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From the Helm

Hello everyone, and welcome to the middle of summer! We've had everything from great weather to pretty crummy weather. What can you expect from Michigan anyway! If it wasn't for the great group of people here in RVYC, the awesome parties, and the peaceful life on the water, we would be left with just this unpredictable weather.

Speaking of awesome parties, Rear Commodore Dave (with the help of his lovely wife Carol) threw the best Venetian Party I have ever been to. We had great weather for the parade which brought out 16 very extravagantly decorated boats led once again by the creative display of Dale and Pat Binkley (they actually had a donkey on the bow of their boat!) This was by far the biggest showing I have seen in my short 5 years with this club. This doesn't even include all the non-boating members who came for the parade! Thank you all for coming and to all the boating members who volunteered to share their boats.

We followed the parade with an awesome dock party on the 100 doc where everyone broke out the grub and the sauce and proceeded to party the afternoon away. It flowed right into the evening party that, as many of you mentioned, was a great time filled with wonderful Mexican food, a great DJ, a lot of dancing and fun, fun, fun!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the parade, the dock party, the set up, the tear down, to the Roth's for supplying the beverages and to Dave and Carol for pulling this off with all they had on their plates!

We had a good meeting on June 3rd that was preceded by dinner at the Edison Boat Club. We had over 20 people show up there to share in the dinner. The turnout was great but it caused some issues with Edison's staffing. They asked us to call ahead if we are going to have a large group (typically over 4-6 people). Rather than try to coordinate this centrally, I am asking that anyone who is planning to go to Edison for dinner (even if it's not on a meeting night), call a day ahead of time and let them know. The number to call is: (313) 235-2976. This number rings directly to the restaurant. If no one answers, it will go to an answering machine. Leave a message with the date you will be having dinner, the number of people in your party and your affiliation with RVYC. They will not call you back but they will be able to prepare for it. For the good of the order, it was also announced by Lee Vauris that his vibration is now fixed! He reconfirmed this during his

trip to Metro. The problem was discovered quite by accident by an employee of Wolverine Propeller in Southfield. It seems their technician was walking past Lee's boat when it was in dry dock while Lee's props were off. He looked at the shaft on the Port side and commented "now that is a perfect example of a miss-installed prop". Lee contacted Wolverine and they sent the same technician out to install the props for him. When he was done, Lee asked how much he owed them. His answer was "just call us in the summer and let us know how it worked out". Now that is customer service.

We just finished another great rendezvous at Metro Beach. We had 10 boats attend and we all survived the great October weather (of course it was only June) with a drink in hand, good food all around and a group of fantastic people. All in all, it was another great time with RVYC! It really is hard to have a bad time with this crew around you! Check out the web site for pictures of the fun!

We will be following this with our next meeting on July 1st at Kean's. I hope to see you there.

We still have room for more at the July Lake Erie trip on the 25th through the 30th. Let Ruthie know if you want to join us.

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

Vice Views

Here I sit with keyboard in hand musing over the task at hand. It's an easier task to sit down and put your thoughts down on a monitor screen. To think that we once accomplished this with pen and paper, but an old dinosaur like me takes a lot longer to utilize it in the way it was designed. Oh well!

Anyhow, the members who participated and/or attended the Venetian Day function at Kean's harbor were treated to a taste of old fashioned Michigan summer. From the mid 50's throughout most of May to the low 90's in early June. To say that it was hot and humid doesn't do it justice. In spite of the torrid weather it made for a really good reason to throw down an ice cold beer or two. The food and entertainment was well received by our attendees. We actually ran out of some of the makings for the tacos. A good number of people commented favorably about the affair. Kudos' to the Passmore's. By the time you receive this newsletter the club will have been on our second rendezvous that occurred at Metropolitan Park on June 17, 18 and 19th.More on that in the following newsletter.

A look ahead to July has the club rendezvousing in Lake Erie with stops at Kelly's Island, Put-in-Bay, Maumee Bay State Park, River View-North, Crystal Bay, etc., during the final week of the month. Earlier in the month a barbeque is hosted by Ray and Sandy Lacey at Michigan Harbor on July 9, 2005.It starts around 3:00p.m. Any and all donations will be well received and will go directly to the Lupus Foundation of Michigan. Last year the Lupus party was very successful and the Lacey's look forward to seeing you there.

Not much else to report on so I'll leave you with this last thought by Mark Twain: "I believe that our Heavenly Father invented man because he was disappointed in the jackass." Ciao!

V.C. Herb Alfaro

From the Rear

Here we are in the middle of June already, and we're off to a busy start. June 11th seemed to go smooth enough as the parade was very successful. The weather cooperated, and aside from being on a busy channel, it went off without a hitch. Thanks to Reverend Linda Northrup for her personal touch in each of our blessings. We truly enjoyed having her, and thanks to her for taking time out of her weekend to do that for us. Thanks again, Linda.

In the spirit of For Fun's Sake, the participation of those who decorated their boats for the Mexican fiesta was very impressive. Keeping with the recent tradition, the Binkley's outdid themselves again this year, and took away the 1st place prize of a tote bag, and then generously donated the monetary part of the prize back to the club. Thanks, Binkley's. The Clapper clan then took over 2nd and 3rd, with the Sherman's taking home an RVYC tote, as well as Bell Ringer for 3rd. Thanks to everyone for joining in the spirit, and bringing down your decoration's to be set up at the party.

The party was great and I would like to thank all of those who helped with set up and clean up. It's a big chore and the more hands the better. A special thanks to Jim Roth who handled all of the beverages, ice and delivery for us. He also generously donated a few decorations too. Thanks, Jim. And where would any get

together be without the infamous shots that Carolyn has become so famous for. Thanks, Carolyn, for your extra time and effort in that area. We all appreciate it! Also, thank you to Barb and the dessert people. Without your extra effort we wouldn't have been able to top off a great meal, with a perfect ending. So thanks to everyone for all your baked goods. And, lastly, thanks to everyone who came, had fun, ate, drank too much, danced and helped to kick off the summer.

With that being said, the only hitch came on Friday afternoon, the day before the party. We were promised tables and chairs a couple of months previous (in February) for the party. When arriving at the marina on Friday, it was found out that the tables and chairs were thrown out along with several other items (some owned by RVYC). Without the graciousness of even a phone call, we were left scrambling for tables and chairs on a Friday night in June, when everyone wants tables and chairs for weddings and graduations, and one day's notice. We were also surprised by the lack of consideration on the marina's part, to lend us the tables and chairs from upstairs that were not being utilized that day, to make up for not passing on the information to us that the tables and chairs they promised us, no longer existed. That ended up costing the club, and I think it's only right that we be reimbursed. It is also my recommendation that all future transactions with Kean's be done by written communication only! (Fax, email, etc.) We did, however, manage to have fun, and let the summer begin.

Your Rear, Dave Passmore

Facts for the Fleet

For the 4th of July weekend, there are 3 boats signed up to rendezvous together - Brown, Passmore, and Vauris. These 3 people will get together and decide where to go as a group since St Clair was cancelled due to lack of interest. Many are traveling by land this holiday.

The next trip planned is the Lake Erie trip from July 25 thru July 31. The following people have signed up:

July 25 - Put-in-Bay
Participants: Alfaro, Pritchard (Bacile as passengers) and Sherman (Baron as passengers)

July 26 - Kelley's Island
Participants: same as above

July 27 - Maumee Bay
Participants: same as above

July 28 - Maumee Bay
Participants: Alfaro, Brown, Clapper, Passmore, Pritchard (and Bacile), Schrage, Sherman (and Baron), and Vauris

July 29 and 30 - River View South
Participants: Alfaro, Brown, Clapper, Pritchard (and Bacile), Sherman (and Baron), and Vauris

Please let me know if anyone's plans have changed or if you can now join us. This should really be a great trip.

Fleet Captain, Ruthie

July Birthday's

Carolyn Stoehr	9
Diana Wilkerson	12
Linda Baran	14
Carole Bacile	17
Jo Anne Crain	17
Mary Hall	24
Brian Walker	27
Don Leone	30

July Anniversary's

Ken & Denise Armstrong	10
P/C Ray & Barb Brown	10
Kevin & Becky Jariett	23
Robert & Carol Theard	24

REMINDER

SATURDAY
JULY 9, 2005 @ 3:00 P.M.

MICHIGAN HARBOR BENEFIT FOR LUPUS RESEARCH – ALL DONATIONS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE LUPUS FOUNDATION

HOSTED BY RAY & SANDY LACEY, DON & BARB LEONE AND, RON FREESTONE – PLEASE CALL 586-291-6654 WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO HAVE THE GATE OPENED.

FOOD – BEVERAGES, ETC.

50 YEARS YOUNG

JUST A REMINDER!!!!

RVYC'S BIRTHDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 22, 2005

A BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD AT THE EDISON BOAT CLUB

DETAILS TO FOLLOW – JUST WATCH FOR THEM IN THE RVYC NEWSLETTER