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Members are probably wondering if part of being Commodore is to see how many meetings she can miss...at least lately, it's becoming a trend. Like Joe, I don't remember missing a meeting until now that I am at the "top." Hopefully members will view the absence as being good managers--it is important to give those lower ranking officials some "on-the-job" training for their next roles. That's exactly what I am doing this year, too. It's assuring to know that there are competent people working with you and know an absence will hardly be missed. "Thank You" V/C Lynn Koleski for doing a fine job with the April Meeting and P/C Lee Vauris for the wonderful job as auctioneer. Also, thanks to all the members who attended and were generous with their bids and the quality of "used" items that were re-purchased. From the sound of it the outcome not only greatly contributed to the Club's coffers, but also to our motto, "For Fun's Sake."

Lynn is going to get extra practice because of the date change for the May meeting. Friday, May 10th was the only date available with the Belle Isle Coast Guard Station. Since we did not want to postpone the planned program on using flares and fire extinguishers until fall, the meeting date was pushed back a week.

(Unfortunately, that is the same date as my Team's 6th Grade Trip to Chicago, which was planned a year ago.) It was decided at the April meeting not to car pool to Belle Isle, but to return to Kean's

afterwards for the business portion and to socialize because of the no alcohol restriction at the station. Mark your calendar to read:

RVYC Membership Meeting Friday, May 10th

Program starts @ 7:30 p.m.

**Location: Belle Isle Coast
Guard Station**

**Bring used flares and fire
extinguishers**

**Business Meeting to follow
afterwards @ Kean's**

Remember that you can still bring pop and snacks to Belle Isle—just no alcohol. The Coast Guard station is easy to find. Once on Belle Isle, you must turn right (the road becomes one-way) and just follow the road around to the other side of the island where you will see signs directing you to the station.

Are you as confused as I am about the I-68 permits and CANPASS rules? The latest edition of "Lakeland Boating" (pg. 70, May 2002) reports, "one of the biggest changes has been with the INS I-68 permit, which was valid for trips lasting less than 72 hours." The entire I-68 program is under review, but "no new I-68 permits have been issued. Washington is expected to make a decision by the start of the boating season."

Then in the April 20th of the Detroit Free Press/Detroit News, there is an article on page 3A entitled **Boaters aided by border form**. The article states: "Whether returning from Windsor after having a burger and a beer or a weekend trip elsewhere in Canada, the best way pleasure boaters can prevent prolonged questioning and a possible vessel search is to have a completed Form I-68 with them. Individuals may risk going out without it, but if they are stopped they're going to be asked if they have it. No other form will alleviate one from going through the inspection process. To get an I-68 form, people 14 years and older must apply in person at one of the six ports of entry in MI (Ambassador Bridge or Windsor Detroit Tunnel). Bring proof of ID (passport or birth certificate & photo ID) **and** three 1 X 1 face photographs. Fingerprints are taken. The cost is \$16 for an individual and \$32 for a family." The article goes on to say "this preapproval allows pleasure boaters to enter the US from Canada without the need to report to customs. The Canadian authorities also urge US boaters to register in their free CANPASS program. Once enrolled, boaters can call a toll free number up to four hours before arriving in the country or call from the dock once they arrived. The call is made to obtain permission to enter Canada." Yet under **Mail Call** in "Lakeland Boating" you are led to believe that the call must be made just prior to dropping anchor/tying up (at least in Crystal Bay) and the call must be made from a land based phone. I'll try to clarify a few of these discrepancies by the May meeting.

Commodore Jean Pritchard

VICE CUBES!

If you missed the April meeting, you sure missed some fun. The auction was terrific. Auctioneer Lee Vauris was extremely effective. We pulled in lots of \$\$\$\$. Our big winner (or should I say big spender?) was Ron Sherman. Between son Mike and fiancé Ruthie, they got some great deals for him. As far as I could see, everyone went home with something they wanted. The item everyone wanted most was a hand painted lighthouse that P/C Joe Clapper brought.

Our members have been busy! Treasurer **Pat Thul** was giving demonstrations on how to use RVYC's web site. If you have internet access, you'll enjoy it. Also, you'll have up-to-the-minute information on our Club's activities and plans. P/C **Diana Wilkerson** has found someone to embroider shirts, so be sure to contact her if you would like some new club clothing.

Reminder: **Fitting Out Party** is Saturday, May 18, at 4 pm. Burgers, brats, dogs and suds provided by RVYC. Please bring a dish to pass. See you soon!

Vice Commodore Lynn Koleski

MID-YEAR FROM THE REAR!

Most of us have been busy with routine chores, and some with major chores. One thing for sure, we all have the same goal -- **launch the boat!** Since the weatherman was cooperating last week, many of our projects may be done on time. I did find out is that nothing has changed when going to Canada.

You just have to report in to customs with a list of people on board and be accurate with the amount of "personal libations" on board.

Did not save much time to write an article, so I'm borrowing from ANON, who had the following to say on:

The A B Cs of Nautical Terms

A. Anchor --

Any of a number of heavy, hook-shaped devices dropped over the side of the boat on the end of a length of rope or chain and which is designed to hold a vessel securely in place until (a) the wind exceeds 2 MPH (b) the owner and crew depart (c) 3 A.M.

B. Buoy Navigational Aid --

There are several types and colors of buoys of which the most numerous are:

The black can (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon.)

The red nun (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon.)

The red or green day beacon (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon.)

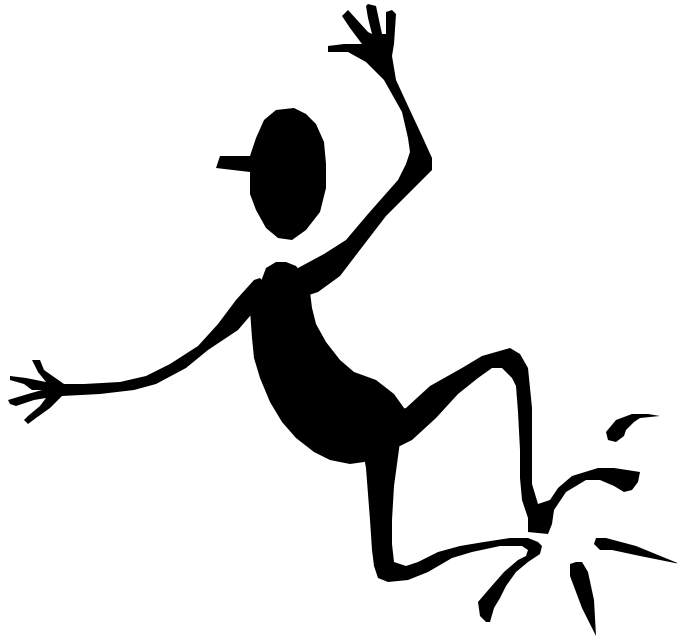
The vertically striped black and white channel marker (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon.)

C. Caulk --

Any one of a number of substances introduced into the spaces between planks in the hull and decking of a boat that give a smooth finished appearance while still permitting passage of a significant amount of sea water.

Think launch - Think **Venetian Weekend, June 8th**.

Rear Commodore Ray Brown



MAY DAY, MAY DAY, DON'T FORGET THESE MAY DAYS!!

**FRIDAY, MAY 10TH : FLARE DEMONSTRATION,
7:30 PM @ BELLE ISLE COAST GUARD STATION.
RVYC BUSINESS MEETING TO FOLLOW @ KEAN'S**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18TH : FITTING-OUT-PARTY,
4 PM @ KEAN'S**

**SATURDAY - MONDAY, MAY 25TH - 27TH :
WALLACEBURG WEEKEND**

Where: Wallaceburg is a leisurely 2-hour trip from the St. Clair River down the Chenal Ecarte. Walpole Island Bridge is a swing bridge about 45 minutes from St. Clair River and opens on the hour daily from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. Time your journey to arrive 10 minutes to the hour. Enter the Sydenham River at the forks, continuing to Wallaceburg Municipal Docks. Baseline Road Bridge, Lord Selkirk Bridge and Walking Bridge are open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Please note: these bridges are closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm as a result of heavy traffic conditions.

(**Note** – When leaving Wallaceburg at 5 knots, allow 1.5 hours to reach the Walpole Island swing bridge. If you want to hit the bridge at 2 pm, leave Wallaceburg at 12:30.)

(**Note #2** – it might be a good idea to bring your Passport on trips to Canada this year, just to be safe)

When: May 25 – 27, 2002

Participants: [As of April 15] Bacile, Martyka, Wilkerson, Pritchard, Baran, Koleski, Vauris, Brown, Dawes, Crain

Marina Telephone number: (all Canadian marinas monitor channel 68.)

Our Wallaceburg Marina hostesses: Janet (519) 352-7354 ext. 251 or Melissa (519) 352-7354 ext. 222.

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Movement:

Saturday May 25:

- Based on the bridge opening information, plan your trip to arrive at the Wallaceburg docks by 2:00pm.
- Horsd'oeuvres party on the shuffleboard courts at 4:00pm – bring some chairs and a dish to pass.
- Dinner is on your own.

Sunday May 26:

- Wallaceburg docks complimentary pancake breakfast (pumpkin?)
- Afternoon golf at the Baldoon Country Club or visit the Wallaceburg & District Museum
- Pot luck dinner on the shuffleboard court – bring a grill, something to grill and a dish to pass

Monday May 27:

- Visit one of the nearby restaurants for breakfast.
- Do some shopping, a short walk to the liquor store in the Wallaceburg Mall – stock up on that Classic!
- Movement back to home marina. Schedule departure based on bridge opening – it is a workday in Canada.

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard



April Birthdays

- 5 – Mable Feliks
- 7 – Terry Dawes
- 7 – Barb Leone
- 16 – Ron Bickel
- 18 – P/C Jim Baran
- 18 – Larry Thomas
- 20 – Comm. Jean Pritchard
- 25 – Robert Nixon
- 26 – Diane Deptula

April Anniversaries

- 7 – Joe & Carol Bacile
- 16 – Dan & Greta Jablonski

Other April Dates

- 1 – All Fool's Day
- 5 – **RVYC Meeting @ Kean's, 8 pm**
(auction to follow)
- 7 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- 15 – Federal Income Tax due
- 22 – Earth Day
- 24 – Secretaries Day

May Birthdays

- 5 – Lee Vauris
- 9 – Karen Bemiss
- 15 – John Seedott
- 17 – Jill Martyka
- 23 – Bob Caza
- 28 – Roger Bartlett

May Anniversaries

- 7 – John & Peggy Cornwell
- 18 – Pat & Judy Thul
- 20 – Ken & Diana Wilkerson

Other May Dates

- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 10 – **RVYC Flare Demo @ Belle Island Coast Guard Station, 7:30 pm**
(meeting afterwards @ Kean's)
- 12 – Mother's Day
- 18 – Fitting Out Party @ Kean's, 4 pm
- 18 – Armed Forces Day
- 20 – Victoria Day (Canada)
- 25/27 - Wallaceburg Rendezvous
- 27 – Memorial Day (Observed)



Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; get on with the job that needs doing.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember that the Ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic by professionals.