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FROM THE HELM!

Here it is, the middle of April already. Boy have I enjoyed this great spring weather. The yard is bustling with people working on their boats. There are even a few boats already floating! What's with these people (Bob and Armina Abernethy) anyway! I guess I'm just jealous of them based on the amount of work I still have to do on my own darn boat!

We had a great turn out at the Square Dance again. Sixty nine people showed up to party with our club and all seemed to have a great time. Joe (the caller) once again did a fine job controlling this wild bunch! John and Patti provided enough Sloppy Joe's to feed everyone and still have some left for the next day at the docks. Thank you both for that. Everyone else dazzled us all with plenty of "go withs" that provided a fine dinner for all. Thanks to everyone for your participation!

We had a great meeting last month. We had an Immigrations officer attend the meeting and discussed the NEXUS program, the new joint venture between Canada and

the US. The intent is to identify the legitimate US citizens, and in our case boaters, and provide easy passage to and from Canada. The NEXUS pass costs \$50 per person every 5 years. In a nutshell, if you go to Canada (touch Canadian soil), you are to call customs when you return to the US. If you, and **every** person on your boat, have a NEXUS card, you will skate right through. However, if anyone on your boat does NOT have a NEXUS card, you will be visited by customs which could keep you and your guests on the boat for up to 3 hours (extended cocktail hour – doesn't sound too bad). If you are stopped on the water, the NEXUS program doesn't benefit you as your PASSPORT/birth certificate will work just as well.

We also voted in Joe (Joey) Clapper as a member of River View Yacht Club. He has attended many rendezvous and parties with his dad and finally officially joined the club. On behalf of everyone at RVYC, we welcome you aboard!

In addition, we received a new membership application that we will vote on at the next meeting. Don and Karen Bunge invited

Barbara and Nick Palazzolo to our venture to the Polish Yacht Club and the meeting following. Apparently, we didn't scare them too much because they gave us an application for membership that night. Make sure you come to the May meeting to meet them and cast your vote.

The May meeting is on the 6th at 8:00 at Kean's. Ruthie will have the clothing for you to view at this meeting. Most of you saw it at the Square Dance. It will be available again at this meeting. We will need your order and payment at the meeting. The order will be placed immediately following the meeting so we can get the clothing by Memorial Day.

Well, I gotta go so I'll see you at the docks!

Commodore Ron Sherman

Views from the Vice

Although the weather has been slightly erratic, even for April, it sure is nice to be afloat. Yes, I'm in my well and looking forward to sitting out with harbor neighbors and throwing down a beer or three. Two is never quite enough. I hope many of you are experiencing the same. If not, take heart it's just around the corner.

I was absent for the April meeting due to my propensity for senior moments, however, I'm aware the dinner preceding the meeting could use some major

improvements on the service end. Apparently, two wait staff cannot handle fifty or more customers. Maybe it will be different next year. At least the meal is always enjoyable.

I have it through a reliable source that the square dance event went quite well. A good number of club members turned out for this yearly event and a good time was shared. Unfortunately for me my first mate and I could not attend because of my carelessness. J I'm still somewhat hobbled by my own doing, however things are brighter. By the time you receive your copy I hope to be up and about without that cumbersome walking stick.

The club has a couple of important events during the next month (May) and we look for a good turnout of members. Starting with the regular monthly meeting on May 6th the club "used boat item auction" will be held so dig through that dock box or check out the basement and garage for those items you think might bring the club some much needed revenue. We also have the annual "Fitting Out" party at Kean's starting at 4:00 p.m. on the 14th of May. Again the club will be providing refreshments and simple eats; hot dogs, etc. The first rendezvous will happen at the Cove Marina in Canada beginning May 27th for the Memorial Day weekend. It is a three night event with returning to home port on the 30th. Hope to see a number of member boats

and crew at this first rendezvous event.

A number of club members enjoyed a meal at the Edison Boat Club recently and were greeted by Commodore Paul Streetenberger. The word is that any RVYC club member is welcome to use the dining facility at any time and if anyone so desires, you can obtain overnight dockage as well. Might be a nice spot to rendezvous with the price of gas the way it is today. We are asked to pay \$2.75 per gallon at Michigan Harbor marina. That's for 87 octane. Makes your eyes water!

Our bowling season will come to a close on April 30th and as usual it was fun filled. We will begin the next season at a different bowling establishment on October 1st, 2005 and last for 15 weeks, ending April 15, 2006, and that includes missing Xmas. We hope to grow the league so if you are even slightly interested don't hesitate to let me know. Keep in mind it's not about how good you bowl; it's about a night out with friends and the fun in doing so. I personally enjoy the time shared with club members "for fun's sake"!

A famous pundit was quoted as saying he thought his brain was his second best organ. That's it for now folks!

Vic Commodore Herb Alfaro

From the Rear!

Had a great time at the Square Dance. We had a good turnout, and thanks to the Jordan's, we could all relax knowing it would be fun for all.

Now that waxing and polishing is a part of every weekend, keep in mind Venetian is right around the corner. We'll start the day with the parade. The parade this year will extend to the Belle Isle bridge. Later that evening, around 6, we'll have food, drink and dancing in building E. If anyone wants to help out and lend a hand with set up, it would be much appreciated! We'll start that around 4:00 p.m. There will be a prize for the best dressed boat in the parade, and at the party, for the best dressed Senior & Seniorita. So, break out your best Mexican outfits and we'll see you on the border.

Adios amigos,

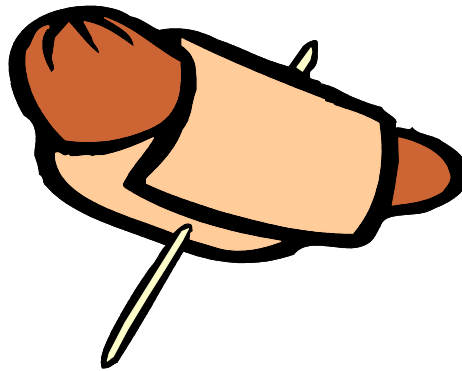
Senior Rear
Dave Passmore

From the Editor

On July 9th there will be a fundraiser picnic for Lupus put on by Sandy & Ray Lacey, Don & Barb Leone, and Ron Freestone. They will supply food, beer & pop. Last year they collected a large amount of money for the Lupus Walk which will go on at Metro.

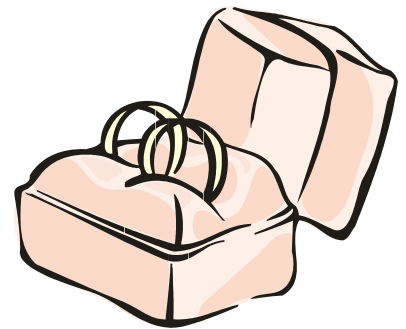
The picnic starts at 3:00 p.m. and It's a great time. It is held at Michigan Harbor. If you would like more information please call Ray (586-291-6654) or Sandy (586-246-9358).

I will give you more details in the June newsletter.



May Birthdays

Bob Caza	23
Patti Jordan	27
Jill Martyka	17
Lee Vauris	4
Brenda Roth	13
P/C John Seedott	15



May's Anniversaries

Ken & Diana Wilkerson	20
Wayne & Choux Weingert	13
Pat & Judy Thul	18
Ron & Ellen Bickel	24
Herb & Joyce Alfaro	19

RVYC Roster Updates

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I apologize to all of you for the need for so many changes so soon. I found an error in one section of the mail merge that caused some incorrect information to be displayed on some of the records. This affects virtually every page of the roster that was just handed out. I have made the corrections and posted a new copy on the RVYC web site (www.rvyc.info).

You can download a new copy from the RVYC web site or, if you can not download a new roster from the RVYC web site, please make the **BOLDED** corrections shown below on your copy. In addition to these, please remove the YEAR indicated on all the birthdays. They were just a placeholder and I neglected to removed them before the roster got printed.

This was my error and I again apologize for the inconvenience this has caused. If you see any other errors, please advise me so they can be corrected.

Thanks!

Ron

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