

THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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From The Helm

Welcome to 2005 and the 50th year RVYC has existed as an organization. I don't know what it was like here at Kean's in 1955 when this all got started but I'm proud to be your Commodore during this great year in our history. My goal is to help make this year a memorable one for all of us – one that continues on with our core value of "For Fun's Sake".

We just finished the 2004 year with a huge "bang" called the Commodore's Ball. We had 70 people attend this year which is quite a big turn out. Twenty one of those attending were Ray and Barb's family members! It was great to have them join us.

Laurel Manor did a fine job with the accommodations and food. The DJ from Thomas and Thomas had most of us out on the floor dancing all night. And Steve Shapiro (a member of the Drifters and a neighbor here at Kean's) did an excellent job keeping our glasses full all night long.

We successfully inaugurated our new Board into the club and I am proud to be associated with each and every one of them. I feel we have the right people to make this coming year fantastic!

One of the goals I have set for myself is to begin each meeting on time and end them as quickly as possible. I feel that each of you attending are taking a Friday night and committing it to RVYC. While the meeting portion is fun (ok, so maybe I exaggerated here), I want to spend more of the night on entertainment than on a meeting. We (the Board) are going to come up with events for each of the meetings. These events will include games such as Euchre, Mexican Train, Dice, Balderdash, Pictionary, and what ever else we can come up with.

One of these events will begin at the conclusion of each monthly meeting. To give us as much time for Fun as possible, I want to get through the meeting portion as quickly as I can without missing any vital information you may need. To do this, we will need to start the meeting on time and I expect us to be done in an hour or less. Your promptness at the meetings will be greatly appreciated.

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At our next meeting (February 6th), the event will be the Superbowl Party. The Club will provide beer & soft drinks. Bring a dish to pass.

I plan to start the meeting portion promptly at 4:00 pm and will keep it very short. Some of the topics we need cover during this meeting are the RVYC event schedule and Club Membership Renewals. Come prepared to discuss your thoughts on these important issues.

Attached to this newsletter is the 2005 River View Yacht Club Membership Renewal form. Please complete this form (**in it's entirety**) and bring it to the meeting on the 6th with a check for \$10 (per member renewing) made out as indicated on the form. If you are unable to attend the February meeting and Superbowl Party, please fill in the form and send it with a check to Mike Schrage (our 2005 Treasurer).

Thanks again for electing me and the 2005 Board. I (and I'm sure we) appreciate it and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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

PS: If you haven't been out to the RVYC web site in a while, you should check it out. We have quite a few pictures of events from 2004 posted there.

Look in the Event Photo section and click on the event. If you have any problems or suggestions, please let me know.

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RVYC – Vice views

Our January meeting was well attended in light of the fact that the outdoor temperature was well below freezing. Could it be the food, booze and camaraderie as well as the purpose for the meeting the driving factor for so many club members to brave the wintry conditions?? Personally, I think it speaks volumes for the loyalty, dedication and commitment put forth by our outgoing Commodore Ray Brown and his lovely lady Barb. Do these folks have a large family or what! All in all another great and successful club event. Many thanks to the Koleski's for hosting an afterglow at their home. Like we needed another taste. Let's do that again next year!

The new bridge including our very important directors met at the home of our new commodore (Ron Sherman) early the next day to discuss club meetings and upcoming events for the year. We talked thru club functions, i.e., Fitting Out Party, Green and White party, club dinners, etc., as well as club boat trips. The following provides a brief snapshot of the next couple months:

January = We bowl on the 22nd and that completes our month.

February = The club will meet on the 6th (at Kean's) which is Superbowl Sunday. The meeting starts at 4p.m. and we will wind it up following the game but no later than 10p.m. Don't miss this important event since Jim Baran will be adding a new wrinkle that will provide more opportunity to have a different winner in each quarter. League bowling dates are the 5th and 19th of the month.

March = The club meeting is on the 6th, followed by a roller skating party on the 13th. Stay tuned. The bowling dates are the 5th and the 19th of March with a possible make-up date during this month.

This would sum it up from high up on this bridge. Don't miss the Superbowl party You don't want to miss this! (You must be present to win.)

p.s. Our hostess, Ruthie Sherman, provided a scrumptious brunch for our meeting. It's a miracle that Ron doesn't weigh a bunch more. Kudos to Ruthie!! Did you know? There are more cars in L.A. than people! Hmmm.

Vice Commodore Herb

Out of the Rear!

Hi everybody! I would like to first thank everyone for electing me as your rear! And add a special thanks to Lee Vauris for convincing me to run for the election. I hope to be the best rear I can be. I have some tough footsteps to follow in, and I don't own a shoe tree!

As most of you know, one of my duties is the Venetian Festival. Although it's a few months away, I'm looking for suggestions on how to make this a great event this year. Especially input on the parade, for this has been our most challenging area in the past, and the coast guard requires our proposed parade navigation 135 days prior to the event. We of course want as much participation as possible to make it a memorable christening too. In addition to any ideas, we need to consider the offer being asked by the St. Clair and Drifters Yacht Clubs to combine our Venetian celebrations and parade's. In the long past years this was a tradition at Kean's, and we may want to consider revising the idea of unifying these clubs in the marina, at least for one event. They approached me with the idea, and it is one we as a club could consider together.

I look forward to the next meeting in February, when, whether or not you're ready for some football, it's coming

your way. It's a BYOB, bring a snack, and grab as many football fans as you'd like for this event. See you then! If not, I hope to see everyone (except all those slackers sunbathing down in 75 degree's), at the Detroit Boat Show – Feb. 12-20.

Have a beer for your rear!

RC Dave

Greeting from the Past Commodore:

Old habits are hard to break. For the last three years I was always working against a deadline to finish my article for the newsletter, and since this is my last chance to write one of my epistles, here goes.

Our Club has the extinct honor of being able to plan and have great parties, as evidenced by the Commodore's Ball for 2004. For those of you that were there it was a treat. For those unable to attend, you missed a good time, and as we all know it was "For Fun's Sake,"

The Ball Committee headed by Commodore Ron Sherman and Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman did a yeoman's job with decorations, flowers, favors and program that followed. From the choice of menu to the music and the camaraderie, this was a great party.

So many things happened over the past year. Most were positive and we all learned from our experiences. I will proudly wear my Past Commodore pin and fly my Past Commodore burgee, to show everybody that I care. Speaking about caring, it was amazing to me

how many members went out of their way to congratulate Barb and me. This was much appreciated. Many thanks to Past Commodore Jim Baran, Secretary Joe Bacile, and Jon Jordan for the delightful homemade Chris Craft plaque. It is a work of art.

Members from my family and Barb's that were able to attend remarked "what a fun Club we belong to, and really understand why we enjoy being members." They really enjoyed themselves, and felt like they were a part of the celebration.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not compliment Commodore Ron Sherman on the slide show he put together. The "Roast" was great, and Barb thought the idea for a boat float might be just what we need.

It has certainly been a pleasure serving you as Commodore and I promise to continue to assist whenever I can.

Past Commodore Ray Brown

From the Newslady:

Anything of interest you would like to add to the newsletter please feel free to call me. (734) 420-5391 or email me at: clkoleski@comcast.net

Birthday's in February

Glenn Bemiss	2/11
P/C Bob Cieslak	2/6
P/C Joe Clapper	2/15
Diane Dawes	2/8
Jeff Niermann	2/24
R/C Dave Passmore	2/10
Ed Pritchard	2/2
Jim Roth	2/4
Mary Anne Seedott	2/19
Carol Theard	2/20
Pat Thul	2/23

Anniversary's In February

Don & Barb Leone	2/22
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From the Fleet Captain

We have established a tentative event schedule for the upcoming year:

JANUARY

- 8TH - BOWLING
- 15TH - COMMODORE'S BALL
- 22ND - BOWLING

FEBRUARY

- 5TH - BOWLING
- 6TH - MEETING AND SUPERBOWL PARTY- 4 p.m. @ KEAN'S
- 19TH - BOWLING
- 27TH - KEAN'S OPEN HOUSE

MARCH

- 5TH - BOWLING
- 6TH - MEETING 2 p.m. @ KEAN'S
- 13TH - ROLLER SKATING – Location TBD
- 19TH - BOWLING

APRIL

- 1ST - DINNER @ POLISH YACHT CLUB - 6 p.m.
MEETING 8 p.m. @ KEAN'S
- 2ND - BOWLING
- 9TH - SQUARE DANCE
- 16TH - BOWLING
- 30TH - BOWLING – LAST DAY

MAY

- 6TH - MEETING 8 p.m. @ KEAN'S - AUCTION of USED BOAT ITEMS
- 14TH - FITTING OUT PARTY @ KEAN'S 4 p.m.
- 28TH - 30TH - RENDEZVOUS @ COVE MARINA

JUNE

- 3RD - MEETING 8 p.m. @ KEAN'S
- 11TH - VENETIAN @ KEAN'S
- 12TH - COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY @ KEAN'S
- 17TH – 19TH - RENDEZVOUS @ METRO BEACH

JULY

- 1ST – 4TH - RENDEZVOUS @ ST. CLAIR
MEETING 8 p.m. @ ST. CLAIR

RENDEZVOUS WEEK IN LAKE ERIE – 25TH – 31ST

- 25TH - CEDAR POINT
- 26TH - KELLEY'S ISLAND
- 27TH - PUT-N-BAY
- 28TH - MAUMEE BAY – IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CALL MAUMEE BAY TO RESERVE A SLIP FOR THIS NIGHT. TELEPHONE #: 800-282-7275 (HAVE YOUR CREDIT CARD READY), RESERVATION #99K08Y
- 29TH - RVYC SOUTH
- 30TH - CRYSTAL BAY

AUGUST

- 5TH - MEETING @ KEAN'S - 8 p.m.
- 6TH - GREEN AND WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S

RENDEZVOUS WEEK IN LAKE HURON – 13TH – 21ST

- 13TH - SARNIA
- 14TH - LEXINGTON
- 15TH – 16TH - BAYFIELD
- 17TH – 18TH - GRAND BEND (17th - Progressive Dinner, 18th – Bury the Commodore)
- 19TH – 20TH - PORT HURON (with a possible cruise to the Highland Games Friday)

SEPTEMBER

- 2ND - MEETING @ KEAN'S - 8 p.m.
- 3RD – 5TH - RENDEZVOUS @ CHATHAM
- 17TH - BOWLING STARTS
- 24TH – 25TH - RENDEZVOUS @ BELLE RIVER (Progressive Dinner)

OCTOBER

- 1ST - BOWLING
- 7TH - MEETING @ KEAN'S 8 p.m. NOMINATIONS AND BAKE SALE
- 15TH - BOWLING
- 22ND - RVYC 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY @ TBD
- 29TH - BOWLING

NOVEMBER

- 4TH - MEETING @ KEAN'S 8 p.m.- ELECTION NIGHT
- 12TH - BOWLING
- 20TH - EVENT TBD
- 26TH - BOWLING

DECEMBER

- 2ND - MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY @ TBD
- 10TH - BOWLING

JANUARY 2006

- 7TH - BOWLING
- 14TH - COMMODORE'S BALL
- 21ST - BOWLING

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2005

Your Name _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____

Is your Spouse/Partner also a Member (Y/N) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Spouse's Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ @ _____ .

Spouse's E-Mail Address _____ @ _____ .

Your Birthday (D/M) _____ Spouse/Partner's Birthday (D/M) _____

Wedding Anniversary (D/M/Y) _____

Boat Name _____

Make of Boat _____ Length _____ ft Beam _____ ft

Home Port _____

Dock and Well Number _____

Please make checks payable to River **View Yacht Club, Inc.** (\$10 per member renewing).

Please bring a check and this form to the next club meeting, or send to:

Treasurer Mike Schrage
1890 Lochmoor
Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236

Please complete the entire form. This information will be used to create this year's roster and update the RVYC.info Web Site. Prior year information will **NOT** be used.

REMINDER: dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2005**, so that you will be included in the 2005 roster.