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From the Commodore

Thanks to everyone that made Joe Bacile's Commodore Ball a special event. As in previous years, we were at Laurel Manor in Livonia and for the third year in the Maple Room. The room is just the right size for our group and with the dance floor in the middle, as opposed to practically on Schoolcraft Road; it attracts many different styles and dance interpretations. Speaking of dancing, the Band seemed to have a great time and was hopeful that we would invite them again next year. They had such a good time that maybe next year we should charge them rather than giving a performance fee! And where else can you have a live band for dancing an open premium bar and entertainment for just over \$100? Such a deal!

The Commodore Ball Planning Committee displayed the usual efficiency in planning, decorating and providing logistical support that would be the envy of any event planner. PC Herb "Umberto" and Juice Alfaro obtained official past commodore paraphernalia and made planning suggestions; PC/VC Jim and Linda Baran procured burgees, epaulets and Jim was instrumental in recreating Joe's first boat; PC Ray and Barb Brown provided behind the scenes advice and

moral support; Rich and Mary Ann Helm arranged for flowers and helped the Vice Commodore with Italian phrases; PC/Treasurer Lynn Koleski obtained more flowers, commodore gifts, wrote checks, hosted the afterglow party and basically did whatever needed to be done; PC Jean Pritchard made the picture boards and supervised the decorating; Secretary Carolyn Roth procured Commodore gifts, balloons and other decorating items; and PC Ron and Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman used their creative gifts to put Past Commodore Joe's reign in the right context. Ron did his usual outstanding job of providing more than 300 pictures that captured the *For Fun's Sake* spirit for 2008, plus was the creator of the Pope morphing into Past Commodore Joe. As usual, Pat Thul provided the data projector and screen so everyone could enjoy Ron's picture collage from their seats.

Your new Bridge is a collection of retreats, holdovers and newbies. PC Jim Baran as Vice Commodore is going for the trifecta, Hunt Taylor as Rear Commodore promises to focus on *For Fun Sake*, Secretary Carolyn Roth puts a new meaning to multi-tasking, PC Lynn Koleski continues her role as Treasurer and Ruthie Sherman, in a return

engagement, will act as the Club's travel agent by agreeing to be the Fleet Captain. Jim Roth and Mike Schrage complete the Board as Directors and will primarily focus on giving sage advice and recruiting new members to the club (also in the back of their mind is the \$250 bounty Mike "TWBNC" Litt will credit for new slip holders at Kean's ... Serving Boaters Since 1931.)

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2008 Lee Vauris Service Award. This award was initiated in 1999 for the purpose of recognizing a non-board member who had, in their years associated with RYVC, displayed a high level of service, commitment and energy in support of our motto, *For Fun Sake*. It is named after PC Lee Vauris who embodied the spirit, camaraderie, loyalty, and general *For Fun Sake* friendship we strive to embrace in all the Club's activities and relationships. The 2008 Lee Vauris Service Award recipient is PC Herb Alfaro.

Close on the heels of the Commodore's Ball was the Super Bowl party; this year hosted by PC Joe and Carol Bacile. It turns out that Joe's mother, who moved in with Joe and Carol last year, kept asking about this "river view" thing they kept running out for and Joe decided to show her by having the Club for a Super Bowl Party; and his mother got right in the middle of things! As in past years, the food was great and PC/VC Jim and Linda Baran supervised the scoring squares. Derek Roth won the first quarter,

although questioned because of a codicil in the by-laws prohibiting anyone shorter than 5' from participating in raffles, etc; PC Ken Wilkerson, in a cameo appearance, won the second quarter; Bill "you must be present to win" Middlekauff was not but still won the third quarter and perennial winner, PC/Treasurer Lynn Koleski, won the fourth quarter. The Club appreciates PC Joe and Carol's hospitality and the 3-D commercials on their HUGE TV were great. Hopefully their cat will overcome the trauma of 20-plus people in its living space before he loses all his fur.

You will find the membership renewal form on the last page of this newsletter. We are not having a formal meeting in March, just the feather bowling. So you will need to complete the form, write your check and either mail or give it to PC/Treasurer Lynn Koleski at bowling: either feather or round ball. We would like to get renewals in by April 1, 2009 so we can publish an up-to-date roster in a timely fashion ... don't make us call you.

We have lots planned for this year; and we are keeping our fingers crossed on the fuel prices. The other articles in this newsletter detail many of these events, PC Jean and I look forward to seeing all of you.

For Fun Sake,
Commodore Ed Pritchard

Vice Views

It's February, and as Don Leone would say, only 45 days until launch. Punxsutawney Phil's

shadow said six more weeks of winter, but its 50 degrees and raining as I write this. Go figure.

Since we still have a couple months of no boating, Fleet Captain Ruthie has planned some "land" activities to take up the slack. First one is Sunday, March 15th, at the Cadieux Café for some feather bowling and a meal. Bowling begins at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. Mark your calendar for this fun event!

Another activity and a meal is planned for Sunday, April 5th. We'll go to the Detroit Zoo at 3 p.m., followed with dinner at Howe's Bayou at 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 19th, is another fun event to attend the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and see *Bleeding Red* at 2 p.m. Dinner is following the play at the Common Grill, 4:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Ruthie ... *BEFORE* March 1st. She needs to have a head count and ticket money by then. Tickets are \$35 per person.

All in all, this should keep us busy until launch!

V/C Jim Baran

Greetings from the Rear

I recently went to the Bayview monthly guest talk where they had scheduled the U.S. Customs Border Patrol and the Canadian Border Patrol supervisors to come in and give an update on the latest Boater Reporting Requirements and call-in procedures. They gave us a web site which I went to and pulled down information in summary

form. I think it will be useful to all the RVYC boaters this coming season. This information is attached as a separate write up in the newsletter.

Best Regards, Hunt Taylor, VC

Sunshine Report

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Rich and Mary Ann Helm on the passing of Rich's father, Mr. Clarence Helm, at age 93, in late December. Rich described his dad as such a good guy who lead a wonderful life and (like, son) was a sailor at heart.

We recently received a surprise and fun phone call from our long-time member and friend, Pete Mischung from Port St. Lucie, Florida. Pete is doing well, sends his best regards to all at RVYC and ...he has a dream of spending his summers back here on the 100 dock at Keans. Pete, we hope this dream comes true in the near future. For our new members, Pete kept his 38' Burns Craft, "*Miller High Life*", at Keans for many years and he truly epitomized the mission of RVYC, *For Fun Sake!*

From The Editor

We are including a lot of information in this edition. However, because we are not having as many monthly meetings as in the past, this is our way of keeping in touch and passing along what the Bridge considers worthwhile reading information concerning RVYC.

Our special thanks are extended to Mike Conrad, our talented artist-at-large, who designed the special presentation box for the Italian flag presented to PC Joe Bacile at the Ball. For those non-Italians, there are some facts you may not know about the history of the Italian Flag and its proud heritage. Therefore, following is a brief introduction via "The Italian Flag 101."

The Italian flag is a rectangular drape, vertically divided into three equal sections of green, white and red. The three colors of the flag represent, symbolically, the three cardinal virtues:

Green = Hope

White = Faith

Red = Charity

We hope it was politically correct, but PC Bacile looked very impressive wrapped in his new Flag of Italy during the ceremonial presentation at the Ball.

Finally, as noted we will be trying to keep in touch as much as possible via the monthly newsletters. Please feel free to contact any member of the Bridge or the Editor via phone or email if there is anything any member would like to convey to the membership ... whether it be a special greeting, some news, something to sell, or maybe even some good gossip.

Sincerely, Carolyn Roth

March Birthdays

Shiela Binkley – 1
Martha Conrad - 3
Bob Krupka – 5
Don Bunge – 9
Joyce Alfaro – 11
Mary Ann Helm – 18
Elaine Middlekauff - 21
Richard Helm - 28

March Anniversaries

None to report

(Boater Reporting Requirements and call-in procedures ... forwarded from Hunt Taylor)

Pleasure Boat Reporting Requirements

(04/28/2007) Pursuant to 19 CFR 4.2, operators of small pleasure vessels, arriving in the United States from a foreign port or place to include any vessel which has visited a hovering vessel or received merchandise outside the territorial sea, are required to report their arrival to CBP immediately (see 19 U.S.C. 1433). This includes visits to Canadian restaurants by boat and then returning to U.S. waters. The master of the vessel reports their arrival at the nearest Customs facility or such other place as the Secretary may prescribe by regulations. These reports are tracked in the Pleasure Boat Reporting System. Pursuant to 8 CFR 235.1, an application to lawfully enter the United States must be made in person to a CBP officer at a U.S. port-of-entry when the port is open for inspection.

Reporting Requirements

CBP has designated specific reporting locations within the Field Offices that are staffed during boating season for pleasure boats to report their arrival and be inspected by CBP. The master of the boat must report to CBP telephonically and be directed to the nearest Port of Entry to satisfy the face-to-face requirement, or report to the nearest designated reporting location along with the boat's passengers for inspection.

Exceptions to Face-to-Face reporting to CBP

Alternative Inspection Systems (AIS) satisfy the boat operator's legal requirement to report for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1, but boaters must still phone in their arrival to satisfy 19 USC 1433. There are four exceptions to the face-to-face inspection at a designated reporting location, NEXUS, Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit (I-68), Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS), and the Local Boater Option (Miami, Tampa, and San Juan). Participation in any of the programs does not preclude the requirement for physical report upon request by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Any small pleasure vessel leaving a United States port into international or foreign waters, without a call at a foreign port, does not satisfy the foreign departure requirement. Therefore, certain fishing vessels, cruises to nowhere, or any vessel that leaves from a United States port and returns without calling a foreign port or place, has not departed the United States.

NEXUS

NEXUS Marine program is a joint Canada-U.S. initiative that offers facilitated customs and immigration clearance for recreational low-risk boaters entering either country through registration into the program. NEXUS is valid for 5 years and satisfies the boat operator's legal requirement to report to a port-of-entry for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1, but boaters must still phone in their arrival to satisfy 19 USC 1433.

Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit (I-68)

Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit (I-68) applicants for admission into the United States by small pleasure boats are inspected and issued an I-68 permit for the entire boating season. The I-68 permit allows boaters to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes with only the need to report to CBP by telephoning in their arrival.

Outlying Area Reporting System (OARS)

OARS is another northern border method for boaters to report entry to satisfy 19USC and 8CFR requirements into the United States from Canada. The OARS program uses videophones, typically located at public marinas, which boaters may use to report to CBP.

Michigan (01/06/2009) What Alternative Inspection Programs Does This Port Accept?

- Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit Program (I-68)
- NEXUS Program

Participants in these programs may report their arrival to CBP by calling the number below. Unless directed by a CBP Officer, participants in these programs do not have to report for an in-person inspection.

Detroit Area (Monroe to Metro Beach) - (313) 393-3949

Port Huron Area (Algonac to Alpena) - (810) 985-9972

**Sault St. Marie Area (Rogers City the rest of the way north)
(906) 632-7221 or (906) 632-2631**

What information do I have to have when I call?

Vessel masters must have the following information available:

Name, date of birth and citizenship of all persons on board (including passport number);

- Name of the boat and/or boat registration number;
- CBP user fee decal number (if 30 feet or longer);
- Homeport and current location; and
- Return contact number.

Reporting Locations

Arrivals may be made at any of the locations below. Call one of the phone numbers above in advance of your arrival to report and receive specific instructions.

Detroit Area

St. Clair, MI - Metro Beach Public, 31300 Metro Parkway, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046

Detroit, MI - Erma Henderson Park, 8800 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226

Trenton, MI - Elizabeth Park, 4500 Elizabeth Dr., Trenton, MI 48183

NEXUS Program Enrollment Centers for Michigan

<p>Detroit, MI (Detroit-(Service Port)) Ambassador Bridge Windsor/Detroit Tunnel</p>	<p>3033 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48216</p>	<p>Monday - Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Thursday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Saturday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Closed Sundays</p>	<p>(313) 964-6533</p>
<p>Port Huron, MI Blue Water Bridge</p>	<p>2321 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron, MI 48060</p>	<p>Wednesday and Thursday: 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays</p>	<p>(810) 985-9541 ext. 256</p>
<p>Sault Ste. Marie, MI International Bridge</p>	<p>900 International Bridge Plaza Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783</p>	<p>Tuesday: Noon - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday: Noon - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Thursday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Saturday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Closed Sundays and Mondays</p>	<p>(906) 632-8822</p>

Directions to Port Office

Detroit Metropolitan **I-94 east to M-10, Lodge Fwy.,**
Airport: **south. Exit left at Bagley St.**
Proceed to first traffic light, 3rd St.
Turn right (south) to Abbott St.
(2nd traffic light), turn left (east).
Building is 27 story building in
front of you. Parking in street or
public lot just west of office on
north side of Abbott St

NEXUS Program Description

(01/12/2009)



The NEXUS alternative inspection program has been completely harmonized and integrated into a single program. NEXUS members now have crossing privileges at air, land, and marine ports of entry. Under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, the NEXUS card has been approved as an alternative to the passport for air, land, and sea travel into the United States for US and Canadian citizens.

The NEXUS program allows pre-screened travelers expedited processing by United States and Canadian officials at dedicated processing lanes at designated northern border ports of entry, at NEXUS kiosks at the Canadian Preclearance airports, and at marine reporting locations. Approved applicants are issued a photo-identification, proximity Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) card. Participants use the three modes of passage where they will either present their NEXUS card or have their iris scanned and make a declaration.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) are cooperating in this venture to simplify passage for pre-approved travelers.

What Are The Benefits Of NEXUS?

Individuals approved to participate in NEXUS receive an identification card that allows them to:

- Receive expedited passage at NEXUS-dedicated lanes, airport kiosks, and by calling a marine telephone reporting center to report their arrival into the United States and Canada; and
- Cross the border with a minimum of customs and immigration questioning

NEXUS applicants only need to submit one application and one fee. Applicants may apply on-line via the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Global On-Line Enrollment System (GOES) Web site. ([GOES](#)) Qualified applicants are required to travel to a NEXUS Enrollment Center for an interview and the issuance of a photo-identification

card. NEXUS allows United States and Canadian border agencies to concentrate their efforts on potentially higher-risk travelers and goods, which helps to ensure the security and integrity of our borders.

How Do I Apply?

Applications can be submitted using the U. S. Customs and Border Protection on-line application system, Global On-Line Enrollment System (GOES), or to one of the Canadian Processing Centers (CPC), along with photocopies of their supporting documentation and the US \$50 or CN \$50 application-processing fee. ([GOES](#))

For NEXUS toll-free information (U.S. and Canada) call **1-866-NEXUS 26 (1-866-639-8726)**.

RVYC 2009 Schedule of Events

Please email Ruthie @ apaigeofsummer@sbcglobal.net to add your name to any event or sign up at any RVYC function in the Rendezvous Sign Up Book. As we get closer to the boating season, further details will be updated on events. The dates currently posted will remain the same, but the few with question marks have not been finalized as yet... too early to set up!

Sunday, March 15th, 4 p.m. - Feather bowling at Cadieux Café

Dinner immediately following at 5 p.m.

Participants: Alfaros, Baciles, Barans, Koleski, Pritchards,
Shermans & Thuls

Sunday, April 5th, 3 p.m., - visit Detroit Zoo

Following with dinner at 5:30 p.m., at Howe's Bayou located at 22848 Woodward Ave., Ferndale 48220, tel. 248-691-7145.

Participants: Alfaros, Baciles, Koleski, Pritchards, Shermans & Thuls

Sunday, April 19th - Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, MI

Show at 2 p.m., followed with dinner at 4:30 p.m., at The Common Grill.

We will carpool in 1 or 2 vans depending on participants.

Payment of \$35.00 per ticket must be received and payable to Ruthie before March 2 in order to go. Tickets must be purchased together.

Participants: Baciles, Pritchards & Shermans

Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday & Sunday, May 23-24 - Cove Marina

10 boat wells reserved.

Participants: Alfaros, Baciles, Pritchards & Shermans

Saturday, June 13 - Venetian

Theme is Favorite Sports Team

Participants: Alfaros, Koleski, Pritchards, Shermans, (senior) Roths,
Taylors & Thuls

June 26 & 27 - Put- in-Bay

With weekday(s) before or after for those who prefer the quieter island.

This is still to be finalized after discussion at next meeting.

Fourth of July at Bel Mar Harbor (July 3rd & 4th)

(details to follow)

July 17th & 18th - Metro Beach
(details to follow)

Saturday, August 1st - Green and White
(details to follow)

August 8th thru 15th - Lake Huron Trip
Ports of call: Lexington, (bury the commodore??) Port Austin, East Tawas,
Caseville (cheeseburger in paradise festival), Port Huron

Labor Day Weekend, September 5th & 6th - St. Clair City Boat Harbor
Toga party on the 6th

Saturday, September 26th - Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach
(details to follow)

Sunday, October 11th – Northville Oakwood Cemetery Walk
(historical, not scary! details to follow)

Month of November - possibly visit Thanksgiving Day Parade Company

Friday, December 4th - Christmas Party
(at Lynn Koleski's home)

Month of December - Holiday Nights and Dinner at Greenfield Village
(possibly on a Saturday?)

Saturday, January 30th, 2010 - Commodore's Ball
To be held at Laurel Manor.

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2009

Your Name _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____

Is your Spouse/Partner also a Member (Y/N) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Spouse's Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Spouse's E-Mail Address _____

Your Birthday (D/M) _____ Spouse/Partner's Birthday (D/M) _____

Wedding Anniversary (D/M/Y) _____

Boat Name _____

Make of Boat _____ Length _____ ft Beam _____ ft

Home Port _____

Dock and Well Number _____

Please make checks payable to River View Yacht Club, Inc. (\$10 per member renewing). Please bring a check and this form to the next club meeting, or send to:

Treasurer Lynn Koleski
39576 Village Run Drive
Northville, MI 48167

Please complete the entire form. This information will be used to create this year's roster and update the RVYC.info Web Site. Prior year information will **NOT** be used. **REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2009**, so that you will be included in the 2009 roster.