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FROM THE HELM!

This past holiday weekend turned out to be one of the best all summer. F/C Ed made plans for us to go to Chatham, which is almost traditional. We had 13 boats show up and many had guests, so we had a large group. Saturday's hors d'oeuvres party was outstanding. (Boy, are we good at these appetizers.) The weather was almost perfect.

Saturday evening the Chatham docks sponsored a lighted boat contest. 9 of our group decorated and our club won First, Second and Third Prizes. First Prize was a portable boom box, won by Lee Vauris and MaryLou. Second Prize to Ed & Jean Pritchard, and Third Prize to Barb & me.

Sunday morning, Ruth Sherman and Sue Grimm cooked blueberry pancakes and Carol Austin, Barb and I cooked sausages. Breakfast was enjoyed by all, and it was a prelude to the afternoon festivities. 5:00 pm started the Hat Contest and Wine Tasting, and the fun began. We had judges to pick out the best hats and had prizes donated by Jim Roth. First Prize to Sue Grimm for her "Sick Chick Hat." Second prize to Ron, Ruth, and Michael Sherman wearing toilet seats with "Use Your Head" printed on them, and Third Prize to yours truly, with a black frizzy wig and safari hat, joined by Barb, with a wedding hat and veil. The wine was as good as it could be and fun was the maximum.

As our summer starts to wind down, we look back on a better than average year. Now we must look forward to the coming year in which we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We already have a good start with funds in our Anniversary account, and I am sure this will be another good year.

The October meeting is always the month to nominate candidates for the Bridge to serve the following year. If you would like to run for office, you can call V/C Ron Sherman or me or be at the next meeting. Also, October is traditionally our **Annual Bake Sale**, when everyone can show off their culinary baking skills and bring these delicious morsels to be auctioned off.

THIS MONTHS CHUCKLE:

All About Eve

Eve calls out to God, "Lord, I have a problem!"
"What is the problem, Eve?"
"Lord, I know you've created me and have provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, and that hilarious comic snake, but I'm just not happy."
"Why is that, Eve?" came the reply from above.
"Lord, I am lonely. And I'm sick to death of apples."
"Well, Eve, in that case, I have a solution. I shall create a man for you."
"What's a 'man,' Lord?"
"This man will be a flawed creature, with aggressive tendencies, an enormous ego and an inability to empathize or listen to you properly. All in all, he'll give you a hard time."

But, he'll also need your advice to think properly. He'll be really good at fighting and kicking a ball about, hunting fleet-footed ruminants, and not altogether bad in the sack."

"Sounds great," says Eve, with an ironically raised eyebrow. "What's the catch, Lord?"

"Yeah, well, you can have him on one condition."

"What's that, Lord?"

"You'll have to let him believe that I made him first."

See you at the October 1st meeting.

Commodore Ray

VICE VIEWS!

Hi everyone. Wow, what a couple of fantastic weekends we have had! I can't believe the **Haul Out Party** is less than a month away! That's right; **Saturday, October 9th**, we will be feeding the masses as they take their boats out and get ready for the long winter months! Once again the Club will be providing dogs, beer and soda for those hard working souls who show up. If any one wants to bring a dish to pass, it would be welcomed but not required.

As for this season, in my opinion, it was the best Chatham weekend we have ever had. The weather was perfect, the bees stayed away, and the people attending were a BLAST! It just doesn't get much better than that!

It's looking like the Belle River trip will be every bit as much fun, if not more! Right now, we have 11 boats going, and with guests, 14 couples will be participating in the Progressive Dinner! What a great turnout!

With 14 couples, we will have 2 groups of 8 people and 2 groups of 6 people. **Groups will not be chosen until 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 25th, at Belle River**, so everyone needs to prepare enough food to feed 8 people even though there may only be 6 in their group.

We made the drawing to select the courses and here is how it turned out:

Appetizers:

- Mike and Therese Schrage
- Ed and Jean Pritchard

Soup:

- Ray and Barb Brown
- Joe Clapper and Sue Grimm
- Dave Passmore and Carol Austin
- Lee Vauris and Mary Lou Payette

Salad:

- Pat and Judy Thul
- Bob Alexander and Cindy (guests of Ron and Ruthie)
- Jon and Patti Jordan
- Dale and Pat Binkley

Main Course:

- Ron and Ruthie Sherman
- Herb and Juice Alfaro
- Marty and Marge Bledsoe (guests of Ron and Ruthie)
- Chuck and Lynn Koleski (guests of Joe and Sue)

Remember that each of you listed above has to prepare enough to feed 8 people! Each of you is expected to attend the Belle River Rendezvous (the others in your group will be VERY disappointed if they don't get to eat because **you** didn't make it for the party). If you can't make it, get your food there somehow and arrange for someone to serve it!

Once again, here are the rules, listed on the following page:

RVYC PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Where: 42°17' 57" N, 82° 42' 32" W - Our last Rendezvous of CY 2004 in Belle River, Canada

When: Saturday, September 25th, 2004

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Progressive Dinner at 6:00 pm

Instead of having our traditional dock party, groups of 3-4 couples/individuals (no more than 8 people total) will be paired together to share dinner with each other at Belle River. Each couple/individual will provide a dinner "course" to be shared with the other people in their specific group. The "courses" will consist of an appetizer (if there are 4 couples in a group), soup, salad, and the main course. The group will go to each other's boat and partake in the course being served by that person.

The group assignments will not be made until 5:00 pm on September 25th at Belle River (we wanted to keep everyone guessing who they will be dining with!)

Here are some dinner rules:

- This is not a contest. The purpose is to have some fun with couples that you may not spend a lot of time with.
- It doesn't have to be expensive or elaborate. You are responsible to provide enough food for the number of people in your group. The main course could be anything from hotdogs, to spaghetti, to steaks, to lobster. **IT DOESN'T MATTER**, so serve your favorite or be creative.
- You don't have to serve the course on your boat. You can serve your course anywhere you choose.
- If you drive to Belle River, you can still participate. Your course can be served on the dock, on one of the other participant's boats, or anywhere you choose.
- Your course doesn't have to be home cooked. You can bring it from home, buy it already made from a restaurant or grocer, or bring "stuff" to cook at the rendezvous.

WE WILL NOT ADD ANY ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO THE GROUPS! If you are not on the list, you can still come to Belle River but you will be on your own for dinner on the 25th.

Following dinner, (at 8:00 pm) we will all (**including those who aren't participating in the Progressive Dinner**) join together to partake in ice cream topped with your favorite beverage and share your experience with others. The Club will provide the ice cream. Each of you is asked to bring your "beverage of choice" for the topping – I can't wait to see what some of you come up with.

We'll see many of you at Belle River and I'll see the rest of you all at the docks!

Vice Commodore Ron

REAR VIEWS!

What a Fantastic Labor Day weekend! Great weather, great friends, great food and great drink. The water going across the lake on Saturday was like glass, the trip up the river was perfect, and things just got better all weekend! Patti's friend Chris and her husband Brett joined us for the weekend, and we all had a great time!

After we docked in Chatham, Patti and I decided to mount (Oops, I mean *install*) our new mirror in the forward head. Naturally we were lacking one piece of teak trim to complete the job. Dale went to "Me and My Shadow" and returned with a new piece that was *exactly* what we needed. I think he has a workshop hidden in his boat, because he always seems to have whatever anyone needs. Thanks Dale!

The hors d'oeuvres party Saturday night had every taste treat you could imagine, and some I *couldn't*. There was so much good food that the four of us decided to skip dinner. We did go to the "Satellite" restaurant later to taste-test a "Chocolate Monkey." They are *great!* Just when we thought the monkey couldn't be beat, Armina treated us to homemade smoothies on "Who 'Da Thunk It". *What a nightcap!* Thanks Armina!

Breakfast on Sunday was served at the Sherman dock with Chef Ruthie whipping up the *best* blueberry pancakes! Hat's off to Ruthie and all the RVYC ladies who put together a *great* seven-course meal! You do *not* want to show up late and miss one of these breakfast events!

Jon's Great Aunt Isabel was celebrating her 70th anniversary as a nun on Sunday. Jon's mom and dad drove to the "Pines," which is the Ursuline Motherhouse in Chatham, to bring her and 10 other sisters to the docks. The oldest nun was 97, and many have celebrated their 50th anniversary in the sisterhood. *And there was **no** keeping them off the Fly bridge!* After a nice ride down the Thames (with as many as 9 sisters on the bridge), they asked us to cruise by the boats from our club. We told them of the offers from "A Paige of Summer plus 2" and "Bell Ringer" to take more of the sisters for a cruise. Thanks Joe and Ron! I think next year there may be more signed up for the "cruise on the Thames!"

Wine tasting on the dock Sunday evening was in a word, **Fantastic**. A *great* event to repeat! And yes, the tall blue bottle that looked like "Blue Nun" was ours!

The Chatham City Docks held their annual "Best decorated boat" contest Labor Day weekend, and many of the RVYC members had their boats lit up for the event. "Heart Smart" upheld the RVYC tradition of "*bringing home the Gold!*"

The trip back on Monday rinsed off "Nauticlue" for free! There was probably only a two to three foot chop, but the wind was really blowing! No, I did not get my hair wet!

Thanks to F/C Ed for making the arrangements and congratulations to all who participated in a very successful RVYC rendezvous, "**For Fun's Sake!**"

Rear Commodore Jon



September Birthdays

- 14 – Lynn Koleski
- 16 – MaryLou Tussett
- 21 – Christyn Nawrot
- 22 – Keith Armstrong
- 23 – Armina Abernethy

September Anniversaries

- 5 – Don & MaryLou Tusset
- 17 – Terry & Diane Dawes
- 25 – Brian & Michelle Walker

September Events

- 18 – Bowling Begins**
- 22 – First Day of Autumn
- 25-26 – Rendezvous @ Belle River**
- 25 – Progressive Dinner, Belle River**

October Birthdays

- 2 – Chuck Koleski
- 7 – Dave Hall
- 8 – Michelle Walker
- 9 – Mary Gavin
- 10 – Jack Kingston
- 16 – Ed Murphy
- 20 – MaryLou Payette
- 27 – Ray Brown
- 30 – Ken Armstrong
- 31 – Gracie Spicer

October Anniversaries

- 2 – Dan & Jill Martyka
- 2 – Larry & Kelly Thomas
- 10 – Jeff & Bev Niermann

October Events

- 1 – RVYC Meeting @ Kean's (Nominations & Bake Sale)**
- 2 – Bowling Nite**
- 9 – Haul Out Party @ Kean's**
- 11 – Columbus Day (observed)
- 16 – Bowling Nite**
- 30 – Bowling Nite**
- 30 – Daylight Savings ends
(Set clocks back 1 hour)