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From the Helm

The April RVYC Membership Meeting was held Friday, April 1st, at Ron and Ruthie Sherman's home in West Bloomfield. A total of 25 members attended to try out the new tent that was purchased for the RVYC meetings. Along with the folding chairs and the dishes to pass that everyone brought, we found the tent to be overcrowded. A vote was taken to return the tent and try other options. Three (3) guests also attended the meeting, Kristen DuFresne and Patrick & Patricia (Pat and Pat) O'Brien. Kristen is the first mate of our Rear Commodore, Joey Clapper, and has submitted an application for membership. The O'Brien's had previously submitted applications for membership and as a matter of old business they were duly voted in as official RVYC members. The O'Brien's join us as another sailing couple, owning a 432 Beneteau, which they dock across the river from Kean's at the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC).

The May RVYC Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6th, at Club Kean. At this meeting the nautical auction will be held. Typically, the bar at Club Kean at this time of year

has a very low usage by the membership, so this makes an ideal location to conduct RVYC's annual nautical auction. Please plan on attending and bring items, nautical or not, to donate to the auction.

I want to remind everyone that the Bridge and Board of Directors announced two (2) membership meeting date changes from the normal Friday night schedule. The June 3rd meeting has been moved to Saturday, June 4th, to be held during happy hour after the Venetian Parade and before dinner begins at Kean's poolside. The July 1st meeting has been moved to Sunday, July 3rd, at Metro Beach for the Independence Day Rendezvous there. As plans become firmed up for the activities for that weekend, a time and exact meeting location at Metro Beach will be announced.

May is fast approaching and so are the boat launch dates. Please plan on taking a break from preparing your boat for launch and attending the "Fitting Out Party". See VC Rich Helm's article for details.

RVYC's first rendezvous of the year is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend,

May 28th, 29th and 30th, at Belle Maer Harbor. See the Fleet Captain's Evite for details.

Red skies in the morning, sailors take warning.

Red skies at night are a sailor's delight.

Blue skies and sunny skies are all boaters' delights!

Hunt Taylor, Commodore

Vice Views

At our March meeting I gave a report on the banquet room at Kean's and said that I would look into the cost of having a party like the Commodore's Ball there. I stopped by Kean's and picked up the price list for the room and all other items that they provide and ran a cost comparison to our cost for this year's ball. It would cost more at Kean's and the food would be served buffet style on paper plates with plastic ware. So the ball will be at Laurel Manor next year.

The food for the fitting out party on May 14th will be served crock pot style so the food will be hot any time you decide to stop by. My lovely assistant, MaryAnn, and I decided that this would work out for every one and make it easier to keep the food hot. The menu so far consist of pulled pork, pulled chicken, Greek pasta salad, broccoli cole slaw, fruit, chips, beer, pop and water.

So if you are in the area around 4:00 pm, please stop by.

Vice Commodore,
Rich Helm

From the Rear

Once again, the annual Venetian party will be on June 4, 2011, at Kean's Marina. This year's theme is "Space: The Final Frontier." I'm hoping that we have a lot of participation this year. This theme should allow everyone to get pretty creative. For example, you will see *Bell Ringer* representing "Area 51." The Venetian Committee is starting to arrange other ideas for the party that evening, so stay tuned for more details.

I hope to see another great turnout at the May meeting at Kean's!

Rear Commodore,
Joey Clapper

Treasurer's Report for February

Previous balance	\$1,596.22
Deposits	230.00
Expenses	<u>(\$707.97)</u>
Ending	\$1,118.25
Petty Cash	\$0.50
New Balance	\$1,118.75

Burgees/Flags in inventory available for purchase.

I have 2 RVYC burgees for sale for \$25.00 each. New members please consider adding an RVYC burgee to your boat this season. I also

have Past Commodore flags available. Any of you PCs wishing to "upgrade" to new please let me know. They are also \$25.00 each. I will bring these flags to the May meeting.

Barbie Taylor, Treasurer

Fleet Captain Report

Please see the updated Schedule of Events. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our planned rendezvous and events ... *for fun's sake!*

Fleet Captain, Ruthie

Sunshine Report

Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Wayne Wingert who recently underwent emergency surgery. Wayne is currently recuperating at the Woodward Hills Center in Bloomfield Hills.

Sadly, we report the passing of former member, Don Bunge. Don, and his wife Karen, moved to Georgia a few years ago. We remember Don, who was a retired Sergeant from the Detroit Police Dept. as an active boater aboard their boat, "Flamingo" and a fun-loving guy. We have lost track of their address in Georgia, should any member have it, please send to me so we can send a card to Karen.

Sunshine Person, Lynn

From the Editor

Our thanks to Ron and Ruthie Sherman for all their time and work in procuring and setting up the tent. Even though it was unanimously agreed at the April meeting to not keep it, the idea of a Club tent for our functions was a good idea to explore and try out. Ron and Ruthie then had to deal with taking it back for return. So again, thanks for all your efforts.

And, for April ... here is the simple list ...

With Easter soon approaching, you might want to know that 27 is the number of hours it took to make a single Peep Marshmallow chick by hand in 1953. Today the Peeps factory, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, hatches more than 4.2 million chicks a day. The confections are typically sold in stores only around Easter (April 24th this year), but if you need a *cheep* thrill some other time, visit the Peep retail emporium just outside Washington, D.C. in National Harbor, Maryland or at MarshmallowPeeps.com.

May Birthdays

Nanette Dell - 7
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

RIVER VIEW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011

Signing up is easy: Use Evite invitation in your email.

Email apaigeofsummer@sbcglobal.net to add your name, or sign up at any RVYC function in the Rendezvous Sign-Up book.

As we get closer to each event, further details will be provided.

(Changes to RVYC's schedule shown *in Italics.*)

May 6 - Membership Meeting

8 p.m. at *Club Kean (upstairs)*, Nautical Auction

May 14 - Fitting Out Party

4 p.m. at Kean's Pool area

If you are not up to your elbows in fitting out chores, and it is convenient, please bring a dish to pass to go with the chef's grilled sensations!

May 28, 29 & 30 - Memorial Day Rendezvous

Belle Maer Harbor

Arrive by noon on Saturday the 28th.

Depart by noon on Monday, the 30th.

See Evite for details.

Please RSVP ASAP if interested.

Participants: Clapper/Clapper, Middlekauff, Passmore, and Sherman

June 4 - Venetian Parade, Membership Meeting and Party

Monthly meeting during happy hour (after Venetian Parade and before dinner at Kean's poolside).

Venetian parade and party details in Rear Commodore Joey Clapper's article.

June 5 - Commodore's Bloody Mary Party

9 a.m. on the 100 Dock @ Kean's Marina

June 24, 25 & 26 at Put-In-Bay

Pirate Weekend.

Arrive by noon on Friday and depart for home on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Participants:

July 3rd - Membership Meeting

At Metro Beach Rendezvous

July 2, 3 & 4 - Independence Day Rendezvous - Metro Beach

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE

Arrive Saturday, July 2, and depart for home ports at noon on the 4th.

July 3, we will bury the Commodore.

Please RSVP whether coming by car or boat; full 3 days or 1.

Participants: Carrier, Clapper/Clapper, Dell, Fryfogle, Pritchard, Sherman, Roths Sr. (with Conrads), and Taylor.

August 5 - Membership Meeting

8 p.m. at Kean's Marina Poolside

August 6 - Green and White Party

5 p.m. at Kean's Marina

August 13 through 21 - Lake Huron Rendezvous

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE.

Please RSVP thru Evite or email and advise the Fleet Captain if you are interested.

Don't reserve thru DNR until itinerary is locked in by participants.

8/13 - Lexington Harbor (DNR reservation required)

8/14 - Pt Austin unavailable to remodel. ?group to decide as we travel

8/15 - ? group to decide as we travel

8/16 - E Tawas Harbor

8/17 - ? group to decide as we travel

8/18 - Sanilac Harbor

8/19 & 8/20 - Port Huron River Street Marina (DNR reservations required)

8/21 - home ports

Participants:

August 19 & 20 - Port Huron Rendezvous

You must make your own reservations through DNR.

Arrive Friday, August 19th, and depart for home ports on Sunday at noon.

This is at the end of the Huron Trip.

If you can't make the whole week, join us on this weekend at River Street Marina.

September 2 - Membership Meeting

Details to follow.

September 3, 4, & 5 - Labor Day Rendezvous - St Clair Harbor

Arrive Saturday, September 3rd, and depart for home ports on Monday at noon. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE, then call the dock master at St Clair (586-530-5132) to let him know you are one of the 10 reserved spots.

First 10 boats to reserve will be grouped together as a Club.

Participants: Alfaro, Clapper, Fryfogle, Lynn Koleski (with Crains), Roth Sr., Schrage, Sherman, and Taylor

September 10 - Progressive Dinner - Kean's Marina

This is how it works: We will have groups of six dining together for three courses. Two weeks prior to the event, you will be informed what course you will be assigned. This is done by random drawing of names.

The night of the dinner, another drawing will be made to determine who your dining group is.

Each participant will host their course, either on board their own boat or on the dock or land, whichever you prefer.

Dessert will be enjoyed together poolside or on Sherman's boat.

Participants:

October 7 - Membership Meeting

8 p.m. at Kean's, Nominations and Bake Sale

October 15 - Haul Out Party at Kean's

Details to follow.

October 29 - Square Dance - Lazy J Ranch

625 S. Hickory Ridge Road Milford, MI 48380

Details to follow.

Participants:

November 4 - Membership Meeting - Elections and Pizza Party

(Venue to be determined)

November

The Casino trip was voted down at the April meeting.

I will be setting up a tour of the Thanksgiving Day Parade Tour instead.

Details to follow.

December 2 - Membership Meeting and Christmas Party

8 p.m. at the home of Kathy and Randy Fryfogle, 1124 Trailside Blvd.,
Wixom 48393 (tel. 248-624-3650).

December 10 - Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village

Details will follow later in the year

Participants:

Other Dates/Activities of interest:

June 27 - Detroit River Fireworks

July 8, 9 & 10 - Gold Cup Races

July 15 thru July 17 - Jet Express Round trip from Kean's to Put-In-Bay.
\$95.00 per person plus lodging.

See Bev and Marshall if interested (aboard Ms Bev on dock 100)

September 22 (Thursday) - Burn Center Charity Boat Cruise.

Join Dells & Fryfogles and friends aboard the Diamond Jack
for eats, drinks and dancing.

*See Joe Dell for tickets. \$35.00 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold.
This will be a very fun evening. The band that plays at our Commodore's
Ball will be entertaining us topsides for dancing. I wonder if it is
possible to hula hoop on a boat?????*

*Joe is also looking for silent auction items. Fryfogles and Shermans
have donated a sail/boat cruise and Jim & Carolyn Roth of Good Time
Party Store have donated a bottle of Dom Pérignon champagne. If you
have something you would be willing to donate for the auction, please
see Joe.*

RVYC members signed up for this great charity event thus far:

Clapper, Dell, Fryfogle, Koleski, Sherman