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From the Helm

The club flotilla has returned safely from the Lake Erie rendezvous with all hands accounted for. That's not to suggest that we were without incidents. Float and Stroke and "Juices Paradise" both experienced what might be termed minor aggravations. Captain Ed will probably not be so trusting in the future while Captain Herb will try to understand the effects of current in the Livingston Channel. The Bacile's and Alfaro's spent one day at Pelee Island and conducted a taste test while there. Also rode bikes around most of the island. I'm still walking like a cowboy. From there Sh-Boom and Paradise navigated down to Sawmill Creek for another day. This is a very nice facility and could be a destination for the club. The next three days had us at P.I.B. where we met Float n' Stroke. More bike rides, swimming, Kenny Kidd and Frosty's. From there we sailed on down to Maumee Bay for the final leg of our trip and

to conduct the traditional burying of the Commodore. In this case the club not only buried the current commodore but included PC's Joe Clapper and Lynn Koleski, both of whom had never been inducted into the burial ritual. It seemed to me the club was going easy on Joe and Lynn while I caught the brunt of their fury. Maybe I had too much firewater to see things clearly.

Any way we have a mini rendezvous coming up rather quickly this month. It will be an abbreviated schedule due to time constraints and price of fuel, however I anticipate 3-4 club members participating. We will probably start at the Idle - hour club on the South channel on Aug.16th and mosey over to Metro for two nights on Aug.17 and 18th. Our final layover on Saturday will find us rafting off overnight somewhere around the area and Sunday finds us homeward bound.

Don't forget the annual foray to Chatham,

Ont., for the labor day weekend where we will celebrate this next to last outing by dressing up in our finest Hawaiian outfits. Bring lots of things Hawaiian to decorate your boat and yourself. Plenty of rum drinks seem to be in order.

Our final club event will find the club at Belle River, Ont., to enjoy the annual “progressive dinner”. This event has been quite a success these past few years and that is attributable to the participation of the club membership. Sign up early, so that we can arrange the pairings and food assignments. If you have any questions or requests please feel free to contact me or the fleet captain (Joyce Alfaro).

In closing, I offer another Mae West gem: “She’s the kind of girl who climbed the ladder of success, wrong by wrong”.

Commodore Herb Alfaro.

From the Vice

Hi Everyone, it’s been a great summer so far, we’ve all been blessed with great weather, and friends to share it with. Carol, Ethan and I came to Kean’s for the 1st Annual “swing around

belle isle”, hosted by Lee and Marylou! The idea was to get together spontaneously and go for a ride on their boat with club members who happened to be around, to be followed by a dish-to-pass dinner on the dock. Thanks Lee, it was fun and what summer is all about!

Once again we had great weather for the Green and White Party. Carol, Ethan and I came by way of small boat from Belle Maer in Anchor Bay. We had a nice ride both ways with a fantastic sunset on the return voyage. A special thanks to Joe & Carol, Herb & Joyce, for all their hard work and to everyone that helped put on the Green & White Party. As always RVCY had put on a great spread with way too much food! Maybe after the slogan, “For Fun’s Sake” we should consider adding the slogan “For God’s Sake there’s too much food”.

Since the last meeting Patti Jordan had the steel shaft and cast removed from her foot and she is doing really well. Patty thinks she should be out dancing around by now, but this stuff was removed only last Wednesday. Just in time, unfortunately, to go back to work. Worth it, since she’s doing well. Anyway, it’s a good excuse to have Jon keep the house clean.

We will be in Cedarville on Labor Day for Carol’s nephew’s wedding, but will see you either at the Belle River rendezvous, or Put-In-Bay on September 30th. Till then, hang on to summer as long as you can!

Vice Commodore Dave

From the Rear

We were an awesome flotilla of two boats for the first part of the Lake Erie voyage and we had a great time. We met Float and Stroke at Put in Bay and continued on to Maumee Bay resort. Float and Stroke had some mechanical problems on the way and had to return to Kean’s for repairs. The Commodore and myself were radioed to get an opinion as to what may have been the problem. Both engines were losing power. We surmised that if the problem was common to both engines, then maybe it was some bad gas as the boat was just fueled up. Ed checked the water separators and found them to be O.K. Past Comm. Koleski was called and, given more info; the boat went slower as more electricals were used, thought it was an electrical problem. Float and Stroke returned to Kean’s and was

checked out by PC's Ron Sherman and Joe Clapper. The problem was finally found. The mechanic had changed the water pump impellers and the alternator bracket was never connected and tightened properly ON BOTH ENGINES. This condition lasted for about a year and a half before the problem showed up. Float and Stroke never had a good charge on it's batteries for a good length of time. The brackets were re-connected and adjusted and Float and Stroke was Floating and Stroking the next morning to Put in Bay. The problem that was common to both engines was the mechanic. He didn't tighten the belts on either engine. We all checked our belt tension during the Lake Erie Cruise and most everything else we could think of. We were found to be fit as a bunch of fiddles.

The Green and White Party was a feast fit for 50 Polish Kings and Queens. There was a 50 person minimum for the caterer and that's how much food we had. Whomever couldn't make it missed out on stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut and city chicken. (Editor's Note: PC Chuck said it was the best polish food he had ever had – that is one huge endorsement!) There was

about 30 people present and we did the best we could to eat it all, but just couldn't If you were quick, you could fill a doggie bag to take home.

Carol Passmore had an interesting question. Why is City Chicken called City Chicken? It's made from pork and veal, although ours was just pork. So, why isn't it called city pork? I don't know, but it tasted good.

We did, however, drink the entire four bottle of rum mix of Goombay Smash. It took until after midnight, but we got it down to the tap and had to tilt the "Hunt Taylor Jug" to get the last of the punch out.

Hooray for Goombay,
Hooray for rum & pineapple juice,
Hooray for us who drank it!

See you on Lake St. Clair!
RC Joe Bacile

From the Editor:

I would like you all to know that Lee Vauris has been playing golf at Metro lately and guess what! He got a hole in one last week! Dude you got it!

Also, I have been asked once again to let you all know about the annual MI Harbor Fund Raiser Picnic for the Lupus Alliance. It will be on September 9, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m., food will be served around 5:30. Beer, wine, water, pop, dinner and dessert will be provided. All donations go to the lupus walk that is at metro beach the 30th of Sept.

I have been to this picnic and it is a real "hoot"! Whatever you do don't miss it if you can help it. A lot of hard work goes into this party by Ray & Sandy Lacey, Barb & Don Leone and Ron Freestone.

September Birthday's

9/14 – Lynn Koleski
9/16 – Mary Lou Tusset
9/18 – Sue Grimm
9/21 – Christyn Nawrot
9/22 – Keith Armstrong

September Anniversary's

9/5 – Don & Mary Lou Tusset

9/25 – Brian & Michelle Walker

RVYC Schedule for Remainder of 2006

September:

1st – Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.

2nd – 4th – Labor Day weekend at Chatham, Ont.

16th – Progressive Dinner at Belle River, Ont.

October:

1st – Haul-out party at Kean's – 4:00pm.

**6th – Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.
Nominations for bridge officers & bake sale.**

14th – League bowling begins.

28th - League bowling

November:

**3rd – Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.
Election night for bridge officers and pizza party.**

11th – League bowling

25th – League bowling

December:

**1st – Regular monthly meeting and Xmas party at the Roth/Stoehr
residence in Northville, Mi.**

9th – League bowling

23rd – League bowling