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**FROM THE HELM!**

Venetian Weekend was outstanding. In addition to the wonderful weather that really put us in a good frame of mind, we had a great turnout. RVYC always feels we're off to a good start having our boats blessed. Pat Thul fired the cannon as each boat was blessed and passed the dock. The boat parade was with some very inventive decorations.

Following is a quick synopsis of decorated boats: The Binkleys were the First Place winners. Their boat had black sails with skull and cross bones, and cannons on the bow were clever. Costumes that everybody on board wore completed the theme of "Pirates of the Caribbean." Second Place went to the Bunges. They were deserving with clever use of decorations and costumes. Third Place went to the Pritchards, with red, white, and blue for the beloved Pistons, and colorful birds hung on their boat, completing their theme. This year we gave a Fourth Place, and this went to Joe Clapper and crew for decorations and costumes. Joe and Carol Bacile wore some creative Pirate Costumes. Fantasy, her Captain, and crew were chompin' at the bit to get into this competition, but next year she will be ready.

Jon and Patti Jordan deserve a big hand for hosting a very good party. They did the table decorations and other extra touches with a lot of thought.

The caterers did a good job and I think everybody had a good time. Our thanks to Pat Thul for his sound and music system. It was great. And thanks to our group of volunteers that pitched in for set up and clean up. Many thanks to all who helped. As evident by the attendance at this event, owning a boat is not a requirement for RVYC members. They come for "Fun's Sake." And we do have fun!!

Some observations by Will Rogers:

1. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
2. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
3. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
4. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it in your pocket.
5. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
6. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

**Commodore Ray**

## **VICE VIEWS!**

Summer is back in full swing. We just finished our annual "shake down cruise in the rain." We once again found ourselves huddled around the campfire in the rain and cold for our first official cruise of the year. The only difference is that we were at the Cove this year. I guess it wasn't Wallaceburg that caused the rain and cold in the past - maybe it's Canada!

I find us sitting around the docks a lot discussing the people who "fly" past Kean's at speeds that surely exceed "No Wake" and the question always seems to come up: What is the law about this being a No-wake zone?

Well, I found some information that will shed the light on that once and for all. This comes from Michigan's DNR web site ([http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366\\_11861\\_16597---.00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366_11861_16597---.00.html)). **The following law went into effect on January 5, 1998.** The law states:

### **DETROIT RIVER, ROUGE RIVER, AND WATERS WITHIN CITY LIMITS - WC-82-97-001.**

(A) WORDS AND PHRASES. All words and phrases used in this section shall be construed and have the same meaning as those words and phrases defined in the natural resources and environmental protection act, as amended, being MCL 324.101 et seq.; MSA 13A.101 et seq.

(B) PROHIBITIONS. On the waters of the Detroit River and the Rouge River, and those canals and channels connected thereto, located within the city limits, the following provisions apply:

(1) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow—no wake speed when within two hundred (200) feet of any shore, except:

(a) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow—no wake speed on the Detroit River when within four hundred (400) feet of any shore, from the western city of Detroit corporate limits to the St. Aubin marina.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow—no wake speed on that part of the Detroit River between the mainland shore and the north shore of Belle Isle, commencing from the St. Aubin marina to a line from the most eastern point of Belle Isle to Connors Creek extended.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow—no wake speed on that part of the Detroit River when within four hundred (400) feet of any shore, from Connors Creek extended to the eastern city of Detroit corporate limits.

It shall be unlawful, at any time, to operate a vessel at a speed in excess of forty (40) miles per hours (64 kilometers per hours).

I find this very interesting. I always thought the No-Wake started at the Coast Guard Station but this says it starts way before that at Chene Park. It also ends at Connors Creek and not at the light house as we all thought. CRAZY!

Well, I gotta go for now. If you have any suggestions on future topics, let me know and I will try to find something on it. My email address is ronliddsherman@aol.com

Until then, I'll see you all at the docks!

**Vice Commodore Ron**

**FACTS FOR THE FLEET!**

**ALGONAC MARINA RENDEZVOUS**

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

Participants: Alfaro, Bacile, Binkley, Bickel, Brown, Bunge, Koleski, Passmore

**July 23 - 25: Algonac Marina – North Channel**

Marina telephone number: 810-794-4448 (monitor channel 16) Cut through on the South Channel by the brown cottage will save you \$25 in gas.

**Friday July 23:**

5:30pm hors d'oeuvres party.  
Dinner on your own.  
Evening: Besta, Hand and Foot, Sequence, drinking.

**Saturday July 24:**

10:00am Bloody Mary party – bring a breakfast snack and favorite Bloody Mary mix.  
Bocce ball tournament, visit downtown Algonac, visit the local marina store, take a swim in the pool, golf at Middle Channel Golf Course.  
7:00 group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Sunday July 25:**

Movement to home marinas.

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**MUDHENS GAME – Need Firm Commitment**

**When: Sunday August 1, 2004**

**Where:** Mudhens Stadium in Toledo Ohio

**Time:** Assemble to car pool to Toledo at 12:00 noon, picnic lunch (see below) when we get there, game time 2:00pm.

As I recall, 18 people raised their hands to indicate interest in this event. We need to get serious now by forking over some money.

**I need to give the Mudhens a headcount and MONEY by July 5, 2004.**

We need checks made out to RVYC by then so that I can confirm our reservation with the Mudhens.

If we don't have 25 paid participants by July 5 the event will be canceled.

We will be in the Party Deck along the first base/right field side of the stadium. The Deck has picnic tables for eating and socializing and, for you baseball purists; we will also have upper deck reserved seats.

Children under 3 are free and there is a \$2 discount for children 3 – 12 years old.

The picnic buffet will feature grilled bratwurst, grilled chicken breast and corn on the cob plus all accompaniments, desert and sodas. Beer, wine and drinks can be purchased at a concession stand.

**Tickets will be \$24.22 per person** that includes stadium admission, food, gratuity and tax. We need a minimum of 25 so bring your checks, made out to RVYC, to the July 2 meeting or call me to indicate your firm intent to attend.

In addition, Jim Baran has extended an invitation to stop by after the game at RVYC South for a spot of their hospitality.

**FOURTH OF JULY & LAKE ERIE ADVENTURE**

***This is a multi phase, multiple marina rendezvous that begins in the Ohio islands and concludes on the south shore of Canada. The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water***

Participants: Alfaro, Bacile, Binkley, Brown (Leamington only), Bunge (Leamington only), Pritchard, Jim Roth (Leamington only)

**July 3-4:** Middle Bass Island State Park Marina (previously Lonz Winery Marina)  
Marina telephone number: 419-285-0311 (monitor channel 71)

Saturday July 3:

- Check-in by 1:00pm - remember to top off your water tanks, no water (or showers) on Middle Bass.
- Bicycle tour of Middle Bass, visit St. Hazards Microbrewery, take the ferry to Put-in-Bay.
- 6:00 pm, club cook out; bring a dish to pass and something to grill.
- Evening: Besta, Hand and Foot, Sequence, drinking.

Sunday July 4:

- 8:00am – start your Independence Day celebration with a club breakfast and Bloody Mary party; bring a dish to pass and your favorite Bloody Mary mix.
- Bocce ball tournament, Bicycle tour of Middle Bass, visit St. Hazards Microbrewery, take the ferry to Put-in-Bay, swim in Lake Erie.
- Decorate your boat with red white and blue lights.
- 7:00 group dinner at J.R. Walleye's.
- 10:00pm - Fireworks from Put-In-Bay?

**July 5:** Kelley's Island – Seaway Marina (Lat 41 35.5, Lon 82 32.6)  
Marina telephone number: 419-746-2506 (monitor channel 16)

Monday July 5:

- 8:45am blowers on for short ride to Kelley's Island.
- Bicycle around the island and stop at: glacial grooves at Kelley's Island State Park, wine tasting at Kelley's Island Wine Company, take a swim anchored in the North Bay.
- Bocce ball tournament.
- 4:30pm hors d'oeuvres party.
- Dinner on your own (perch at the Casino?)
- Evening: Besta, Hand and Foot, Sequence, drinking.

**July 6:** Sandusky Ohio – Battery Park Marina

Marina telephone number: 419-746-2506 (monitor channel 16) Stay in the shipping channel and head for the big red "Damon's" sign. Stop at Battery Park's fuel dock for slip assignment.

Tuesday July 6:

- 8:45am blowers on – fuel opportunity at Gem Beach on the way to Sandusky.
- Stroll around Sandusky, visit the Engels & Krudwig Wine Co. for some wine tasting, and visit the G.A. Doeckling restoration project.
- Take a dip in the wave pool.
- Take the opportunity to re-supply for cookouts and hors d'oeuvres parties.
- Margarita cocktail party at 5:00pm, dinner at a local restaurant.
- Evening: Besta, Hand and Foot, Sequence, drinking.

**July 7:** Put-In-Bay, Ohio – inside of dock "C".

Wednesday July 7:

- 8:45am blowers on – fuel opportunity at Gem Beach on the way to Put-In-Bay.
- Do your usual thing in Put-In-Bay: rent a golf car or motor scooter. Visit the Beer Barrel.
- 6:00pm Mary Lou Payette Memorial Dinner at Frosty's.

## Fourth of July & Lake Erie Adventure continued

**July 8:** Pelee Island – Scudder’s Marina. Lat 41 48.9 Lon 82 39.5 Marina telephone number: 519-724-2377 Monitor channel 68.

Thursday July 8:

- 8:00am. Blowers on – early movement to Pelee Island.
- 10:30am. Complete your certificate for “bike ride around Pelee Island.”
- Lunch at the Pelee Island Winery.
- Afternoon swim in Lake Erie.
- Club dinner; bring something to grill and a dish to pass.
- Enjoy live entertainment at the Scudder Bar & Grill.
- Evening: Besta, Hand and Foot, Sequence, drinking.

**July 9-10:** Leamington Municipal Docks. Lat 42 01.4 Lon 82 36.3  
Marina telephone number: 519 326 0834 Monitor channel 68.

Friday July 9:

- 8:00am. Club breakfast at Scudder’s.
- 10:00am. Blowers on for the short 16-mile trip to Leamington.
- 5:00pm hors d’oeuvres party on the dock.
- Dinner on your own.

Saturday July 10

- Visit downtown Leamington.
- Plan a trip to the local LOC store to stock up on your favourite Canadian libations.
- 10:00am and 10:08am tee times at Orchard View golf course.
- Bocce ball tournament.
- 6:00pm club dinner, bring something to grill and a dish to pass.
- Evening: Besta, Hand and Foot, Sequence, drinking.

Sunday July 11

- Movement to home marinas.
- You are all checked with Customs, so stop at Crystal Bay for a quick swim.

## Poker Run 2004

Here is a list of RVYC members participating in the 2004 Poker Run and the “up” cards of those participants who have purchased more than two cards. The first two cards and last card are “down” and the middle four cards are “up.” Remember, the best poker hand will get 25% (aces are always high), the worst hand will be 25% and 50% will go to sponsoring the Club’s 50 birthday celebration next year. So far, Sue has the best hand showing with a pair of 2’s. It is not too late to get in the game. The projected best and worst hand payout will be \$114.

Participant	Third Card	Fourth Card	Fifth Card	Sixth Card
Alfaro, Joyce	9 Clubs	Queen Diamonds		
Bacile, Carol				
Bacile, Joe				
Baran, Jim	10 Spades			
Brown, Barb				
Brown, Ray				
Bunge, Don	King Clubs	3 Hearts	7 Hearts	
Clapper, Joe	King Hearts	2 Spades	9 Spades	
Grimm, Sue	2 Hearts	2 Clubs	4 Spades	
Koleski, Chuck				
Roth, John	7 Spades	4 Diamonds		
Sherman, Ron				
Sherman, Ruth				

***Fleet Captain Ed***

## June Birthdays

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

## June Anniversaries

9 – Jon & Patti Jordan  
22 – Dale & Pat Binkley  
28 – Mike & Therese Schrage

## July Birthdays

9 – Carolyn Stoehr  
12 – Diana Wilkerson  
14 – Linda Baran  
17 – Carol Bacile  
17 – JoAnne Crain  
24 – Mary Hall  
27 – Brian Walker  
30 – Don Leone

## July Anniversaries

10 – Ken & Denise Armstrong  
10 – Ray & Barb Brown  
24 – Robert & Carol Theard

## Other July Dates

1 – Canada Day  
**2 - Meeting @ Kean's, 8 pm**  
**3 – Lake Erie Adventure begins**  
4 – Independence Day  
15 – Gold Cup Races  
**24 – Algonac Marina Rendezvous**

## **More dates to keep in mind:**

### JULY

**2 MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S**  
**3-10 WEEK IN LAKE ERIE:**  
**3-4 MIDDLE BASS ISLAND**  
**5 KELLEY'S ISLAND**  
**6 CEDAR POINT**  
**7 PUT IN BAY**  
**8 PELEE ISLAND**  
**9-10 LEAMINGTON**  
**15 GOLD CUP RACES**  
**24-26 ALGONAC MARINA RENDEZVOUS**

### AUGUST

**6 MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S**  
**7 GREEN AND WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S**  
**15-22 WEEK IN LAKE HURON**  
**15 ST. CLAIR HARBOR**  
**16-17 LEXINGTON**  
**18-19 GRAND BEND**  
**20-22 SARNIA – HIGHLAND GAMES**

### SEPTEMBER

**3 MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S**  
**4-6 CHATHAM**  
**18 BOWLING BEGINS**  
**25-26 BELLE RIVER RENDEZVOUS**