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From the Helm!

Hello everyone, it is great to be back in the boating season! Or what is certainly starting to feel like a full fledged boating season. It's good to see everyone at the marina, (outside!) prepping their boats for launch day. Soon the competition between home chores and fitting out the boat will be over (and as always the boat will win!) then it will be on to a fun and relaxing summer.

My apologies to the Bridge and club members for not attending the May meeting. Rumor has it that Joe Bacile did an excellent job at running the meeting and despite not having a big turnout the auction brought in well over \$200.00. Thanks to the Roth's who brought a "mystery" gift that lured people into bidding big dollars. Thank you to everyone who donated items and especially to those that dug deep into their pocketbooks.

Hopefully, with no major problems, most of us will be in the water by the end of the month. This leads us to the first rendezvous. I'm looking forward to the trip to the Cove on Memorial Day weekend. Hope to see many of you there.

The next meeting is June 1, and for those I don't see before that down at the docks, I hope to see you at the marina for the first "summer" meeting.

Commodore Dave Passmore

Right around the corner.

It's May, Mother's Day and our boat launches are right around the corner. With the cleaning, polishing and fitting out of our boats, the fitting out party is right around the corner also. May 12 at 4PM. I hope you get the Newsletter in time and can make it. We are having Prime Rib and Lobster and the cost is free!

The Commodore's Ball is also right around the corner, some time in January 2008, so I am asking for volunteers for planning, setting up and clean-up. At this time it's mostly planning, so if you don't like setting up and cleaning up you can still join the committee and then bug out later. Anyone who may be interested can let me know at one of the meetings or by E-mail.

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Carol and myself have a little trip to San Francisco planned for May 19th. Our boat launch is scheduled right after we return and both of these things are right around the corner. We are both looking forward to our new slip at Kean's and our first trip of the season to the Cove. Just navigate to the Thames River go up about 200 yards, turn right and the Cove is up a ways right around the corner.
Hope to see you there.

P.S. People who retire always say that they don't know how they had time to work. It's true.

Vice Commodore
Joe Bacile

From the Rear!

Celebrate RVYC Venetian 2007
(Attention – we need your commitment and money by the meeting 6-1-07)

You have your boat fitted-out (and have attended the requisite fitting-out party hosted by Vice Commodore Bacile), have gone on the shake-down cruise to The Cove and now it is time to officially welcome the boating season with the “homecoming” Venetian dinner and party. Primarily, this is the time that the club celebrates its heritage of maritime tradition and custom, known as “blessing of the fleet”. In addition, club members can also join in the traditional fun and festivities of decorating boats, parading on the river, consuming lots of scrumptious food, capping off the affair with a bloody mary party on the

following morning....but not forgetting to mention the commensuration and tasting that goes on the entire time with fellow members. However, the underlying reason for the Venetian celebration early in the season has been the “comradery” of being together—sharing stories and jokes, reliving memories, and catching up on what's happening; with members as well as the passing of customs and traditions.

The RVYC “family” has taken some direct hits this past six months, let's use the Venetian to re-affirm and celebrate FOR FUN'S SAKE.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR VENETIAN:

Boat dockage for non-Kean's members: For those of you driving boats from other marinas, as last year, we would like everyone to stern-in around the cluster of RVYC boats on the 100 dock. Contact Kean's at 313-822-4500 for slip assignments.

Saturday, June 9th

? A.M. -2:30 P.M. – decorating boats. Start now, collecting your art supplies, party decorations and/or Christmas lights. Here's your chance to use those creative juices and talents to come up with ideas that will depict your Calendar Girl month.

2:45 p.m. – “Blowers On” (a nautical phrase often heard). All boats participating in the parade and “boat-blessing” event should start congregating on the river in front of Kean's entrance, starting with the FC's boat.

3:00 P.M. – Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet parade order: Fleet Captain, Commodore, V/C, R/C, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors, Past Commodores and all other club members. We will follow the short parade route following a course that is east of the marina (past DYC, Bay View & Harbor Hill), and a blessing for your boat (compliments of Rev. Mary Jean Bird, Assoc. Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth). When decorating keep in mind that traditionally the day of the Venetian parade includes gale force type winds, so make sure decorations are somewhat secure or you can pick them up when they wash ashore at Kwame's house. Note: Although it's optional to be decorated for the parade, it's a club tradition all members have their boats blessed. Note: the parade and blessing will be on **VHF channel 73.**

5:00PM – Judging of Boat Decorations. Announcement of winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be made after dinner with prizes being presented then.

5:30 P.M. – Set-up for Dinner. Meet at Storage Bldg. “E” to get things set up for dinner and the evening entertainment. Bring any boat decorations that can be salvaged.

6:30 P.M. – Dinner. This year we are presenting a fish boil supervised by P/C Brown. As even you non-fish lovers recall, it doesn't even taste like salmon! Will also have potatoes, coleslaw and rolls, corn-on-the-cob, and dessert (bring one to pass). Beer, wine and soda is included, but BYOB for anything else. Cost for dinner & entertainment is \$15/person by check made out to RVYC and presented to Treasurer P/C Sherman ASAP.

7:30 – 10:00 P.M. – Decorating awards presented, adult games, dancing under the stars, partaking of the special mystery libation in the Hunt Taylor Memorial Jug.

Sunday, June 10th

9:00 A.M. – Commodore's Bloody Mary Party. Participate in the morning-after ritual of breakfast drinks and sweets on the dock in front of the commodore's boat.

Rear Commodore
Ed Pritchard

Sunshine Person Report

Our sympathy is extended to Joyce Alfaro on the passing of her father, Mr. Lucien Pomeroy, who passed away last month. Her dad's burial was in Maine where he lived.

Sunshine Person Carolyn Roth

June Birthday's

Ruthie Sherman – 5
Dan Martyka – 7
Ken Wilkerson – 23

June Birthday's

John & Brenda Roth - 5
Jon & Patti Jordan – 9
Dale & Pat Binkley – 22
Mike & Therese Schrage – 28

From the Fleet Captain:

The annual RVYC bowling league has completed yet another fun filled season. All the bowlers were polled regarding another season and all agreed to continue with the bowling venue at Hartfield Lanes located in Berkley, I. The new 2007-08 season will begin on October 13th, 2007 and will end on April 26th, 2008. We remain interested in growing the league with club members and their friends, so if you have any interest in a Saturday nite out with club members and their friends be sure to let me know of your desire to do so. I'm always available to chat with you regarding club activities.

Memorial Day Rendezvous – Cove Marina
May 26 & 27, 2007

Facts for the Fleet:

Where – Cove Marina at the entrance to the Thames River. The co-ordinates are Lat 42.18.00; Long 82.27.66.

Upon entering the river turn right at Radlin's Marina and follow the channel to he Cove Marina. We will tie up in our usual place along the road.

When – May 26 and 27, 2007.

Participants – Passmore's, Bacile's, Prithchard's,
Joe Clapper, Brown's (?), Jordan's, John Roth, and the Alfaro's.

Marina information – Marina monitors channel 68. The telephone number is 519-682-3841. The phone for customs is 888-226-7277.

The club will monitor channel 73 during the trip.

Itinerary:

Saturday May 26, 2007

- For those leaving from Kean's and who wish to travel together plan on a 9:15am depature. That should get you there about 11:00am.
- For those not traveling with this group, plan on arriving about 12 noon.
- 2:00pm bocce ball tournament or jarts
- 4:00pm cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- Dinner on your own
- Campfire and general bee-essen.
- We will purchase firewood from the marina.

Sunday May 27, 2007

- Breakfast on your own
- Golf can be arranged for those wishing to play.
- 1:30pm bocce ball or jarts
- 4:00pm cocktail hour
- 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner – Grill your own meat/fish, etc., bring a dish to pass.
- Campfire and more story tell'n.

Monday May 28, 2007

- 12:00pm head put for home port.

2007 RVYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY

- 12TH – FITTING-OUT PARTY AT KEAN’S @ 4PM
- 26TH - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE COVE MARINA, TILBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA.
RESERVATIONS FOR TEN (10) BOATS.**
PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.

JUNE

- 1ST - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN’S @ 8PM.
- 9TH - VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN’S W/BLESSING OF FLEET.**
- 10TH - COMMODORE’S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK @ 9AM.**
- 16TH - FATHERS DAY WEEKEND @METRO BEACH.
(BRING FISH-FLY REPELLENT)**
- 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

** = 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