



CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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July/August, 2004

Calendar

Cruising Schedule

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

Fall Series

Race #1 - Aug 05
 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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Commodore's Corner

Jack Creed - Commodore

Sailing season is in full swing and spring has even given us a foot more water depth to play with. **Flying Duchess** has entered and exited Black Creek two times without finding the bottom. That's a record for the last 5 years. Summer is bound to give us some pleasures we have not seen lately. The solstice has passed and CRCA is in full summer mode, so let the cruising begin. It never ceases to amaze me the novel theme ideas for cruises throughout the season. The cruise leaders just keep coming up with new and intriguing ideas to make sure all enjoy the cruises.

Our spring racing series is over with wind and rain but no lighting! That's a good thing.

It is good to see boats and crews out in the adverse condition trying to have fun. Jerry Gapczynski and his son are doing the double-handed challenge on **Mariah** in Lake Huron. For those that are uninformed, they leave Sarnia and end up, hopefully, in Rodgers City. To make the journey is an accomplishment to be remembered. Good luck guys.

The Metro membership meeting had a lot of great ideas presented with enthusiasm. I try to get a consensus of the board and membership at these meetings, but I have to stay within the constitution and bylaws. So, unfortunately, you can please some of the people some of the time, but not all the people all of the time.

We, the CRCA, are getting a little long in the tooth, so talk the club up to the young. Get them to race as crew or come to a cruise event to see the fun of the club and sailing.

Hope to see everyone on the racecourse or at the cruise events.

Commodore "Skipper" Jack, "*Flying Duchess*"

Mid-Year Financial Statement January 1, 2004 to June 22, 2004

	INCOME	EXPENSES
MEMBERSHIP 27 @ \$25	675.00	
NEWSLETTER (2)		139.77
WEB SITE E. ZIMMERMAN		155.40
STAMPS		10.36
<u>COMM. BALL</u>		
64 @ \$47.50	3,040.00	
CRANKS		2,496.47
D.J		500.00
DECOR & STAMPS		160.83
FLOWERS		135.75
50/50	115.00	
<u>CRUISE</u>		
METRO	371.00	115.00
		(5 extra slips)
FLAGS		176.00
BURGEE	50.00	
1 DECAL	6.00	
DEPOSITS 6/5/04	300.00	300.00
		(returned)
WINDSOR 9/4/04		300.00
<u>RACE</u>		
BULLETS		102.62
MEETING 4/16/04		75.88
FUN RACE	470.00	189.87
MEETING 1/4/04		86.30
RACE FLAGS		493.96
FLAGS & ENGRAVING		65.39
HOT DOGS	90.00	
50/50 & HAMBURGERS	140.00	
<u>WHIRLEY BALL</u>		
2nd HALF PAYMENT		210.00
19 PEOPLE	380.00	
TOTALS	<u>\$5,637.00</u>	<u>\$5,713.60</u>
STARTING BALANCE	\$3,965.94	
ENDING BALANCE 6/22/04	\$3,880.34	

ASSETS THE CLUB OWNS:

ONE LARGE COFFEE POT
 SHOT GUN
 BANNER
 BURGEEES: 2 @ \$35.00 each
 3 @ \$50.00 each
 (MIKE BRACKET HAS ONE OF THE \$50.00 ONES)

THE BOOKS ARE OPEN TO ANY MEMBER TO EXAMINE.

Deanna Lundy (Treasurer) *"Deanna J"*

"It takes several years for anyone to learn to handle a yacht reasonably well, and a lifetime to admit how much more there is to learn."
 --Maurice Griffiths

From the Poop Deck Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy! Well by the calendar it is now summer. Dang, you could have fooled me.

I just finished downloading the specs for Noah's Ark and wouldn't you know it, the sky parted and it stopped raining. Just as well though. Even at arms length I was having difficulty with that cubit stuff. I also wasn't sure how many two by twos were necessary. Even by today's standards, it would be an awesome loan float.

Judging by the color of the leaves on the trees it isn't fall but it sure has felt like it. I'm hoping that later this month I'll actually be able to sail shirtless. The water hasn't even warmed enough for the carp to spawn. Of course, I don't think I'm in favor of any of those Big Head Carp spawning. I'm not sure it would be safe anywhere near them, spawning or not.

Speaking of fish, I recently came across an interesting article for us fish connoisseurs. The Walleye/Pickerel debate goes on. This just in --- Canadians call it Pickerel and here in The States we call it Walleye. The Walleye is the largest member of the perch family due to the two distinct dorsal fins. It is called a walleye due to its large light sensitive eyes it needs for living in weedy areas or deep clear water. The Pickerel is actually a member of the northern pike family. So you see, it is a US/Canadian thing. You say tomato and I say Beefsteak, eh.

On the astronomical front, an event that occurs approximately every two and a half years will be happening this month on July 30th. It is called a "Blue Moon". A "Blue Moon" is the second full moon within a calendar month. The next "Blue Moon" is not due to occur until June 30, 2007

Well that's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

CRCA Web Site, www.crcasail.org

Remember, you can check our web site 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!

Cruising Corner

Gayle & Eric Locke - Cruise Committee

Another year of cruising is underway. Cruising is 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.

Contact us if you have questions.

The following cruises and events are scheduled:

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 (or, if weather is bad, under the shelter). You are on your own for dinner.

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

Cruising Corner (Belle River) Cont.

Saturday, July 10

Leave CR! At 9:00 AM.

Cocktail hour: 4:30 or so. BYOB and a treat to share
Note: The cocktail gathering will feature a Nautical White Elephant exchange. Each boat should bring one wrapped elephant item. White Elephant exchange procedures will be provided at the Saturday cocktail hour.

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 so we can bake you a cake.

Saturday, August 7, 2004

Thames River (Cove Marina)

(CONFIRMED – 17 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Smith's 248 553-3162

Leave CR-1 at 9:00 Saturday Morning.

We'll have an hors d'oeuvres/ dinner party at 4:00 on Saturday. Bring something big and good then we can skip dinner.

Euchre party at 6:00 so we can be switching boats in the light and have the fire pit afterwards.

See you all there.

Saturday, August 21, 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 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!

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Saturday & Sunday, September 4 & 5, 2004

Windsor (Lakeview Marina)

(CONFIRMED – 15 Boats)

Cruise Leaders – Joe Jenosky & Claudia
248 561-5512

Details to be announced via Ahoythere E-mail.

Saturday, Sep 11, 2004

International Race and Dinner

Jack Gray says we're planning a great event. Additional information will be provided in the September newsletter and via Ahoythere E-mail

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”***

Is That a New Boat?

No, just great new canvas. Next time you see Judi and Roy Schoenherr riding around in in Morning Star II, admire the new cockpit enclosure. Roy says the installation by Miller Custom Boat Tops was smooth and professional.

Membership Report

Bill Lundy

I want to second Commodore Jack's recommendation that we all work to interest new members, not just to our club, but to sailing in general. Jack isn't just talking either, he's acting. For the spring race series he took a couple of neophytes on Flying Duchess. If you find Catalina owners that might be interested in cruising, check with Gayle and Eric. If there is space available invite them to attend as our guests.

As of 6/23 we had 35 paid members. See the list below.

Your friendly Membership Chairman

Bill Lundy - ***“Deanna J”***

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.)