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From the Helm

The RVYC August monthly meeting was held Friday, August 6th and was called to order a little after 8 p.m. Attendance was taken with a total of 10 members present and no guests. Secretary Carolyn Roth had Barbara Taylor substitute and read the minutes from the July meeting and all the officers gave their reports. A 50/50 raffle drawing was held totaling \$45 which was won by Ron Sherman who received half.

On Saturday, August 6th, the RVYC Green & White Party was celebrated under the Kean's Tent. A total of 22 members attended, celebrating with grilled burgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings of a great barbeque. A 50/50 raffle was held raising \$95 with the lucky winner, Patricia O'Brien, taking home \$45 of the pot. A great time was had by all well into the evening. Between *Juice's Paradise* and *R Time III*, the lights did not go out until well after 1 a.m.

Everyone was slow getting up the Sunday morning, but the Bloody Marys began to flow. Carolyn Roth arranged lunch for Club members on the 100 dock with leftover burgers and hot dogs served on *R Time III*. Fun was had by all with another great weekend

concluding after lunch and all returning to their home ports.

The next meeting will be held at the St. Clair rendezvous on the dock on Sunday, September 4th, at 5 p.m., to be followed by a wine and cheese party (and hat party contest). Be sure to see the Fleet Captain's attached Schedule of Events which details the activities for the Labor Day weekend.

Hunt Taylor – Commodore

Vice Views

No report this month.

Vice Commodore, Rich Helm

Greetings from the Rear

Nothing to report.

Rear Commodore, Joey Clapper

Treasurer's Report for August

Previous balance:	\$1,655.25
Deposits	25.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,680.25
Petty Cash	<u>0.50</u>
New Balance	<u>\$1,680.75</u>

Fleet Captain Report

Please see the attached Schedule of Events for updates to upcoming fun and frolic!

Thanks,
Fleet Captain, Ruthie

Sunshine Report

Joyce Alfaro was at the Green & White Party and looked terrific after her first treatment. We were all very happy to see her. I know all our prayers and love are with both Joyce and Herb.

Sunshine lady Lynn

From The Editor

Special thanks to Director Bill Middlekauff for the attached article regarding border crossings. Per Bill, maybe there is hope for a smoother process in the near future.

And, for the month of August, following is some (possibly unknown) trivia about this eighth month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar:

National Back To School Month
National [Psoriasis](#) Awareness Month
National Investors Month
Women's Small Business Month
National Sandwich Month
National Catfish Month
Panini Month
[Happiness](#) Happens Month
Inventors Month.
Entire month is a holiday for most European workers!

September Birthdays

Randy Fryfogle - 2
P/C Lynn Koleski - 14
Christyn Nawrot - 9/21
Keith Armstrong - 22
Beth Armstrong - 27
Patrick O'Brian - 31

September Anniversaries

No love birds this month!!

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.*)

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.

Arrive Saturday and visit on the docks with your friends. Cook out on shore, eat in the pavilion, and bring your own meat and a dish to pass.

On Sunday morning we will have a community breakfast. Add your best breakfast item to the table.

Sunday evening, we will begin at 5 p.m., with the monthly Club meeting. Following the meeting, we will enjoy this year's theme of a WINE, CHEESE AND HAT PARTY "revisited." Find or create the best hat ever, and wear it with pride. There will be a prize for best hat. Bring a substantial hors d'oeuvre along with your favorite bottle of wine to share.

Monday morning, head for home ports.

Participants: Alfaro, Clapper, Fryfogle (w/Dell), Koleski (w/Crains), Middlekauff, O'Brien, Pritchard, Roth Sr., Schrage, Sherman and Taylor

Note: Fryfogle and O'Brien are not part of the 10 grouped together as their draft is too deep to be on the same dock. Therefore, 1 slot is still available.

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.

Bring your own liquid refreshments with you throughout the meal.

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

Please bring an ice cream topping to share.

Participants: Brown, Clapper, Fine, Helm, Koleski, Sherman, and Thul

We will also be hosting some guests from Kean's 100 dock to join in.

We have 6 people or 3 couples to dine with us as well.

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

Invite friends and relatives. We need a minimum of 50 people to participate.

The Club has already invested a \$200 deposit that we cannot get back, so sign up ASAP so we can get a head count early, please. We will have Sloppy Joes and please bring a dish to pass if you are willing. Cost if \$15 per person.

Participants: Alfaro, Baran, Brown, Carrier, Clapper Joe, Clapper Joey, Dell, Deptula, Fryfogle, Koleski, Roth Sr., Sherman with 6 guests, Taylor, Thul and Wingert

November 4 - Membership Meeting - Elections and Pizza Party

(Venue to be determined)

November Thanksgiving Day Parade Tour

Dinner at Polish Café in Hamtramck after.

More 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

Participants: Baran, Deptula, Fryfogle, Koleski, Middlekauff, O'Brien, Sherman
and Wingert.

Baciles and 2 friends will join us for the walk only.

Other Dates/Activities

Reminder: The September 22nd Burn Center Charity boat cruise headed-up by
Joe Dell has been cancelled.

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Safe Passage

Border crossing simplified between the U.S. and Canada. BY HEATHER STEINBERGER

If you're a frequent flier, chances are you're already aware of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's "trusted traveler program" that expedites airport screening. The agency developed the program after acknowledging the one-size-fits-all approach is inefficient and creates unnecessary hardships. Boaters may not, however, be aware that a similar program now exists for those who frequently cross international borders with their vessels. U.S. Customs and Border Protection, part of the Department of Homeland Security, developed the voluntary Small Vessel Reporting System to expedite trusted boaters' crossings into the United States.

SVRS will be available in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and, most significantly for *Lakeland Boating* readers, the Great Lakes. "We rolled it out about a year ago in Miami, our test area," said Brian Bell, supervisory CBP officer and public affairs liaison at the Chicago field office. "Now we're rolling it out nationwide." Bell said SVRS should be available in the Great Lakes by August. He also noted that CBP officers expected the heaviest use to be on Lake Erie. "Cleveland's the hotbed!" he acknowledged with a laugh. "Canada's an hour away, not two days away, like the Bahamas from Miami. So we're expecting heavy usage, with a lot of recreational boaters and fishermen traveling back and forth. Lake Superior is probably going to be our No.2."

Border-crossing boaters used to call the CBP office and ask where to meet officers for processing. As with mass airport-screening methods, Bell said that procedure wasn't particularly helpful. "It was time-consuming for officers, but it also wasn't fair to the boating community," he explained. "Our job is to facilitate international travel, not make it harder."

With SVRS, international boaters register with CBP online to get expedited clearance for their U.S. arrival. The system is open to all U.S. citizens and permanent residents, as well as Canadian citizens, Canadian landed Commonwealth residents and Canadian landed immigrants who hold certain documents.

To participate, visit cbp.gov/svrs, fill out an online application and schedule a visit to your nearest enrollment center. CBP officers will vet applicants, a process that includes an in-person interview and checks against law-enforcement and anti-terrorism databases. There is no fee to apply; boat owners who are members of a CBP trusted traveler program can enroll without visiting an enrollment center. "Once you're enrolled, all you have to do is fill out a simple float plan before you depart," Bell said. "Just say, 'I'm going to dinner in Canada and this is when I'll be back!'" When arriving in the U.S., the captain will call CBP at the nearest Port of Entry with his or her float plan identification number, answer a few questions and receive clearance.

Bell acknowledged that fishing is a key recreational and commercial pursuit on both sides of the border. "As far as the U.S. government is concerned, if you anchor in Canadian waters, you haven't left the U.S.," he advised. "It's only an issue if you've gone ashore or come in contact with a foreign vessel. The last thing we want to do is seize someone's boat because they went to dinner!"

Bell said SVRS will benefit everyone in the long run. Enrolled boaters will find crossing the border to be a more hassle-free experience. And CBP officers can focus efforts on noncompliant boaters, smugglers and potential terrorists. "Our job is to make sure people with harmful intent don't enter the United States," he said. "After all, it would be very easy to blend in, especially on a beautiful Saturday out on the lake. But we want to make entering the U.S. as easy as possible for everyone else."

U.S. Customs & Border Protection's new Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS) will make border crossings easier for trusted boaters. SVRS will be available in the Great Lakes late this summer and CBP anticipates the heaviest use to be on lakes Erie and Superior.

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