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From the Helm

How about this weather? It's been a tough winter but spring is here and all of us (or at least most of us) will be at the marina working on our boats real soon. Part of me can't wait and part of me is dreading the work ahead. In any case, the results – GREAT TIMES at the docks with all of you – are well worth the effort.

We had a very productive meeting last month. We covered a lot of issues and left the meeting with decisions on each of the items in the last newsletter. Thank you all for your input and decisions. Here is a recap of what was decided:

1. Chatham will remain on our schedule.
2. We will not be going to Cedar Point during the Lake Erie trip instead; we will spend an extra day at Maumee Bay.
3. The Haul Out Party will be scheduled for October 8th or 9th. Herb will make the final decision on that
4. The attendees at the meeting decided not to combine Venetian parties with St. Clair Yacht Club and the Drifters. If they want to have their boat parade at the same time, that is fine but RVYC will have our party as in

the past. We will consider other opportunities to mingle with these clubs.

Our next meeting is Friday, April 1st at 8:00. Be prompt as I'm sure you wouldn't want to miss anything. For those of you who are interested, we will first meet at the Polish Yacht Club at 6:00 to enjoy their outstanding service and food!

We have the RVYC Square Dance coming up on April 9th. Unfortunately, we only have 30 people signed up for this event. Based on the feedback from the club members, we committed to this event with a \$200 non-refundable deposit. We have to pay for a minimum of 60 people so we have a gap to close here. So, let's pull together and get your friends and family involved in this event. You know it will be a riot so get signed up. Remember, its \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

We have closed out the membership renewal for 2005 and have 82 people signed up. Thank you all for re-upping with the best darned club in the city. We will be printing the roster and handing them out at the April meeting so make sure you attend so you can get your roster.

In addition, I posted a copy of the roster on the RVYC web site in the Members Info section.

You can download a copy yourself by clicking on the "Roster" link at the top of the page.

This will be the last time the Newsletter will be sent to last year's members who have not renewed. The people listed below were members last year but have not signed up this year. If you are on this list, you will no longer receive a newsletter beginning with the April edition. If you want to renew your membership, you will need to complete an application and submit it to a member of the Board for consideration at the next meeting (per the Constitution). I have included an application in this newsletter. One is also available at www.rvyc.info. Once agreed upon by the membership, you will be reinstated without an initiation fee. I hope you will consider signing up again. All of us together make this club what it is.

As changes to the roster are made, the RVYC web site will be updated and a new roster will be available for download from the web site. For those of you who do not access the internet, a notice of the changes will be made in the next newsletter. You can update your paper copy with the changes.

Past members not renewing in 2005:

Bemiss	Glenn
Bemiss	Karen
Binkley	Sheila
Boyle	Michael
Clark	Carol
Clark	Jaime
Cornwell	John
Cornwell	Peggy
Dawes	Diane
Dawes	Terry
Jablonski	Anthony
Jablonski	Claudia
Spicer	Gracie
Thomas	Kelly
Thomas	Larry

Well I have talked enough, so I gotta go. I'll see YOU at the docks!

Commodore Ron Sherman

RVYC – Vice Views !

According to the calendar winter is on the wane but you can't tell that by the outdoor temperature of late. If you can believe those talking heads on local TV our temperatures have been just a tad below normal. One might find that a bit much to believe if you spend any amount of time outdoor. The wind and its effect has been something else!

Word has it that PC Joe C. celebrated a milestone birthday during the month of February with family and friends at a Mount Clemens nite spot. Joe fessed up that he was hurting from riding and/or throwing the bull. Hmm! I wonder if it was all due to the

BULL? No cause for concern Joe, but the Medicare card is looming.

If you haven't already started working on your water craft for the upcoming season you better think about that. Time's awaiting received my launch date letter recently and the bad news is I'm in the water April 14. I need to get movin'! The annual fitting-out party for the club will be on Saturday May 14th at Kean's in the meeting room. As usual the club provides refreshments and hot dogs. Plan to attend.

The 50th anniversary committee has been meeting at various homes to discuss the many ideas associated with this notable event and I can say that things are progressing along in a timely manner. At this juncture it has been decided to hold the function at the Edison Boat Club facility on Lycaste street in Detroit which is nearby to Kean's Harbor. The celebration will have a theme based on the decade when the club was established, that being during the 50's. Hence, the dress code of the fifties would be appropriate as well as the music of the times. You are encouraged to dig out one or two pictures of you around the time the club was established. Perhaps your baby picture, if that's what you were or perhaps a picture of your first boat. Bring 'em along to be posted for public viewing. Laughs all around I'm sure.

While speaking of major events the Commodore's Ball will be held once again at Laurel Manor in Livonia. It's still the most bang for the buck! For those avid readers of the RVYC newsletter

we would enjoy seeing you at these two important events if for no other reason than to share small talk. Make plans to attend. You'll enjoy the time spent.

The fleet captain has the yearly rendezvous calendar all set and the club looks forward to as many club members joining the fleet at one or all of the locations. Check with the fleet captain (Ruthie Sherman) for details if you are interested. If you are interested and we hope so, the first rendezvous is scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend at the Cove Marina in Canada.

The club had a nice turnout for the roller skating event in Troy. Afterward the skaters and spectators enjoyed a meal together at a nearby eatery. Service and food were wonderful.

The regular Friday night meetings will begin at 8:00p.m. (sharp!) at Kean's with a club dinner at the Polish Yacht Club preceding the meeting .Dinner is to begin at 6:00p.m. The club bowls on April 2nd, 16th, 23rd and the last nite is on the 30th.As an aside to the bowling members we will have a shorter season for 2005-2006.We will begin bowling on Oct.1st and end up on Apr.29th for a total of 15 weeks. That should please all boating members.

That sums up my view of events.

Vice Commodore Herb Alfaro

Cheers from your Rear!

For some of us winter is going by so fast! It's time to put away your snow toys, no not the shovel, but the snowmobiles in time for springtime fun, i.e. ; sanding, painting & waxing. Regardless of how tedious boat preparation is, I always look forward to the hard work because it signifies the start of boating season. Awhile back, the bridge decided each member would cover a different news topic, to reduce redundancy. I drew the short straw, and have the topic of maintenance, safety and technical. This month is the topic of "anchors". No, I'm not going to bore you with terms like rode and scope. I'm covering safe storage. Last year we had an incident on the zero dock that cost the poor soul dry dock on both days of summer. This happened when a boat hit his pulpit and damaged the anchor safety. The next trip out, cruising at high speed, his anchor let loose and damaged the bottom of his boat and one prop. If you have similar storage under your pulpit, make sure you have a short safety line. Another common location is the top of the bow. While this is a great location for some of the bigger spiders, it's really hard on your feet. It makes it difficult to clean the boat. While not recommended by the pros, I keep both my anchors in the bilge. It's a location that gives quick access in an emergency situation, or anytime. Thus eliminating these problems. While at the boat show, putz and I noticed a boat with a chrome plow anchor formed to the front of the bow.

With the arm tucked inside the boat and the plow end doubled as a bow protector, it was a smooth and elegant design, but difficult to clean after use. As with most things in boating there is no perfect design, and everything is a trade off. Hang on. Are you ready: So, now that **Plow** season is over, and anchor season is **Danforth** coming, you should quit acting like a **Mushroom**, don't be **Chained** down, quit **Grapeling** and set your **Claw** into **Tackling** this years **Rode** to completion! Anchors away!

Rear Commodore Dave
Passmore

March Birthdays

Barb Leone	4/7
Ray Lacey	4/12
Jim Baran	4/18
Ron Bickel	4/16
Jean Pritchard	4/20
Bob Nixon	4/25
Diane Deptula	4/26

March Anniversaries

Joe & Carol Bacile	4/7
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Our Commodore asked me to attach the new roster. Please go to your page and check your information. If there are any mistakes please email Ron at apaigeofsummer@aol.com

Facts for the Fleet

Friday April 1st Dinner Polish Yacht Club
6:00 pm
5249 Joseph Compeau
Detroit, MI
313-925-5335

Reservations for 20 people

Going East on 94 take exit for Chene. Go right onto Chene, go 6 blocks to Frederick St. Left onto Frederick 2 blocks. On corner of Joseph Compeau and Frederick. It is a little neighborhood bar. They have a website that gives directions and much more info. www.ivanhoecafe-pyc.com

Saturday April 9th Square Dance at Lazy J Ranch. So far I have 30 people signed up in the book. Jordan (4), Passmore (6), Koleski (2), Clapper (2), Baron (6), Brown (2), Wilkerson (2), Pritchard (2), Bacile (2), Thul (2). We need a minimum of 60 people so bring all of your pals. Please contact Jon Jordan for any info for this event. He and Patti are handling details.

Memorial Day Weekend Cove Marina Sat and Sun night. Reservations for 15 boats
So far signed up in the book are:
Sherman, Alfaro, Schrage, Vauris, Clapper, Pritchard,
Bacile, Jordan.

A few things were voted upon at the March meeting.

- (1) The St Clair Rendezvous over the 4th of July will be Sat and Sun nights only. July meeting will be at Kean's upstairs on Friday, July 1st at 8:00 pm.
- (2) The rendezvous for Highland Games at Sarnia on August 19 and 20 is to be cancelled. I have not cancelled or spoken to anyone at Sarnia Bay Marina regarding our reservation. Please contact Sarnia directly to cancel so that you may get your deposit back from them. I believe you must cancel before June 1 to get your deposit back. You need do nothing if you choose to still go that weekend. As of right now, I have these people reserved.

Koleski, Roth, Brown, Vauris, Sherman, Alfaro, Leone, Passmore, Pritchard, Bacile, Jordan, Bunge, Binkley, Clapper, Hall, Armstrong, Knapp, and Doc Perron. All have paid a deposit.

The phone number for Sarnia Bay Marina is toll free. (877) 797-2233

- (3) It was decided that we would have a Haul Out party in October. Date to be determined later.
- (4) The Labor Day Rendezvous to Chatham will stay in the schedule. I have called them and reserved 15 boats. Please sign up ASAP so I can see how accurate that estimate is. I did address our concerns regarding security and our disappointment with the lack of activities last year. They are going to get back to me. They said they were aware of both issues, and will be addressing them. I have not come up with a theme for our annual cocktail party. I am open to suggestions.
- (5) Regarding the Lake Erie trip: Cedar Point was voted down, as they required minimum of 2 nights dockage, and they are very pricey. Therefore, We will be going to Put-in-Bay on Mon July 25, then to Kelley's Island on Tues the 26th, then to Maumee Bay for 2 nights July 27 and 28, then RVC South for Friday and Saturday nights the 29th and 30th. More details later.

Please see sign up book at any meeting or event for up to date plans and sign up "For Fun's Sake".

Fleet Captain, Ruthie

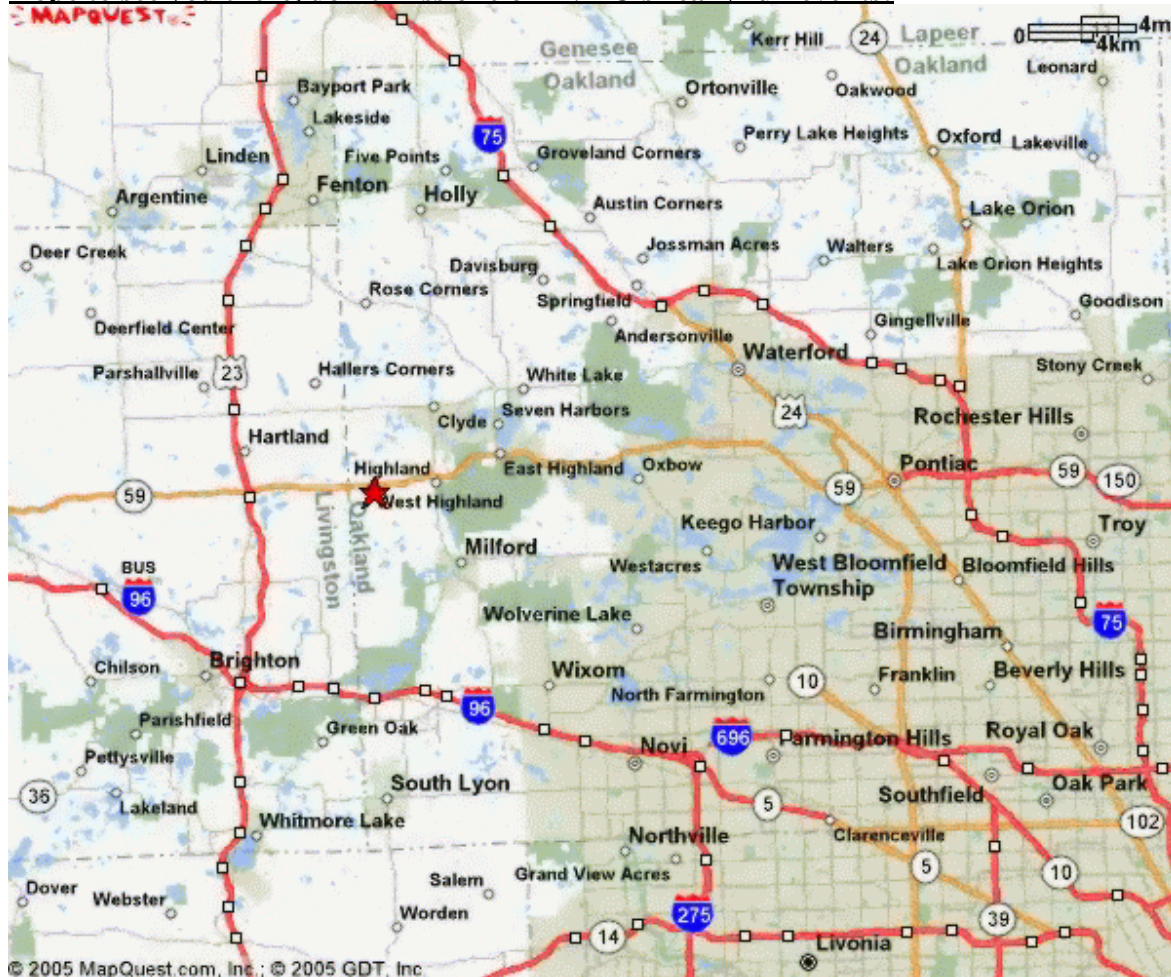
RVYC Square Dance.....Saturday April 9.....8:00 pm until Midnight!

A great group of RVYC Cowboys and Cowgirls have already signed up, but there is still room for you! It takes 60 people to cover the cost of the barn and caller, so invite your friends and relatives, and show them a really good time! The cost is only \$15 per person if you pay in advance, or \$20 at the door. This covers the barn and caller for the evening.

Jon and Patti will be making Sloppy Joes for everyone, just bring one dish to pass and your favorite beverage! We are so confident that everyone will have a great time that we are now offering a **no-money-back** guarantee! Really! (See Dave)

Mail check to Mike Schrage or bring it to the April meeting. Directions to the Lazy J. Ranch are easy, it is less than a half mile south of M-59 on South Hickory Ridge Road in Milford, 4.5 miles east of US-23, or roughly 23 miles west of I-75. **(625 S HICKORY RIDGE RD)**

Hope to see you there, don't miss one of RVYC's really fun events!



(P.S. If you arrive early, a certain "Tahoe" is serving ice cold beer!)

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

DETROIT, MI

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ @ _____ . _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____

Spouse's Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Spouse's E-Mail Address _____ @ _____ . _____

Your Birthday (D/M) _____ Spouse Birthday (D/M) _____

Wedding Anniversary (D/M/Y) _____

Boat Name _____

Make of Boat _____ Length _____ ft Beam _____ ft Draft _____ ft

Home Port _____

Dock and Well Number _____

I hereby petition for membership in the RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB of DETROIT, INC. and agree to abide by all its rules and regulations.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Recommended for membership by: (1) _____

(2) _____

For Office Use Only:

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VC _____

S _____

T _____

F/C _____

Fee \$ _____

Membership Committee:

\$50 Initiation fee and 1st years's dues of \$10.00 **MUST** be submitted with application.