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Commodore's Comments

A new year and a new decade, some things change and many things remain the same; a look back at some of the highs and lows of 2009:

Snow, snow, snow: thank goodness the RVYC shrink-wrapping team put boob-boob tape on all the seams.

Yearly dues remain at \$10 per member.

First sail boater elected to the Bridge.

Feather bowling at the Cadieux Café.

New boater reporting requirements from Homeland Security; coming in 2010, you must drive your boat thru a puffer machine when re-entering the US.

Bleeding Red at the Purple Rose Theatre.

PC's Baran and Koleski become boat owners; again.

First ever pirate theme weekend at PIB.

Lee Vauris Service Award recipient: PC Herb Alfaro.

Huge Kean's (serving boaters since 1931) display at the Boat Show.

Venetian tailgate party with "trashcan" punch.

Poker run winners: PC Jim Baran and Juice Alfaro.

Mike TWBNC Litt implementing about 50% of his ideas: not a bad percentage.

10th year at The Cove for the Memorial Day rendezvous. "Big Stud Warrior" ceremony in the rain.

Flat as a "hamburger" Lake Huron.

Outstanding catering by Slews BBQ and Halina's Polish Emporium.

Evening "light show" at Lexington as storms hit the Detroit area.

Cards and cocktails on *Juice's Paradise*.

New activities: Zoo Stroll, Cemetery Walk, Detroit Parade Company Tour and Holiday Nights Dinner at The Henry Ford.

Best pizza – Frosty's.

Pasquale's, Latitudes, or the dock delivered pies at St. Clair? Progressive Dinner on the same weekend as the Metro in-Water Boat Show.

Boat US RVYC group club number for discounted membership: GA81901Y

So with this newsletter and the soon to be held Commodore's Ball, after four years I will be vacating the Bridge. It seems I began as Secretary on the Bridge; I must have missed the memo that you can begin the process at the Rear Commodore position. Much has transpired in four years but fortunately the idea of taking trips, attending meetings, playing, and

socializing all *For Fun's Sake* has kept our support and spirit alive as we wrestle with the day-to-day challenges. The Bridge has been of great help and support to me especially and has made it a year to remember.

There is a reason why PC Lynn Koleski's name is the first recipient on the Lee Vauris Service Award plaque. She continued her tradition of service in 2009 by executing the duties of Treasurer while also turning her condo into practically the RVYC Club House.

Secretary Carolyn Roth was outstanding in all her job functions; from nudging the Bridge that articles were due for the newsletter to tracking member "situations" as the Sunshine Person.

Hunt Taylor in his position as Rear Commodore hosted an unsurpassed Venetian celebration and continues to be a lightning rod of the RVYC motto *For Fun's Sake*.

PC Jim Baran contributed all his knowledge and experience to help navigate through some of the areas of concern (i.e. the aforementioned Progressive Dinner and In Water Boat Show) to make events and programs as stress free as possible.

Mike Schrage and Jim Roth as Directors were effective in drawing on their years of boating and RVYC experience to make recommendations and recruit several new families into RVYC during 2009.

Finally, as a Fleet Captain for many years, I understand the challenges that Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman faced to expose members to new activities while preserving old traditions and cajoling members to not wait

until the last minute to sign-up. I feel she did an outstanding job with events such as the Detroit Parade Company Tour, the Polish Village dinner, and the Holiday Nights dinner at The Henry Ford.

Thanks to all, here is to staying "young" by getting involved, playing hard, supporting one another, and just keeping focused on *For Fun's Sake*.

See you at the Commodore's Ball.
Commodore Ed

Vice Views

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a good holiday season, though I'm sure most of us are glad it's behind us for another year.

The Commodore's Ball Planning Committee had its latest meeting aboard the Sherman's boat, which is in the water at Gregory's Marina -- what an experience for a January day in Michigan! Thank you, Ruthie & Ron. I believe a great party has been planned, so don't forget the day -- Saturday, January 30, 2010, beginning at 6 p.m. When YOU come, we'll have a Ball!

Following the Ball, Joe and Carol Bacile are hosting our annual Super Bowl Party (again) on Sunday, February 7th. It's always a good time, and someone is bound to take home more money than he/she came with! Bring your favorite dish to pass and something to wash it down with. Details will be emailed before game day, *FOR FUN'S SAKE!*
Almost past Vice Commodore
Jim Baran

From the Rear

What better way is there to kick-off the New Year other than attending, "*For Fun's Sake*", the Commodore's Ball. Planning preparations have been on going for several months with some big surprises in store for our present Commodore. The Ball will feature a planned program honoring our Past Commodores along with a great dinner menu featuring hors d'oeuvres, filet minion and chicken with vegetables and desert. An open bar is included that will be serving your favorite cocktail appointments along with great wine and beer selections. A live band has been contracted and will be playing great dance music. For those who attended last year, this is the same band which had everyone on their feet dancing all night. All of this for \$55 per person, \$110 per couple, so plan on getting checks to Treasurer Lynn Koleski as soon as possible and mark your calendars for Saturday night, January 30, 2010, at Laurel Manor in Livonia..

January and February are hot months on the boat show calendar around the country and Boat U.S. members are offered discounted tickets to many major shows as well as other nautical events. For a list of events check www.BoatUS.com/tickets because rumor has it that certain RVYC members are looking for new boats!!

See you at the Commodore's Ball.
Hunt Taylor – Rear Commodore

Treasurer's Report for January 2010

Previous balance: \$2,465.25
Deposits: 550.00
Debits: 116.69
Total Checking Balance
\$2,898.56

Sunshine Report

Our continued prayers and thoughts are extended to PC Ray Brown who continues to be hospitalized at Beaumont. Ray, we are all hoping that you are well enough to return home soon and we all send our best wishes to you and Barbara.

From The Editor

A special thank you to Commodore Ed Pritchard on his past three years of providing us with lively, interesting, very entertaining and fun-to-read articles. Ed, a job well done!

Attached is the Commodore's Ball registration along with the 2010 RVYC Membership Renewal form. Please return your renewal form and check to our new 2010 Treasurer, Barbie Taylor, at the address shown on the form.

And, for the month of January ... the simple list ...

Twenty is the number of standard bottles of bubbly in a Nebuchadnezzar. At 520 ounces, it's the largest bottle of sparkling wine available. (Named after the ancient Babylonian king, it's pronounced ne-buh-ked-neh-zer.) Here are three more effervescent facts.

Who was Dom Perignon?
A Benedictine monk considered to be the father of Champagne.

Which three grapes are approved for the production of Champagne?
Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier.

In which film is the song "The Night They Invented Champagne" heard?
Gigi

Salut! Happy 2010!

February Birthdays

Ed Pritchard – 2
Jim Roth - 4
Bob Cieslak – 6
Carol Passmore – 8
P/C Dave Passmore - 10
Bill Middlekauff - 11
Barbara Taylor – 12
P/C Joe Clapper – 15
Pat Thul – 23
Jeff Niermann – 24

February Anniversaries

Jim & Carolyn Roth – 15
Don & Barb Leone – 22
Dave & Carol Passmore – 24

**RVYC IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE
2010 COMMODORE'S BALL
HONORING COMMODORE ED PRITCHARD
AND HIS LADY, PC JEAN**

JANUARY 30, 2010

**TO BE HELD AT THE LAUREL MANOR
39000 SCHOOLCRAFT ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48150**

Cocktails at 6 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m.

**Tribute to the Commodore and Introduction of
the new Bridge and Board Members at 8 p.m.**

Dancing from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

**THE COST IS \$55.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES
DINNER, DANCING AND OPEN BAR).**

NAME _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ @ \$55.00 per person

CHECK AMOUNT: _____

Please make checks payable to RVYC and return this flyer to:

**Treasurer Lynn Koleski
39576 Village Run Drive
Northville, MI 48167**

Your check must be received by January 16th, 2009

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2010

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 Barbie Taylor
4681 McMillan Ct.
Rochester, MI 48306

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, 2010** to be included in the 2010 roster.