

CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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Calendar

Social Event

Commodores Ball: Mar 27
(See page 3 for more information)

Cruising Schedule

Windsor (tentative): Jun 5
Metro: Jun 19
Radlins (Thames River): Jul 3-4
Belle River: Jul 10
Cove (Thames River): Aug 7
Raft-Off: Aug 21
Windsor: Sep 4-5
St. Claire Light Day Sail: To be scheduled

Racing Schedule

Schedule is in development and will include
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for the Fun Race and International Picnics.

A race skipper/participant meeting is planned
or

January. Watch your E-mail for time and
ocation.

2003 CRCA Officers

Jack Creed Commodore 248 623-0628
Mike Bracket Vice Commodore 586 263-1769
Janet Creed Secretary 248 623-0628
Deanna Lundy Treasurer 586 228-5864
Ken Bousum Member-at-Large 586 954-2727

2003 Committee Chairs

Paul Kurkowski Constitution 586 675-8211
Eric & Gayle Locke Cruising 248 526-9686
Jack Gray Racing 248 656-0947
Bill Lundy Membership 586 228-5864
Gae & Ted Wing Newsletter 248 373-5463
Pat Morell & Social 586 786-1673

Commodores Corner

Glen Ellison - Current Commodore

My thanks to all who attended the last meeting at the Smiths. Becky and Steve deserve special acclaim for hospitality, providing their elegant home for the club to use. This is the second year in a row we had our fall meeting there. Elections were held confirming our new officers for the upcoming New Year, 2004. Voting was also held on a number of topics ranging from racing issues to web sites. The club paid for the vittles & fixings, and the Smiths provided the evenings entertainment by magically making the moon disappear right in front of our eyes.

So let me end by welcoming Jack Creed to the helm. I also congratulate the other incoming officers and committee chairs for their active participation.

Farewell for now, keep your eyes forward to the bow and coast upon new waters wherever it may lead.

With the wind I begin to breathe
Far away where burdens melt
On a lake of silent reasons
You know just the way it felt

Well you almost taste your purpose
As you hold that weathered sheet
Feel the way her sails are drawing
With the wind we shall retreat

Till we meet again Chasing the wind.

Glen Ellison, *Adventure*

See Our Commodore Elects Comments on page 2

From the Member at Large Ken Bousum

I wish to extend a special thanks to the officers and committees of the 2003 season for a job well done. I would also like to thank the new "volunteers" for the upcoming 2004 summer of fun. Without all of your support there would be no CRCA, and without the CRCA just think of all those friendships and rivalries that would not exist.

So thanks for keeping us going.

Ken Bousum, *Stinkin Gringo*

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Commodores Corner

Jack Creed - Commodore Elect

Hello, Clinton River Catalina Association fleet members.

Im Jack Creed your new Commodore. In my absence, while vacationing in Florida, I was elected Commodore to this wonderful, fun loving, sailing club. Janet and I were on holiday in Ft. Myers enjoying sun and warm temperatures while spending time with our former Michigander friends, Chris and Ken Mette. The Mettes were a big part in making the club fun, which they miss. I gave them picture CDs of the last years events and after seeing them and sharing them with former members Cliff and Sally Trent, they all longed for the good old days with the CRCA. I hope that I can carry on the tradition of making the club fun.

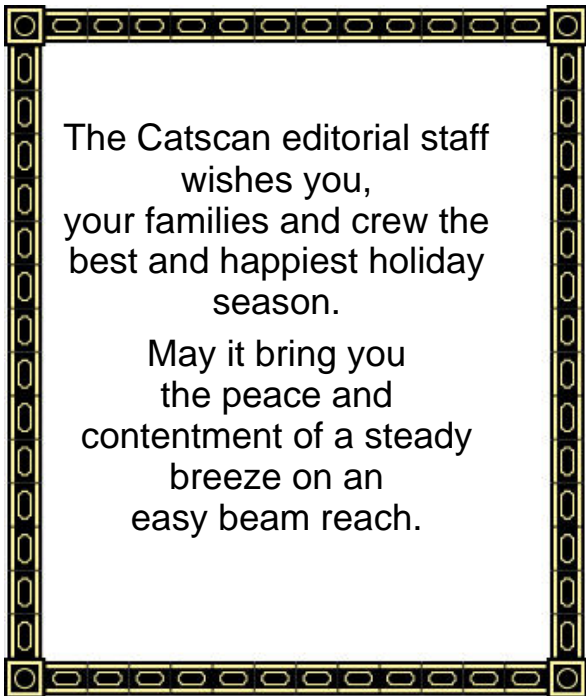
Coming back from the sunshine state was a shock, didnt see the sun for at least a week and it was fog or rain for a few days, as well. We got some bad news from friends that Flying Duchess winter cover did not fair too well in the storm force winds while we were gone, so out to the boat yard we went to fix the cover in the rain. Welcome back to Michigan!

Writing of weather, NOAA has a new radio tower for southern Lake Huron. It will be channel 5 and will provide service from Bad Axe to St. Clair County, a nice addition to the public service

I ran for office and didnt have to make any campaign promises, which is a luxury and an oddity. I made a very short list of projects I would like to do while in office, get liability insurance for the Club, support a web master and web site and listen to new ideas to continue to make the Club fun.

Fair winds and warm breezes,

Skipper Jack, *Flying Duchess*



Cruising Corner

Barbara Kurkowski

With the 2003 Cruising season behind us its time to start planning our 2004 Cruising Schedule. We have the following cruises booked or trying to be booked. So far, next years schedule is:

May ?? , 2004 Fun Race and Picnic

(Date to be set by race chairman)

Saturday, June 5, 2004

Windsor (Lakeview Marina)

(TENTATIVE)

Cruise Leaders Bousums 586 954-2727

Morells 586 186-1673

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Metro Beach

(CONFIRMED 12 Boats)

Cruise Leaders Kurkowskis 586 675-8211

Lauricellas 586 948-3631

Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, 2004

Thames River (Radlins Marina)

(CONFIRMED 10 Boats)

Cruise Leaders Posts 586 412-7864

Saturday, July 10, 2004

Belle River (Belle River Marina)

(CONFIRMED 15 Boats)

Cruise Leaders Creeds 248 623-0628

Lundys 586 228-5864

Wings 248 373-5463

(Note: This is Belle Rivers Sunsplash Weekend they havent done much in the past, but maybe this time...)

Saturday, August 7, 2004

Thames River (Cove Marina)

(CONFIRMED 17 Boats)

Cruise Leaders Smiths 248 553-3162

Dinghy Cruise and Raft Off

To Be Scheduled

Cruise Leaders Eric & Gayle Locke 248 526-9686

Saturday, Sept. 4 & Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004

Windsor (Lakeview Marina)

(TENTATIVE 15 Boats)

Cruise Leader Joe Jenosky 244 299-2396

Saturday, Sept. ??, 2004

International Race and Dinner

To be scheduled by racing chairman

More details to be provided later.

Barb Kurkowski *Space Hunter*

A Sailors wonderfully handy about the house.
Dorothy Sayers

Social Review

Pat Morrel & Sandy Bousum

The 16th annual CRCA Commodores Ball will be held at Cranks Banquet Center in Warren on Saturday, March 27, 2004. The invitations will be mailed in February. If you have had a change of address recently, please notify the membership chairman, Bill Lundy. We hope to see all CRCA members and a lot of their crew at the 2004 Ball. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled evening in March.

We would like to thank everyone who signed up at the last meeting to get donation prizes for the Commodores Ball. Anyone willing to get or give a donation please contact Pat Morell or Sandy Bousum. Again, if we don't receive enough donations for everyone attending the ball, it will be by the luck of the draw.

Pat Morell *Bittersweet 2*
Sandy Bousum *Stinkin Gringo*

Whirly ball

The date for Whirly ball is set for January 10, 2004. That's a Saturday night from 6 to 9 PM. Tickets price is \$20 per person if playing. All welcome to attend and socialize. Bring coolers with adult beverage and an item to pass. Provided will be plates, napkins, forks, spoons and knives and a great time. Look forward to seeing everyone there. Ticket should be paid for by January 05, 2004. Mail payment to Deanna Lundy 47665 Nola Macomb, MI 48044-2694. Questions please call 586-463-7876 Glen and Rebecca Ellison.

Becky Ellison, *Adventure*

Proposed Amendment to the CRCA By-Laws

(Editors note: At the fall general meeting, the following amendment to club by-laws was proposed by Phil Morell. The members at the meeting determined the amendment should be reviewed by all members prior to a final vote. Suggested changes to the proposal should be referred to Phil Morell. Constitutional questions should be referred to Paul Kurkowski. A vote will be taken at the next general business meeting, typically held in May.)

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XI. National Regattas:

1. Prior to agreeing to host any National Regatta, a presentation must be made to the membership at a General Membership Meeting.
2. Before the C.R.C.A. can agree to host a National Regatta, a vote must be taken at a General Membership Meeting and a majority of those present must vote affirmatively to host that National Regatta.

From the Poop Deck Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy mates, happy late fall to you all.

By now, all vessels of sail are tucked away in their land cradles. They're protected with a tarp to keep out the cruelties of the winter weather. We have winterized all the systems and patted the hull in the promise of getting it wet again.

Jeez, I hate this time of year. I'll just have to keep myself busy with other things. The Holidays are fast approaching. That should keep me occupied for a while. Then there is, I hope, vacation planning for late winter, that too will help. Unfortunately, there will be a lot of gaps of time to be filled. I am sure that I will find something.

It's been a heck of a year. The long spring, the heat when we didn't expect it and the cool sneaking back upon us like a thief in the night. When it rained, wow, it really came down. I still blame it all on the Martian encounter.

CRCA Cruises were all much fun. Those in attendance really had some great times. You all know I did.

CRCA Racing was superb. The spring and the summer series were as much fun as I remember in a few years. Just being in attendance was all I needed. Of course, winning is a very exciting feeling. The IC30A Nationals were a thrilling way to end the year.

The bottom line is attendance. What fun! Thank you all.

Planning for these events, by them that volunteered their time is always understated. It can be quite fun being one of these volunteers and only sometimes a lot of work. The pay off is the reward of all of us coming together and having a good time. I am sure many of you have experienced that reward. To those that have not, well, don't be shy. We welcome fresh ideas.

Well, that's about it for now. See you all at Whirly Ball. I hope that date was good for booking. I'm looking forward to the Commodores Ball.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *Space Hunter*

And then again, when you sit at the helm of your little ship on a clear night, and gaze at the countless stars overhead, and realize that you are quite alone on a wide, wide sea, it is apt to occur to you that in the general scheme of things you are merely an insignificant speck on the surface of the ocean; and are not nearly so important nor so self-sufficient as you thought you were. Which is an exceedingly wholesome thought, and one that may effect a permanent change in your deportment that will be greatly appreciated by your friends.

James S. Pitkin

CRCA Web Site, www.crcasail.org

Erv Zimmerman has created a club web site. The general membership at the fall meeting voted to support the site. Costs are \$36 for the URL www.crcasail.org (address good for 3 years) and \$119.40 for 1 year commercial server space. Erv has done a great job on the site and, so far, has supported it himself. Check it out.

Catscan Schedule for 2004

For 2004 Catscan will be published on a schedule similar to last years. There will be 5 issues as follows: March/April; May/June; July/August; September/October and 2004 Final

Each issue will be shipped in the first week of the leading month, assuming all materials are received when requested. (The final issue will be shipped late November or December.) If you have a suggestion for Catscan please offer it.

As always, member contributions are welcome. We can accept items in most formats with RTF or TXT preferred. Most word processors will allow you to save files in these formats. If not, send it anyway, we can convert almost anything. E-mail items to tedwing@comcast.net.

Ted Wing, *Bear Paws*

Membership Report

Bill Lundy

Its that time of year again, yes, the holidays and CRCA dues. Thats a nice combination. Like a little present for your significant other. Not everyone can make such a gift of friendship and camaraderie. Just fill out the form below and send it to me with your check. My address is on the form. This small sum is sure to bring happiness to your life.

Please use the membership list from the September issue. There have been no changes. The next Catscan issue will list only those who have enrolled for the 2004 season.

Happy holidays!

Bill Lundy - *Deanna J*

CLINTON RIVER CATALINA ASSOCIATION 2004 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT ANNUALLY)

Boat Owner

Spouse/Friend/Partner

Address

City _____ **Zip**

Telephone #, Home _____ **Work**

E-Mail Address: _____

Children: Name (s) & Age (s)

Boat Name _____ **Length**

Boat Moored At

MC # _____ **Sail #** _____ **Hull #** _____

Inboard / Outboard Standard Rig / Tall Racing / Cruising
(circle one) (circle one) (circle one or both)

SIGNATURE

Enclose check payable to CRCA with this application and mail to:

Bill Lundy, Membership Chairman
47665 Nola
Macomb, MI 48044
(586) 228-5864

CRCA Dues (DUE Dec 31): \$25.00 CRCA Club Burgee: \$50.00

(Please note: National dues are to be paid by individuals to their National Organization Fleet. We encourage you to join the national organization. You can view the Catalina web site at www.catalinayachts.com, click the "Associations and Links" button to find the association web site for owners of your Catalina model.)

2003 IC30 Association National Regatta

Jack Gray

The weather was absolutely superb, the participants were fantastic and the food was outstanding. We had eleven registered race boats in two categories of racing. We had over 90 people at the Saturday night banquet and 80 people at the Sunday afternoon barbeque.

The weekend really got kicked off Thursday night at North Star Sail Club with the IC30A Annual National Meeting. Here we determined boat ratings and laid out the racing classes. Erv Zimmerman was measuring sails all week. The remaining five boats were measured Friday afternoon at North Star. It was sunny and breezy, the weather was already looking promising for the weekend. Ron Rabine arranged for wells at North Star for boats coming up the lake.

The committee boat for the North Star Top Gun Series agreed to give the Regatta Racers a start after their regular classes went off Friday night. We all later agreed that it was a beautiful night for sailing. Most of the racers took it easy and just worked on boat handling duties. However it was enough to get the competitive juices flowing.

The program really got rolling at the Saturday morning Skippers meeting. The POR duties were really supported by our own Catalina 34 racers. Paul Krutty headed up the committee boat, supported by his wife, the Wolohans and the Yeasters. Of course Gae Wing was on hand for two solid days taking all those great photos. Past members and my good friends Jim & Monica Constantino did the turning mark boat. I don't think Jim knew that he would also be doing finishing line duties on odd 3 & 5 leg races. On his first race with finishing duties he mistakenly set the committee boat as favored at the finish. I, personally, really enjoyed cutting it close and rounding hard across the line in front of his boat.

The racing on Saturday took place under ideal conditions. Sunny with 8 to 9 MPH winds SSE. The committee boat gave us one 3 leg and two 5 legged races. Here we were on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in September and hardly a power boat in sight. I guess they all thought that summer was over. Of course the national executive board members from California thought it was February. Actually Rick Castelli is originally from Detroit.

The Saturday banquet was just simply unbelievable. The job that Roy and Judi Schoenherr did to coordinate the banquet was great. The Barge Restaurant food was almost gourmet. Plenty of compliments came from all of the participants. Thank you to Glen & Becky Ellison for their help with the hats and shirts. I believe Glen is still taking orders.

We really had some outstanding gifts from our sponsors, Garhauer Marine, UK Sails, West Marine, Catalina Direct and Annapolis Sailing. The gifts were all given out to registered boat owners.

On Sunday the weather held up great. The POR gave us a 4 leg and a 5 leg race. The competition was stiff. The racers really had a great time. Jack Creed told me that this was the best sailing he could remember. Thank you to the National Executive Committee for supporting the Regatta with their attendance. We were able to split them up on three boats, Bear Paws, Rainbow Circus and Flying Duchess. In all cases the experience was enhanced for owners and participants by the National Board members presents.

Congratulations to the winners.

Your Race Chairman

Jack Gray *Lady Godiva*