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FROM THE HELM!

We had a rather quick March meeting, as everyone was anxious to get on with tour of Canadian Club. Perhaps it was the tasting room they were eager to get to.! Unfortunately I was feeling under the weather and was unable to go with the crowd. Bet the had a ball.

Did make it to the Whalers game at the Compuware Center. Had a blast watching it up so close. Certainly a fun night and very inexpensive compared to a Wings game. We had an extra treat during the 1st and 2nd periods when we got to watch **Gerard Niermann** play hockey. He skates really well and it was a hoot to watch him move on the ice with the hockey puck. Unfortunately we also saw a few pile ups but Gerard was one tough hockey player. Good job, Gerard! Watch out, Yserman!

At the meeting I discussed members using River View's Boat/US membership number, which is GA8190Y, to save half off the regular annual dues. By using this number, RVYC folks pay \$9.50 instead of \$19.00 annually.

One of our members, **Patti Jordan**, had a great idea to put all the members at Kean's boat well numbers in the roster this year. Especially helpful to new members. So look for this new item in the 2003 Roster.

We are ordering new RVYC burgees this year, and **Carol Bacile** accepted the responsibility. Let Carol or me know if you need a new one. Our new members are on the list.

Looking forward to the April 4th meeting. Regular day & time, Friday @ 8:00 pm, regular location, Upstairs @ Kean's. This will be my first full-length meeting and I'm excited to get the summer fun going.

Commodore Lynn

FROM THE VICE!

As usual our membership has fun, even with our boats on dry land. Would you believe, before the next meeting April 4th, there will be boats launched!! Some say they are pushing the season , but I think it makes a lot of sense. If I could get ready by then I'm sure I would be in the water also.

Our next meeting will feature dinner before hand at the "Polish Yacht Club," better known as Ivanhoes. Hope to see you there by 6 pm, Friday, April 4th.

Friday, April 11th will find us playing Whirly Ball. This sounds like a blast for young and old.

For you pack rats that would like to get rid of unwanted or excess marine items, start putting them together for our Annual Auction on Friday, May 2, 2003.

FROM THE REAR!

Looks like a great way to organize your boat or garage. Remember, all the proceeds go to the club so we can have fun without spending a lot of our hard-earned cash.

Coming attractions: The Fitting Out Party on May 17th. I will have more info later.

Make yourself a reminder that the Metro Beach Rendezvous will be June 13-15. This is changed from original so make note of it.

Barb and I had an occasion to go north to Petoskey this week. Would you believe that the Little Traverse Bay was frozen clear across - first time in 75 years. It was really cold, 25 to 30 degrees below zero, and nobody was upset. It's amazing how people adapt to their surroundings.

Chuckle for the month:

The car was pulled over by a highway patrolwoman for speeding. As the officer was writing the ticket, she noticed several machetes in the car. "What are those for?" she asked suspiciously. "I'm a juggler" the man replied. "I use those in my act." "Well, show me," the officer demanded. The juggler took out the machetes and started juggling them. First three, then more until he was tossing seven at one time, overhand, underhand, behind the back, putting on a dazzling show in the breakdown lane and amazing the officer. Just then, another car passed by. That driver did a double take, and said, "My God. I've got to give up drinking! Look at the test they're giving now."

Rear Commodore Ray

Hi everyone. Are you enjoying this early spring weather? Boy, we sure are. We found ourselves working on boat "stuff" in the garage with tee shirts on! Go figure!!!

Well, my hand is healing nicely and the doctor says I will fully recover (except for the disfigured knuckles of course). Maybe I will be bowling again before the season finishes! Surely my golf game won't suffer (nothing can hurt that).

Let's talk about Venetian. I said it was going to be a blast and it's shaping up better than I expected. The theme will be Caribbean Islands complete with Palm Trees, sand, Jerk Chicken, Grouper, and the sounds of Island night life. So get your Island decorations out and get prepared to "come to Jamaica, Mon."

The dates are set:

- Parade and Blessing of the Fleet will be Saturday, June 7th at 1:00 pm
- Venetian party, Saturday evening, June 7th
- Commodores' Bloody Mary Party, Sunday morning, June 8th.

Speaking of Blessing the Fleet, Ruthie and I attended the Mariners Church annual Blessing of the Fleet. What a great time that was! If you have never been to the Mariners Church, it is a beautiful old church located at the entrance to the Windsor Tunnel. They had Cadets from the GreyFox, Naval and Army Officers, Captains of every kind of ship imaginable (several were from 1000 footers).

Next year I want to bring the RVYC Flag and have them bless our club as well. Can't be blessed too much I always say.

Well, gotta go but before I do, want to have some fun? Try to figure out where this is:

**N 42 38.215
W 82 30.591**

Hint: It is North of Detroit and South of Port Huron. You will pass it several times this year if you participate in the many rendezvous our club is planning.

I'll provide the answer in the next news article.

See you soon at the docks!

Rear Commodore Ron

FACTS FOR THE FLEET!

Rendezvous updates:

Pre – meeting Dinner at the Polish Yacht Club (Ivanhoe Café) 5:45 pm April 4, 2003.

This is a 93-year-old neighborhood bar that has survived in Detroit. Other than the nickname, there is nothing Polish about this place. They specialize in seafood, i.e. perch. It is at 5249 Jos. Campau in Detroit, 313-925-5335. Directions: going eastbound on I-94, exit at Chene, turn right onto Chene go six blocks to Frederick St., turn left two blocks and it is on the corner – a nondescript brown wood structure. Parking is on the street. They do provide a guard. Entrance is on Frederick St. Attendees: Thuls, Wilkersons, Passmores, Vauris & Payette, Roth & Stoehr, Browns, Barans, Koleskis, Pritchards, Jordans, Tussets.

WhirlyBall, Friday, April 11, 2003

The Whirly Ball court is at 5700 Drake Rd., West Bloomfield; phone # 248-788-8900. They have a cash bar and we can **only** bring chips or pretzels to munch on. Be at the site by 7:30 pm so we are ready to go with teams at 8 pm. We have the court for two hours and will retire to a local pub after to review performance highlights.

We calculate that about 30 participants is a good size for a 2 hour session of intense (?) competition. That puts the court time at around \$10 per person. Based on the sign-up at the March 2nd general meeting, **we are open to non-members.** Give Ed a call at 734-455-3391 to register non-members for the event.

Here is the current list of combatants:

Thuls, Passmores, Vauris & Payette, Barans, Koleskis, Pritchards, Jordans, Deptula, Sherman & Peterman, Tussets.

Metro Beach Rendezvous: June 13-15, 2003

This date has been changed. The Gold Cup races are now scheduled for June 19-22, so we will head to Metro the weekend of June 13-15th.

Highland Games –2003.

Following is the official list of people that have paid for a slip at Sarnia for the Highland Games:

Bacile, Baran, Binkley, Brown, Clapper, Jordan, Koleski, Niermann, Passmore, Peterman, Pritchard, Roth, Thul, Tusset, Vauris.

Wait List: Freestone, Dawes.

Highland Games –2004.

Past Commodore Joe Clapper made an excellent suggestion concerning the Highland Games weekend at Sarnia Bay. As you may know, the Games are always scheduled for the third weekend in August. They ask for a one-night deposit of \$20 Canadian Funds. So this summer, anytime prior to August 14, 2003, sign-up for the 2004 weekend and give the Fleet Captain \$13 US deposit –either cash or check. That way on August 15th, when we sign-up for 2004, we will know exactly how many slips to reserve.

As always, all sign-up sheets will be at the April General Meeting.

Fleet Captain Ed

WORDS OF WISDOM!

Each year, the Washington Post's Style Invitational asks readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing only one letter and supplying a new definition. Here are the 2002 winners:

Intoxication:

Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation:

Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Foreplay:

Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

Giraffiti:

Vandalism painted very, very high.

Sarchasm:

The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte:

To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis:

Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis:

A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Karmageddon:

It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Glibido:

All talk and no action.

Dopeer Effect:

The tendency for stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Ignoranus:

A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

Hope you had a few good laffs from these, considering the current events. Will leave you with a Kodak thought: Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

Editor Linda

REMINDER:

Do not forget to bring your "treasures" to share for the auction after our next meeting, Friday, April 4th, FOR FUN'S SAKE!

March Birthdays

1 – Sheila Binkley
5 – Bob Krupka
9 – Shirley Bartlett
11 – Joyce Alfaro
17 – Kelly Thomas
18 – Ray Mandry
20 – Mike Boyle

March Anniversaries

25 – Roger & Shirley Bartlett
30 – Norm & Mabel Feliks

Other March Dates

2 – Meeting @ Kean’s, 1:00 pm
(Canadian Club tour to follow)
17 – St. Patrick’s Day
21 – First Day of Spring

April Birthdays

5 – Mabel Feliks
7 – Terry Dawes
7 – Barb Leone
12 – Ray Lacey
16 – Ron Bickel
18 – **P/C** Jim Baran
18 – Larry Thomas
20 – **P/C** 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
4 – Dinner @ Polish Yacht Club, 5:45pm
RVYC Meeting @ Kean’s, 8:00 pm
(auction to follow)
6 – Daylight Savings Time begins
11 – Whirly Ball, 7:30 pm
15 – Federal & State Income Taxes due
17 – Passover
20 – Easter
24 – Administrative Professionals’ Day
26 – Last Night of Bowling

ONE MORE TIME :

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2003

YOUR NAME _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER _____ Member? Yes ___ No ___

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER’S BIRTHDAY _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____

MAKE OF BOAT _____ LENGTH _____

BOAT NAME _____ HOME PORT _____

Please make checks payable to **River View Yacht Club, Inc.**
(\$10 per member, please.) Bring this completed form to the bowling alley, or send to:

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