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**From the Helm**

I almost forgot how much I hated sanding and painting the bottom of a boat, and then it all came back to me with a vengeance. Definitely a labor of love! Along with a hundred other things to be done, my boat is almost ready for launch

Hope the bruises have healed for those who participated in Whirly Ball last month. As always, it was a lot of fun, and that hour just flew by. Afterwards, dinner at the Olive Garden was tasty, and getting separate checks for the meals was even better.

The April meeting at the Crain's home was well attended, and the guest speaker was informative. Among the things I learned, it's not a good idea to sail the Great Lakes in November – too many ships get wrecked in that month. Scary! Norm and Jo Anne, thank you for your hospitality. The chili was delicious, too!

Our May meeting will be held **FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010, at 8 p.m., at Club Kean/St. Clair Yacht Club** (upstairs at Kean's). Most of Kean's well-holders are members of the new Club Kean, so if you don't boat there, call a Club officer and we will make sure you get past the gatekeeper. The facility has a bartender, which means we cannot bring

our own beverages to the meeting. Their prices are reasonable though, and it will be good opportunity to see what Club Kean is all about.

After the meeting, we will have our **ANNUAL NAUTICAL AUCTION**, so bring items to donate for auctioning off AND some dollars to purchase treasures, *FOR FUN'S SAKE!*

Commodore Jim

**From the Vice**

With signs of spring slowly popping up and warmer weather on the horizon, I know you are just as anxious as I am to get back out on the water. Spring is a great time of the year for completing those last details on the boat and preparing for your launch date. The "Fitting Out Party" is scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m. and will be held in the Kean's tent area next to the pool. Hot dogs will be provided with all the trimmings along with chips, salad and beans. Also a special recipe of "trash can punch" is being contemplated. Please plan on attending *for fun's sake*.

Good news for pet owners who frequent Metro Beach Metropark: pets are now allowed in the picnic areas and the marina at Harrison Township

park, as long as they are on a 6-foot leash. The new policy being tried, on a trial basis, is a response to park visitors' request that dogs be allowed in the park. Any leashed pet is allowed in designated areas in the park. No pets are allowed in the nature area, Squirt Zone, swimming portion of the beach, the tot lot or the golf course. Waste stations with bags are available throughout the park. Park staff will evaluate the trial program at the end of the year. Details: [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com)

Hunt Taylor, Vice Commodore

### Greetings from the Rear

For those of you that were not at the April 11th meeting I need to inform you that the Venetian date has been changed for a third and I believe the final time. Venetian will now be on August 14th and the Green & White Party will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>. I have already sent a notice to the Coast Guard so I will let them know about the change.

Now for some nautical information. Check the dates on your flares, count your life jackets and keep your wakes down when approaching other boats.

Have a safe and fun filled summer.

Rear Commodore  
Rich Helm

### Treasurer's Report for March

Previous balance:	\$1,119.96
Petty Cash	41.00
Deposits	640.00
Expenses	(250.00)
Ending Account	1,509.96
Balance	
Petty Cash	41.00
New Balance	\$1,550.96

### Sunshine Report

Just a reminder to email me with any sunshine reports - happy reports are always welcome too! My email is [clkoleski@comcast.net](mailto:clkoleski@comcast.net).

Thanks, Lynn

### Fleet Captain Report

1) For those going to Meadow Brook Theatre on April 25th, it was decided to go to Macaroni Grill (located right across the street from the theatre and serves "Italian" cuisine, which was the #1 preference) located at 2111 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI (248-373-7507). A reservation for 23 has been made for 4:30 p.m. We will be in a separate area; be able to order off the menu; have separate checks; and adequate "wait" staff. **Only contact me if you don't plan on going out for dinner after the play.**

2) Remember to make your reservations **NOW** for our Labor Day Rendezvous to St. Clair Marina (see Schedule of Events for details).

3) Please review the current Schedule of Events. There have been a number of changes (marked by \*\*) and our plans are still evolving. **Remember**, please email me at

([jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net)) if you want to sign up for an activity and can't make it to a meeting to do so in person.

Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcomed, too.

Your Fleet Captain,  
Jean Pritchard

### From The Editor

Again, our thanks to Treasurer Barbie Taylor for her work in collecting and organizing the information for our 2010 roster. And our special appreciation to PC Ron Sherman for his many hours of work in updating our new website and especially for inputting the roster. Be sure to visit our new site at [www.rvyc.info](http://www.rvyc.info); the site is full of current information along with the newly updated roster.

A special welcome to our new members, Joseph & Nanette Dell from Harrison Township. The Dells were sworn in at our April meeting and join our growing fleet of sailboats. Their Catalina 30, named "the Gift" will be at Keans in well 220. Welcome Aboard!

Lastly, for the Month of April ... the simple list ...

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day is on the fourth Thursday in April each year where parents take their kids to work for the day as an educational experience.

April is also Humor Month, National Poetry Month, and National Grilled Cheese Month in the United States.

### **May Birthdays**

Nanette Dell - 5

Brenda Roth - 13

Jill Martyka - 17

Bob Caza - 23

### **May Anniversaries**

Bob & Susan Cieslak - 5

Michael & Martha Conrad - 6

Wayne & Choux Wingert - 13

Pat & Judy Thul - 18

P/C Herb & Joyce Alfaro - 19

Hunt & Barbara Taylor - 22

## RVYC 2010 Schedule of Events

Please email Jean ([jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net)) to add your name to any event or sign up at any RVYC function on the Rendezvous Sign-Up Sheets. As we get closer to the boating season, further details will be updated on events. The dates currently posted will remain the same, but those with question marks have not been finalized as yet... too early to set up!

**(\*\*Reflect new changes to RVYC's schedule.)**

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Meadowbrook Theater located on Oakland University's campus at 207 Wilson Hall, Rochester, MI 48309 (please Google for directions). Performing "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" at 2 p.m. (approx. 2 hrs. in length). Performance followed with dinner at Macaroni Grill located at 2111 N. Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, (248) 373-7507 (right across from the theatre). Reservations at 4:30 p.m.

Participants: Barons (2), Fryfogles (4), Helms (4), Koleski (1), Kunkels (2), Pritchards/Samples (4), Shermans (2), Taylors (2) & Thuls (2)

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> RVYC General Membership Meeting

Location at Club Kean (upstairs) at 8 p.m.

"Auction Night" ... one person's trash; another person's treasure!

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - RVYC Fitting Out Party

Location is under the tent in Kean's parking lot at 4 p.m.

Club furnishes hot dogs & brats and beer & pop; please bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday-Monday, May 29-31 - Cove Marina

10 boat wells reserved. Bocce Ball, Eating, Golf, Eating, Bonfires. Eating and Swimming.

Participants: Baran, Clapper, Koleski & Pritchards

\*\*Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - Green and White Party

“Polish Fare” to honor our Commodore. (details to follow)

Participants: Barans, Clapper, Koleski & Pritchards

\*\*Friday - Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Pirate’s Weekend at Put-In-Bay

“Fire Ye Cannonballs!” costume contest, games, food & drinks.

Participants: Barans, Pritchards/Knudsons

\*\*Monday - Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lake Erie Rendezvous

Tentative locations to visit are Pelee Island, Put-In-Bay, Vermillion, Huron and Maumee Bay (details to be planned by participants).

Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting

Location is under the Kean’s Tent at 8 p.m.

Saturday - Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Leamington Marina

Stay 2 nights for “Half-off Special” of \$.75/ft. (CDN)

(details to follow – most likely include eating, golf, games and eating)

Participants: Barans, Clapper, Koleski/Crains, Pritchards,  
Roths (senior) & Taylors

\*\*Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Rendezvous to Puce (1 night stay)

Dine at their restaurant, stop for a swim in Lake St. Clair (Kirby St. bay) & picnic lunch.

..... **or** .....

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> - Pontooning on Portage Lakes

Rent a pontoon boat; buy a water gun; and, have a “blastfully” wet time.

?? July - RVYC Kean’s to Lake St. Clair Sailboat Race

(still trying to find a common date with our sailboat owners)

Now with 4 sailboats in the Club, those skippers are willing to show us “gas guzzlers” the fine art of tacking. (details to follow)

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting

Location under Kean's tent at 8 p.m. with a tentative sunset cruise following the meeting.

\*\*Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - Venetian

Theme: "Wild, Wild West (details for the day & dinner to follow)

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Fryfogles, Helms, Koleski/Crain, Pritchards, Roths (senior), Shermans, & Taylors

\*\*Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Commodore's Bloody Mary Party

On the dock.

Saturday - Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Belle River

Saturday Night "Hummers" followed by Sunday's "Egg Boil" (details to follow).

Labor Day Weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Clair City Boat Harbor

RVYC General Membership Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>

Pirates theme with "Swashbuckling & Booty (dinner) on the 5<sup>th</sup> (details to follow).

**Participants: Each boat needs to make their own reservations now by accessing the DNR reservation system (<http://www.midnrreservations.com/>).**

?? Friday - Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Put-In-Bay/Toledo

Symphony Weekend - Symphony on Saturday at 6 p.m.

(details to follow)

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach

(details to follow)

?? Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> – Winery Tour/Yacht Club Tour

Do a "color" tour visiting wineries/yacht clubs using A Dream Limo Service. (details to follow)

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting

Location to be determined, at 8 p.m.

Nominations & Bake Sale

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Haul Out Party

Location at Keans under the tent at 4 p.m.

Club furnishes hot dogs & brats and beer & pop; please bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting

Location at PC Lynn Koleski's home at 8 p.m. (39576 Village Run Drive, Northville 48167, tel. 734-420-5391, please Google for directions or call.)

Elections and Loser's Drawing with complimentary pizzas.

Month of November – possibly do a service project or feather bowl (if interested).

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Party

Location at Director Bill & Elaine Middlekauff's home at 8 p.m.

(2449 Oak Ridge Rd., Troy 48098, tel. 248-225-6541, please Google for directions or call.)

Gift Exchange (remember: \$5 limit)

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Nights and Dinner at Greenfield Village (details to follow)

Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Commodore's Ball at Laurel Manor

Honoring "three-peat" Commodore Jim Baran.

(same place and menu, different room ... details to follow)

**Other 2010 Dates and Activities @ Kean's**

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Kean's Chili Cook Off

Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Kean's Blessing of the Fleet

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Detroit River Fireworks @ 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – BBQ /Kean's Family Picnic

\*\*Friday-Sunday, July 9-11 – Gold Cup Races

Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – John Kean Day/Venetian Night