

CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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May/June, 2004

Calendar

Social Event

Commodore's Ball:.....Mar 27
(See page 3 for more information)

Cruising Schedule

Windsor:..... 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

Skipper's Mtg. - Apr 22 - Watch e-mail for info.
Tune Up Race - May 13 - 6:55pm
Fun Race - May 15 - 10:55am

Spring Series

Race #1 - May 20
Race #2 - May 27
Race #3 - Jun 03
Race #4 - Jun 10
Race #5 - Jun 17
Race #6 - Jun 24
Makeup - Jul 01

Fall Series

Race #1 - Aug 5
Race #2 - Aug 12
Race #3 - Aug 19
Race #4 - Aug 26
Race #5 - Sep 02
Race #6 - Sep 09
Makeup - Sep 16

All Series Races Start at 6:55pm.

International Regatta - Sep 11

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Janet CreedSecretary248 623-0628
Deanna LundyTreasurer586 228-5864
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And Club Resource Coordinator586 954-2727

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Gayle & Eric Locke.....Cruising248 526-9686
Jack GrayRacing248 656-0947
Bill LundyMembership586 228-5864
Gae & Ted WingNewsletter248 373-5463
Pat Morell &.....Social586 786-1673
Sandy BousumSocial586 954-2727

Commodore's Corner

Jack Creed - Commodore

Ah spring, launch time again. Welcome new and old CRCA Members to another fun filled sailing season. Looks like Frank Kurk's *Alpha Wave* beat us all in this year with an April 1st launch.

This was the tenth time under the watch of Admiral Janet that *Flying Duchess* has left the hard for a soft landing in the water of the marina. It was a great launch day, sunny, temps in the mid 60's and *Flying Duchess* made her splash two hours ahead of schedule. The motor started right away for the short trip to T-dock, her warm weather residence. The launch crew loaded, cleaned and brought to life the boat systems until about 8 p.m. without a hitch. The water line is now 4 inches longer than when launched. It never fails that something bad, out of the ordinary, happens on launch day, just so you have a comparison for all that went right. As we were getting ready for day two to have the mast stepped I noticed the windex extension was missing, so it was decided to run to the boat store the next morning and buy new, instead of spending two hours on the road returning home to correct the only bad thing of the day.

I would like to thank CRCA members for their help hoisting my 200 pounds to the top of the mast, without them I would have never been able to install the main halyard. Boy, it sure is nice to have so many members at Markley.

On another note, the Commodore's Ball was exceptional this year. Thanks to the Social Committee, Sandy Bousum and Pat Morell and our exuberant MC Paul Kurkowski and of course, The Wing's computer slide show. Our members enjoyed partying until the bitter end.

Past Commodore Larry Caricchio has an article published in April's *Lakeland Boating Magazine*. It's about two young sailors from the Netherlands he met while crewing on the tall ship *Picton Castle*.

Hope to see everyone at the FUN race on May 15th.

Skipper Jack, "*Flying Duchess*"

The Social Review

Pat Morrel & Sandy Bousum

The 2004 Commodore's Ball was held at Crank's on March 27. A special thank you to all who attended. The buffet dinner, consisting of chicken marsala, London broil, lasagna, parmesan potatoes, and many, many different salads was enjoyed by 60 people. The cannoli's and eclairs satisfied many a sweet tooth. Hope everyone enjoyed their favors. They included either peach schnapps or tequila. Thank you to Sandy Bousum for choosing such colorful treats for everyone. Our favorite D.J., Lou, provided us with some very upbeat music until midnight. I'll bet their were a few aches and pains the next morning after all that dancing.

We greatly appreciate all those people who solicited for donations and all the people and organizations that donated gifts. Donations included:

Creed's- a bottle of Tequila

West Marine, St. Clair Shores - boat cleaning kit

West Marine, S. River Rd. 2 gifts

West Marine, 16 Mile Rd - hat and 2 flashlights

Boat Town Wily - 2 mugs

Gifts Afloat - Gift Certificate

Jack's Restaurant - Gift Certificate for Sunday brunch

Kent Sail - Gift Certificate

Mike's Marine Supply - \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Tilli - Bag, Polo Shirt, Sweatshirt

Sun & Sail - Hand held VHF radio and a Chapman book

Boat U. S.- Seasick relief band

Jack Gray- line

Please patronize the businesses that donate to our banquet.

Pat Morell "*Bittersweet 2*"

Sandy Bousum "*Stinkin' Gringo*"

Fun Race Picnic

It has been a long time since we have had a really nice day for this event. Let's hope for great weather to bring out more fun racers. The menu for the picnic will be simple since we are hoping to be one of the fun racers; hamburgers and the fixings, potato salad, cole slaw, chips and cookies. Price will be \$2.00 per burger with sides included. Bring your favorite beverage. Crew, friends and family are all welcome. Hope to see you there.

Stinkin' Gringette

(Editor: Who is this person?)

CRCA Web Site, www.crcasail.org

Remember, you can check our website for cruise and race schedules. The site also provides the opportunity to set up your own e-mail account or use ahoythere@crca.org to send a message to the whole club. Check it out!

From the Poop Deck Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy, Mates and Happy 2004 boating season!!!!

By the time most of you read this, I am sure most of your hulls will be wet. Ours too, if the sailing gods are kind and generous.

We have painted her bottom and made her sides clean and shiny. Her belt is in place and the fresh water cooling impeller is back in its housing. The batteries have been charged. They are ready to give life to those items that have been hibernating all those short winter days. The fluid levels have been checked and, we are ready to go. The big stick will be next to give shape to her form. We will dress her with sails and parade with pride. Finally stuffed with provisions, it will be, Boat Sweet Boat, our summer home.

As usual, all we need is a little cooperation from the ever changing, day to day, weather.

Do not forget to renew your I68 forms. The number of US boarder Patrol boats has been greatly increased. The likelihood of inspection by patrols is greater then ever. It sounds like this Canadian Boat Landing Permit will become a large factor in our summer cruising. In addition, if you have a US Passport be sure to have it in your possession when touching Canadian soil, by hook or dock line. It makes the call-in registration much easier.

I have heard of a new form in lieu of the I68. It is called the NEXIS (sp) that only needs renewal every five years. I have not been able to access it via the USCIS website (which was the US INS until now). Perhaps someone in our Association can shed a little light regarding this new form on us all.

Well that's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski "*Space Hunter*"

Membership Report

Bill Lundy

Please Check the Membership list on page 4. If your name isn't there, we haven't received your 2004 dues. Remember paid club membership is needed to participate in racing and cruising activities. The list is as of May 1 if you have sent your form and dues in since then your name will go back on the list in the July issue. We currently have 28 paid member/boats. Hope to see you all at the picnic after the Fun Race.

Your friendly Membership Chairman

Cruising Corner

Gayle & Eric Locke - Cruise Committee

Another year of cruising is about to begin. Many of you have already sent in your reservations. For those of you who are new or just haven't been cruising before this might be the year to give it a try. It's a great way to get out on the water more often and see a different side of your fellow club members.

We could all use more relaxation and fun!

If you need a cruise application form send an e-mail to Ted Wing (tedwing@comcast.net.) He can send a PDF copy. Print and fill out the form and send it to us along with your deposit checks.

Send a separate check for each cruise.

The checks are a deposit only. When you get to the marinas, you sign in and pay them. Your deposit check will then be returned to you. If you don't show, the check will be cashed, because marinas charge the club for the reservation. The exception is Metro Beach – those checks are cashed right away, because the club has already paid for the reservations. Contact us if you have questions.

The following cruises and events are scheduled:

May 15, 2004 Fun Race and Picnic

(see Page 2 for information)

Saturday, June 5, 2004

Windsor (Lakeview Marina)

(CONFIRMED – 15 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Bousums 586 954-2727
Morells 586 186-1673

Depart CR1 around 9:00 AM and arrive as the winds allow. We will do happy hour as lunch after everyone arrives. Bring a munchie to share. Organized dinner either Lilly's or the Yacht Club, 7:30ish. Our theme will be to have fun shake out for our boats and maybe play a game or two along the way.

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Metro Beach

(CONFIRMED – 12 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Kurkowskis 586 675-8211
Lauricellas 586 948-3631

Remember: You have to be at Metro by 10:00 am or they won't hold your well.

Come and join us for a "Tailgate Party" at Metro. Show us your favorite team – hats, shirts, flags, etc. All boats must back into well. Bring an appetizer to pass and you will be on your own for dinner. We will fill you in on other details at the dock.

Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, 2004

Thames River (Radlins Marina)

(CONFIRMED – 10 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Posts 586 412-7864

Leave CR1 at 9:00 am sharp.

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY!

Saturday:

Bring cocktails & hors d'oeuvres to the pool @ 3:30 pm (if weather is bad, under the shelter).

You are on your own for dinner.

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Thames River (Radlins Marina) Cont.

Sunday:

Wear your RED, WHITE, and BLUE!

Old Fashioned picnic 4:00 pm at the shelter.

Doug and Jean will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers. Please bring a "traditional" picnic side dish or dessert to pass. There will be some surprises/games after dinner.

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

Saturday, July 10

Leave CR! At 9:00 A.M.

Cocktail hour: 4:30 or so. BYOB and a treat to share

Dinner: is on your own.

Once again, this is Belle River's "Sun Splash" weekend. Once again, we expect nothing to happen but we could be surprised.

Sunday, July 11

Features the 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast. Again, watch Jack and Ted wield their smoothly soaring spatulas and see Bill beating the bubbly batter. Dee, Gae and Jan will furnish their famously fashioned fruit formations and carefully crafted coffee.

Departure Sunday is on your own schedule. If you need to leave early, let us know.

There may be a special surprise or activity, so watch your e-mail for further information.

Saturday, August 7, 2004

Thames River (Cove Marina)

(CONFIRMED – 17 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Smith's 248 553-3162

Details to be announced in July's newsletter.

Saturday, August 31, 2004

Dinghy Cruise and Raft Off

Cruise Leaders – Gayle & Eric Locke 248 526-9686

Meet in Metro Beach Lagoon at Noon.

Dingy Cruise at 2:00 pm. Please bring some type of child's float (a noodle would be great) for each person on your boat. Bring a dish to pass for our traditional "Appetizer Dinner" at 6:30 pm.

Remember to bring extra bumpers and lines for rafting off.

Knight'n Gayle will be anchored in the lagoon on Friday night for any who would like to start the fun early!

Saturday & Sunday, September 4 & 5, 2004

Windsor (Lakeview Marina)

(CONFIRMED – 15 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Joe Jenosky & Claudia 248 561-5512

Details to be announced in July's newsletter.

Saturday, Sep 11, 2004

International Race and Dinner

Jack Gray says we're planning a great event. Additional information will be provided in the July newsletter.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the cruises please contact the cruise sponsors or us.

Gayle and Eric Locke, "Knight'n Gayle"

2004 CRCA RACING

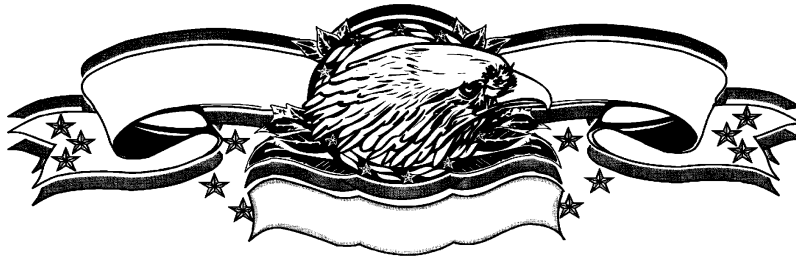
Jack Gray - Race Chairman

Fun, Friendly Competition & Crew, that's what CRCA racing is really all about. So gather your crews, ready your boats and plan your strategy. Register for the 2004 Racing Season. You can print the forms off our website and mail them to me at 845 River Bend Rochester Hills MI. 48307. For Sailing Instructions follow the links for "Racing" and go to the Thursday Night Series page. We will have our 2004 Warm Up Race on May 13th at 6:55pm. The first Spring Series race will be May 20th.

Please come join your friends & family for the 2004 Fun Race May 15th. The first warning is at 10:55 AM with the club picnic at the Markley Gazebo in the afternoon directly following the race. Please call me for late registration. It's not too late until all boats cross the finish line for this one. Please bring what you would like to drink. We will announce at the Fun Race how we will handle after race activities for series racing.

Remember our Fall International Regatta, September 13th. We're planning an all day and evening event.

Jack Gray "*Lady Godiva*"



A message from our Commodore.

A sincere welcome to new members and ahoy and welcome back to returning members.

The Clinton river Catalina Association is dedicated to the following principles:

- To be inviting to new members by providing a variety of sailing activities and the support resources of the club's combined several hundred years sailing and Catalina experience.
- To retain current members by providing challenging racing events and enjoyable social activities.
- To have fun and to enjoy and appreciate these wonderful sailboats of ours.

Our resource man, Ken Bousum, is ready to find a club member with a boat like yours who can help you with rigging, sailing, mechanical or other questions. Our Race chairman, Jack Gray, has the answers to CRCA racing questions and our cruise managers, Gayle and Eric Locke, have several adventures planned for this summer. These club members are all listed on the membership list included in this newsletter.

The Commodore's Ball is coming March 27. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and kicking off a great sailing season.

Jack Creed,
Commodore, Clinton River Catalina Association

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.)