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**Commodore's Corner**

Now with most boats in the water the river level is really high; hopefully Mike TWBNC Litt remembers where John and Tony put the cement blocks and plywood sheets to raise Zero dock above the water line! And Float 'N Stroke made an early entry this past Sunday, as opposed to previous years when launch and a run to The Cove for the Memorial Day rendezvous where on the same day. It was a successful early launch even with the usual project "snafu" (BTW, ask an army veteran what snafu really means) such as not having the right equipment; having the right equipment but not implementing correctly; or not considering the unintended consequences of some application decisions. And, as pointed out by Dale Binkley, "you know you are getting old when at night you are putting ice on knees, ankles, shoulders where in the past you only put ice in drinks."

On Friday, May 1, we held our first official RVYC monthly meeting. Eighteen members were present to hear about the Venetian blessing of the fleet and party on June 13. VC Hunt Taylor has more details and information; however we plan to have a catered Venetian Tailgate dining experience, accompanied

by the traditional "frat house" Trash Can punch and we need to know who and how many will be attending. So if you see VC Taylor or Treasurer PC Koleski around the docks; give them \$20 per person or at least let them know how many will be in your party so we can alert the caterers. Although it's optional to be decorated for the parade, it's a club tradition all members have their boats blessed. It is highly anticipated that we will experience the first boat not powered primarily by mechanical propulsion (aka a sailboat) to be in the parade and receive a blessing. Note: the parade and blessing will be on VHF channel 73. To complete the Venetian weekend, PC Jean and I will be hosting the Commodore's Bloody Mary party on the 100 Dock Sunday morning. Here is an opportunity to reflect on the previous day's festivities with fellow RVYC members while enjoying the much heralded Bloody Marys blended by VC Taylor. A light breakfast dish to pass would be appreciated, so bring some dock chairs and sunglasses to the RVYC section of the 100 Dock; in case of rain we will move the event to the Banquet Room. Kean's (serving boaters since 1931) has ample transient docking and we anticipate a significant representation of non-Kean's Marina members

specifically: Belle Maer, Michigan Harbor, Bayview, NYC, and Ford Yacht Club. As you recall, last year broke a modern era record with 14 boats being blessed: don't take a chance this year, get your boat blessed.

By not attending the May 1 meeting, you missed the opportunity to bid on some interesting nautical items presented by auctioneer extraordinaire VC Taylor. Even with the depleted supply of items (previous auctions must have taken all the "good" stuff) auctioneer Taylor managed to wrestle \$127 from the pockets of well-healed RNYC members; and the Mystery item, complements of Secretary/Sunshine Person/Newsletter Editor Carolyn Roth, was saved until the last and produced some of the more spirited bidding of the evening.

This coming weekend, Memorial Day celebration, is the traditional beginning of our boating / rendezvous season. Those members with long memories will recall that for several years RNYC organized an Antsy Skipper rendezvous in mid-May; however these antsy skippers usually ended up huddled in boats as it either rained and/or was a high of 42 degrees. Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman has details in this newsletter of our first rendezvous of the season, as of this last weekend a US dollar will get you \$1.1739 Canadian, and we look forward to sitting around the fire telling RNYC tales and having a taste.

Back by popular request: The RNYC Poker Run! Yes, after several years of discussing rule and regulation changes to the Poker Run format we have decided to "screw it" and use the old rules; which are as follows:

Seven Card Stud, first two cards "down", next four cards "up", last card "down".

- We will record all "down" cards and report "up" cards in the Newsletter.
- Based on the level of play, multiple decks may be necessary.
- Cards can be purchased for \$5 each by individuals: not by boat.
- Maximum of seven cards.
- Cards may be purchased at any RNYC event beginning with the May 23<sup>rd</sup> rendezvous at The Cove and include: member meetings, rendezvous and organized, announced club parties: watch for the green and white "Four Aces" burgee displayed which will signal the dealer (your commodore) is open for business.
- Last opportunity to purchase a card will be at the Progressive Dinner Sept 26 at Metro Beach.
- Winners will be announced at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> member meeting: and you must be present to win.
- Winners will be the best poker hand and the worst poker hand. The worst poker hand would be 2,3,4,5,7 not of the same suite. Aces are always considered high. This is a three-way split with the best and worst poker

hands getting 33% of the pot; the balance will go to the general fund. Our records indicate the 2007 payout "pot" was close to \$400.

These rules and regulations can be amended and/or changed at any time at the discretion of the Commodore.

*For Fun's Sake* – Let's Play  
Commodore Ed Pritchard

### Vice Views

As it is now mid-May, most of the members with boats ought to have them afloat by now, or be well on their way to getting there. Low water doesn't seem to be a problem this year. I may be storing the Bent Prop Award for another year. (Lee Vauris was the last to receive it a couple of years ago.) I'd say a good thing to do is participate in the upcoming Venetian Parade on June 13th and have your boat blessed for the current season.

This past week, I helped P/C Joe Bacile put Sh-Boom Sh-Boom in the water. Thankfully it was uneventful, unlike last year! We took her out for a ride to test for leaks and such, and there were none. Since the day was just too good not to take advantage of, Joe and I cruised up to P/C Herb Alfaro's marina. Alas, neither he nor Joyce was there, so we had to buy our own beer. Small price to pay for a nice ride. Thanks, Joe!

Coming up Memorial Day Weekend (early this year) is the annual shakedown cruise to rendezvous at The Cove.

Always a good time, plus it will be P/C Lynn Koleski's first outing with her new boat. (Bet she's excited!) For any boatless folks, it's a nice car ride to The Cove, plus there are a few nice eateries on the way there or back. Linda and I have done it a few times, and always enjoyed the outing. The Sand Dollar in Puce is good for lunch, and Lilly Kazilly's in Windsor is good for dinner.

*For Fun's Sake*, have a great holiday, whatever you do.

V/C Jim Baran

### Greetings from the Rear

#### **Venetian 2009 - Favorite Sports Team Theme.**

Mark your calendars for this year's Venetian Celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Some of the details are still being firmed up but following is a close approximation of the agenda:

#### **Schedule of Venetian Events:**

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 13<sup>th</sup>

**? a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** – boat decorating 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 Reverend Mary Jean Bird, Assoc. Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Note: 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 presented then.

**6:30 p.m.** - Barbeque Dinner: The meal will be presented in a traditional tailgate party atmosphere in a designated tailgate arrangement location in the parking lot. Costs are still

being sorted out but plan on \$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 p.m. - 10 p.m.** - Decorating awards presented and partaking of the special “trash can punch” in the Hunt Taylor Memorial Jug (trash can).

#### Sunday, June 14<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. 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 Marys.

Hunt Taylor-RC

#### Secretary's Report

Please see minutes of the May 1, our 2009 first official member meeting attached.

Carolyn Roth

#### Treasurer's Report

Following is an update of our current financial statement:

Beginning Balance  
From Last Report:  
\$1,713.60  
Deposit from Auction Proceeds:  
\$127.00  
Balance as of 5/13/09:  
\$1,840.60

Lynn Koleski, Treasurer

### **Fleet Captain's Report**

Attached to this newsletter is our schedule of events planned for the year. Please take special note of the Memorial Day Cove Marina weekend rendezvous itinerary also attached.

Ruthie Sherman

### **Sunshine Report**

P/C Ray Brown recently underwent surgery and is home recuperating. Ray is doing well and with the help of his wonderful family is looking forward to getting their boat in the water. Can't think of a better place to recuperate than sitting on the 100 dock on the back deck of Fantasy! We all wish Ray continued improvement and good health.

### **From The Editor**

The Month of May ... the simple list ...

3 p.m. is the official time for Americans to pause on Memorial Day for a moment of remembrance in honor of the fallen.

Also, May is National Bike Month, so show everyone how you roll. (59,915 is the patent number for Pierre Lallement's velocipede, granted in 1866 in the United States. The French mechanic is widely believed to be the father of the modern bicycle.)

### **June Birthdays**

Ruthie Sherman – 5  
Dan Martyka – 7  
P/C Ken Wilkerson – 23  
Peter Mischung - 26

### **June Anniversaries**

John & Brenda Roth - 5  
Mike & Therese Schrage – 28

## RVYC Meeting Minutes

**Date of meeting:** 5-1-09

Meeting called to order at: 8:12 p.m. by Commodore Ed Pritchard

Salute to the flag at: 8:12 p.m.

Roll call of membership: 19 members present

Guests: 0

**Secretary's Report:**

Presentation of previous meeting's minutes was dispersed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lynn Koleski suggested that since we are having fewer 50/50 drawings we should think of another way to raise money.

Current Balance in checking account: \$1,176.20

Petty cash

Other funds

Total      \$1,176.20

**Rear Commodore's Report:**

R/C Hunt Taylor reported that the Venetian would be on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be favorite sports teams The dinner will be a tailgate party with all boats to stern in on the 100 dock. Food entrees will be like a barbecue: pulled pork, cole slaw, steamed corn, barbecue chicken, etc. A food committee will be formed for more suggestions. We also will have set-up and cleaning committees. We will need a big roaster and pots.

The Coast Guard gave us permission for this parade schedule: Blowers on at 2:30, boats line up at 3:00 in the following order: Fleet Captain, Bridge, Past Commodores, and the rest of the boats. The Preacher will be on Ed's boat.

The marina is sponsoring a Chili Cook-Off and a Brownie Cook-Off on the same day so the parking lot may be crowded.

**Vice Commodore's Report:**

V/C Jim Baran reminded us of the upcoming Fitting Out party on 5-9-09. The Club will provide hot dogs and kielbasa. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

**Commodore's Report:**

Commodore Ed Pritchard will host a Bloody Mary party the morning after the Venetian with Hunt Taylor as drink master. Ed reported we have 62 paid members, down from 80 last year. The roster was e-mailed to members. The Fibrillator will be on the Shermans' boat for the season.

Meetings will be held at some of our rendezvous, but October and November meetings will be at Kean's. We will publish the number of boats signed up for specific rendezvous in the newsletter and e-mail reminders will be sent. If a member needs to cancel out let Ruthie Sherman know.

Gas has gone up as of 5-1-09 and gas and diesel are the same now. The International Fireworks will be held on Wed. June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Fleet Captain Report:**

Ruthie Sherman reported that 23 people went to the Purple Rose Theater and dinner afterwards. It was a great time.

The shakedown cruise will be on 5-23-09 at Cove Marina. While there we will have one cookout and one eat out. On rendezvous we will be on channel 73.

The club has been invited by P/C Dave Passmore to come to Belle Maer for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Cost for docking is \$2.25 a foot. They will have fireworks.

Members need to call for their own reservations at the State Municipal Marina in Caseville for the Cheeseburger in Paradise weekend. Richard Helm tried to get a slip 3 months ago and no slips were available for his size boat, 45 feet.

**Newsletter Editor Report:** No report

**Sunshine Person Report:**

Joe Clapper continues to do well.

**Old / Unfinished Business:** None

**New business:**

Commodore Ed Pritchard met with Mike Litt who said he liked the idea of our Green & White Party with Polish food and he would like to start his "Popcorn and a Movie Night", for \$1.00, that same night. After that the movies would be on Fridays. We may be doing Polish dinners in conjunction with the movies. He would need to give us the dates of the movie days. On movie nights BYO drinks and liquor would be prohibited.

Mike Litt also told Ed he is thinking of having a lift elevator built onto the building. Rut

**For the good of the order:**

An auction was held led by Hunt Taylor.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Schrage

Seconded by: Pat Thul

Time: 8:52 p.m.

50/50 None tonight.

## Memorial Day Rendezvous – Cove Marina

**WHERE:** Cove Marina at the entrance to the Thames River. The coordinates are Lat 42.18.00, Long 82.27.66. Enter the Thames River at the lighthouse on the Southeast end of Lake St. Clair. Turn Right at Smuggler's Cove Marina and follow the channel to the Cove. Once you enter the marina, turn to the left towards the road. We will be located in our normal place along the road.

**When:** The evenings of May 23 &24, 2009

**Participants:** Sherman, Alfaro, Schrage, Pritchard, Clapper, Bacile and Koleski

**Marina Information:** Marina monitors channel 68. Their phone number is 519-682-3841. Canadian Customs 1-888-226-7277.

**The Club will monitor channel 73 during the trip.**

**Itinerary:**

### **Saturday May 23rd**

- For those of us at Kean's who want to travel together, plan on having your blowers on at 9:00 am and head out of Kean's at 9:15 am on Saturday, May 28th. That should get us to the Cove by 10:45 am to 11:00 am.
- For those not traveling with this group, plan on arriving at the Cove by noon. Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 pm bocce ball tournament
- 4:00 pm cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (This will be dinner!)
- Campfire and storytelling. (Possibly hot dogs or brats cooked on an open fire?? Bring what you have on board! ) **Note:** you will not be allowed to bring firewood into Canada. They will sell firewood there.

### **Sunday May 24th**

- Group breakfast 9:30am
- 1:30 pm bean toss/ ladder ball tournament
- 6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner – Bring a grill, something to put on it, and a dish to pass.
- Campfire with marshmallows/s'mores

### **Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 pm leave for home ports

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S RVYC 2009 Schedule of Events**

Please email Ruthie @ [apaigeofsummer@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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!

**Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday & Sunday, May 23-24 - Cove Marina**  
(see write-up attached with complete itinerary)

**Venetian - Saturday, June 13** (also see R/C Taylor's report in this newsletter)  
Theme is Favorite Sports Team  
Participants: Alfaros, Koleski, Pritchards, Shermans, (senior) Roths,  
Taylors & Thuls

**Put-In-Bay - June 26 & 27**

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 Holiday at Bel Maer Harbor - July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**  
(details to follow)

**July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - Metro Beach**  
(details to follow)

**Green and White Party - Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(details to follow)

**Lake Huron Trip - August 8<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>**

Ports of call: Lexington, (bury the commodore??) Port Austin, East Tawas,  
Caseville (Annual Cheeseburger in Paradise Festival), Port Huron

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

**Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach - Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
(details to follow)

**Oakwood Cemetery Walk in Northville - Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
(historical, not scary! details to follow)

**Month of November** - possibly visit Thanksgiving Day Parade Company  
(details to follow)

**Christmas Party - Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
(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