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**FROM THE HELM!**

Well, what a lot of excitement! Starting at the beginning, Memorial Day weekend was a whole lot of fun once we were able to get those bridges open. Many new members attended and they are active, especially good ole "Fluff & Puff!"

Moving on to Venetian weekend, I cannot thank those who participated enough. R/C Ron did a wonderful job in his capacity. I was thrilled to see all the boats out for the parade and blessing. I think between P/C Lee Vauris and Reverend Richard Ingalls, the boats were blessed in style. The quips for each boat provided by Ron and Lee were very special. I hope Heart Smart will be the review boat for many years to come.

Dinner was marvelous, thanks to Ruth Peterman and her cook's helpers. R/C Ron will add more to that adventure in his article. The Bloody Mary party on Sunday morning was a success. Thank you Mary Lou Tusset and Carolyn Stoehr for helping me. Also, thanks to Captain Honey for his part in all of this!

Last weekend at Metro Beach had a lot of attendees and all had a fine time with their ball games, be it golf or bocce. They let the good times roll!

DON'T FORGET -- THE JULY MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO JUNE 27 @ KEAN'S. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**Commodore Lynn**  
**FROM THE VICE!**

Wow, is this season flying past or what! Venetian weekend has passed, both by date and performance. R/C Ron and crew are to be commended for putting on an excellent party. As usually, we all had a good time. Sure felt good to take Fantasy out of the marina, even though it was just for the parade. Looks like she will finally be ready to travel soon. What a job!

Commodore Lynn hosted the traditional Bloody Mary party on Sunday morning. If you missed it, you missed a great start to a great day. A big thank you to Lynn for a job well done.

But enough of the past; the future holds some more events to look forward to. Our next meeting will be June 27<sup>th</sup> prior to the Lake Erie Rendezvous. Leamington is the first port of call and then we're going on to various points in Lake Erie.

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Green & White party which will again feature a Fish Boil. It was an enjoyable party last time and it will be even better this time. Mark your calendars and be prepared to eat to your heart's content. If any of you are inclined, we could use some help with preparation and clean up. Contact V/C RAY BROWN to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

Sunday, August 10 will begin our Lake Huron, Canadian side Rendezvous, culminating at Sarnia Bay, where the Highland Games will be center stage, always a good time.

See you on the water! But before I sign off, I'll share a brief story with you.

The wise old Mother Superior was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed, trying to make her comfortable. They tried to give her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it. One nun took the glass back to the kitchen, then remembering a bottle of whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to the old woman's lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more, then before they knew it, she a drunk to whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother, Mother," the nuns cried, "Give us some wisdom before you die!" She raised herself up in bed with a pious look on her face. Pointing out the window she said, "Don't sell that cow!"

**Vice Commodore Ray**

### **FROM THE REAR!**

Hello again!

Well, I must say I had a blast at the Venetian! I really hope you did too.

It was a great party with 45 members, 21 guests, and 15 boats in the parade! What a great turn out!!!

The parade was excellent with outstanding decorations.

Third place was awarded to **A Paige of Summer** for the "Teak-e" Bar design.

Second place went to **Bell Ringer** for the adaptation of RVYC's motto – For Fun Sake Rentals – Everything \$10.

First place went to **Me & My Shadow**. The Binkleys went all out transforming their boat into a vacation paradise, beaches and all! It was a sight to see.

We had a very nice blessing ceremony provided in tandem by our own Lee Vauris and accompanied by Rev. Richard Ingalls of the Mariner's Church here in Detroit.

I want to say thanks, once again, to all of you who helped before, during and after the event. Specifically, I want to thank **Ruthie** for all her hard work organizing and preparing for this event. I couldn't have pulled it off without her. I also want to thank **Sue** for her help with the meal as well as the moral support she provided Ruthie.

Thanks, also, to **Jim Roth** and **Carolyn Stoehr** for providing the beer and ice, to **Joe Clapper** and **Herb Alfaro** for their help with the cooking, and to everyone who helped with the set up and tear down (that's huge as well)!

Planning this was tougher than I thought. With all of the people who didn't commit early, showing up at the last minute I thought we would run out of "stuff." But we ended up with enough food and beverages after all (although it cost more, I'm glad we guessed high).

Maybe for the next party, everyone can be a little more considerate to the party planner and commit earlier. It would really help keep the stress levels down! Well, gotta go for now.

See you at the docks!

**Rear Commodore Ron**

### **FACTS FOR THE FLEET!**

Rendezvous updates:  
**Fourth of July – Week in Lake Erie Adventure.** Check the included revised rendezvous itinerary that reflects a firm schedule that sets our Cedar Point visit on July 9, hopefully by this time all participants will have contacted Cedar Point to make slip reservations.

### **Sarnia Bay Highland Games August 20-21, 2004.**

We are taking deposits now for the Highland Games next year. To date the following members in good standing have made a deposit: Abernathy, Alfaro, Clapper, Koleski, Roth-Stoehr, and Vauris. To secure a spot next year, bring a CHECK (cash not accepted) for \$13 to either the June 27 meeting or August 3 meeting.

### **Adrift and Powerless (Towing vs. Salvage)**

For those of you who missed the article in this month's Power & Motoryacht, here is a summation. Complex maritime salvage laws govern Maine towing, with the defining concept being "peril." If a boat is in peril, she is subject to salvage. (A boat can also be salvaged if she places the environment – say a reef - in peril.)



# Fourth of July & Lake Erie Adventure – Update from your Fleet Captain

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***

Participants: Alfaro, Bacile, Bickel, Binkley, Brown (?), Dawes(?), Niermann, Perron, Pritchard, Passmore, Tusset, Vauris

### **July 3-4:** Leamington Marina

Marina Telephone number: (Canadian Marinas monitor channel 68)

519-326-0834, Lat 42 01.4 Long 82 36.2

#### Movement:

Thursday July 3:

7:00pm welcome cocktail party. Dinner on your own.

Friday July 4:

10:30 tee time at Lake Erie Shores Golf & CC.

Plan a trip to the local LOC store to stock up on your favourite Canadian libations.

4:00 Hors d'oeuvres party on the dock.

Dinner on your own, several restaurants within walking distance of the Dock.

### **July 5-6:** Middle Bass Island State Park Marina (previously Lonz Winery Marina)

Marina Telephone number: ( monitor channel 71)

419-285-0311

**NOTE: you must have sent or faxed a \$25 deposit by June 6<sup>th</sup> to hold a slip**

#### Movement:

Saturday July 5:

Blowers on at 8:45 – top off your water and gas tanks, no water (or showers) or gas on Middle Bass

Bicycle tour of Middle Bass, visit St. Hazards Microbrewery, take the ferry to Put-in-Bay, check out J.R. Walleye's Bar. Golf at Burgundy Bay Golf Club.

6:30 pm, club cook out, bring a dish to pass and something to grill

8:15 bus to St. Hazards Village on the Beach for night's entertainment with Seefari – popular reggae

Sunday July 6:

Bocce ball tournament, Bicycle tour of Middle Bass, visit St. Hazards Micro-brewery, take the ferry to Put-in-Bay

6:15 Captain's meeting

6:45 group dinner at J.R. Walleye's

### **July 7: Kelley's Island**

Seaway Marina telephone number: 419-746-2506

Seaway is a first-come-first-serve marina on the southwest side of Kelley's Island (landmark – an old water tower), it can handle 250 boats and has fuel, showers, bicycle and golf car rentals.

Movement:

Blowers on at 8:45 for the short run to Kelley's Island

Ride bikes or golf carts around the Island, visit the glacial grooves, pile on a boat and go to the North Bay for a swim

Dinner on your own

### **July 8: Put-In-Bay**

Public Docks

Movement:

Blowers on at 9:15 for short run to PIB

### **July 9: Cedar Point Marina**

Movement:

Blowers on at 10:00

Cedar Point check in/out time is 12:00 noon, so we need to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30.

Balance of trip – to be determined

## **Bob Cieslak Memorial “Bare” Boating in Crystal Bay**

**Where:** In Crystal Bay, just north of Boblo Island. Plenty of “slips” still available.

**When:** July 19 - 20, 2003

**Participants:** Alfaro, Bacile, Cieslak, Koleski, Pritchard, Thul, Tusset, Vauris

**Marina Telephone number:** See movement outline below.

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Movement:

#### **Saturday July 19:**

11:00am - plan to arrive in Crystal Bay. Remember you need to check-in to Canadian Customs before dropping an anchor. In the past we would go to the Boblo Docks, pay them \$5 Canadian to tie-up for 5 minutes and call Customs. This year go to the Boblo Island dock area, but idle in their bay area and call customs on your cell phone at: 1-888-226-7277. If they require you to use a land-based phone – then you will have to drop “5 doolors” at Boblo. I will be monitoring our cell phone - #734-502-1674.

Afternoon, get re-acquainted with Crystal Bay. Bring plenty of gas for your dinghy.

6:45 pm. Dinner, we can have some grills available, bring a dish to pass.

11:00pm skinny dipping contest

#### **Sunday July 20:**

Continue exploring Hidden Lake and other Crystal Bay attractions

6:00pm Dinner at South Shore Grill?