerns are the electric, the way we were spread out last year and the vandalism that caused damage to several of our boats. I am going to send a letter from the club asking them how they will address these issues.

Cedar Point during the Lake Erie trip: We planned a stop at Cedar Point but have since found out that they require 2 nights and they are a little pricey (\$80 per night for our boat). We need to decide if we should commit to the two nights which would mean leaving a day earlier or skip it and plan an extra night in Put in Bay or RYVC South.

Haul Out Party: The Board initially decided to skip a haul out party this year because of the addition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party in October. To do this, we need approval of the general membership at the next meeting. If we want to have a Haul Out party anyway, we would have it on October 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

Party with St. Clair Yacht Club and the Drifters: SCYC has asked if we would want to have a joint Venetian with their club and possibly the Drifters. We need to decide if we want to do this. Options we discussed are to have a joint parade but separate parties, have our Venetian as usual but have another party with these clubs possibly during John Kean's Day. We could decorate our boats and have a big dock party.

Please plan on discussing these issues at the next meeting. We need to make a decision soon on all of them.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee recently met and are working out the details of this party. It is really going to be great! One of the things we discussed was inviting past members to join us for this history making event. To help us, please provide Lynn Koleski with contact information on anyone you know who used to be members of RVYC but are no longer participating. We will be trying to contact them about this party.

Well, I gotta go so I'll see you at the meeting!

P.S. There are still a lot of you who haven't renewed your membership with RVYC. We need to get this behind us so please send your check and a completed renewal form to Mike Schrage as soon as possible. Remember, if your renewal is not received by March 15<sup>th</sup>, you will not be listed in the paper roster! Please don't let this happen.

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#### *Vice views*

Once again the first working meeting of the New Year was well attended by our club members. What was going to be a short meeting (because of the superbowl game) turned into an in-depth working session. A lot of good thoughts and ideas came out in the mix.

RVYC fleet captain (Ruthie Sherman) developed a notebook listing the upcoming rendezvous (ports – of – call) as well as the all important dates associated with them. Some new wrinkles have been added as a goal is to keep the events from becoming stale. If you were not able to attend this last meeting, don't fret. There will be other opportunities at future meetings for you to sign up for any or all of the seasonal events. So don't miss out on your chance to share the many laughs, afternoon cocktail parties and evening campfire sessions. Too bad we can't bury the commodore at every rendezvous.

Looking ahead to March we have the monthly club meeting on Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Kean's. Unless something changes between now and then

the meeting will begin promptly at 2:00pm. Following this short meeting we tentatively plan to dine at a nearby eatery. Maybe Sinbad's or Cadieux Café or somewhere else. We plan to discuss this following the meeting. Other than bowling on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March we have no other plans. While on the subject of our bowling league, we could benefit from more club members participating in our winter rendezvous. We appear to be on the downward slope of existence. I hope that's not the case. Only the club members can make it otherwise.

Did you know? Woody Allen said that his brain was his second favorite organ!!

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#### **From The Rear:**

I had fun at my very first Sunday meeting; in fact it may well be my first Superbowl Party! A thank you to Jim Baron for taking my money & helping the club out with the betting squares. And once again, thanks to Pat Thul for the use of his equipment.

As I was trolling through the boat show this year, trying to avoid the overuse of my credit card at the Wine booth, I noticed our wonderful Customs Department has made an attempt to make it easy for our journey to and from Canada, by changing the rules. (again). Their I-68 card is no longer required

and you can travel to and from using the Nexus marine system. This is the same system currently in place for highway travel.

This program will require you to fill out an application, with a fee of \$50 USD. It is unknown at this time how long this membership will be good; the highway membership is 5 years. The new rules state that you must contact customs by phone, between 30 minutes and 4 hours prior to the arrival of a port. I will bring all of the info with details to our next meeting. Until then, have fun at the Kean's open house Feb 27th. I will see you at the March 6th meeting.

Your rear  
Dave

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***Square Dance!!!***  
***April 9<sup>th</sup>!!!***

April the 9<sup>th</sup> is coming up fast, and RVYC has the Lazy J Ranch reserved for a fun evening of dancing, dining, and drinking! The party will start at 8pm sharp. The club has paid a deposit, and the date is confirmed! Everything is planned as before: We will be upstairs in the main barn, Lazy J will provide the professional caller, each person or couple brings a dish to pass, Jon & Patti will provide the sloppy-joes, and make sure to BYOB! You will want to dress in your best

Cowboy/Cowgirl outfit, *and don't forget to invite your non-RVYC friends!* **Pay for your tickets before the party, and entry is only \$15 per person.** Tickets at the door will be \$20 per person. Tickets can be paid for at the next meeting, by mail to the club treasurer, or to any officer of the club. Don't miss this great evening of good old-fashioned RVYC camaraderie! Any questions, please contact your Rear, Dave Passmore!!!

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March Birthdays

Bob Abernathy	18
Joyce Alfaro	11
Shiela Binkley	1
Mike Boyle	20
Don Bunge	9
Bob Krupka	5
Kelly Thomas	17

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You know you're over 40 when...

All the birthday-party invitations you receive say "No gifts, please."

You can't get any of your baby-sitters to call you by your first name.

You now understand that the only person who will walk the dog is you.

A six-year-old had to set up your DVD player.

Men with comb-overs are starting to seem attractive.

You're pretty sure your toenails were thinner the last time you checked.

You're pretty sure that if your marriage suddenly ended, you'd choose lifelong celibacy over having someone new see you naked! AMEN

You actually hear yourself say "They call that music?"

You've learned that a marriage can have a "rocky patch" that's five years long.

No one ever tells you to sit up straight.

You start a lot of sentences with the phrase, *Life is too short to...*

You decide you'd better get a rubber mat in the tub – just in case.

You lose your car keys – then lose them again three minutes later.

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2005

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Spouse/Partner also a Member (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (D/M) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Birthday (D/M) \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (D/M/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft Beam \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Home Port \_\_\_\_\_

Dock and Well Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please bring a check and this form to the next club meeting, or send to:

**Treasurer Mike Schrage**  
**1890 Lochmoor**  
**Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236**

**Please complete the entire form.** This information will be used to create this year's roster and update the RVYC.info Web Site. Prior year information will **NOT** be used.

**REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2005**, so that you will be included in the 2005 roster.

P.S. – All membership cards will be available at the April meeting. So be there, or be square!