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**From The Helm**

Jaimie, Eduardo, Jose and Umberto **El Capitan**.

Last month I couldn't even spell Big Stud Warrior, now I Am One. Thank you to all who participated in the great party and ceremony held in the backyard of Carolyn & Jim Roth. A special thank you to Carolyn and Jim for a wonderful party. The venue was awesome, the evening was perfect and the company was, as always, great. I learned two things that night. First, always keep your mouth closed when approached by a Past Commodore carrying a pail of water. Thank you Jean Pritchard for the drowning. Second, ice water can work its way through sand and trickle down your spine to your butt. Thank you Ron Sherman.

The Lake Erie trip was super aboard the cruise liner, *Juice's Paradise*. This was RVYC's first Green Cruise as we opted to all go on one boat to save fuel. The accommodations were first class and the service was top notch. Thank you Herb and Joyce for your hospitality. The weather was almost perfect. Maumee Bay is always a great place to visit. The water was six feet at the shallowest going in. We docked on the hotel side of the marina for the first time and the marina was about half full.

We golfed the first day and lost about a dozen golf balls. Jim Baran drove up the second day and brought a shopping bag of replacement balls for the second day of golf. We grilled and ate good.

The trip to Put In Bay lasted two hours with a fuel stop at Gem Beach. The fuel cost \$4.18 per gallon. The hop to the bay took about half an hour and we docked at B-dock, about 100 feet from shore. The harbor was half full. As always, we rode our bikes around the island, listened to some good bands at the Beer Barrel and Round House bars, had dinner in the park, the Boardwalk and Frosty's Pizza. We ate good.

It was at the Round House that we met Linda and Jim Baran's daughter-in-law, Monica, and her friend, Lovie. Lovie, who is a Columbian, and Monica were visiting the island with Lovie's parents who live in Michigan and their friends from Columbia. They were curious about Juice's Paradise and after some beer we all ventured to the boat for a tour. The tour lasted five minutes and the talk about baseball lasted about 20 minutes. We asked what our names were in Spanish and found out that James is spelled Jaimie and pronounced Hymie. Edward of course is Eduardo, Joe is Jose, and Herbert is Umberto who is **El Capitan** of *Juice's Paradise*.

The next day was nice during the day but got windy and rainy toward evening. The wind continued on the day of our return home, which produced 2 to 4 foot waves out of the north that diminished as we approached the north end of the lake. The trip took four hours and forty-five minutes to Michigan Harbor. We had lunch during the trip and we ate good.

August has been a great month!  
Commodore Joe

### **Advice from the Vice**

As reflected in Commodore Joe's article so far August has been all RVYC! First the modern version of the Big Stud Warrior Ceremony, thanks to our gracious hosts Jim and Carolyn Roth as they watched with some trepidation as a gaggle of Indians traipsed through their house and grounds eating, drinking "firewater" and chanting.

Then the Lake Erie rendezvous, you will be glad to learn that nothing has changed at Maumee Bay Resort or PIB. Speaking of changes, hopefully you are keeping track of changes at Kean's (servicing boaters since 1931) compliments of Mike "there will be no changes" Witt. So far my list includes: changing door locks, restrictions from the kitchen and balcony, no smoking, no pets, no grills on the docks, adult swimming from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. - charging for Kean Day, no guests over 6'5" and the rumor that slip fees will be increased 3% for 2009 and that building security will be tighten.

One news worthy item, buried by Kwame coverage, was the terrific victory for the marine industry and recreational boaters nationwide as both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives on July 22, 2008 passed S. 2766/H.R. 5949, the Clean Boating Act of 2008, relieving boaters of the need to apply for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act permit for their overboard incidental discharges. President Bush quickly moved into action, signing the bill into law on July 29, 2008 onboard Air Force One. As you watch the Olympics notice both McCain and Obama take credit for ramming these bills through demonstrating their superior bi-partisanship.

Some upcoming events:

August 29 - Sept 1: Labor Day "made in America" rendezvous – where the only thing imported will be the booze. See Fleet Captain/P.C. Alfaro's article on page 4 of this newsletter.

Sept 27 - 28: Progressive Dinner rendezvous at Metro Beach. After some passionate debate at the August 1 Club meeting it was decided that we would use P/C Jim and Linda Baran's large tent (12' x 20') to serve as the "back deck" for those boat-less members who want to participate in the progressive dinner. So if lack of boat ownership has precluded your participation in the progressive dinner – your prayers have been answered. Let Fleet Captain/P.C. Alfaro know by e-mail or telephone call that you wish to participate. My perception is that Fleet Captain/

P.C. Alfaro will be assigning meal courses shortly after the Labor Day rendezvous.

October 3: RVYC monthly meeting, this is the bake sale and opportunity to set the Bridge direction for 2009 - 2010.

October 4: Haul out party. Spend the night on your boat; we will have the haul out party around the pool area (based on recent grilling restrictions) at 4 p.m. and finish up all the brats, hot dogs, beer and soda that were over-bought for functions this summer. Also it would be nice if you could bring a dish to share with fellow RVYC members.

We are also forming the Commodore's Ball committee (yep – it's that time again) so let me know if you are interested in planning and decorating. Already alert members have been making suggestions that will make this Ball memorable! We plan to hold our preliminary planning meeting in October with the time, date and location to be announced shortly.

For Fun Sake – VC Ed Pritchard

### **Sunshine Person Report**

Our best wishes are extended to P/C Jim Baran who is currently side-lined for a few days in Henry Ford Hospital. He is hopeful of returning home soon. Jim developed a sudden rapid heart beat causing a trip to Emergency ... rumor has it was possibly brought on because he didn't win any skins during a golf outing on the Lake Erie rendezvous. Stay well Jim!

We want to report the passing of Mrs. Florence McClure, mother of Past Treasurer, Richard McClure and Mother-in-law of P/C Barbara McClure (1989). A sympathy card was sent to the McClures from the Club. For those wishing to send their personal condolences, the McClure's home address is 19891 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Hillman, MI 49746-7997.

### **September Birthdays**

Lynn Koleski – 14  
Mary Lou Tusset – 16  
Keith Armstrong – 22  
Beth Armstrong – 27

### **September Anniversaries**

Don & Mary Lou Tusset – 5

TO: All Labor Day Rendezvous Participants at  
St. Clair City Boat Harbor, St. Clair, MI  
Tel. (810) 329-4125

DATE: August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

CHECK-IN-TIME: 12 Noon

The club will monitor Channel 72 while underway to this destination  
Coordinates for the harbor are Lat. 42° 49' 12" N Long. 82° 29' 05" W  
Bridge on the hour & ½ hour, long-short

Participants: Alfaros, Baciles, Browns, Shermans, Middlekauffs,  
Pritchards, & (senior) Roths  
(For those who have not yet signed up and are interested in  
participating, please call and make your individual reservations  
at the Harbor and also contact Fleet Captain/P.C. Alfaro

For those participants arriving earlier on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own  
1:00 p.m. Decorate boats to reflect theme  
4:00 p.m. Cocktails on the dock with light hors d'ouvres  
7:00 p.m. Cook your own dinner and eat together in enclosed  
pavilion area  
9:30 p.m. Enjoy a taste with general BS'ing or games of chance

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own  
1:00 p.m. Golfers depart while others hang out and decorate boats.  
Remember to decorate and wear something with  
"red, white and blue" to reflect our patriotic theme  
4:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'ouvres on the dock  
The following boats to provide hors-d'ouvres on Day 1:  
*Baciles, Browns and Shermans*  
7:30 p.m. Dinner Hour, cook your own meat/fish/poultry and bring dish  
to pass. Dinner to be held in the covered pavilions  
9:30 p.m. More tastes, boat décor judging, card/table games, etc.

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Club Breakfast, participants to select one item to provide:  
scromelet ... scrambled eggs w/extra goodies (*Shermans*)  
bacon & sausage (*Alfaros*)  
blueberry pancakes w/syrup (*Pritchards*)  
bagels, coffee cake, muffins, toast, etc.  
assorted fresh fruit (*Roths*)  
beverages ... options are juice, coffee, tea, water, etc.  
Any other suggestions or additions welcome

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. Golfers depart
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 2:00 p.m. Stroll into town for sightseeing, ice cream cones, shakes, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'ouvres on the dock  
The following boats to provide hors-d'ouvres on Day 2:  
*Alfaros, Pritchards, Roths and Middlekauffs*
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Hour, cook your own meal; eat on your boat or in the pavilion area
- 9:00 p.m. Night caps, board games, conversation, etc.

Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. BYOB and Share ... Mimosas, Bloody Marys and coffee
- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast on your own or offer leftovers
- 9:00 a.m. Golfers depart while others clean-up and check boat fluids
- 12:00 p.m. Participants depart as desired, monitor Channel 72 underway
- 4:00 p.m. At home ports ... last call for cocktail hour and more leftovers

Fleet Captain's Editorial Note: *As usual, comments are always welcome!*