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From the Bridge:

I feel like I'm trapped in a time warp. I'm aware of things happening all around yet I don't feel involved. Maybe we're all to busy living life to the fullest. My first mate and I went to get a pump-out and a small amount of fuel (\$2.85/gal) and from there went for a short boat ride this past Sunday. It was very foggy so we ambled along at docking speed. Just like on the Thames River. The fog begins to lift from the sun effect and we find ourselves almost to Metro Park. Having gone that far we duck in for a look at the action if any. The place is packed! A couple of boat clubs are enjoying their annual "Freeze - out" and the temps are about 65 degrees, maybe warmer. Since we're there we decide to stay the day .No one comes around to collect money from us so we ride it out until just past noon the next day. Some of these impromptu events prove to be worth the time and

money but only if you have adequate store on board.

So far October has proven to be a great fall boating month but I know it's time to think winterizing. Oh well...

We had our annual nominations meeting earlier this month and have a nice selection of candidates for the available bridge officer posts. I will be contacting those candidates by telephone to determine their interest in running for a bridge position. We also collected about \$195.00 from the bake sale which is outstanding considering we had twenty-three attendees for the club meeting. Nice!

Sandy Lacey related to the membership that her efforts to raise money for the Lupus Foundation were very successful and they managed to take in over two thousand dollars (usd) and she wanted to thank all who attended her annual fund raiser. Sandy and her hard working helpers deserve all the kudos'.

VC Dave Passmore is looking for volunteers to help with the annual Commodore's Ball to be held at the Laurel Manor. If you feel the urge to participate please let Dave know of your interest. I know I will!

Remember that our annual election of officers takes place on November 3rd, 2006 following the regular monthly meeting. Following the election the club will offer pizza and soft drinks otherwise it's BYOB. Please attend as every vote cast will show support for whoever is successful.

"MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!"

Since I haven't quoted Mae West in my last few columns I will offer two tidbits from her salacious mind:

"I've been in more laps than a napkin."

"It's hard to be funny when you have to be clean."

Commodore Herb

Vice Views

Are you ready for the SQUARE DANCE!!? We have about 30 people that have already signed up and paid. We need about 30

more!! Also, as discussed at the meeting, this year there will be a prize for the best outfit, Halloween or cowboy. Jon and Patty Jordan have also volunteered to bring the sloppy joes for everyone, also each couple bring a dish to pass (appetizer or dessert) or Halloween treat, and make sure to BYOB! So join us at the Lazy J Ranch on Saturday, October 21st (625 South Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford). Cocktails start around 7:00 p.m. and the Dance calling will begin at 8:00 p.m. (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 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 Carol Passmore.

The Haul Out Party was very successful, Carol and I decided to have pulled pork on hamburger buns in lieu of hotdogs with a few sides, and several dishes were brought to pass around. Coffee, Beer, Wine and Pop was served as beverage. I don't know

how many were actually hauling out and cleaning up their boats, but the weather sure cooperated. It was a relaxing Sunday at the marina.

During the last meeting we established a committee for this year's Commodore's Ball. If you would like to help with the ball please let us know. Although things are basically status quo. Also, I would like to extend my thanks to Chuck & Lynn for once again allowing the club to hold the Commodore's meeting at their house on Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m.

See ya'all at the Square Dance now, ya hear!!

Vice Commie, Dave

From the Rear

Well Sh Boom is out of the water and high and dry. Haul out was Sunday and with the beautiful weather we had one last boat ride with Ron and Ruthie Sherman, Sue Grimm and Joe Clapper on board. 202 days till launch!

At the October meeting, I discussed an up-coming State election

proposal, which you can find by Googling Michigan proposal 06-1. I don't usually get on a soap box, but this seems to be something that is good for boating. The following is an explanation of the proposal:

When you pay to go into a state park or a state marina, you probably assume the money goes toward the upkeep of the park or marina, and that is generally correct. Similar rules are in place for money collected for fishing and hunting licenses, **docking fees at state marinas and part of the registration costs for boats**, off-road vehicles and snowmobiles. But the funds are not totally immune from budget raids, and that led the Legislature to place **Proposal 06-1** on the Nov. 7 ballot.

A **YES** vote will move several recreation and wildlife funds into the Constitution, giving them ironclad protection against future governors or Legislatures dipping into them for other purposes.

Recreation and other natural resources programs are one of the rare instances where a case can be made for tying

the hands of state officials at budget time. Much of Michigan's pride is woven tightly into the state's wealth of shoreline, forests and outdoor recreation. Ensuring perpetual and well-maintained access to these assets is an important legacy and ethos to pass from generation to generation.

There is also precedent for this action. Voters already have given constitutional protection to the Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund and the Recreation Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

The downside risk is that marinas and parks might become like Taj Mahals while the homeless sleep on steam grates. But the reality is that governors and lawmakers have gotten increasingly inventive in shoving more and more costs onto the restricted funds so they can free up money elsewhere. This year, the Department of Natural Resources is getting only 8.8% of its budget from the general fund. In other words, it already overwhelmingly depends on the restricted funds, plus federal grants.

The key message, even though it comes with a lot of constitutional clutter, is that Michigan remains determined to guard its natural assets and open their enjoyment up to everyone. **Vote YES on Proposal 06-1.**

Rear Commodore Joe

November Birthday's

Jon Jordon	14
Dale Binkley	17
Pat Binkley	18
Ron Sherman	25



November Anniversary's

Norm & JoAnn Crain	12
Chuck & Lynn Koleski	13
Ron & Lisa Austin	18
Jim & Linda Baran	22



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
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RVYC SCHEDULE FOR 2006

October:

14th – League bowling begins.

28th - League bowling

November:

**3rd – Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.
Election night for bridge officers and pizza party.**

11th – League bowling

25th – League bowling

December:

**1st – Regular monthly meeting and Xmas party at the Roth/Stoehr
residence in Northville, Mi.**

9th – League bowling

23rd – League bowling