

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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**FROM THE HELM!**

Here we are in the New Year 2006 and have already begun to live up to the motto of this great club. If you were able to attend the Commodore's Ball which was celebrated in high fashion and very well attended and followed by the Koleski's afterglow party you would know first hand what "for fun sake" is all about. I will only mention this once. You had to be there to see it. Few words exist that do justice to try and explain or describe the "FUN" and laughter some key people are capable of eliciting. Hilarious and outrageously funny is my only attempt to describe. Other than that, my lips are sealed! You really had to be there.

The ball for outgoing Commodore Ron Sherman was the epitome of all that is right about being a part of the RVYC. The ball was celebrated at the Laurel Manor and they did their best to accommodate and succeeded once again. The meal was wonderful and the drinks plentiful. Everyone I asked enjoyed the affair from the responses I received.

If I was remiss in thanking all my helpers I do so now. If the entire affair was another successful RVYC event it's because of a number of members that provided the necessary assistance

to bring it off. I even had to turn help away. Unbelievable!! My personal THANKS to all of you and you know who you are. Ps: if you had out-of-pocket expenses please submit same to me or Mike Schrage ASAP so we can close the books on the final cost for the ball.

The new bridge was inaugurated at the ball and I look forward to working with them to achieve the club goals for the New Year. The bridge make-up with the new directors has a lot of experience and will provide a cohesive front going forward. As of this article I do not have any specific goals for the club except to maintain the level the bar has been set at and to increase the fun and harmony (if that's possible). I guess that's a goal isn't it?

As we do every year, we include a membership renewal form for your use. Please complete all required information as called for on the form and in its entirety. You can bring it with you to the February or March meeting (your choice) or you can mail it directly to our club treasurer, Mike Schrage.

**REMEMBER THE LAST DATE FOR RENEWING IS MARCH 15, 2006 !!!**

A quote from the late J Edger Hoover: "Justice is incidental law and order."

A final word: Don't forget to check out the RVYC website for the very latest. Go to – [www.rvyc.info](http://www.rvyc.info)

Commodore Herb Alfaro

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### **FROM THE VICE**

I would like to thank everyone for their support with the passing of Carol's father, Lee. Lee was a boater, and he had his boat at Kean's back in the 60's, so he always enjoyed coming down and seeing his old stomping grounds. I know he had fun on the rendezvous he was able to go on, and enjoyed meeting everyone. So thank you again for the cards, thoughts and prayers.

February is coming fast and the Superbowl is on the way. February 5<sup>th</sup> will be here soon and Carol and I are hoping to see everyone out for the party and ready for some football. The admission is free! And we should have plenty of FUN! Our house is located on 4028 Hartland Rd. In Hartland. Just take I-96 West to 23 North and exit at the first exit, which is M-59. Turn right off the exit and take an immediate left at the light onto Hartland Road. Go 2 miles North past two stop signs, and you'll go down a hill, past the library. We are near the top of the following hill, on the right hand side. There is an address sign and blue reflectors at the end of the driveway. If you would like bring a dish to pass, and your favorite adult beverage, we should be all set. Don't forget to bring cash to play the squares. Gambling is encouraged when you get this far out. Hope to see you there.

VC Dave Passmore

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### **FROM THE REAR**

This year is looking good so far. The house has a new coat of paint, new landscaping and is ready for another five years of neglect. We have planned some fun trips and activities. Launch is 90 days away and it's time to start washing lines, gathering soaps and polishes and selecting a new carpet for the boat cabin. I try to start early so when the countdown is around 10 days, maybe I'll be ready. This year I will replace the water pump impellers, belts and shaft packings. I bought two new amber LED light fixtures for the cockpit. LED technology is new and uses a fraction of the power that conventional lights use. The old fixtures are fluorescent lights, very bright and attract bugs into the cockpit from all over the Great Lakes. The new lamps are amber and hopefully will work like bug lights. After having cocktails all evening, it will be nice to climb into the boat and be able to see where we are stepping without bugs. I will give a full report on our new lights in July.

### **True Nautical Tidbits.**

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck?

The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem – how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. But if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it.

The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey!"

Rear Commodore Joe Bacile

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### **February Birthday's**

Ed Pritchard	2/2
Jim Roth	2/4
Bob Cieslak	2/6
Dave Passmore	2/10
Joe Clapper	2/15
Joe K. Clapper	2/18
Mary Ann Seedot	2/19
Carol Theard	2/20
Pat Thul	2/23
Jeff Niermann	2/24

### **February Anniversary's**

Don & Barb Leone	2/22
Dave & Carol Passmore	2/24

## Fleet Captain's Report

We have established the following :

February:

5<sup>th</sup> – Combo Superbowl Party and monthly meeting at the Passmore residence – 5pm

March:

5<sup>th</sup> - Monthly meeting at the Alfaro residence – 2pm

Feather bowling at the Cadieux Café – 4:30pm

Dinner to follow bowling – 5:30pm

April :

7<sup>th</sup> - Dinner at Sinbads – 6pm followed by regular monthly meeting at Kean's at 8 pm.

May :

5<sup>th</sup> - Regular monthly meeting at Kean's – 8pm - Nautical auction of used boating items

13<sup>th</sup> – Fitting out party – watch for details in VC Dave Passmore newsletter column

27<sup>th</sup> ,28<sup>th</sup>,29<sup>th</sup> - Start Memorial Day weekend at the Cove Marina in Tilbury,Ont

June :

2<sup>nd</sup> – Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.

10<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of Fleet/Venetian weekend – 2pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Commodore Bloody Mary Party on the docks @ Kean's.

16,17&18<sup>th</sup> - Metro Beach weekend rendezvous

July :

7<sup>th</sup> - Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.

22<sup>nd</sup> - Lake Erie week long rendezvous.Port-of-call T.B.D.

Note: More info to follow as it becomes established.

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2006

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 RYYC.info Web Site. Prior year information will **NOT** be used.

**REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2006**, so that you will be included in the 2006 roster.

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