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*From the Helm*

Surprise to the snow birds coming north for the warmer weather. We all had hoped we would have warm weather here in Michigan and that by the middle of April the marina would be bustling with everyone outside prepping their boats for the coming season...not here, it is still cold and most people cannot bring themselves to the marina just to freeze.

Our April meeting was well attended. Ruthie brought in the trainer defibrillator and gave us another lesson on how to use it. The plan is to get everyone familiar in case of an emergency. By uncontested and unanimous decision P/C Joe Clapper was appointed P/C Chuck Koleski's Director position.

P/C and Treasurer Ron Sherman posted the event signup sheet on RVYC's website; this sheet is located in the events section of the website and is for viewing only! If you have tried to alter it and failed, there is nothing wrong with your computer and the website hosting is working perfectly, it is just not possible to change it on line at this time. If you need to update this sheet you can do so at every meeting or contact our fleet captain Herb Alfaro.

Remember that our May meeting includes the nautical auction so bring something that you think may have value to the

members but not to you. All proceeds go to RVYC for the benefit of "Fun's Sake". Upcoming events include our Fitting Out Party and a Memorial weekend at the Cove for the month of May.

See you at the marina,  
Commodore Dave

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*From the Vice*

It's Spring!

It's also snowing as I write this, but... It's Spring!

Gentlemen start your polishers. I bought a product called Penetrol that I read about in the Boat US magazine and I know it will just be magic on our boat. Just splash it on and wipe it off...I wish.

The month of May looks like a busy one. It starts with DINNER AT SINBADS AT 6PM on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> followed by the May meeting at Kean's at 8PM. The meeting will feature our famous AUCTION of NAUTACLE STUFF. Bring your stuff to be auctioned off for the club.

The following day, May 5<sup>th</sup> is MAYFEST AT THE DAKOTA INN AT 7PM. The calendar in the RVYC is in error and MAY 5 is the correct date. I double-checked with Fleet Captain Herb. Bring your beer drinking boots and join in. You must have reservations for this night.

The following week May 12<sup>th</sup> is the FITTING OUT PARTY at 4PM. I will be the chef and anyone may bring a little something to pass.

MAY 26<sup>th</sup> IS MEMORIAL WEEKEND AT COVE MARINA. Bon fires, Bocci Ball, golf and a taste or two. Just a reminder, bring warm clothes and gloves just in case. Global warming is a long term trend, but in the past I wish I had brought warm clothes and gloves.

One final thought. If our boats ran on Starbucks coffee, it would cost us about \$26 a gallon. So I guess the up-coming \$3 plus per gallon is not so bad.

VC Joe Bacile

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#### Mama Juda

This continues our investigation of how some of the more prominent features along the Detroit River came to be named. This month we are featuring Mama Juda. It was about 1732 that the remnant tribe of Huron's calling themselves Wyandots followed Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac and the French to Detroit, Michigan and decided to settle along the banks of the Detroit River. Along the Detroit River was a stretch of high bank free from marshy front. To the Indian refugees this spot offered easy access to the drinking water in the river, good fishing and hunting and an ideal spot where they could easily cross to Canada to contact their friends and relatives in Crystal Bay. Travel to the favorite rendezvous location required going around or over two islands heretofore know as Grassy and Mamajuda. Mamajuda Island contained twenty-nine acres, and is named

from an old squaw, who, prior to 1807, used to camp there year after year, during the boating season and was the first one to sell refreshments to those heading for Put-In-Bay. In 1849, shortly before Scott's Guards successfully defended Kean's Marina (serving boaters since 1931) from the confederate rebels, the Mama Juda Lighthouse was constructed. It was 51 feet in height. After the Mamajuda light was removed in 1921, high waters in 1952, during the 1960s, and finally in 1972-73 literally washed the island away. Only the bedrock, now known as Mamajuda Shoal and the foundation of the lighthouse remain. Today there is a small cylindrical tower with an automatic light, listing at an angle from being rammed by numerous ice flows, which serves as an aid to navigation. It can be a treacherous area; it looks like a wide expanse of open water but with several sets of green and red cans that can be confusing. So look for the marker resembling the leaning tower of Pisa as the red marker and locate its green mate about 50 yards to the west then stay in the middle.

#### Venetian Party

As you might recall, this year's Venetian Party, June 9, 2007, theme is based on the musical classic by Neil Sedaka: Calendar Girl. Parade enthusiasts responded Friday night by snatching up CD copies of the theme's song. Here is the current list of the decorating calendar: March – P/C Brown, April – VC / Sec. Bacile, June – C Passmore, August – P/C Alfaro, September – P/C Clapper, November – Jordan, December – P/C – Treas. Sherman. As you see, we still have some months available so

you can select a month at the auction meeting May 4, 2007. We are anticipating about 50 people at the Venetian fish boil dinner with a charge of \$15 per person. We will provide the dinner, soda, set-ups, beer, wine and a special drink to be served in the Hunt Taylor Memorial Jug. Bring a check at any of the upcoming club functions: May 4 membership meeting, May 12 fitting out, Cove Rendezvous or send a check to Treasurer Ron Sherman. We would like to know by May 29 all who are coming so we can obtain sufficient food and beverages. Bring a dessert to pass.

Let's Play  
RC Ed Pritchard

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#### May Birthday's

Don Giroux	5/3
Ron Austin	5/11
Brenda Roth	5/13
Jill Martyka	5/17
Bob Caza	5/23
Lisa Austin	5/26
Patti Jordan	5/27

#### May Anniversary's

Bob & Susan Ciezlak	5/5
Wayne & Choux Wingert	5/13
Pat & Judy Thul	5/18
Herb & Joyce Alfaro	5/19
Ken & Diana Wilkerson	5/20
Hunt & Barbara Taylor	5/22
Ron & Ellen Bickel	5/24

# 2007 RVYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## APRIL

28<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING – FINAL NITE (FUN NITE)

## MAY

4<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @8PM WITH USED ITEMS AUCTION FOLLOWING DINNER @ SINBAD'S BEFORE MEETING.

TRY TO BE AT SINBAD'S BY 6:15PM.

5<sup>TH</sup> – MAI-FEST CELEBRATION/SINGALONG AT THE DAKOTA INN @ 7PM  
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

12<sup>TH</sup> – FITTING-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM

26<sup>TH</sup> - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE COVE MARINA, TILBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA.  
RESERVATIONS FOR TEN (10) BOATS.\*\*  
PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.

## JUNE

1<sup>ST</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

9<sup>TH</sup> - VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S W/BLESSING OF FLEET.\*\*

10<sup>TH</sup> – COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK @ 9AM.\*\*

16<sup>TH</sup> - FATHERS DAY WEEKEND @METRO BEACH.  
(BRING FISH-FLY REPELLENT)\*\*

27<sup>TH</sup> - FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT.

## JULY

6<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEANS AT 8PM.

DINNER AT SINBAD'S@6PM. (AVOID DELAY BY EATING IN SMALL GROUPS).

7<sup>TH</sup> - RVYC GREEN & WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S STARTING @ 5PM @ END OF 100 DOCK.

13<sup>TH</sup> - THUNDERFEST / BOAT RACE WEEKEND

21<sup>ST</sup> - LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS – DETAILS TBD \*\*

## AUGUST

3<sup>RD</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

10<sup>TH</sup> - LAKE HURON RENDEVOUS BEGINNING AT MACRAE'S HARBOR IN ANCHOR BAY  
FOR TWO (2) NITES. \*\*

12<sup>TH</sup> - IDLE HOUR YACHT CLUB OR PORT HURON

13<sup>TH</sup> - PORT HURON – CITY OWNED DOCKS

14/15<sup>TH</sup> – LEXINGTON, MI.

16<sup>TH</sup> - BAYFIELD, ONTARIO (BRING PASSPORTS) HARBOUR LIGHTS MARINA  
(BYOB PLANK).

17/18<sup>TH</sup> - GRAND BEND MUNICIPAL MARINA OUTER BASIN IN GRAND BENDS, ONTARIO.  
BURIAL RITUAL CONDUCTED HERE. DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!

19<sup>TH</sup> - LIFT LINES – HEAD FOR HOME PORT.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> - LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT ALGONAC HARBOR.
- 3<sup>RD</sup> - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT.
- 7<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 22<sup>ND</sup> - BELLE RIVER MARINA, ONTARIO, CANADA \*\*  
ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER – THIS IS A TREAT!!
- 23<sup>RD</sup> - LIFT LINES – HEAD FOR HOME PORT. FINAL CLUB BOATING EVENT FOR THE YEAR.

## OCTOBER

- 5<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.  
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS & BAKE SALE.
- 6<sup>TH</sup> - HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM  
BRING DISH –TO-PASS.CLUB BUYS BEER/POP.
- 13<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING BEGINS NEW SEASON.
- 20<sup>TH</sup> - SQUARE DANCE @ LAZY J RANCH – MILFORD  
BYOB AND DISH-TO-PASS.STARTS @ 7PM.
- 27<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING W/HALLOWEEN PARTY (TBD)

## NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>ND</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.  
ELECTION OF BRIDGE OFFICERS. PIZZA PARTY TO FOLLOW.
- 10<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING
- 17<sup>TH</sup> – NORTHVILLE DOWNS @ 4PM – DINNER AT THE TRACK.
- 24<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

## DECEMBER

- 7<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING & XMAS PARTY  
WITH GIFT EXCHANGE.LOCATION TBD.
- 8<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING
- 22<sup>ND</sup> - BOWLING

\*\* = DETAILS FOR CLUB EVENTS OCCURRING DURING  
RENDEVOUS TRIPS WILL BE IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EVENT. I.E.,  
MEALS, COCKTAIL HOUR, SPORT ACTIVITIES, GAMES OF CHANCE, ETC.

THIS ITENERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
HERB ALFARO – FLEET CAPTAIN