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From the Helm:

As I put this article together I'm pondering the decision to work on the boat (it needs it!) or stay at my desk where it's warm and comfortable. The month of May has been up and down weatherwise. I'm looking forward to more typical May as we near the Memorial Day weekend at Cove Marina. Suffice to say Juice's Paradise will be there whether we have weather or not!! HUH? What'd he say? While my wife and I were not in attendance at the May meeting I am informed that it was another successful club meeting. The auction of used boating items went well and the club gained useful revenue. My thanks to the bridge officers and volunteers for a job well done.

The passing of a former member (Terry Dawes) during the month of April 2006 was unexpected. Terry was fifty-three (53) at the time of his demise. He died en-route, while returning from Florida (by car) with His wife Diane. Terry will be remembered as a long time member of the RVYC and Detroit Power Squadron where he served as Commander. My article for April contained an error with regards to the cost per person for the defibrillator that the club would like to purchase. I

mis-stated the amount by twenty-five dollars. It should have read twenty-five dollars per person. I ask your indulgence. I wonder if Medicare will come up with a part "f" plan for fried brains??"

Commodore Herb.

Here's a quote from our president while on the campaign trail:

"It's no exaggeration to say the undecideds could go one way or another."

From the Vice

Hello Everyone,

The May meeting was really busy (at least for me). It was not only my first opportunity to conduct a meeting; I had the added benefit of filling in for others too. During the meeting I was the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Fleet Captain, Sunshine Lady, News Letter Editor, Director and part-time auctioneer assistant. Wow what a challenge! Thanks to the board members that did show and the patience from all other members, we survived it!! Although the 50/50 raffle did not. A unanimous vote killed the raffle in lieu of the auction.

I would like to thank Jon Jordan for "Volunteering" to be auctioneer. Jon and his side kick P/C Ron Sherman helped generate over \$200.00 for the club.

Ruth Sherman brought a Defibrillator that is used for training and put on a presentation to show the member's how easily this machine functions. We found out that this machine is so easy to operate that it talks to you and that no special "Paddles" are required for Female victims. I mean uhh patients.

We also had a long conversation regarding fuel consumption. P/C Lee Vauris suggests we travel at slower rates. While Dale suggests we take two boats, I guess if your big boat gets 1/2 mile to the gallon and your dingy gets 5 miles to the gallon, together you will get a total of 5-1/2 miles to the gallon??? We also researched Water levels and found that on the average lake St. Clair is 8" lower than this time last year.

The fitting out party was great! We again had to use the inside meeting room and despite the foul weather we had a good turn out (25 people). A special thanks to my wife Carol for Shopping and Cooking and also thanks to Jon Jordan, Herb Joe and Joe for helping.

See you on the water.
VC Dave

From The Rear

Well it's May and although Sh boom is not in the water, it's close to the water. The Hull is bright and shiny, the bottom is touched up and we have picked out the new carpet.

I used to own a \$200 Milwaukee polisher that weighed 8 pounds and was tough to use all day long. Last fall I saw an ad for a \$29 polisher that had variable speed up to 3000 RPM. I checked it out and found that it was about half the weight of the Milwaukee. I only tested it last fall to see if it worked. It did and I put it away until spring. Last weekend, I was surprised at its performance. It ran all day, sounded as good as the expensive polisher, and as a bonus, it has a soft start so the polish doesn't sling as much. I bought it at Harbor Freight Tools. I must admit I did soup it up with a 3m Velcro backing pad and new buffing pad that together cost more than the polisher. Come to think of it the polish cost more than the polisher.

Venetian is getting close, June 10. Everything is coming together and we hope for a great turn out. Tell your friends and family and if you can, let us know in advance if you plan to come. The Theme is Gilligan's Island and there will

be prizes for best-decorated boat, and best costume as well as the winners of the silly games we'll play. Carol found VHS tapes of the TV program at the library to get some ideas. The cost is \$20 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, desserts, beer and pop.

Rear Commodore
Joe Bacile

June Birthdays

Ruth Sherman	5
Dan Martyka	7
Ken Wilkerson	23
Bob Theard	24
Pete Mischung	30

June Anniversary's

John & Brenda Roth	5
Jon & Patti Jordan	9
Dale & Pat Binkley	22
Mike & Therese Schrage	28

May 27th, 28th, & 20th Rendezvous Schedule for Cove Marina

Facts for the Fleet:

The Memorial Day Rendezvous at the Cove Marina is for Saturday, the 27th thru Monday, the 29th, 2006.

The Cove Marina is near the entrance to the Thames River. The coordinates are Lat. 42.18.00 and Long. 82.27.66.

Upon entering the Thames River at the lighthouse proceed toward Radlin's Marina where you execute a right hand turn into the channel leading to the Cove Marina. Proceed to the second canal and turn right. Again, proceed dead ahead to the dead-end where you turn left and follow the canal around to our usual slips along the road. The marina provides assistance for docking. The marina monitors Channel 68. Please hail them as you get in the channel and they will give you the well number. Their telephone number is 519-682-3841. Canadian Customs is 1-888-226-7277.

THE CLUB WILL MONITOR CHANNEL 72 DURING THE TRIP

Participants: Alfaro, Sherman, Pritchard, Brown, Bacile, Clapper, Lacey, Roth and friends of Roth's.

Itinerary:

Saturday May 27th

- Blowers on whenever you're ready. Try to be there no later than noon.
- 2:00 p.m. Bocce Ball Tournament
- 4:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- Dinner on your own.
- Campfire and general BSing. Bring marshmallows, Chocolate and graham crackers for s'mores.

NOTE: Do not bring firewood. The marina sells firewood.

Sunday May 28th

- Breakfast on your own.
- Golf can be arranged for those wanting to play.
- 1:30 p.m. bocce ball tournament
- 3:30 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner – Bring a grill, something to grill and a dish to pass.
- Campfire and a continuation of the same BS and s'mores if anything remains.

Monday, May 29th

- Noon – leave for home ports the way you came.

NOTE: June 16, 17 and 18, 2006 Rendezvous at Metro. No wells will be reserved, so it's first come, first served. Plan Ahead!! As Itinerary has not been put together at this time for this newsletter, I will send an email or a note to the attendees prior to the rendezvous

2006 SCHEDULE

May :

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.
23rd - Lake Erie rendezvous starting at Pelee Island (1 nite),
Sawmill Creek resort (2 nites), Put-in-Bay (2 nites)
from P.I.B. to Maumee Bay resort (2 nites).
(Don't miss out on the annual burial of your Commodore !!)**

August:

**4th - Regular monthly meeting at Kean's.
5th - Green & White party @ 5:00pm – Kean's
13th - 19th: week in Lake St. Clair – ports of call will be the
Windsor Y.C. (1 nite), Belle River marina (1 nite), Metro Park
marina (2 nites), Algonac Harbor marina (2 nites),
St. Clair city marina (2 nites).**

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**

Riverview Yacht Club on Gilligan's Island

Venetian Celebration

Saturday, June 10
From noon til "Midnight"
At
Kean's Marina

Parade and Blessing of the Fleet will begin at 3:00 PM
Prizes for Best Decorated Boat

Music by Satellite

Island Picnic Dinner
Ham – Chicken - Sausage – Corn on the Cob
And all the Fixin's

Beer & Pop

Games & Prizes
Island Golf – Coconut Races – Treasure Hunt
Dancing and Drinking under the Stars
(Inside the Barn if it Rains)

\$20 per person

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