



CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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Calendar

Social Schedule

Fall Event Sep 10
Winter Meeting.....Date and Loc. TBD
(Watch for E-Mail)

Cruising Schedule

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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From the editor:

Be sure to check out the culinary contribution from "Zingara" on page 3. Our thanks to Larry and Kathy for the recipe.

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Commodore's Corner

Jack Creed - Commodore

Fall is approaching way too fast. Though some think the summer heat has been unbearable, most days on the water have been a welcome relief from the heat.

A United States Senator from Pennsylvania has been busy trying to make boating more of a challenge. Rick Santorum has decided that NOAA weather should not be available on the Web, so he introduced a bill banning it. He has also received monies from The Weather Channel Dot Com and Accu Weather Dot Com, so go figure.

Flying Duchess made a trip to Lake Huron in the middle of July. The marinas were nearly empty past Port Sanilac as we made our way to East Tawas Harbor. Sailing was the rule on this trip, which was a welcome relief to the normal cruising vacation.

CRCA made a good showing at the St. Elmo's race, coming away with 3 flags. Congrats to all boats that participated.

Skip Boston has passed to the next level; his presence will be missed on Lake St.Clair.

Honorable mention goes out to *Silent Dream*, *Deanna J* and *Bear Paws* for their triumph over the weather Gods and completing the trip to the Cove Marina at the Thames River.

Tsunami is the 2nd boat this year with engine exhaust trouble and *Flying Duchess* is older with more engine hours than either of the boats. I will have to do some off season research and repair to nip a problem in the bud.

Remember there are more airplanes in the sea than sail boats in the sky.

Hope to see everyone at the International Race on September 10. Even if you aren't participating in the race you still are welcome to attend the catered picnic following the races.

See you on the water.

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

From the Poop Deck **Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff**

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy mates. I sure hope you all have had a decent summer. Yes, September is upon us. The daylight hours are decreasing by minutes every day but, what a summer it has been. It has been a long time since I can remember having a hot and breezy season like this one. As for Barb & I, we have done the best sailing since we started back in '84. Late summer and early fall are by most standards the best time of year to be out on the water. Take advantage of it as much as you can. Maybe the low 80's – high 70's of air temperature will hang in there for the next four to eight weeks. Hey, why not, I can hope for that.

If you haven't noticed, there's a very large barge anchored at the mouth of our River Clinton. Yep, right at the Sheriff's Station. Oh, back in December of '04 the Army Corps of Engineers did a depth survey of our namesake river. They found significant shoaling. (Shucks, all they had to do was ask us sailors, right? Then too, was all that brown water the give away??) Well, let the dredging begin. At the Cop Shop, the harbor depth should be five feet. The recorded depth is four point one feet. That's a large area if you think about it. The channel (at the break wall) is to be dredged to eight feet all the way 'til past Detroit Island. From there to just past Bridgeview the dredge depth will be seven feet. From there to downtown Mt. Clemens the dredge depth will be six feet where the recorded dept is everywhere from 42 inches to a mere nine inches.

Since I have been on the subject of our River Clinton, I strongly suggest the nature lovers amongst us check out this website: <http://www.clintonriverpathway.org/>

I know there are a few bicyclists and hikers out there that may be very interested in what they find on/in that website. So, take a peek. That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *“Space Hunter”*

Cruising Column

Gayle & Eric Locke - Cruise Committee

Editor's note: Gayle and Eric are just returning from a long cruise in the north channel. When you see them be sure and say thanks for a great cruising season.

Gayle Locke - *“Knight'n Gayle”*

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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

Glen & Rebecca Ellison would like to invite you for an impromptu Halloween rendezvous at Metro Beach Marina. This will be the final of the season. There is no reservations required just show up. Location of Adventure will be the key. (Somewhere around the finger docks) Judging will be held for pre-carved pumpkins based on originality and uniqueness. Costumes optional and a prize will be awarded for the best. There will be a potluck gathering around 4 pm so bring a dish to pass. A fire pit will be available for cooking of the hot dogs and marshmallows provided by us. You must provide your own skewer. So come via water or land everyone is welcome. Cancellation will only incur due to inclement weather. No notification will be given. Hope to see you there.

Race Report and Social Register - Doug Post and Deanna Lundy

The 2005 CRCA International Regatta will be held on the ABYRA courses on Saturday Sept 10th. - 10am. Weather permitting there will be multiple races.

The awards dinner - open to all club members will be at the Markley Marine gazebo starting at 3:00pm. Please bring your own refreshing beverage of choice. Chairs may also be helpful. There is a \$10 charge per person, please send to one of us so we can have an accurate food count. See the form mailed with the race announcement.

Doug Post *“Wippin' Post”*

Deanna Lundy *“Deanna J”*

Linguine ala Zingara (Gypsy Sauce)

From Larry & Kathy Caricchio

This is a quick and easy to prepare traditional sauce. Don't let the anchovies scare you away! They blend with the other strong flavors and aren't like the salty little devils that you get on pizza, so don't be tempted to leave them out, **they are essential.**

The sauce should be prepared in the time it takes for the pasta water to boil. Do not overcook! You can also add peppers, olives and mushrooms to the sauce if you want.

1 lb. linguine, (cook the pasta al dente – on the firm side)

1 cup olive oil

1 cup dry white wine

1 can anchovies with oil from can

3 cloves garlic, smashed

1 hot pepper, thinly sliced

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

3 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced

5 basil leaves

1 Tbsp. oregano

3 grinds fresh pepper

grated cheese to taste

In frying pan sauté oil, anchovies and garlic for 1 minute. Add hot pepper and onion; sauté until onion is translucent. Add tomatoes, oregano, pepper and white wine. Simmer for about 5 minutes.

Pour entire mixture over linguine. Add basil leaves. Toss and serve with grated cheese.

Serves 4

Membership Report

Bill Lundy - Membership Committee

We currently have 34 member boats registered.

Good season so far.

Your friendly Membership Chairman

Bill Lundy - *“Deanna J”*