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FROM THE HELM!

Well, that was quite a weekend with the Blackout. Many boats that were planning to go to Sarnia had to back off due to lack of gas, unfortunately. We ended up going up by car on Saturday. Didn't want to miss Bob Findlay & the Caledonians! You will be glad to know that some of the ladies in our group entered the Haggis throwing contest, earning 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places. Good going! Next year we will try for first.

The Green & White party was a lot of fun and I must thank **Ray and Barb Brown** for their culinary efforts. The food was wonderful and plentiful. Special thanks also to **Jim Roth and Caroline** for setting up the bar and bringing the ice cream. Both were a huge success! 'Thank you' to **Ruth Peterman** for making the wonderful jello shots. We were able to earn extra funds for the anniversary party.

Chatham is our next outing and it looks like that City is going all out for us again this year. This is my favorite rendezvous of the year. If you cannot come up by boat, think about driving up for the day.

Don't forget bowling starts September 13. If you'd like to bowl or be a sub, please call **Herb Alfaro** - he will set you up. We have a ball!

Hope to see you at the regular meeting at Kean's at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5.

Commodore Lynn

FROM THE VICE!

I hope that everyone who attended the Green & White Party Fish Boil enjoyed it as much as I did. The members are to be commended for the effort. Setting up was easy with ample volunteers. Great sound system provided by **Pat Thul**. Clean up was just as easy, volunteers making all the difference. Many thanks to **Jim Roth & Carol Stoehr** who once again gave us the best of the best. With everyone doing something, we can't forget the games organized by **Jon & Patty Jordan**. Thanks to all who helped make this a fun evening.

We have just returned from the Lake Huron Trip and Sarnia Highland Games. The group that went to Bayfield and Grand Bend can attest to the ingenuity of our members. Despite torrential rains, we still had hors d'oeuvres and dinner alfresco. **Herb & Juice Alfaro** are the best-equipped boaters and deserve kudos for all the umbrellas and tents and towels, etc., that they provided when needed. Fleet Captain **Ed** arranged to have a bonfire at Bayfield and **Joe Clapper** brought enough firewood for three fires. **Sue** brought the makings for smores and **Carol Bacile** brought JiffyPop popcorn to be popped. Lots of good stories and laughter around the campfire. Because we never "ate out," the green & white tablecloths **Jean** provided got a workout. It is amazing what we do **FOR FUN'S SAKE!**

At Sarnia, one of the highlights of the Highland Games was hurling of the haggis by the women. River View lassies, a.k.a. the **Haggis Hurling Honeys**, did themselves proud. **Ruth Peterman** earned second place with her "fine toss." **Carol, Jean, Juice, Sue** and their cheering section supported her.

Summer is winding down. The talk of going back to school and Labor Day is bothering me more and more. Seems like I was just bragging about launching and floating and here we are – Labor Day is upon us. Best part of that holiday is the rendezvous at Chatham. Lots of fun things planned, so this could be the best one yet!

Vice Commodore Ray

FROM THE REAR!

Good golly, it's August already! Where did the summer go?

The Lake Huron trip, although slightly wet at the beginning turned out to be a great time. The sunsets in Grand Bend were absolutely incredible. What a great harbor that was. Even the blackout didn't dampen the fun had by all.

The closing of the week happened once again at Sarnia's Highland games with the beer tent taking center stage with the RVYC troop. I'm bummed though. We all donned our very stylish Jimmy Hats, and for the first time in my history with this group, we weren't selected to lead the audience in the Green Alligator Song – what's that all about???

Well, we are getting down to our last few rendezvous – Chatham is just around the corner with the Cove close behind.

For everyone that is not going to make it to Chatham, you are going to miss the party of the year. Where else can a bunch of adults dress up in Togas and get stupid? I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with. It should be interesting, to say the least!

Only with RVYC, it's for Fun Sake you know!

Gotta go for now so I'll see you at the docks!

Rear Commodore Ron

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Came across an interesting article in my local paper recently about food. RVYC activities focus lots of attention on food, e.g., the indoor party - "bring a dish to pass"; after bowling - "where are we going to eat?"; and at rendezvous - "bring hors d'oeuvres on the dock (or under the bridge in Chatham)."

According to a French cookbook, "hors d'oeuvre" means *the outside of the meal*. A common "outside of the meal" treat is canapés. Contrary to an explanation by Curly of the Three Stooges, canapés aren't "can of peas" but bite-sized morsels.

Most every country today has its own special food ceremony: the Swedish *smorgasbord*, the Russian *zakuska*, the *antipasto* of Italy, *appetizers* of America, the *tapas* of Spain and the *hors d'oeuvres* of France.

We may not be a country but we certainly have a special food ceremony at many of our activities. Perhaps it needs a new name?!

James Beard said "the hors d'oeuvre is a rite rather than a course and its duty is to enchant the eyes, please the palate, and excite the flow of gastric juices ... so that the meal to follow will seem doubly tempting and flavorful."

I don't know who he is, but according to that definition, RVYC redefined "or derves." The eyes *are* enchanted, the palates *are* pleased, the juices *are* flowing, but most of us are not tempted by a *flavorful meal to follow* – we're stuffed to the gills with all the noshing we just did on those bite-sized "can of peas"!

Editor Linda

STRIKE UP THE FUN!

The RVYC Bowling League starts up on **Saturday, September 13**, at the Royal Oak Lanes in Royal Oak (where else?) **and we need more people to come join us and have fun.** Mixed doubles bowl every other Saturday during the fall and winter months.

Call our Bowling League Secretary, **Herb Alfaro**, at (586) 775-1693 to let him know you're ready to roll!



FACTS FOR THE FLEET!

The "Fall Classic" – Labour Day in Chatham Ontario

Where:

Enter the Thames River at the Lighthouse Cove on Lake St. Clair. Coordinates: Lat 42.18.00 Long 82.27.66. The leisurely journey to Chatham is simply a matter of following the river for 2.5 hours.

Halfway is the Prairie Siding Bridge, which swings open on the hour. If you need the Parry Bridge open, contact Chatham docks on 68 for a lift. We are on the wall as we have been for the past 10 years.

When: August 30 to September 1, 2003

Participants: Abernathy, "busha is your friend" Alfaro, Bacile, Bickel, Binkley, Brown, Clapper, Dawes, Jordan, Koleski, Passmore, Pritchard, Roth, Vauris

Marina Telephone number: (they all monitor channel 68.)

➤ Culture and recreation services division: 519-360-1998

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Itinerary:

Saturday August 30

- ❖ Be on the river in front of Kean's at 8:00 am
- ❖ Visit the LCBO
- ❖ Decorate your boat with lights for the evening contest, Chatham sponsored
- ❖ 5:00 pm - traditional Hors d'oeuvres party under the bridge
- ❖ Dinner on your own
- ❖ 8:00 pm - Besta tournament

Sunday August 31

- ❖ 9:00 am – Bridge's pancake breakfast
- ❖ 11:30 am – golf at Indian Creek Golf & CC
- ❖ 12 noon – 5:00 pm, ABBA maina on the Civic Centre Patio, a free concert tribute to ABBA.
- ❖ 5:00 pm – TOGA – TOGA – TOGA will be the uniform for the third annual wine tasting party at Chatham. Bring your favorite Hors d'oeuvres and a bottle of wine. Judges will decide 1-2-3 places for the most provocative togas.
- ❖ If you can make dinner, it is on your own
- ❖ Light up the boats again

Monday September 1

- ❖ Depart for home marinas

Frostbite Rendezvous – Cove Marina

Where:

Enter the Thames River at the Lighthouse Cove on Lake St. Clair. Coordinates: Lat 42.18.00 Long 82.27.66. Hang a right at Radlin's Marina and follow the channel to the Cove.

When: September 20 - 21, 2003

Participants: Bacile, Bickel, Binkley, Clapper, Jordan, Koleski, Pritchard, Vauris, Thul

Marina Telephone number: (they all monitor channel 68.)

➤ 519-682-3841

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Itinerary:

(Note: some will be traveling to the Cove on Friday Sept. 19)

Saturday September 20

- ❖ Be on the river in front of Kean's at 9:00 am
- ❖ 12 noon Bocce ball tournament
- ❖ Take a dip in the pool
- ❖ 2:00 pm - mini golf tournament
- ❖ 4:00 pm - Hors d'oeuvres party
- ❖ Dinner at one of the local restaurants
- ❖ Campfire with smore's (bring some fire wood)

Sunday September 21

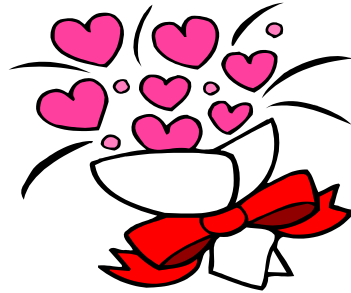
- ❖ Breakfast at Spooters
- ❖ 10:00 am - tee time at Tilbury Golf and Curling Club
- ❖ Depart for home marinas

Fleet Captain Ed



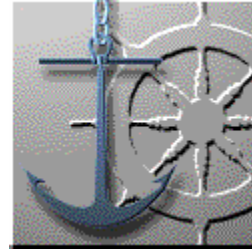
August Birthdays

- 2 – Russ Sanford
- 4 – Marilyn Carson
- 4 – Michael Schrage
- 5 – Sandy Lacy
- 14 – Barbara Brown
- 21 – Joann Giffer
- 22 – Ellen Bickle
- 26 – Don Tussett
- 29 – Ron Freestone



August Anniversaries

- 2 – John & Mary Anne Seedott
- 3 – Ray & Sandy Lacy
- 16 – Ed & Jean Pritchard
- 29 – Bob & Janet Caza



August Events

- 1 – RVYC Meeting @ Kean's
- ~~2-3 – Crystal Bay (?)~~
- 9 – Green & White Party
- 10-14 – Lake Huron Trip
- 15-16 – Highland Games
- 30– Chatham Rendezvous
thru September 1**

September Birthdays

- 14 – Lynn Koleski
- 16 – MaryLou Tussett
- 21 – Christyn Nawrot
- 22 – Keith Armstrong
- 23 – Armina Abernethy
- 25 – Brian & Michelle Walker

September Anniversaries

- 5 – Don & MaryLou Tusset
- 17 – Terry & Diane Dawes

September Events

- 1 – Labor\Labour Day/**US & Canada**
- 5 – RVYC Meeting** @ Kean's 8 pm
- 6 – Drifter's Corn Roast @ Kean's
- 13 – Bowling Begins**
- 20 – Rendezvous @ The Cove**
- 23 – First Day of Autumn
- 27 – Bowling Nite