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From the Helm

Our May meeting was well attended upstairs at Club Kean, *a.k.a.* St. Clair Yacht Club (SCYC). The baseball fans, *a.k.a.* Alfaro and Pritchards, were able to keep track of the Tigers game on the large screen TV after they figured out which one of the 600+ channels was airing the game. Satellite TV has way too many choices, especially when there is no channel guide available! Overall, a nice experience at Club Kean/SCYC. The facilities are good, the prices are fair, so stop by when you get a chance.

The auction went well with R/C Rich Helm and his able assistant, V/C Hunt Taylor, trying to get the best price for the goods. Even our bartender, Desiree, got into the action and bought a few treasures. The coffers now have more dollars for us to spend on Club functions. Good job, fellas!

One of the functions that RVYC will spend some of that money on our behalf is the Fitting Out Party this Saturday, May 22nd, at 4 p.m. The big white party tent has been set up in the same location as last year, so we will use it. For those who may still be working on their boats, the party is a nice break from work; for those who have already launched their boats or who have

no boats, it's a good time to enjoy the Club's first outdoor activity of the season.

Weather permitting, we plan to have the June meeting on Friday the 4th, outdoors, under the big white tent, at 8 p.m. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll go upstairs to Club Kean/SCYC.

The next day, Saturday, June 5th, is our annual Green and White Party, also under the big white tent. Good Polish food goes well with friends of any nationality, so plan to be there, *FOR FUN'S SAKE!*

Commodore Jim

From the Vice

As a follow-up to Commodore Jim's announcement of the "Fitting Out Party", hot dogs will be provided along with the trimmings and chips. Everyone planning on attending should bring a dish to pass. By unpopular vote, the special recipe of "trash can punch" is being replaced by Club sponsored beer and pop selections, so BYOB if one desires more alcohol than beer. Please plan on attending *for fun's sake*.

My boat was moved out of the barn on May 11th and with good week-end weather I hope to have her in slip 30 any day now. I'm

looking forward to a hot summer and fair seas (since I only put 14 hours on the boat last summer) and to all the outings and keeping my fingers crossed that work does not get in the way of having fun. I plan on blessing my boat every evening with a cocktail when I stay onboard and everyone is invited to help me keep the blessings flowing, so please stop by and say HELL-O. Until then, may the winds blow warm, the seas remain fair and let love fill the air!

Hunt Taylor, Vice Commodore

Greetings from the Rear

Not much news to report this month. On a good note: the rain we have been having the past few weeks is raising the lake levels. Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie are only about six inches below normal for this time of the year. So let it rain now so we all can have good high water levels and stay off the bottom.

Until next month keep your props in the water and your boat on an even keel.

Rear Commodore
Rich Helm

Treasurer's Report for March

Previous balance:	\$1,509.96
Deposits	268.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,777.96
Petty Cash	43.05
New Balance	<u>\$1,821.01</u>

Sunshine Report

Nothing but sunshine to report this month.

Thanks, Lynn

Fleet Captain Report

Please read our updated 2010 Schedule of Events and the itinerary for our first rendezvous of the year coming up soon on Memorial Day to the Cove Marina. Both schedules are attached to the newsletter. Also, there are vacancies still available for the Cove rendezvous. Please contact me as soon as possible if you want to be included.

Your Fleet Captain,
Jean Pritchard

For Sale Corner

1999 27' Sea Ray 270 Sundancer, asking \$42,900.
TWIN MERC 4.3'S – Alpha Drives-Stainless Steel Props
9' 2" BEAM & 29' 10" LOA
This new-era 270 Sundancer offers Sea Ray's latest floor plan innovations and a level of luxury that Sea Ray owners have come to expect. With an additional 6-inch beam over the earlier 270 SE, this 270 Sundancer adds a separate dinette, as well as a forward v-berth/ convertible settee to add to on-board seating and sleeping (6) versatility. Sea Ray seals the deal with an unmistakably stylish profile and unrivaled cockpit lounging comforts, including a portside lounge, double wide helm seat with aft facing bench seat and a transom bench seat, with removable serving table in between. Equipment highlights include: Air Conditioning with Reverse Heat Cycle; Extended Swim Platform; Spot Light; Bimini Top; Camper

Top and Side Covers; Cockpit Cover (all blue); Custom Canvas Outside Storage Cover; Clarion AM-FM-Cassette w/ 6-Disc Changer and Garmin GPS.
Engine Hours: 315
3 Batteries (1 yr. old) w/AC Converter Charger.

Contact: Hunt Taylor 248-953-3457 or hunttaylor@comcast.net

From The Editor

For those who were not at the April 11th General Membership Meeting, Director Bill Middlekauff reported on Sea Ray's new Pet and Water Safety (PAWS) website, a resource devoted to bringing an array of articles, safety tips, boating gear, contests, and special offers from sponsors like Nestle Purina Petcare and Onyx Outdoor pet life jackets. Sea Ray acknowledges that more than 60% of their customers have dogs and cats, and nearly two-thirds of them take their pets on their boats five or more times each season. Visit PAWS at www.petandwatersafety.com.

And, in lieu of the Editors *simple list for the month*, we are publishing the following write-up provided by a Club member who prefers to remain anonymous.

To my friend's who enjoy a glass of wine and to those who don't and who are always seen with a bottle of water in their hand, I offer the following:

Ben Franklin said that in wine there is wisdom, in beer there

is freedom and in water there is bacteria. In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 liter of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli (E Coli) bacteria found in feces.

In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop. However, we do not run that risk when drinking wine and beer (or tequila, rum, Classic 12 or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Therefore, keeping in mind that water equals poop and wine equals health, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid than to drink water and be full of shit.

This may (or may not) be the time to again mention that the Editor welcomes your letters, comments, articles, etc., for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.)

June Birthdays

Ruthie Sherman – 5

Dan Martyka – 7

June Anniversaries

John & Brenda Roth – 5

Dale & Pat Binkley

Mike & Therese Schrage – 28

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. 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! (** **New changes to RVYC's schedule.**)

Saturday, May 22nd – RVYC Fitting Out Party at 4 p.m.

Location is under the tent in Kean's parking lot.

Club furnishes hot dogs & brats and beer & pop.

Please bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

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

Please see weekend itinerary attached to newsletter.

Vacancies still available.

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Koleski, Pritchards & Schrages (Sat. only ?)

Friday, June 4th – RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.

Location is under the Kean's tent area (outside if weather permitting, or Club Kean inside).

** Saturday, June 5th - Green and White Party at 6 p.m.

Location is under the Kean's tent area.

"Polish Fare" honoring our Commodore (details to follow)

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Clapper, Koleski, Pritchards, Roths (senior) & Shermans

** Friday-Sunday, June 25th-27th – Pirate's Weekend at Put-In-Bay

"Fire Ye Cannonballs!" costume contest, games, food & drinks

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, & Pritchards/Knudsons

** Monday-Friday, June 28th-July 2nd – Lake Erie Rendezvous

Tentative Locations to visit are Pelee Island, Put-In-Bay, Vermillion, Huron & Maumee Bay

Participants: Alfaros & Pritchards (details to be planned by participants)

Friday, July 2nd – RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.

Location is under the Kean's tent area

Saturday-Monday, July 3rd-5th – Leamington Marina

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

Activities most likely will include eating/golf/eating/games/eating (details to follow)

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

** Saturday, July 17th – Rendezvous to Puce (1 night stay)

Dine at their restaurant, stop for a swim in Lake St. Clair

(Kirby St. Bay) & picnic lunch on Sunday

Participants: Pritchards, Shermans & Taylors

... or ...

July 17th/24th/31st - 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 6th – RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.

Location is under the Kean's tent with a tentative sunset cruise following the meeting.

** Saturday, August 14th - Venetian

Theme is "Wild, Wild West"

Details for the day & dinner to follow.

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Clapper, Fryfogles, Helms, Koleski/Crains, Middlekauffs, Pritchards, Roths (senior) & Taylors

** Sunday, August 15th – Commodore's Bloody Mary Party
on the 100 dock

Saturday-Sunday, August 21st & 22nd – Belle River

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

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)

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

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

Symphony Weekend

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

Saturday, September 18th – Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach

Details to follow, but keep in mind that there are new dog rules – Yeah!

?? Sunday, September 19th or 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 to be determined.

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

Details to follow.

Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Commodore's Ball at Laurel Manor
Honoring "three-peat" Commodore Jim Baran

Other Dates/Activities @ Kean's

Saturday, May 29th – Kean's Blessing of the Fleet

Monday, June 21st – Detroit River Fireworks @ 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 4th – Kean's BBQ Picnic

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

Saturday, July 31st – John Kean Day

Memorial Day Rendezvous Itinerary – 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 Radlin's 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 29th-30th, 2010

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Koleski, Pritchards, Schrage (Sat. only?)

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

The Club will monitor channel 72 during the trip.

Itinerary:

Saturday May 29th

- For those of us at Kean's who want to travel together, please plan on having your blowers on at 9:00 a.m. and head out of Kean's at 9:15 a.m., that should get us to the Cove by 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- For those not traveling with this group, plan on arriving at the Cove by noon.
- 2:00 p.m. Bocce ball/Ladder ball tournament
- 4:00 p.m. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- Dinner – Marina is sponsoring a Pot Luck/Big Bonfire. Thought we would join in so please bring a dish to pass and marshmallows for roasting.
- Campfire and storytelling. **Note:** we are not allowed to bring firewood into Canada; it will be available for sale at the marina.

Sunday May 30th

- Breakfast on your own
- 1:30 p.m. miniature golf tournament (for those who like to "putt" around), please bring your own putter and ball.
- 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner – Bring a grill, something to put on it, and a dish to pass.
- Campfire – complimentary s'mores (bring your own roasting stick)

Monday May 31st

- 10:00 a.m. Club breakfast – bring a dish to pass
- 12:00 p.m. leave for home ports