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Commodore's Corner

Now the tempo will pick-up!
Boats are in the water and, with a semblance of reasonable parking, the normal Kean's (serving boaters since 1931) summer activities will commence. Mike TWBNC Litt's recent newsletter outlined much of what he wanted to implement this summer: a chill cook-off (why does it not surprise me to read he is a "pro"), dock hosts that only go by their last names, limo services around town, and a partial list of rules and regulations, but nothing about popcorn and a movie. (See May RVYC Commodore's article) He did promise a marina roster, which will be nice, and the much anticipated detailed rules and regulations to make sure everyone is having fun.

Speaking of fun, VC/PC Jim Baran and Linda were outstanding in hosting the fitting out party on May 9th. The turnout was small but determined not to let any of the hot dogs or brats grilled by our apron wearing VC go to waste. You will be pleased to know that uncooked meats have been frozen and will re-appear at the haul out party.

Our first official rendezvous to The Cove Marina was deemed a success: no major damage to any boats and no arrests by the OPP. *Float n Stroke* didn't arrive until

Sunday morning. However, new boat owner Treasurer/PC Lynn Koleski sterned in with burgee flying high and her crew still speaking to each other so the crossing and docking must have been somewhat stress free. Unlike PC Alfaro who bowed-in claiming exemption based on only having one engine working when docking. Yep, that's right, if it isn't Ray; it's now Herb "coming in on one engine." In fact, he had called your Commodore from mid-Lake St. Clair to say, "I have lost an engine and I need to know what channel The Cove monitors." My response of, "Where did you lose it?" was not deemed humorous. However, because I always have a copy of the newsletter with me, I was able to furnish the land line number for The Cove. This is another reason to always have a copy of the current newsletter with rendezvous literary with you at all times.

So, when *Float n Stoke* arrived in the rain on Sunday morning we joined personnel from: *Just Perfect*, *Bell Ringer* and *Juice's Paradise* on the *Paige of Summer Plus 2* for a breakfast buffet that would make Mike TWBNC Litt envious. The rendezvous consisted of the expected Cove activities: bocce ball, ladder ball, kite flying, dog watching, eating, watching the

tops of trees to gauge the wind velocity, watching Red Wing games, putting on three layers of clothes, watching the fire, eating and sharing stories of past rendezvous. VC/PC Jim Baran and Linda made their way to the Cove via a GM vehicle and joined the group for cocktail hour and the group dinner.

We also experienced a timely cameo appearance by Terry "peckerhead" Peck and wife Kathy. Timely, in that, they showed up just in time for dinner; but they did bring a dessert to pass. Peck is a Tilbury, Canada millionaire responsible for most of the signage in SW Ontario. PC Alfaro befriended "peckerhead" several years ago at Metro Beach and he is an entertaining addition to our tie-ups at The Cove.

Back to PC Alfaro's lost engine. Herb and PC Ron Sherman devoted the majority of Saturday afternoon in Herb's engine room applying that age old mechanic's diagnostic process: keep swapping parts between engines until the second engine demonstrates the same symptoms and you have discovered the faulty component. They narrowed the "culprit" down to a module in the distributor. This is where "peckerhead" comes into the picture. He alerts Herb to a mechanic at a nearby marina who stops over on Monday morning; plucks out the module, goes to the shop for a replacement, and escorts Herb back to the shop so he can pay, "mucho Canadian dinero." Engine starts (both engines); Herb is underway vowing to replace the module on the other

engine with less expensive US parts. BTW, Ratlins Marina and another marina just up the Thames River from the Lake are closed; the economy is taking its toll in Canada, too.

The Cove was also the first opportunity for members to participate in this year's 50/50 Poker Run. As in the past, we are playing seven card stud; the first two and last card "down" and the middle four cards will be "shown" in the newsletter. The best five card hand and the worst five card hand will split the pot with the club. Cards will be available for purchase at the Venetian dinner and the Commodore's Bloody Mary Party: watch for the green and white four Aces banner to be displayed.

As you review Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman's rendezvous schedule, you will notice some changes based on a Bridge/Board meeting held on Monday, May 25th. We have cancelled the July 3-4 rendezvous to Belle Maer and instead will make it our first stop August 8 on the way up to Lake Huron. We also have narrowed the marinas that will be visited during the Lake Huron trip to: Lexington, Port Austin, Sanilac and Port Huron.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Venetian party this weekend. Since we are getting the food somewhat catered (picking it up from Slows Bar BQ in the Corktown area); we need to know how many are planning on attending so we get enough; but not too much. So email VC Hunt Taylor at: hunt.taylor@delphi.com, or Treasurer/PC Lynn Koleski at:

clkokeski@comcast.net
or myself at:
edpritchard@sbcglobal.net.

Only \$20 a person for the dinner and trashcan punch.

See you at the Venetian
Commodore Ed Pritchard

Vice Views

Venetian is right around the corner, so I hope all the boaters in the Club have plans to participate in the parade and blessing of the fleet this Saturday. Other clubs in the area have blessed their fleets and/or opened the Ports and/or opened the Islands, thus boating season 2009 has officially begun. Go out and enjoy and be safe.

Fireworks on the Detroit River are scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th. Always a good show and the little kid in each of us really likes the KABOOOM!

Plans for Put-In-Bay on June 26 & 27 with weekdays before/after for those who prefer is next on the agenda. Fourth of July Holiday, July 3 & 4, needs a little tweaking but it should be fun.

Linda and I did some "clubbing" recently: Mariners Boat Club on the Clinton River and Seaway Boat Club on the Detroit River. Both clubs are hospitable and both mentioned their membership is down this year, too. In other words, they are very glad for your business.

For Fun's Sake,

V/C Jim Baran

Greetings from the Rear

Mark your calendars for this year's Venetian Celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Following is a close approximation of the agenda:

Our theme is Favorite Sports Team

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 13th

? A.M. -2:30 P.M. – decoration of your boats begins. Start collecting your art supplies, party decorations and favorite sports team memorabilia. Here's your chance to use those creative juices and talents to come up with ideas that will do your favorite sports team proud.

2:45 p.m. - "Blowers On": 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. Although it's optional to be decorated for the parade, it's a club tradition all members have their boats blessed. Note: the parade and blessing will be on **VHF channel 73.**

3 p.m. - Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet parade order: Fleet

Captain, Commodore, V/C, R/C, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors, Past Commodores and all other club members. We will follow the short parade route following a course that is west of the marina turning left at Gregory's Gas Dock going across past DYC, Bay View & Harbor Hill. A blessing for your boat as you pass the Kean's Dock will be given compliments of Rev. Mary Jean Bird, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Note: Judging of Boat Decorations will be made during the parade. Announcement of winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be made after dinner with prizes being presented then.

6:30 p.m. - Barbeque Dinner Menu for the dinner to include "Slow's" pulled pork with assorted bar-b-que sauces and buns, cole slaw, corn on the cob. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to pass. The meal will be presented in a traditional tailgate party atmosphere in a designated tailgate arrangement location in the parking lot. Costs will be \$20 per person. Please let me know if you and your guest are planning on attending so we can begin finalizing the count.

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. - Decorating awards presented and partaking of the special "trash can punch" in the Hunt Taylor Memorial Jug.

Sunday, June 14th

9:00 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. Special appointed bartender RC Hunt Taylor will be available to assist the commodore in making certain that the correct vodka pour is utilized in mixing the Bloody Mary's.

RC Hunt Taylor

Treasurer's Report

Following is an update of our current financial statement:

Beginning Balance;
From Last Report:
\$1,840.60
Deposits:
Venetian Dinner (2)
\$40.00
Expenses:
Fitting Out Party
\$60.95
Gift Cards for Venetian
\$60.00
Balance as of 6/8/09:
\$1,759.65

Lynn Koleski, Treasurer

Fleet Captain's Report

Attached to this newsletter is our updated schedule of events planned for the year. Please try to join us at these events traveling either by waterway or land.

Ruthie Sherman

From The Editor

The Month of June ... the simple list ...

Flag Day, as always, is on June 14th. Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and

show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation ... one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon. As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag.

So raise the flag on Sunday, June 14th and every day with pride!

Do you know? If you like to study flags, they you are a Vexillologist!

July Birthdays

Carolyn Roth – 9

P/C Diana Wilkerson – 12

Linda Baran – 14

Carol Bacile – 17

P/C Jo Anne Crain – 17

Mary Hall – 24

Don Leone – 30

July Anniversaries

Ken & Denise Armstrong – 10

P/C Ray & Barbara Brown – 10

FLEET CAPTAIN'S 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.

Venetian - Saturday, June 13 (also see R/C Taylor's report in this newsletter)

Theme is Favorite Sports Team. Tailgate party in parking lot at Kean's.
Participants: Alfaro, Koleski (4), Pritchard, Sherman (6), Roths (senior),
Taylors & Thuls

Put-In-Bay - June 26, 27, & 28 Includes a weekday (Monday) for those who prefer the quieter island. Plan on arriving by noon on Friday to ensure a space on C dock with the group. Participants: Alfaros, Pritchards, Shermans

Fourth of July Holiday at Kean's Marina - July 3rd & 4th

This is a change from Belle Maer. We will be visiting in August instead.

July 17th & 18th - Metro Beach

Participants: Alfaros

Green and White Party - Saturday, August 1st

Participants: Koleski, Shermans

Lake Huron Trip - August 8th thru 15th

Participants: Alfaros, Clapper, Pritchards, Shermans

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS AT STATE DOCKS.

Go on line to Michigan.gov/dnr

Saturday, August 8th at Belle Maer Harbor, (bury the commodore ceremony/ritual)

Sunday and Monday, August 9th & 10th at Lexington

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11th & 12th at Port Austin
(Caseville still a possibility...we are on a waiting list for
Wednesday (Annual Cheeseburger in Paradise Festival)

Thursday, August 13th at Port Sanilac

Friday and Saturday, August 14th & 15th at Port Huron

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

Participants: Alfaro, Pritchard, Roths (senior), Sherman

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The harbormaster is expecting 10 boats and is planning on putting us together, but not until we have all prepaid, can he do that.

Toga party on the 6th

Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach - Saturday, September 26th

(Details to follow)

Participants: Alfaros, Pritchards

Oakwood Cemetery Walk in Northville - Sunday, October 11th

(Historical, not scary! details to follow)

Participants: Koleski, Roths (senior), Shermans

Month of November - possibly visit Thanksgiving Day Parade Company

(Details to follow)

Christmas Party - Friday, December 4th

(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