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From the Helm

The weather, while unseasonably warm, is a welcome diversion from the cold and damp that we usually experience this time of year. Let's hope it stays until Thanksgiving and give us a boating summer to remember. Speaking of boating, rendezvous sign-up sheets were made available at the April meeting. If you were unable to take advantage at that meeting, the sheets will be available at the scheduled May meeting. GET ON BOARD!!!

We plan to keep close to home during the month of August. That means we will be boating in and out of harbors in and around Lake St. Clair. Check out the itinerary displayed on the sign-up sheets.

By the time you read this my crew and I should be enjoying a mild libation or two or three aboard "JUICES PARADISE". Wish you could be there!!! What's that??? You say you can.....C'mon down!!!

Remember that the club meeting is May 5, 2006 at Kean's. Following the regular meeting we will hold the annual auctioning of used boating items for the benefit of RVYC. Bring everything and anything you feel you no longer use or need. The club can use the proceeds to help hold down costs for future

events. THIS IS YOUR CLUB. HELP SUPPORT IT!!!

In my absence, Vice Commodore Dave Passmore will conduct the meeting which will include input regarding the acquisition of a defibrillator. Voluntary donations are being solicited. See Ruth Sherman for details. This piece of medical equipment can save a life. Members are asked to contribute fifty dollars per person. A life, any life, even yours is worth so much more. Life shouldn't be based on dollars and cents. Be generous!!

Also, on May 20th the Club will be going to the Dakota Inn for dinner at 7:00 p.m. We have reservations for 20. Please let me know if you would like to attend – but I must have a final count on May 17th.

See you at the Cove!!!!

Commodore Herb

From the Vice!

Hello Everyone,
So sorry to have missed the March meeting. It sounds like everything went very well, and that I earned the opportunity to conduct the big May 5th meeting and auction. So don't forget all of that nautical surplus and décor... it all means Ca\$h for the club! The RVYC "Fitting Out"

party will again be held at Kean's Marina on May 13th at 4:00 p.m. The club will provide hot dogs, chips, pop and beer. For those fortunate ones that already have launched their boats, we ask that you bring a dish of any kind to pass for the less fortunate who are still on land! It will be easy to find us on party day in the Marina, for I will be the one burning the hot dogs and Carol will be taking pictures of my first attempt to cook!! Good luck and have fun with your spring boating chores! Don't forget to take the time to help your friends and "socialize" during this busy time of the season.

Vice Commodore Dave

FYI: The date for the square dance is set with a deposit. It'll be held at the Lazy J Ranch on October 21st this year!

From the Rear!

April is not only here, but half gone. Many thanks to the get well cards from the club and its members. My ear operation went very well. I can hear my pulse in my right ear. The packing comes out the 17th. The boat was supposed to launch on that day, but I'm not supposed to be on a ladder, so we postponed it a couple of weeks.

We had Sh-Boom surveyed last week by Mike Thompson of Thompson & Mormon surveyors. The boat came out with flying colors, a nice boat in good shape. Survey's cost \$12 per foot and because of liabilities and insurance crunches, in the future, surveys may need to be done every three years. Compared to

gas prices, surveys are pretty cheap. In a couple of years the Club may have a survey rendezvous in the marina with a dish to pass.

Mike was his usually happy go lucky self, but noticed he seemed to get stuck on words when he spoke. He eventually told me that he was diagnosed with the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. He seemed to be OK with this and also seemed to have a positive attitude. He has always been a friendly person to talk to and I wish him well.

If anyone would like to be part of the planning of the Venetian Weekend, please let me know. I have a few ideas that could use a little refining and execution. Feel free to join in.

See you in May,

Rear Commodore Joe

May Birthday's

5/1 Anthony Jablonski
5/13 Brenda Roth
5/15 John Seedott
5/17 Jill Martyka
5/23 Bob Caza
5/27 Patti Jordan
5/4 Lee Vauris
5/5 Becky Jariett

May Anniversary's

3 Wayne & Choux Wingert
18 Pat & Judy Thul
20 Ken & Diana Wilkerson
24 Ron & Ellen Bickel

RVYC 2006 SCHEDULE

May :

**5th - Regular monthly meeting at Kean's – 8pm
Nautical auction of used boating items**

**13th – Fitting out party – watch for details in VC Dave
Passmore's newsletter column**

**27th, 28th, 29th - Start Memorial Day weekend at the Cove
Marina in Tilbury, Ont**

June :

2nd – Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.

10th – Blessing of Fleet/Venetian weekend – 2pm

11th - Commodore bloody mary party on the docks @ Kean's.

16, 17 & 18th - Metro Beach weekend rendezvous

July :

7th - Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.

22nd - Lake Erie week long rendezvous. Port-of-call T.B.D.

Note: More info to follow as it becomes established