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From the Helm

The March RVYC Membership Meeting was held Sunday, March 6th, at “Waves Chill and Grill Restaurant” in St. Clair Shores. A total of 18 members attended the short meeting followed by cocktails and an early dinner.

The Bridge and Board of Directors announced two 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 at Metro Beach. As plans become firmed up for the activities for that weekend, a time and exact meeting location at Metro Beach will be announced.

The April Membership Meeting is being held on Friday, April 1st. at 8 p.m., at Ron and Ruthie Sherman’s home located at 4400 Green Lake Road, W. Bloomfield 48323. Please plan on attending.

Membership renewals and checks are due by March 15th so if you have not completed the on-line renewal form and mailed your check, please do so as soon as possible. Please complete and submit the on-line renewal forms by logging on to the web site click renewal and complete the form.

RVYC’s first rendezvous of the year is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 28th, 29th and 30th) at Belle Mare Harbor. See the Fleet Captain’s Evite for details. Payments are due by April 1st.

Keep thinking sunshine and fair skies because launch day is just around the corner.

Commodore Hunt Taylor

Vice Views

I would like to remind you of the Fitting Out party that is scheduled for May 14th. I am planning a great menu of flat food and round food that will be served hot. On top of that will be cold beverages to quench your thirst. So plan to take a break and join us at about 4 p.m. Other cold and hot food will be available as the final menu is being developed as we proceed.

As I mentioned at the last meeting there is an Open House at Kean's this Wednesday, March 16th. I have found out that it is by invitation only so I am planning to go and check it out. I will give a report at our next meeting on what I find out as far as the services available for banquets.

Vice Commodore Rich Helm

From the Rear

Greetings All!

It was great seeing those of you who made it to Waves for our March meeting. What a beautiful day that was ... Spring must be around the corner!

For those of you who couldn't make it, you should know that Ruthie Sherman and Christyn Nawrot volunteered their time and effort to help me in planning this year's Venetian party. I also mentioned at the meeting that I would announce this year's theme at the April meeting being held at Ron and Ruthie Sherman's house. That should give everyone about two months to consider a creative scheme for their vessels.

Hope to see a good turnout for April's meeting.

Rear Commodore
Joey Clapper

Treasurer's March Report

Previous balance	\$1,226.22
Deposits	420.00
Expenses	(\$50.00)
Ending	\$1,596.22
Petty Cash	\$0.50
New Balance	\$1,596.72

Barbie Taylor, Treasurer

Fleet Captain Report

The Evite system seems to be working well. If you have two different emails, you will receive the Evite in both at first notice because it goes to all email addresses on our roster. Once one of your household emails has responded, we will remove the other for follow-up Evites for that event. PLEASE RESPOND WITH THE NUMBER ATTENDING. If you would like to only receive the Evite in a primary email address, let me know.

We will be going to Belle Maer Harbor for Memorial Day Weekend. We have 8 wells reserved, but they will not assign wells until we pay in full as a Club with one payment. So, the sooner you send the money to me, the better the chances of us all being together. If we have 8 boats or more, the charge is \$1.00 per foot. If less than 8, it is \$1.25 per foot. Please respond to the Evite or call me ASAP. Once I have 8 people committed, I can send the money to Belle Maer. Make checks payable to Ruth Sherman and I will pay Belle Maer directly.

Fourth of July will be at Metro Beach. At the March meeting, it was decided that this will be where we "Bury the Commodore". Also, as allowed by the Constitution, the Board decided that we will also have the July meeting at this rendezvous. This is an easily accessed venue that can be attended by boat or car. Please RSVP whether arriving by land or sea. Wells must be reserved through the DNR website now. As it is a holiday weekend, it will fill up fast.

The Lake Huron week concludes at Port Huron, River Street Marina for Friday and Saturday nights. This way, anyone that would like to attend only that weekend can plan ahead to join us. Make reservations through the DNR website. Reserve now!

The club has purchased a tent for our use when needed. Kean's raised the cost of renting their tent to \$100 from \$50 per event. We bought the tent for \$280 which included weights and shipping. It is 10x20 feet, with sides and windows. It is white, and it can be set up by two people. We will have it set up at the April meeting so we can see how it will work for us; a trial run so to speak. It will be the Fleet Captain's responsibility to have the tent at events where it is needed, and to set it up, or delegate the same.

Fleet Captain, Ruthie

For the Good of the Order

I received my boat registration renewal form in the mail, and a Watercraft Renewal guide was enclosed.

It states:

“Note to boaters:

If your travels take you to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean, consider getting an enhanced driver’s license or state ID card.

These federally accepted documents are issued at all Secretary of State offices and satisfy the identity and citizenship requirement when re-entering the US by land or sea. For complete details about purchasing the enhanced license or ID card, visit

www.Michigan.gov/sos.”

Submitted by Ron Sherman

Sunshine Person Report

Our continued best wishes are extended to July Thul for a speedy recovery following recent surgery.

From the Editor

For the Month of March ...
... the simple list ...

Fifty, Barbie’s (not our Barbie Taylor) main squeeze, Ken, turned the big 5-0 on March 11th. Ken Carson hails from the (fictional) town of Willows, Wisconsin, and originally cost \$3.50 (a steal compared with a diamond-clad Barbie that recently sold at auction for \$302,500). Ken has sported some memorable looks over the years: For his

1961 debut, his sandals (or sandals) matched his fiery red swim trunks, and in 1978 he donned an electric blue jumpsuit.

Twelve, the number of women who have won the Nobel Prize for literature. Toni Morrison was the last American woman to claim the honor, in 1993. This March, during Women’s History Month, pick up one of her inspirational novels (like *Beloved* or *The Bluest Eye*), or encourage your book club to select from the other female winners, listed at nobelprize.org.

April Birthdays

Linda Carrier - 6

Barb Leone – 7

Choux Wingert – 8

Ray Lacey – 12

P/C Jim Baran – 18

P/C Jean Pritchard – 20

Hunt Taylor – 24

Bob Nixon - 25

Diane Deptula – 26

April Anniversaries

Joe & Carol Bacile – 7

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*.)

March 20 - Meadowbrook Theater

Play is "DingDong" followed by dinner at Macaroni Grill 2111 N. Squirrel Road (across the street from Oakland University/Meadowbrook Theater).

Participants: Baciles (2), Barans (2), Helms (6), Pritchards (have own tickets), Shermans (2), Taylors (2), and Thuls (have own tickets).

April 1 - Membership Meeting

8 p.m. at the Shermans home, 4400 Green Lake Road, W. Bloomfield 48323 (tel: 248-408-7117). Please bring an appetizer and your own drinks.

May 6 - Membership Meeting

8 p.m. at Kean's *in RVYC's tent*, Nautical Auction

May 14 - Fitting Out Party

4 p.m. at Kean's Pool area

May 28, 29 & 30 - Memorial Day Rendezvous

Belle Maer Harbor

Arrive by noon on Saturday, the 28th.

Depart by noon on Monday, the 30th.

Must have payment by *April 1st* to guarantee a well.

See Evite for details.

Please RSVP ASAP if interested.

Participants: Clapper/Clapper, Middlekauffs, Passmores, and Shermans

June 4 - Venetian Parade, Membership Meeting and Party

Meeting during happy hour after Venetian Parade and before dinner at Kean's poolside.

Venetian parade and party details to follow.

Participants:

June 5 - Commodore's Bloody Mary Party

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

June 24, 25 & 26 - 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

MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE.

Arrive Saturday, July 2, and depart for home parts 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: Carriers, Dells, Fryfogles, Pritchards, Shermans, Roths Sr. (with Conrads), and Taylors.

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

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 - Port Austin Harbor
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

Must make your own reservations through DNR.

Arrive Friday, August 19th, and depart for home port 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.

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.

Reservations can now be made.

Participants: Clapper, Fryfogles, Lynn Koleski (with Crains), Roths Sr., Schrages, Shermans, & Taylors

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 *in our tent* - Nominations and Bake Sale

October 15 - Haul Out Party at Kean's

Details to follow.

Participants:

October 29 - Square Dance at Lazy J Ranch

625 S. Hickory Ridge Road Milford 48380

Details to follow.

Participants:

November 4 - Membership Meeting - Elections and Pizza Party

(Venue to be determined)

November 12 - Bus to Motor City Casino

Bus will pick us up at a centrally located spot and take us to the Casino.

Approximately \$30 per person includes \$20 in chips.

Must arrive before 4 p.m. to get chips and stay five hours.

We could have dinner in the restaurant, dancing in the cocktail lounge, etc.

Cocktails are allowed on the bus during transport!

Participants:

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 (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. Details to follow.