

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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**From The Helm**

We are all facing high fuel costs and we certainly don't need another fee to pay. The fee I'm writing about is tied into the recent court ruling that will require all boats to obtain a permit because of pollution from ballast and discharge water. This ruling will go into effect September 30, 2008 unless **The Clean Boating Act of 2008** is passed. For details check out [www.boatblue.org](http://www.boatblue.org).

Carol and I have e-mailed our concerns about this matter to our senators in Washington and it may help if all of us do the same.

Cove Marina was fun as always. Good food and good company and good times. The marina was almost empty except for the three visiting clubs. Maybe it was just too early in the season.

Carol and I are looking forward to the Venetian celebration next weekend and we hope to see many of you there.

See you on the water!  
Commodore Joe

**Vice View**

It seems that the official in the water "for fun's sake" portion of the year has arrived with most of the club's boats tied-up in a slip and floating. And, as far as I can

tell from looking at the water line, the Vivid by Pettit antifouling paint job of Float n' Stoke survived the run to The Cove over Memorial Day. The Vivid bottom paint was close to not being applied this year. After the four coats of barrier from Interlux (which the battle ship gray didn't look all that bad) I had a "window" of opportunity to apply the Vivid with any hopes of it adhering to the barrier coat. As with any project that is on public display, I received a host of free advice on: how to apply, when to apply, what not to do to apply, how what they applied was better and a plethora of horror stories that makes you wonder why you even started the project. The "window" of application seemed to run from 4 hours to 9 hours with the thumb test being the guiding principle. As Commodore Bacile and I fussed around with the cutlass bearing (more on that later) it became apparent it was time to paint (kinda like water breaking during a pregnancy.) Well, this Vivid was vivid – the gallon of red was a bright red and the quart of blue was really blue – resulting in a mixing time of close to 30 minutes. Which lead to the next dilemma, do I start painting or set-up and start cooking for the Fitting Out party? Because of said "window" I started painting and thanks to several pro-active members, the Fitting Out party was only delayed 45 minutes.

Thanks to Sunshine Person / Newsletter Editor Carolyn Roth for taking action (as I lay on my back) and P/C and Fleet Captain Alfaro and Juice for being the chief cooks turning out brats and burgers to the delight of a larger than expected crowd. Our club culture is based on the multi-tasking members willing to jump in when needed and these individuals personify this attitude.

On another note, a spirited discussion, lubricated by an assortment of adult beverages, ensued on Paige of Summer in regards to the differences between a boat, ship and yacht. It turns out that P/C Clapper, with his high-seas military experience, was closest to describing the differences. A boat is a watercraft designed to float or plane on water, and provide transport over it. Usually this water will be inland (lakes) or in protected coastal areas. In naval terms, a boat is something small enough to be carried aboard another vessel - a ship. Some boats too large for the naval definition include the Great Lakes freighter, riverboat and ferryboat. Boats may be used by the military or other government interests or for research or commercial purposes; but regardless of size, a vessel in private, non-commercial usage is almost certainly a boat. A yacht is a recreational boat. However, since the level of luxury on larger boats has seen an increasing trend, the use of the word yacht to mean any sailing vessel has been diminishing and is more and more limited to racing yachts or cruising yachts. Yacht lengths generally start at

32–35 feet and go up to hundreds of feet. Yacht was originally defined as a light; fast sail boat used by the Dutch navy to pursue pirates and other transgressors around and into the shallow waters of the Low Countries. After its selection by Charles II of England as the vessel of choice for his return to Britain from the Netherlands for his coronation, it came to be used to convey important persons. So if your boat carries important people i.e. Kuwame you have a yacht – and the best part is that the beer is on him!! Members belonging to a yacht club or sailing organization may fly their club's unique triangular *burgee* both while under way and at anchor (however, not while racing). Traditionally, the burgee was flown from the main masthead; however it may also be flown from a small pole on the bow pulpit when sterned-in on a rendezvous. Historically it has been viewed as an insult to the host club to bow-in with severe penalties for such an act of aggression.

See y'all at Venetian.  
VC Ed Pritchard

### **Sunshine Person Report**

Condolences are extended to Mary Lou Payette on the passing of her brother, Jack L. Richardson on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Memorials in his honor are requested to the Grosse Ile Fire Department.

Ray and Sandy Lacy are holding their annual Lupus Fund Raiser on July 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:30 p.m., at their Michigan Harbor Marina located at 9-1/2 Mile

Road and Jefferson. The event includes food, beer, wine, pop and water, dinner is at 5:30. The Lacy's are docked in well #20. For further information, please contact Ray at 586-291-6654.

Kudos to Fleet Captain Herb Alfaro on surprising his Bride of 46 years with an anniversary trip to Las Vegas a few weeks ago. YOU ROCK Herb!

Lastly, our thanks to P/C Jean Pritchard for the wonderful burgers she prepared for the Fitting Out Party. Although Jean could not attend, she sent the delicious burgers via Ed. When asked about the special taste to the burgers and the ingredients, V/C Ed's reply was ... "ketchup and other stuff". Jean has shared the "other stuff" secret ingredients with us which we will print at a later date, but in the meantime those who attended unanimously have deemed the burgers the Official *RVYC Jean Burger!*

### **Newsletter Editor**

In anticipation of the Club's 2008 Venetian Celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup>, we are again including V/C Ed Pritchard's attached write up detailing the exciting events of the day.

### **RVYC Sale Corner**

It appears Jim Roth has nothing more to sell. But please keep in mind that we are happy to list any articles that members would like to place for sale. As a reminder, should your article sell, a five dollar contribution to the club would be appreciated. Please forward any listings to the Newsletter Editor.

## **Burying of the Commodore Rendezvous**

At the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, plans for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Land Rendezvous Burying of the Commodore event were discussed. This event will be held at Jim & Carolyn Roth's home beginning at 5 p.m. The Roth's will supply hot dogs and hamburgers (hopefully the official *RVYC Jean Burger*). As with all our rendezvous, participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. To assure we have a good assortment of dishes the members listed below have offered to supply the following:

Potato Salad – Joe Clapper  
Cole Slaw – Linda Baran  
Baked Beans – Jean Pritchard  
Fruit Tray – The Thuls  
Strawberry Short Cake – Baciles  
BYOB

So we can plan accordingly, please contact Carolyn Roth at 248-982-4675 or via email at [jrcstime@yahoo.com](mailto:jrcstime@yahoo.com) to confirm your attendance and let us know what you might like to contribute. We are still looking for snacks and appetizers, and other specialty dishes, and possibly somores for a bond fire. Participants are also asked to bring their deck chairs and some bug spray too!

## **July Birthdays**

Carolyn Roth – 9  
Diana Wilkerson – 12  
Linda Baran – 14  
Carol Bacile – 17  
Jo Anne Crain – 17  
Mary Hall – 24  
Don Leone – 30

## **July Anniversaries**

Ken & Denise Armstrong – 10  
Ray & Barb Brown – 10

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

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

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 NYC, 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 is \$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>**

10 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

### JUNE:

- 6<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.  
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 10 A.M.  
23<sup>RD</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> BURYING OF THE COMMODORE AT JIM & CAROLYN ROTH'S HOME.  
3<sup>RD</sup> LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS BEGINS, STOPPING AT PORTS NEAR AND AROUND PUT-IN-BAY,  
ITINERARY TO BE DETERMINED.  
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**