

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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**From The Helm**

Spring has sprung at last, crocuses are blooming, boats have been seen on the river and people are catching Walleyes.

The Wine tasting party was a lot of fun, thanks to the effort of Jim Roth. Thank you, Jim, for the generous hospitality towards the Club. I and everyone else enjoyed being there and sampling the wines you selected. I especially liked the bottle from your own Roth vineyard in California. We should have a winter rendezvous there some day.

Your bridge is getting used to their new jobs in the Club and progress is being made. I contacted some of the members that forgot to send in their dues and their checks are in the mail.

I called Don and Mary Lou Tusset about their dues and enjoyed a nice conversation with Mary Lou. For our new members, Don and Mary Lou had a 35 foot Carver named *Lucky Duck*. They sold *Lucky Duck* and moved to Arizona. Don bought a motorcycle, joined a club and sings in the church choir. They are both doing fine. The Tussets were always fun to boat with. Their forward birth was only used for Mary Lou's pantry and there was always plenty of food. She is a great cook. On one trip, we were

coming from Harrisville to Harbor Beach in foggy weather. Our boat was a 26-foot Searay. We were tired and happy to get to the harbor and just hoped there might be a pizzeria or something close by to grab some dinner. Mary Lou called just outside the harbor and asked what plans we made for dinner as she had prepared a meat loaf while underway. We ate meat loaf! While underway we had Cheezits and junk food while they had beef tenderloin sandwiches from the day before.

Memories like this are what make it fun to be a member of River View.

Next week we will be in Gulf Shores, Alabama again to golf and soak up some rays. Upon return, we will be in full boater mode and will polish and launch *Sh-Boom*. I'm looking forward to this season, especially to getting buried at Maumee Bay. Hope you can all make it.

Commodore Joe

**Vice View**

Those members not in attendance at the Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting missed a major presentation by Mike Litt, new managing partner of Kean's Marina (servicing boaters since 1931). Here are some highlights of Mike's presentation:

1. Kean's will remain Kean's (servicing boaters since 1931 and apparently serving them into the future).
2. Staff, including many of our favorites, will remain the same.
3. There will be no increase in slip fees (is he being compensated by DYC?). See item #4.
4. It is highly likely that the DYC shuttle will be stationed at Kean's – probably by Jack Kingston's boat and the dog walk. [VC note: this might be Mike's strategy all along, DYC slips are full, any new members can't dock boats, but if Kean's (servicing boaters since 1931) could act as the overflow for DYC and members just have to climb on the convenient shuttle – see item #7.]
5. Will not sponsor a shuttle to Sinbad's, but his motto is, "If you can afford it, we can build it."
6. X-smoker Mike is disgusted by people flicking their cigarette butts on the grounds, so red painted coffee cans will be strategically placed in the marina for butts (just like at boot camp).
7. Forecast to "fill the place up by 2009" with a strategic marketing program aimed at the Grosse Points (or just get a bunch of DYC boats to dock at Kean's).
8. Has owned a trucking company, has a CPA as a partner (never a good sign), just back from Hawaii, has lost 63 pounds since we saw him last and some other stuff that Secretary Carol captured in the minutes of the meeting.

We will put this information in a time capsule to be reviewed at every April Membership Meeting as part of the agenda.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendars:

#### Friday, May 2

8:00 p.m. is the Club meeting at Kean's (servicing boaters since 1931) when we will have our nautical auction.

#### Saturday, May 17

4:00 p.m. is the Fitting Out Party. We will be cooking long tubular and round flat meats on the balcony of our usual meeting room. Please note, if the weather is cooperating, we will hold the fitting out party on the deck by the pool. So plan to show up at 4 p.m., bring something on a plate that you can put on the buffet table, your lawn / deck chairs, the Club will supply some beer and soda and the previously mentioned meats.

#### Friday, June 20

JobbieNooner. The organizers have vowed to stabilize the moral compass of this event by requiring everyone to have I-68 cards to get on Gull Island. Ask Pat when this thing starts.

#### Saturday, June 21

Lighted Boat Parade. 2007 was the inaugural year of the Detroit River Days, *Fantasy* was the only official RVYC entry, with *Who's A Bum* an undocumented parade participant. The official 2008 date has not been published on any websites, however last year it was on the Saturday before the Fireworks.

#### Monday, June 23

Freedomfest Fireworks.

That's right, the Fireworks are scheduled for a Monday, see: <http://www.theparade.org/freedomfest/>

On a related topic, the issue of Great Lakes discharge is in the news. Apparently in 1970 the EPA issued an exclusion for discharges of water by pleasure boats in the Great lakes. After 37 years a Judge in California (natch) has decided the EPA doesn't have the authority to exclude small power and sail (yes sail also) from this regulation so the EPA has until September 2008 to issue permits to great lake boaters that:

- Discharge water used to cool engines
- Have deck runoff
- Discharge from shower sumps and galleys

And, boaters would be subject to individual civil suits if a neighbor doesn't like you washing your boat down with a hose, everyone will become a Kym Worthy. This has I-68 fiasco written all over it and we need to bring this to a crisis level so our politicians drag themselves away from baseball inquires and take action to neutralize a ton of wasted effort and money. So send an email expressing your outrage and support for S2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008 to our favorite Senators Levin and Stabenow and in support of Candice Miller who introduced

HR2550 the Recreational Boating Act of 2007 (funny she didn't mention this at the St. Clair dedication?) There is more information on this at: <http://www.boatblue.org>.

Vice Commodore Ed Pritchard

### **Sunshine Person Report**

Our deepest condolences are extended to P/C Dave Passmore on the sudden passing of his brother, Rick, on April 1st. For those who have inquired, Dave and Carol are suggesting donations to the Michigan Humane Society in his memory.

### **From The Editor**

We have included a few pages of schedules for 2008 in this April edition, laboriously worked on by Vice Commodore Ed Pritchard and Fleet Captain Herb Alfaro. Since we are about to embark on the launch of our 2008 boating season, we want everyone to be aware of the exciting and entertaining events planned. It's not necessary to be a boat owner to participate in all these memorable activities; we are just a great mix of friendship. Remember ... *It's For Fun Sake!*

For those members who are still receiving the RVYC Newsletter via the U. S. Mail, if you now have email access, please let me know and we will gladly send the monthly editions to you via the Internet.

### **RVYC Sale Corner**

Ray Marine Equipment:  
R41 Radar with open Ray, \$800  
Autohelm 7000, with possible dual station, \$300  
Both units for \$1,000  
Contact Jim Roth @  
248-982-4809

### **May Birthdays**

Don Giroux – 3  
Ron Austin – 11  
Brenda Roth - 13  
Jill Martyka – 17  
Bob Caza – 23  
Lisa Austin – 26  
Patti Jordan – 27

### **May Anniversaries**

Bob & Susan Cieslak – 5  
Wayne & Choux Wingert – 13  
Pat & Judy Thul - 18  
Herb & Joyce Alfaro – 19  
Ken & Diana Wilkerson – 20  
Hunt & Barbara Taylor – 22  
Ron & Ellen Bickel – 24

## 2008 SCHEDULE OF RENDEVOUS EVENTS

The following represents the schedule of events and indicates the members who have opted to participate as of this date.

May 24-26, 2008 - Annual "kick-off" Rendezvous for 2008 to be held at the Cove Marina, Tilbury, Ontario, Canada.

Bacile's  
Pritchard's  
Sherman's  
Joe Clapper  
Alfaro's

Note: The club has reservation for ten boats, you can still get on-board.

June 14-15, 2008 – Annual Venetian Weekend to commemorate the advent of summer boating as we know it today and will include the traditional "Blessing of the Fleet" at 3 p.m., followed by a dinner to be held in the club meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Bacile's  
Pritchard's  
Roth's (Jim & Carolyn)  
Thul's  
Sherman's  
Brown's  
Joe Clapper  
Lynn Koleski  
Alfaro's

July 19, 2008 – Annual Green N' White Party to be held at Kean's. Polish cooking will be the flavor of the day and will be served in the vicinity of the pool. Dinner time and price T.B.D.

Pritchard's  
Sherman's  
Brown's  
Joe Clapper  
Lynn Koleski

July 25-27, 2008 – Metro Beach Weekend – this is a first-come, first served venue. No sign-up sheet was provided. This is for anyone who has an interest.

Alfaro's

August 2-10, 2008 - Lake Erie Rendezvous with stops at Elizabeth Park, Maumee Bay, Port Clinton Yacht Club, Put-In-Bay, and Bob-Lo Island. (Itinerary subject to change.).

Bacile's  
Pritchard's  
Alfaro's

All participants are required to make individual reservations where required.

August 29 thru Sept.1, 2008 – Annual Labor Day Weekend to be held at St. Clair City Harbor, St. Clair.

Sherman's  
Brown's  
Alfaro's

September 27, 2008 – Annual Progressive Dinner to be held at Metro Beach, Harrison Township.

Bacile's  
Pritchard's  
Thul's  
Brown's  
Joe Clapper  
Alfaro's

November 15, 2008 – Greenfield Village Tour with dinner to follow at Miller's Bar on Michigan Avenue in West Dearborn.

Sherman's  
Alfaro's

As is customary, all of the foregoing is subject to the continual rehashing of the proposed program information. Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Alfaro

## **Venetian 2008 – The Roaring 20's**

Mark your calendars for this year's Venetian Celebration on Saturday, June 14, 2008

Some of the details are still being firmed-up but following is the proposed Agenda:

Boat dockage for non-Kean's members: For those of you driving boats from other marinas, as last year, we would like everyone to stern-in around the cluster of RVYC boats on the 100 dock. Contact Kean's at 313-822-4500 for slip assignments.

### **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

? a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - decorating boats. Start now ... collecting your art supplies, party decorations and/or Christmas lights. Here's your chance to use those creative juices and talents to come up with ideas that will depict scenes from the Roaring 20's.

2:45 p.m. - "Blowers On" (a nautical phrase often heard). All boats participating in the Parade and "boat-blessing" event should start congregating on the river in front of Kean's entrance, starting with the Fleet Captain's boat.

3:00 p.m. - Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet parade order: Fleet Captain, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors, Past Commodores, followed by all other Club members. We will follow the short parade route following a course that is east of the marina (past DYC, Bay View & Harbor Hill), and a blessing for your boat officiated by Reverend Mary Jean Bird, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. When decorating, please keep in mind that traditionally the day of the Venetian parade includes gale force type winds, so make sure decorations are somewhat secure or you can pick them up when they wash ashore at Kwame's house. [Note: Although it's optional to be decorated for the parade, it's a Club tradition all members have their boats blessed.] The parade and blessing will be monitored on VHF channel 73.

Judging of boat decorations will be made during the parade. Announcement of winners for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be made after dinner with prizes being presented then.

6:30 p.m. dinner. The meal will be catered in our usual meeting room. Costs are still being sorted out but plan on approximately \$20 per person.

7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. - Decorating awards presented, adult games, partaking of the special Roaring 20's libation in the *Hunt Taylor Memorial Jug*.

### **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Commodore's Bloody Mary Party. Participate in the morning-after ritual of breakfast drinks and sweets on the dock in front of the Commodore's boat.

## 2008 RIVER VIEW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### APRIL:

- 4<sup>TH</sup> CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
- 12<sup>TH</sup> LEAGUE BOWLING
- 19<sup>TH</sup> DINNER AT THE DAKOTA INN (DETROIT) AT 7 P.M., RESERVATIONS ARE FOR THE FIRST 20 SIGNED UP.
- 26<sup>TH</sup> LEAGUE BOWLING – FINAL NIGHT

### MAY:

- 2<sup>ND</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
- 17<sup>TH</sup> FITTING OUT PARTY, BRING DISH TO PASS, CLUB PROVIDES BEER, POP, CONDIMENTS, ETC.
- 24<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY RENDEVOUS AT THE COVE MARINA, TILBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA  
RESERVATIONS FOR TEN BOATS ON THE "F" DOCK(S).

### JUNE:

- 6<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M. (NAUTICAL AUCTION)
- 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VENETIAN WEEKEND, BLESSING OF FLEET AT 3 P.M., DINNER (UPSTAIRS)  
AT 6:30 P.M.
- 15<sup>TH</sup> COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK AT 9 A.M.
- 25<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

### JULY:

- 4<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
- 11<sup>TH</sup> THUNDERFEST BOAT RACES ON THE DETROIT RIVER
- 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREEN AND WHITE PARTY AT KEAN'S AT OR AROUND THE POOL, TIME TBD.
- 25<sup>TH</sup> RENDEVOUS AT METRO BEACH, FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

### AUGUST:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> THRU THE 10<sup>TH</sup> - LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS STARTING AT ELIZABETH PARK (DOWNRIVER,  
THEN ON TO MAUMEE BAY, PORT CLINTON, PUT-IN-BAY AND ENDING UP AT EITHER  
BOB-LO ISLAND OR TRICENTENNIAL HARBOR IN DETROIT.
- 29<sup>TH</sup> START OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN ST. CLAIR, MI. OR PORT HURON, MI.

### SEPTEMBER:

- 5<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
- 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT METRO BEACH

**OCTOBER:**

- 3<sup>RD</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.  
NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND BAKE SALE**
- 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 4 P.M., BRING DISH TO  
PASS, CLUB PROVIDES BEER, POP, ETC.**
- 11<sup>TH</sup> FIRST NITE OF RVYC LEAGUE BOWLING AT HARTFIELD LANES IN BERKLEY, MI.  
WARM-UP BEGINS AT 5:45 P.M.**
- 18<sup>TH</sup> RVYC HAYRIDE – DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- 25<sup>TH</sup> LEAGUE BOWLING**

**NOVEMBER:**

- 7<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWED BY PIZZA PARTY**
- 8<sup>TH</sup> LEAGUE BOWLING**
- 15<sup>TH</sup> OUTING AT GREENFIELD VILLAGE WITH DINNER AT MILLER'S BAR FOLLOWING.  
TIME TBD.**
- 22<sup>ND</sup> LEAGUE BOWLING**

**DECEMBER:**

- 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/ MEETING AT THE HOME OF LYNN KOLESKI STARTING  
AT 8 P.M. SHARP.**
- 20<sup>TH</sup> LEAGUE BOWLING**

**FLEET CAPTAIN'S NOTE – THIS IS THE NORM FOR THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,  
ALL OF THE FOREGOING IS SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT**