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From the Helm

The folks on three boats that participated enjoyed the Lake Erie rendezvous. P/Cs Pritchards had guests, Pam and Dave Knudsen, who came over on the Miller Ferry, to join in the festivities of Pirates Weekend. Pirates galore on Put-in-Bay, arrrr! Ed and Jean walked in the parade wearing their best pirate finery, with the rest of us waving at them from the sidelines. Thankfully, the route was short, as the weather was hot.

I enjoyed my annual bowl of lobster bisque at the Boardwalk Restaurant, as well as the music of Kenny Kidd at the Beer Barrel, and the banter of Mad Dog Mike Adams at the Round House. As Pat Dailey would sing ... "*Put-in-Bay, gonna have a good time ...*" Later, we met RVYC members Keith and Beth Armstrong who were taking their new boat on a trip to New York. Hope they had good water!

After Put-in-Bay, we went to Maumee Bay Resort marina and resorted to enjoying the facilities. Swimming indoors and out, soaking in the hot tub, golfing, biking, and fine dining were some of the things we enjoyed, though the weather was hot again. After seven days on the lake, it was time to come home. All had a decent ride back to their homeports.

The July meeting at Club Kean/SCYC was lightly attended, but very social. Rear Commodore Rich Helm is working hard on the Venetian Party to make it a fun event. You can help by decorating your boat, if you have one, and riding in the parade. There will be a Past Commodores Cocktail party following the parade and then a Western themed dinner. On Sunday morning, I'll do the Commodore's Bloody Mary party. Plan to be there and enjoy it all, *FOR FUN'S SAKE!*

Commodore Jim

Greetings from the Rear

Venetian Night Lowdown

The theme is *The Wild Wild West* as you know. Each participating boat should pick a movie or TV western to decorate their boats to and all the people on that boat should dress in costume to match their boat theme. All boats will be judged at High Noon to determine the First, Second and Third place winners with awards presented at chow time.

Fleet review will start at 2 p.m. with the Fleet Captain, Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore leading the way with all others falling in behind.

After the fleet review there will be the Past Commodores cocktail party in our tent. Following this

will be a western style dinner featuring beef, beans and corn bread. Those of you who would like to bring a dish to share are more than welcome to do so. The cost for the dinner is \$15 each, for children age 6 to 12 its \$5 and under age 6 are free.

We will need some help on Friday evening to set up our own tent because the Kean's tent is already reserved. So any of you who can help with the set up and/or tear down or who are bringing a western dish to pass, please e-mail me as to what you can help with or what food item you wish to bring.

Last but not least there will be a bar setup with beer, whisky and sarsaparilla.

Questions and final details will be discussed at our August 6th meeting.

On another note, Kean's has installed life rings at the end of each dock.

RC Rich Helm
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Treasurer's Report for March

Previous balance:	\$1,878.36
Deposits	395.00
Expenses	(468.98)
Ending	1,804.38
Petty Cash	44.35
New Balance	<u>\$1,848.73</u>

Sunshine Report

It was great to see P/C Ray Brown and Barbara at the July membership meeting. We've all missed seeing them at past events and it's good to see Ray doing well. We all hope you both enjoy some great summer

sunsets sitting on the back deck of *Fantasy* now happily docked back in "her" well at Keans.

Thanks, Lynn

Fleet Captain Report

"Ever Evolving" Events from Your Fleet Captain:

Due to little or no interest for rendezvousing in Canada, the following activities have been cancelled. The July 17th "Night at the Puce" and the August 21st - 22nd trip to Belle River. Instead we are planning the following:

Sunday, July 18th - "Anchors Aweigh" in the Bay at the base of Kirby St. in Grosse Pointe, Lake St. Clair. Plan on arriving around 1:00 p.m. We will spend the afternoon relaxing, swimming and picnicking while anchored. Bring swimming "stuff" (noodles, rafts, etc.) and a picnic lunch. Those wanting to attend (without a boat), please contact me as soon as possible.

Saturday/Sunday, August 21st & 22nd - plans are to rendezvous at Metro Beach. South Basin is now open with registrations which are handled by the DNR at <http://www.midnrreservations.com/>. Those who want to pay a cheaper rate can dock in the North Basin, but slips are still on a "first come basis." Lots to do at Metro ... bike, roller-blade, golf, swim, walk your dog ... beside the usual rendezvous fare of drinking, eating and gibbitzing. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Two Reminders:

1) August 2nd is the deadline to sign up and pay for "Holiday Nights" scheduled for Saturday, December 11th, at The Henry Ford. The cost is \$66/person which includes dinner at the Eagle Tavern beginning at 5 p.m. followed by an evening of strolling through the Village enjoying the holiday festivities. Please send your check made payable to Carol Bacile at 31343 Hillbrook St., Livonia, 48152.

2) August 15th is the deadline for signing up for the Labor Day rendezvous to St. Clair Harbor. As of now we have only 7 boats signed up but we have 10 slips reserved. You can no longer register online; you will get a "marina is full" response. Instead you must call the DNR at 1-800-447-2757 and inform them that you want to make a reservation for St. Clair Harbor Marina under RVYC. If you have any problems, check with our Commodore who recently registered this way. Also, please email me once you have registered. Otherwise, the marina wants any unused slips for other boaters when I contact them on 8/16 with the boat info on those going for docking assignments.

Thanks,
Jean Pritchard, Fleet Captain

From the Editor

For those members who do not have email access, we are publishing a recent email sent to the Club congratulating Randy and Kathy Fryfogle who took first place in the sailboat category on June 19th in the

Parade of Lights on the Detroit River aboard their 43' Irwin, "Freebird", while flying their RVYC burgee. Their theme was Detroit-Sports City. Randy and VC Rich Helm designed a huge "State of Michigan" lighted banner that also showed the Upper Peninsula and a large circle of red lights that flashed for the City of Detroit. Everyone on board was attired in Detroit Tiger, Red Wing, Lions and Piston jerseys while the *National Anthem*, *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* and *We Will Rock You* blasted out from a big amp on deck. Needless to say, they were lit up like a Christmas tree. Also on board with the Fryfogles were Kathy's niece Justine, Rich & Mary Ann Helm along with their son Mike and daughter-in-law Julie, Lynn Koleski, and Bob Belmont their dock mate at Keans. As First Place Winners in their class, they won tickets to the GM Suite for a Piston's game plus a very nice mounted picture of "Freebird" taken as the boat motored in front of the Judges stand. Again, our sincere congratulations to Randy and Kathy for their win!

And, again a thank you to our hard working Fleet Captain, Jean Pritchard. In addition to her comments in the newsletter be sure to read the Schedule of Events also attached. With all the issues concerning traveling to Canada this year, Jean has had her hands full with rescheduling events and handling reservations and especially with trying to make us all happy!

Lastly for the month of July ... the simple list ...

Want to know the fastest way to windproof a beach towel? To read your beach read as opposed to using it as a towel anchor, try this smarter stay-put strategy. Stake your towel with metal grilling skewers. Pierce each corner and then push down. The skewer makes a tiny hole, so stick with your older towels for this.

Want to know the fastest way to remove sticky sand from your body? Try baby powder. Shake a little on the affected areas and it will absorb any residual body moisture, meaning those pesky grains won't have anything left to cling to.

Want to know the fastest way to get comfortable on coarse or wet sand? For a different kind of sun salutation try soaking up rays on a yoga mat. It's padded enough to offer some cushioning against rougher terrain and the nonslip waterproof surface means you won't have to worry about dampness.

August Birthdays

Mike Schrage – 4
Sandra Lacey - 5
Wayne Wingert – 6
Rob Carrier – 7
Barbara Brown – 14
Joann Giffer - 21
Susan Cieslak – 23
Don Tusset - 26

August Anniversaries

Richard & Mary Ann Helm - 1
Ray & Sandra Lacey – 3
Randy & Kathy Fryfogle - 11
Ed & Jean Pritchard – 16

RVYC 2010 Schedule of Events

Please email Jean (jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net) to add your name to any event or sign up at any RVYC function on the Rendezvous Sign-Up Sheets.

Sunday, July 18th – “Anchors Aweigh” – Spend a day anchoring at Kirby St. Bay in Lake St. Clair/Grosse Pointe). Swim, read a book, picnic and enjoy the sunshine. **Plan on arriving around 1 p.m.** (The “Night at the Puce” on July 17th has been cancelled.)
Participants: Carriers(?), Koleski, Pritchards, Shermans & Taylors

Monday, August 2nd – Deadline to sign-up and pay for “Holiday Nights” @ the Henry Ford (see Dec. 11th activity for details).

Friday, August 6th, RVYC General Membership Meeting
Location is Club Kean/SCYC at 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 14th - Venetian

Theme is “The Wild, Wild West”

Details for the day & dinner to follow.

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Carriers, Clapper, Conrads, Fryfogles, Helms, Koleski/Crains, Middlekauffs, Pritchards, Roths Sr., Taylors & Thuls

Sunday, August 15th – Commodore’s Bloody Mary Party
on the Pool deck

Saturday-Sunday, August 21st & 22nd – changed to Metro Beach
Reservations now being taken by the DNR for the South Basin.

Register online at <http://www.midnrreservations.com/>
or stay in the North Basin for a flat fee (still done on a “first come basis”).

Saturday Night “Hummers” followed by Sunday’s “Egg Boil”

Participants: ????

Labor Day Weekend, September 4th, 5th & 6th –
St. Clair City Boat Harbor

RVYC General Membership Meeting and dinner on the 5th

Theme: Pirates – “Swashbuckling & Booty”

(further details to follow)

Each boat needs to make their own reservation.

**You must now call the DNR reservation system at
1-800-447-2757 and let them know you are with RVYC.**

If you now try to register online, you will get a “marina is full”
response. Also, please let your FC know when you register.

Participants registered: Alfaros, Barans, Fryfogles/Dells, Koleski,
Pritchards, Schrages & Shermans

Friday-Sunday, September 10th-12th

Put-In-Bay/Toledo Symphony Weekend

Symphony on Saturday at 6 p.m. (details to follow)

Participants: Pritchards

Saturday, September 18th – Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach

Details to follow. Besides new dog rules, South Basin will be open
to reservations via DNR. (<http://www.midnrreservations.com/>)

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

?? Sunday, September 26th – Winery Tour/Yacht Club Tour

Do a “color” tour visiting wineries/yacht clubs using A Dream
Limo Service

Friday, October 1st - RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.

Nominations & Bake Sale.

Location is at Jim & Carolyn Roth’s home located at
47199 Seven Mile in Northville, tel. 248-348-3787.

Please call or Google for directions.

Saturday, October 16th – Haul Out Party at 4 p.m.

Location is under the tent at Kean’s.

Club furnishes hot dogs & brats and beer & pop.

Please bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

Friday, November 5th – RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.

Elections & Loser's Drawing with complimentary pizzas.

Location is at P/C Lynn Koleski's home located at 39576 Village Run Dr., Northville 48167, tel. 734-420-5391. Please call or Google for directions.

Month of November

Possibly do a service project or feather bowl (if interested)

Friday, December 3rd – Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

Remember the \$5.00 limit and no "regifting" from 2009!

Location is at Director Bill & Elaine Middlekauff's home located at 2449 Oak Ridge Rd., Troy 48098, tel. 248-641-9330. Please call or Google for directions.

Saturday, December 11th – Holiday Nights and Dinner at Greenfield Village – starting at 5:00 p.m. \$66/person

Must be signed up and paid by August 2nd

Please make checks payable to Carol Bacile and send to 31343 Hillbrook St., Livonia 48152.

Dinner @ Eagles Tavern & outside activities in the village afterwards (dress in layers and bring a "nip" to stay warm).

Participants: Alfaros(2), Baciles(2), Deptula(1), Koleski(1), Middlekauffs(2), Pritchards(2), Shermans(2) & Thuls(2)

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

Honoring "three-peat" Commodore Jim Baran

Other Dates/Activities @ Kean's

Saturday, July 31st – John Kean Day