

CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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Fall Event Sep 10

Cruising Schedule

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Belle River Jul 16
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Windsor, Lakeview Marina Sep 3-4
Metro Beach, Pumpkin Cruise..... Oct 8

Race Schedule

Fall Series Aug 4, 11, 18, 25 Sep 1, 8
International Regatta Sep 10

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Commodore's Corner

Jack Creed - Commodore

The Clinton River Catalina Club is sailing along on a broad reach and all is well. Some members aren't doing as well. Most of the problems have been the auxiliary power plants with one exception those damn boat bicycles. I have heard of 2 exhaust system troubles; one was fixed with a case of beer and some plumbing fittings, the other is still pending. One other engine problem was a oil leak that was thought fixed last winter but turned in to a mess with transmission and engine oil leaking, the engine had to be pulled to replace a dollar part, but all is well now.

You may recall that I had a port light leak that required a plan 2, well I called Catalina Direct and yes they have a reseal Kit for all the ports on the boat, so 2 days later it was at my front door. I kept the whole dock entertained one Saturday while I installed the kit on the leaky port light. The rest of the port lights will have to wait until they are leaking because if it isn't broke don't fix it, is my motto.

The club's first sailing cruise was a marvelous holiday. We were able to sail both ways while avoiding the rain squalls. I am hopeful the rest of the cruises turn out as well at least where wind and weather are concerned. The weather has been good for the Thursday night racers. I hope all are having fun on the course.

See you on the water.

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

Differing opinions:

He who goes to sea for pleasure would go to Hell for a pastime. - *Samuel Johnson*

Of course I am lonely at sea, but one suffers less on the ocean in that respect than in the heart of London - *Sir Walter Raleigh*

From the Poop Deck

Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy mates.

Welcome to summer. I don't know about you, but I hope the heat hangs around. Between racing and cruising, it seems like it's gonna be another great season for the CRCA sailors.

Hold on to your swimming trunks, the latest NOAA prediction on Lake St. Clair is as follows: We are plus 25 inches from the chart datum, we have lost one inch of water since May (wow it's only June) and we are three inches below the level it was in 2004. Bottom line there is that the long-term forecast for August is that we are expected to lose four inches of water level. We are still 33 inches below the highest recorded level of water and 24 inches above the lowest recorded level. And, if you understand all the information in the way that NOAA reports it, you are a better sailor than I. We have all bumped bottom before, I'm sure we will be doing it again.

More news --- to I-68 or not to I-68 ---that is the question! Once again, you will have to let your conscience be your guide; personally, I feel that having a valid passport should do the trick. I have to believe that the average US Citizen does not have a valid passport. The continuing forms that our government keeps coming up with have to be ways of plugging proper identification holes. Remember, that traveling to Canada in 2006 a passport will be mandatory for everyone.

The I-68 form is for pleasure boaters who frequently pass between US and Canada. It's a requirement for US Citizens. The I-68 costs \$16 per person or \$32.00 per family maximum.

One of the best temporary cures for pride and affectation is seasickness - *Henry Wheeler Show*

The next program is NEXUS. This is a highway program being adopted by the waterways (yes, I'm talking cars and they are now going to use it for boats). The pilot program for NEXUS is (only) the Detroit River. NEXUS cards are available for \$50.00 per person and free for persons under 18. A new wrinkle in all this "formmania" is that if your boat is 30 feet or larger you also need to obtain a CBP User Fee Decal - this is unclear to me if you need it for the I-68 and/or the NEXUS. All I know it's another way for the government to collect another \$25 bucks. (Shades of the Boater's Luxury Tax and Decal) Oh by the way, CBP stands for Customs Border Patrol and if you want to get one of these decals, you can get them via the internet at www.cbp.gov. It is still unclear to me if you have to have an I-68 and a CBP Decal or a NEXUS card and CBP Decal or maybe you can just get the CBP Decal all by its lonesome.

I think what we have here is a clear example of "pay your money and pick your show".

For all you shellfish lovers out there --- A May Nor'easter drove a red tide towards the New England Coast causing contamination in certain shellfish, oysters, clams & mussels. Shrimp and lobster will not be affected by this because they have the ability to flush it out of their system. Red tide can make people sick if they eat the contaminated shellfish. It seems like shellfish will be going to go the route of oil, there is going to be less available at higher prices.

Hope you all have a good summer - see you at the cruises.

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski "*Space Hunter*"

Race Review

Doug Post - Race Committee Chairman

CRCA SPRING SERIES - FINAL RESULTS

	BOAT NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	PLACE
34's	SEA QUELL	10	1	1	4	1	1	5	4	1
	MOONSHADOW	1308	4	2	3	2	2	1	7	2
	CHINOOK	25157	3	3	1	5	3	2	9	3
	MARIAH	925	2	5	4	3	5	3	12	4
30's	WHIPPIN' POST	6290	1	1	2	2	5	1	5	1
	FLYING DUCHESS	3661	5	2	1	1	1	2	5	2
	TRILLIUM	1334	5	5	3	5	2	3	13	3
	LADY GODIVA	4917	2	3	5	5	5	4	14	4
27's	COOKIN'	5425	5	1	5	3	1	1	6	1
	SUTURE FANCY	5841	2	2	1	1	2	5	6	2
	STARTING OVER	2302	1	5	2	2	3	2	7	3
	LORLELI	6426	5	5	3	5	5	5	18	4
25/22	ZINGARA	4222	1	4	4	2	3	1	7	1
	GUNSMOKE	9150	3	4	4	1	1	2	7	2
	ADVENTURING	1787	X	1	1	4	2	3	7	3

Cruising Column

Gayle & Eric Locke - Cruise Committee

The first cruises have started the season with a bang. The talent of our members is truly amazing. If you haven't signed up yet and don't want to miss out on the rest of the fun, you need only contact the marina to make your own reservations. Just let them know you would like your well to be with the CRCA group.

Knight'n Gayle will be leaving for a 6 week sailing trip to the North Channel in the middle of July. Give us a holler if you're going to be in the area. If you have any questions regarding a cruise during that time, contact the cruise leader or Sandy Bousum.

Have a great season!

Gayle Locke - "***Knight'n Gayle***"

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July 2 & 3 - Radlins Marina – Thames River

Leaders: Creeds, (248) 623-0628,
Lundys, (586)228-5864 &
Wings, (248) 373-5463

Saturday, Leave CR1 at 9:00 A.M.

Cocktail hour: 4:30 or so. BYOB and a treat to share
Dinner, on your own.

Sunday, Breakfast,

The 4th annual Pancake Breakfast featuring Bear Paws Pancakes, Flying Duchess Coffee and Deanna J Apples and Oranges. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 10:30. That's AM for you sleepy heads.

Sunday afternoon - Enjoy the Radlins pool.

Sunday dinner – around 6-ish.

Bring something to grill and a salad, side dish or desert to share.

Monday, depart on your own schedule.

Enjoy a pleasant Independence Day cruise home.

July 16 - Belle River Marina

Leaders: Jack & Nancy Gray, (248) 656-0947

Bring your Dinghy's for the Great Treasure Hunt starting at 2:00pm on Saturday. You will be looking for treasure. Arm yourselves with squirt gun protection.

Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails at 4:30 pm BYOB

Dinner is on your own.

Coffee on Sunday at 8:00 am at the gazebo

August 6 - Metro Raft-off

Leaders: Roy & Judi Schoenherr, (586) 421-0317

Meet in the Metro Beach Lagoon at 12:00 noon.

The traditional "Dinghy Cruise" will include a Nautical Scavenger Hunt. This event will test your "Creativity". The judging and prizes will commence sharply at 4:00pm aboard the MorningStar II. Our usual "Appetizer Feast" is planned for 6:00pm. Don't forget your dish to pass. In the evening we will gather around the binnacle to recall favorite sailing stories, compare toe rings, and share libations.

Sunday morning we suggest a communal breakfast (including Roy's famous Bloody Mary's) before the group sets off for another fun day on the lake.

Remember extra fenders and lines to ensure a safe Raft-off.

MorningStar II will be anchored in the lagoon at 11:00 A.M. flying the C.R.C.A. cruising flag.

August 20 - Cove Marina – Thames River

Leaders: Joe Jenosky & Claudia, (248) 561-5512

Leave CR1 @ 9:00am

Cocktail Hour 3:00pm. BYOB and a hors d'oeuvre to pass.

Boat Trivia Game will be after Cocktail Hour so brush up on all your boat knowledge!

Dinner is on your own.

September 3 & 4 - Windsor Lakeview Marina

Leaders: Ken & Sandy Bousum, (586) 954-2727

As usual for Windsor we are coming from a different location, so coordinate between yourselves a leaving time on Saturday (suggested time 9:00am at CR1). Upon arrival on Saturday (time to be determined) we will share appetizers as lunch. You will be on your own the rest of the day to go into downtown or whatever you fancy. Sunday we will make dinner reservations for anyone interested (which is usually everyone) at Lilly's. Somewhere along the line we will have an activity for everyone to enjoy.

October 8 - Metro Pumpkin Cruise

Leaders: Glen & Becky Ellison' (586) 463-7876

Details to follow in September newsletter.

Gayle Locke - "***Knight'n Gayle***"

Social Register

Deanna Lundy - Social Committee

Check the September issue for the fall event currently scheduled for September 10. We'll also provide advance information via e-mail.

See you on the lake.

Deanna Lundy - *"Deanna J"*

One thing had impressed us deeply on this little voyage: the great world dropped away very quickly...The matters of great importance we had left were not important...We had lost the virus, or it had been eaten by the anti-bodies of quiet. Our pace had slowed greatly; the hundred thousand small reactions of our daily world were reduced to very few. - *John Steinbeck*

CRCA Web Site, www.crcasail.org

Remember, you can check our web site for cruise schedules and race results. 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!

Membership Report

Bill Lundy - Membership Committee

We currently have 34 member boats registered. Remember we have burgees for sale if yours is getting a little worn. It was nice to see them all flying at Metro.

Good season so far.

Your friendly Membership Chairman

Bill Lundy - *"Deanna J"*

Catalina 22 Fleet 130

Mike Bracket, Fleet Captain

Catalina 22 Fleet 130 is hosting the 5th Annual, National Catalina Association's "Great Lakes Cruise - 2005" right here on our own Lake St Clair. We expect participants from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and maybe a few long distance cruisers from even further. I have had inquiries from Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. Our goal is 12 boats participating in the week long cruise.

We will launch on Sunday, July 24th at Metro Beach launch site and host a welcoming picnic. There is a band at the bandstand that evening.

On Monday we will sail to Bouvier Bay marina in the north end of the bay for an overnight and burgers at the Raft. On Tuesday we will sail to the Shore Club at 9 Mile tower for a visit to the Nautical Mile. Wednesday takes the group down the Detroit River to Tri-Centennial State Park next to Chene Park. This is a state park and reservations can be made on the Internet. We hope to get a quick visit to Greektown (and a casino or two for the high rollers) and get back to Chene Park for the Jazz concert that evening featuring Impromptu2 and Unwrapped.

Thursday we will sail back upriver to the Shore Club again and sail back to Metro on Friday. We will cap the week of cruising off with a visit to one of the great restaurants in Boat Town (TBD). Most cruisers will haul out on Saturday morning, July 30th and head for home.

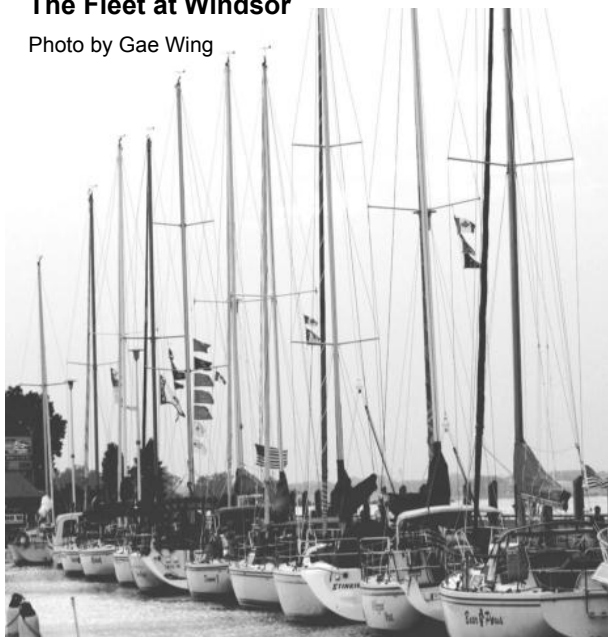
I know of a couple boats that might be available locally for "charter" if any of the big boat crowd is looking for a little shallow water cruising. Or just come by Metro on Sunday afternoon to meet the guests.

Lots of fun, no dress codes and good sailing during the middle of the week.

Mike Bracket - "*Gunsmoke*"

The Fleet at Windsor

Photo by Gae Wing



New Business Announced

Editor's note:

One of our members, Chuck Reed, recently sent an announcement letter to all CRCA members. We have reprinted that letter below. We encourage support of member initiatives when practical. It appears that Chuck is making things quite attractive.

In a recent conversation Chuck said to use the code "CRCA" in the coupon box on check out to receive the discount described in the letter. He also states you should ask if you need something and can't find it on the site. His e-mail address is shown on the member list.

Greetings to My Fellow Members of the Clinton River Catalina Association,

We have recently joined CRCA and are the owners of *Silent Dream* out of Markley Marine.

I am writing you today to announce the opening of my new business adventure, CLR Marine. After Linda's employer relocated us to Michigan, I found the paramedic business here in Michigan did not pay well. After a couple of months of searching for employment, I decided I wanted to do something close to my passion and love of sailing. So, after Linda and I sat down and discussed many ideas, we decided on a web-based business. What would be more fun than selling marine products? After all, I do know a lot about them, I have spent countless hours researching the thousands of dollars I have spent on upgrades.

Our plan was set, and it turned out to be a challenge trying to get this project together and running. Now through the love of my wife, and her putting up with my attitudes every now and then, I am proud to give you www.CLRMarine.com, where you will find all of your **Marine Electronics and Supplies** at a great price. My motto is "**Your Boat is Our Business**". As you will see, I am also proud to announce my relationship with 'Tufted Topper' and Sails East-Midwest.

I would like to offer all of my friends of the CRCA family a 6% discount on all marine electronics and supplies over \$100.00. To receive this discount place your items in the wish list, then e-mail me and let me know that you are in the wish list. I will move your information into a special account and then email you back with a code to enter on your final checkout. It is that easy.

Would you like a **free \$25.00** gift certificate? If so, check out our About Us page for more information. In addition, watch our website for the announcement of a contest to win a free one-week stay in St. Maarten during the Heineken Regatta in March of 2006.

I hope that you take a minute to visit my website, www.CLRMarine.com and I would love to hear all of your comments and suggestions.

Thank You
Chuck Reed - "*Silent Dream*"