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**FROM THE HELM!**

Fabulous! Stupendous!! Awesome!!! are a few words that come to mind about the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup>, and I'm not talking about the OT win by the Red Wings in Game 3 against the Hurricanes. I'm referencing RVYC's Venetian Party hosted by our RC Ray Brown and his lady Barbara. For those of you who couldn't make it, Venetian 2002 was as memorable and **FUN** as the Red Wings had celebrating their Stanley Cup Victory. Mother Nature provided a warm and sunny weekend with little winds on Saturday. The Blessing of the Fleet was well attended -- 15 boats! Many were decorated in "riverboat" charm. The parade was well organized, even though some tried to challenge command, and everyone made an effort to be on the river by 1 pm -- if we could only get the same effort when starting meetings, right, Don? We were "blessed" more ways than one in that Rev. Jennifer Saad was in between church assignments and therefore available. She did an inspiring job.

Thanks to all of our Past Commodores for the Mint Julep cocktail party—it certainly got folks in a party mood, even though my mint julep tasted more like a vodka and orange juice. The night even got better with the meal worthy of a five star rating! Ray's choice of Burgoo, corn bread and pecan pie was topnotch. Bottles of wine on each table added just the right touch to the Southern cuisine, as did the red-checked tablecloths and patriotic decorations. Thanks

to Jim Roth for making the wine and prizes available (and affordable) for the club. The evening didn't want to end any more than the hockey game, with music and entertainment by Brian Bosman (who was more entertained—Armina or C.D.?) and then the "after glow" at Koleski's. Finally, Larionov and the Red Wings scored, putting another winning touch to a wonderful day and night.

Good news! The **FUN** never ends and your Commodore never stops wandering. Nine boats are venturing to Metro Beach this weekend. Sorry to miss it, but Ed's parents' 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary is taking precedence. Eleven boats are leaving over July 4<sup>th</sup> for Le(a)mington and Pelee Island. Since most of the officers will be on Pelee, Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, our next membership meeting date, the meeting will now be held at Scudder's Marina on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Consider joining us by taking the ferry across and I promise the meeting will start on time for those needing to catch the last ferry back to the mainland. More good news -- if you come by land you don't need an I-68 card! (You will need to reserve a place on the ferry.) Or stay the night and join your fellow "Rowdy Voyagers (of) Yearning Consumption" on Saturday at the winery. Oh! What a night, what a day, what a life, what **FUN!**

**Commodore  
Jean Pritchard**

### **VICE GIVINGS!**

A big **THANKS!** goes out to Ray and Barb Brown for a wonderful Venetian weekend. Everything ran like clockwork and the party was super – especially the dinner. Also, the Commodore's Bloody Party was a great success, along with everything else Jean does. The Club is blessed to have officers and members like them.

This month's rendezvous is to Metro Beach. I'm looking forward to the Miniature Golf Tournament – hopefully I can play it better than the big course that is on the schedule.

Next month's schedule includes the Lake Erie Trip. Fleet Captain Ed has lots of information regarding it included in this newsletter, so read on. Also, pay attention to the fact that the Club's July meeting has a different location...we will meet on Pelee Island, not at Kean's. Since we don't plan to visit the winery until the next day, we may be reasonably sober.

I hope everyone has safe and wonderful vacations this year, either with the Club, on your own, or a combination of the two. As boaters, we may have to be more vigilant this year and perhaps it's a good thing. See you soon!

**Vice Commodore  
Lynn Koleski**

### **COMING UP THE REAR!**

Sitting down with reflections on the past weekend. All the planning worked and Venetian weekend was a success. Those who participated had a great time.

The parade had 15 boats and 6 were decorated. Decorating Awards were given as follows:  
First prize- **Fantasy**;  
Second prize- **Float 'n Stroke**;  
Third prize - **Bell Ringer**;  
Honorable mention: (no particular order) **Sh Boom Sh Boom, Knotty Lady, and Lady Di**. Next six were parade participants: **Temporary, Paige of Summer, Emron II, Who 'Da Think It, Lucky Duck, Boweevil, Me and My Shadow, Nauticlue**, and of course, **Heart Smart**.  
Congratulations to all!

As you know, it takes a team effort to accomplish a goal, and our club is a pro when it comes to volunteering. Barbara, bad foot and all, was my biggest helper. Carole Bacile and P/C Diana Wilkerson cooked up homemade corn bread, and it was great. V/C Lynn and P/C Chuck Koleski picked up the beer, wine, pop, and ice. Jim Roth gave us some great prices on the wine and beer, and lots of prizes to give away.

Thanks to Lee Vauris and Heart Smart for accommodating the minister who blessed our fleet. Pat Thul was in his familiar spot making a big bang. The Past Commodores sponsored the cocktail party, and that got the party off to a roaring start.

I want to mention that our setup and clean up crew is the best: P/Cs Jim Baran, Joe Clapper, Chuck Koleski, plus Treasurer Pat Thul, Joe Bacile, Secretary Ruth Peterman and Ron Sherman, Armina and Bob Abernethy, Comm. Jean and F/C Ed Pritchard. I know I am missing someone, but not on purpose. Thanks to all of you.

**Rear Commodore Ray Brown**

### **BARAN'S BLABBERING!**

The most recent Club event has been well covered, so I won't bore you with any more commentary, other than to say that Jim and I decorated for the wrong river. We hoped to reach Fern Grotto on Kauai, or at the very least find Puff on the Hanalei River – never did see him in the bay. The rest of the parade participants were ready to gamble, with extra cards up their sleeves and what looked to be wheelers and dealers and card sharks as guests on their boats. River Rats, all of them!

Speaking of Bays (I just did), Ed has very little mention of Put-In-Bay in his itinerary for Lake Erie Cruise. I may sound whiny or like sour grapes, pun, pun, but there is a winery (Heinemann's) on P-I-B, plus Lontz's now **in** the Bay. We have fond memories of that place **before** the roof caved in a couple of years ago. Jim and I went to P-I-B ourselves. By chance, we met up with former members Richard & Kitty Ivey and George & Kathy Podrasky. We all took the ferry over to Lontz's Winery, ate cheese and crackers, drank the island wine and just had one of those "best days" of our lives.

Between now and then, check out the web site [www.Put-In-Bay.com](http://www.Put-In-Bay.com) and if interested in doing something at that end of the lake, give us your input. Also, Kelly's Island is a great place to visit – they too have golf carts for rent, and that's one of my favorite ways to get around the islands!

(Many RVYC members dislike Lake Erie – think the only way out of Kean's is to head to Lake St. Clair – wrong!)

**Editor Linda Baran**

## FOURTH OF JULY & LAKE ERIE ADVENTURE

***This is a multi-phase, multiple marina trip that begins on the south shore of Canada and concludes on the north shore of Ohio.***

***The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water***

### **July 3, 4: Leamington Marina (AKA Lemmington)**

#### Participants:

Abernethy, Baran, Bacile, Binkley, Brown, Cieslak, Niermann, Pritchard, Tusset, Vauris, and Wilkerson.

Marina Telephone number: (Canadian marinas monitor channel 68)

519-326-0834 Lat 42 01.4 Long 82 36.2

#### Movement:

Wednesday, July 3:

- 7 pm - welcome cocktail party hosted by Director Vauris.
- Dinner on your own; several restaurants within walking distance on the Leamington Dock.

Thursday, July 4:

- 10:30 am - tee time at Lake Erie Shores Golf & CC.
- Plan a trip to the local Lcbo store to stock up on your *favourite* Canadian libations.
- 4 pm - hors d'oeuvres on the dock.
- Dinner on your own.

### **July 5, 6: Scudder Marina on Pelee Island**

#### Participants:

Abernethy, Baran, Bacile, Binkley, Cieslak, Niermann, Pritchard, Tusset, Thul, Vauris, and Wilkerson.

Marina Telephone number: (Canadian Marinas monitor channel 68)

519-724-2377 Lat 41 48.9 Long 82 39.5 16 miles south of Leamington.

#### Movement:

Friday, July 5:

- 8:45 am - blowers on for the 16 mile run to Pelee Island – Scudder Marina.
- Take a swim in Lake Eire, explore the old lighthouse, tour the Island via Comfortech Bicycle Rentals (\$20 Canadian/day rental, delivered to the marina, 519-724-2828)
- 7 pm - dinner at the Anchor & Wheel Inn.

Saturday, July 6:

- 10 am - "Bloody Mary" brunch; bring your favourite BM blend and a brunch dish to pass
- 12:45 pm - be ready to catch the shuttle to – guess where?
- 7 pm - evening cookout. Bring something to grill and a dish to pass.
- Captains' meeting to review Cleveland run.

## Fourth of July & Lake Erie Adventure continued

### July 7, 8, 9: Cleveland, Ohio – Olde River Yacht Club

#### Participants:

Abernethy, Baran, Bacile, Niermann, Pritchard, Tusset, and Thul.

#### Marina Telephone number:

216-281-7080 Lat 41 30.7 Long 81 43.1 Full service with amenities: pool, restaurant, bar.

- \$2 per foot, but a discount with reservation (they will call a 34' boat 30').

#### Movement:

##### Sunday, July 7:

- 7:45 am - blowers on for the 60 mile run to Cleveland.
- Relax by the pool.
- Visit the establishments on The Flats.
- Dinner on your own.

##### Monday, July 8:

- Trip to the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame or relax by the pool.
- 5 pm – hors d'oeuvres on the dock.
- Visit the establishments on The Flats.
- Dinner on your own

##### Tuesday, July 9:

- 7:45 am - blowers on for the 20 mile run to Vermilion.

### July 9, 10, 11: Vermilion Municipal Docks/ Put-In-Bay/ Cedar Point

#### Marina Telephone number:

- Vermilion: 440-967-7087 Lat 41 25.7 Long 82 21.9 Slips will be posted with RVYC. Wider boats need to be "by the wall". We will need to raft off one boat (but with full power). \$1.50/ft.
- Put-In-Bay: Lat 41 39.2 Long 82 48.6 "Hang a right" after Kelley's Island.
- Cedar Point: 419-627-2334

#### Movement:

##### Tuesday, July 9:

- In the afternoon, take a walking tour of the Harbortown Historical District, visit the Inland Seas Maritime Museum, play some golf.
- 7 pm - dinner at McGarvey's Nautical Restaurant
- Captain's meeting to review balance of the trip

##### Wednesday, July 10:

- 7:45 am - blowers on for the approximately 35 mile run to Put-In-Bay.
- 12:30 pm - "Mike Pepe" lunch party. Bring some lunch fixings to the Commodore's boat and have a "Mike Pepe".
- Do your usual Island activities.
- Dinner on your own.

##### Thursday, July 11:

- 7:45 am - blowers on for those going to Cedar Point.
- Have a safe trip home!

### June Birthdays

5 – Ruth Peterman  
7 – Dan Martyka  
23 – Ken Wilkerson  
24 – Robert Theard  
26 – Pete Mischung

### June Anniversaries

4 – Dave & Marilyn Carson  
22 – Dale & Pat Binkley  
17 – Carol Bacile  
17 – JoAnne Crain  
24 – Mary Hall  
27 – Brian Walker  
30 – Greta Jablonski  
30 – Don Leone

### Other June Dates

21 – Summer begins  
21/22/23- Metro Beach

### July Birthdays

12 – Diana Wilkerson  
14 – Linda Baran  
17 – Carol Bacile  
17 – JoAnne Crain  
22 – Karen Maier  
24 – Mary Hall  
27 – Brian Walker  
30 – Greta Jablonski  
30 – Don Leone

### July Anniversaries

3 – Bill & Shirley Nesbitt  
3 – Alan & Shelley Sabo  
10 – Ray & Barbara Brown  
14 – Ken & Denise Armstrong  
24 – Robert & Carol Theard

### Other July Dates

3 – Lake Erie Adventure  
begins  
4 – Independence Day  
5 – RVYC Meeting  
(on Pelee Island)  
11(?) Erie Adventure Ends

