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From the Helm

Hello Everyone! Well it seems like it took awhile but we seem to have been blessed with great summer weather!

In case you missed it (which most did) the June meeting was very interesting. One suggestion that came up was that in keeping with club tradition, the Bridge should be more consistent with their uniforms. So the Bridge members agreed to wear their uniform shirt with white pants/shorts in the summer months and black pants during the winter months. Also in keeping with club tradition, we would like to see more club member faces at the meetings as well! We hope you'll plan on just one Friday night a month this summer where we can all catch up and enjoy ourselves together, and talk about our favorite summertime activity! We'd really like to see you there! Another thing discussed at the meeting was the fact that the club has always purchased too much adult beverages during parties and the problem is that we store it until it goes bad. Our final solution was that we will try to purchase less and if any happens to be left we will sell off the remainder at the end of each event.

Our Venetian was a huge success and with nearly perfect weather. Ed Pritchard did a great job and all the food was home cooked. Thank you Ed, Jean, all the volunteers! And a special thanks to Joann Giffer for helping me with the boat and minister during the Parade. The next morning was a very well attended Commodore's Bloody Mary Party. I was amazed at the attendance for that event! We had Bloody Mary's a little Irish Cream, quiche, fresh fruit and a lot of good old fashion camaraderie. And again, all with perfect weather.

DTE Energy is sponsoring the 1st annual parade of lights on the Detroit River Saturday, June 23rd at 10:00 p.m. They are going to have some very big prizes and WDIV Channel 4 will be televising it. P/C Ray Brown has entered his boat to represent RVYC so please contact Ray to participate or help with his decorations! For more information visit www.detroitriverdays.com or contact by phone; Margaret Gmeiner @313-824-1200 X232.

Remember to mark your calendar for our monthly meeting Friday, July 6th and our Green & White Party at Kean's 100 dock the very next day! See you then!

Commodore Dave Passmore

From the Vice.

The May Cove Marina shake down cruise was a mighty flotilla of 4 boats and was a huge success.

The seas were rough, but we were rougher. First in was the mighty battleship Juices Paradise, followed by the aircraft carrier JB & Water, the destroyer Sh-Boom and rear echelon heavy cruiser Float & Stroke. (I've been watching Victory at Sea. Can you tell?)

It rained off and on the first day and we ate like drunken sailors on leave. The first evening we had first hors d'oeuvres, second hors d'oeuvres and dinner aboard Juice's Paradise. And then a late night snack. Later on, we played cards and the whiskey flowed. I think we broke a record: close to ¾ of a jumbo bottle of Classic. The second day was mostly sunny and started with a great community breakfast. We played Bocce Ball and Jarts during the day. We cooked out for dinner. Captain John Roth and his friend Scott won the prize for most red meat eaten at one meal. When we got tired of eating, we worked on our boats. The Admirals Carol, Jean, and Juice took a long walk into Tilbury and got anchors tattooed on their butts. The evening greeted us with the best bonfire we could ever hope for. Admiral Jean scoured the marina for all of the lumber she could find. This wood and the wood we bought made the fire last most of the night. The makings for s'mores were brought by Captain John tasted great.

Monday morning we weighed anchor and sailed for our homeports. The day was sunny and bright. The lake was calm, but we were calmer.

At Kean's our RVYC friends greeted us. We enjoyed snacks, beer and wine. Later that evening Captain Ron Sherman and Admiral Ruthie prepared a super dinner for all to enjoy. A perfect ending for our first cruise of the season.

Now don't forget the meeting on July 6th at 8:00 p.m. and the Green & White Party on July 7th. It will be located on the 100 dock again this year. Hope to see you all there.

VC Joe Bacile

From the Rear

Fleet Blessed! Now you are safe to go.

What a day! The 2007 Venetian was celebrated under cloudless skies, minimal wind and just some minor concerns like Fleet Captain Alfaro nearly ramming the Commodore's boat during the opening prayer and JJ's docking issues – but more on that later. We had eleven boats in the parade that were blessed by Rev. Mary Jean Bird and one via cell phone – we have submitted a request to verify that the cell phone blessing constitutes an actual blessing. Everyone was delighted to see some first timer's in the parade: Don & Barb Leone had left their home port on Thursday and managed to let the current in Lake St. Clair bring Ciao Mondo to Kean's in time for the blessing, Hunt & Barbie Taylor

were able to get Martouki started and captured third prize in the decorating contest! Speaking of the boat decorating contest, Taylor's captured third place with their moving rendition of July's "like a fire cracker all a glow", second place was awarded to V/C Joe & Sec. Carol Bacile for their interpretation of April's "you're the Easter bunny when you smile" (although the judges based their decision mainly on the Easter bunny outfit worn by Sec. Bacile – more later), and first place went to perennial favorites P/C Ray & Barb Brown when they turned Fantasy into The Little Wedding Chapel to depict March's "gonna march you down the isle". Honorable mention, but no money, went to P/C Clapper's September "light the candles on your sweet sixteen" and R/C Ed and P/C Jean Pritchard's effort for February's "February you're my little valentine." P/C and Fleet Captain Herb & Juice Alfaro created a great beach layout for August's "when your on the beach you steal the show" unfortunately Herb missed the memo that decorations were to be completed before the parade and by the time juice's paradise was decorated the judges had cast their ballots and were engaged in mixing and testing the ice tea. Song lyrics have certainly changed in the past forty years!

Thanks to all that pitched in to help, leading the way was master cook P/C Brown who instructed in food procurement, provided the cooking vessels and teamed up with V/C Bacile to insure water was boiled and cooking synchronized to have everything ready to go at 6:30pm. A great

group did the set-up: Choux, Terry, Carol, Ray, Barb (plus Barb's son and grandson), Joe, Joe, Carol, Lynn, Jon, Dave, Herb and Juice. Everyone pitched to help clean-up; we seem to be pretty good at that. Special thanks to Pat Thul, even though he and Judy couldn't make the party, for providing the sound system and P/C & Treasurer Ron Sherman for providing the XM link, although we didn't hear Calendar Girl! Jim & Carolyn Roth, again, provided beverages including the ingredients for RVYC's modern era attempt at Long Island Ice Tea. Consensus was that the tea tasted better as the evening wore on and you can draw your own conclusions as to the basis for that evaluation. P/C Jim Baran was the MC for the games. Winners are too numerous to mention but it looked like a lot of experience on the floor based on how quickly some completed the events.

On another note, this is the last month of #1 Poker run. As you recall, this is a straight five card game, although a wild card might be announced towards the end, so keep your cards. The following members have their five cards: V/C Bacile, Sec. Bacile, P/C Brown, P/C Clapper, P/C Koleski, Comm. Passmore, P/C Sherman, Ruthie Sherman, John Roth, Hunt Taylor. This game ends 6-30-07.

July Birthday's

Carolyn Roth – 9
Diana Wilkerson – 12
Linda Baran – 14
Carol Bacile – 17
Jo Anne Crain – 17
Mary Hall – 24
Don Leone – 30

July Anniversary's

Ken & Denise Armstrong – 10
Ray & Barb Brown – 10

From the Sunshine Person

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mary & Dave Hall on the passing of Mary's mother, Delores Dossin Lambert. As boaters, it was very interesting for those of us who did not know to learn that Mrs. Lambert's father, along with his brothers owned Dossin Food Products, the largest independent Pepsi-Cola bottling company in the U.S. and the Dossin brothers donated Dossin's Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle where their boat, Miss Pepsi, is on display. What a remarkable legacy to leave to Mary and her family.

Carolyn Roth

2007 RVYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE

27TH - FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT.

JULY

6TH - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEANS AT 8PM.

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

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

13TH - THUNDERFEST / BOAT RACE WEEKEND

21ST - LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS - DETAILS TBD **

AUGUST

3RD - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

11TH - LAKE HURON RENDEVOUS BEGINNING AT MACRAE'S HARBOR IN ANCHOR BAY

12TH - PORT HURON - RIVER STREET MARINA

13TH - LEXINGTON, MI

14/15TH - BAYFIELD, ONTARIO (BRING PASSPORTS) HARBOUR LIGHTS MARINA
(BYOB PLANK)

16/17th - GRAND BEND MARINA. BURIAL RITUAL CONDUCTED HERE. DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!

18TH - ST. CLAIR, MI

19TH - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT.

SEPTEMBER

1ST & 2ND - LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT ALGONAC HARBOR.

3RD - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT.

7TH - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.

22ND - BELLE RIVER MARINA, ONTARIO, CANADA **

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER - THIS IS A TREAT!!

23RD - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT. FINAL CLUB BOATING EVENT FOR THE YEAR.

OCTOBER

5TH - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS & BAKE SALE.

6TH - HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM

BRING DISH - TO-PASS. CLUB BUYS BEER/POP.

13TH - BOWLING BEGINS NEW SEASON.

20TH - SQUARE DANCE @ LAZY J RANCH - MILFORD

BYOB AND DISH-TO-PASS. STARTS @ 7PM.

27TH - BOWLING W/HALLOWEEN PARTY (TBD)

NOVEMBER

2ND - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

ELECTION OF BRIDGE OFFICERS. PIZZA PARTY TO FOLLOW.

10TH - BOWLING

17TH - NORTHVILLE DOWNS @ 4PM - DINNER AT THE TRACK.

24TH - BOWLING

DECEMBER

7TH - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING & XMAS PARTY
WITH GIFT EXCHANGE. LOCATION TBD.

8TH - BOWLING

22ND - BOWLING