



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

Founded 1988

March, 2007

### Calendar

#### Social Schedule

Commodore's Ball - Sterling Inn .....	Mar 24
Fun Race Picnic .....	Jun 2
International Regatta Dinner .....	Aug 25

#### Cruising Schedule (tentative schedule)

Windsor, Lakeview Marina* .....	Jun 10
Thames River - Radlin's Marina .....	Jun 30
Belle River .....	Jul 14
Metro Beach .....	Jul 28
Thames River - Cove Marina .....	Aug 04
Raft Off - Black Lagoon* .....	Aug 18
Windsor, Lakeview Marina* .....	Sep 1-2
Metro Beach, Pumpkin Cruise* .....	Sep 29

(\* dates shown are tentative at this time)

#### Race Schedule

Tune Up Race .....	May 10
Spring Series .....	May 17, 24, 31, Jun 7, 14, 21
Spring Make Up (if needed) .....	Jun 28
Fall Series .....	Aug 9, 16, 23, 30, Sep 6, 13, 20
Fall Make Up (if needed) .....	Sep 20

#### Special Events

Fun Race .....	Jun 2
International Race .....	Aug 25
CRCA Invitational .....	TBD

#### 2006 CRCA Officers

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### Commodore's Corner

#### Dee Lundy - Commodore

(Editor's Note: Our Commodore is visiting lesser latitudes, presumably warming in the sun and actually taking casual walks outdoors. Things those of us here in the vicinity of latitude 42° could do only at extreme personal peril.

I'm sure she would want us all to be stout of heart and have faith that the weather will, once again warm, that our beloved boats will, once again float (the lake is currently hard) and that we will all have a great sailing season.

She would also encourage us all to attend the Commodore's ball on March 25. Probably so she can gloat about how warm it was in Florida. So make sure you've sent in your acknowledgement and check to Barb Kurkowski. The Ball is a great opportunity to get in the spring spirit.

Finally she would point out that Gayle Locke is looking for some cruise leader, see page 3 for information. Cruise leading is easy and fun and guarantees your 2007 cruising flag.)

For Commodore Dee Lundy "*Deanna J*"

### Social Scene

#### Barb Kurkowski

#### Rose Lauricella - Social Committee

#### Mark your calendars!

Just a reminder, the Commodore's Ball is Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 6:00 PM to Midnight. If you haven't sent in your check yet, please send it to Barb Kurkowski. You can contact Barb, by email [pkurkowski4@comcast.net](mailto:pkurkowski4@comcast.net) or call 586/675-8211 for more info. Hope to see you all there.

Barb Kurkowski "*Space Hunter*"

Rose Lauricella "*Sundown*"

## **Race Report**

### **Paul Krutty, Race Chairman**

The racing program is coming together. Ron Rabine is assisting with editing the Sailing Instructions, the Invitation to Race and Race Application. Jack Gray will be my representative at the ABYRA Skippers Meeting. And, Erv Zimmerman will arrange for printing and assembly of sailing instructions.

There will be an ABYRA Skipper's Meeting, Friday, April 27. All skippers planning to race in the CRCA Thursday Spring and Fall Series should attend. Sailing Instructions for ABYRA and CRCA will be available at that meeting. If you or a representative are unable to attend, the CRCA Sailing Instructions as well as the Racing Application will be on line by April 15.

ABYRA Skippers Meeting

North Star Sail Club

April 27, 2007

7:30 PM

6:00 PM The bar will be open and food will be available for purchase.

If you are a racer or non racer interested in crewing on a race committee boat but would like a refresher course on how to run a Race Committee, please contact me and I'll arrange a group class or one on one instruction, depending on interest. I think that cruisers or those with racing interest might like the opportunity to be out on the water more often to enjoy our sport.

Being a Race Committee member would give you a chance to become more comfortable with the idea of racing and maybe get you into the game on your own boat or as crew.

I can be reached by phone at 248-649-0597 or by email: paulkrutty@comcast.net.

Paul Krutty "*Sea Quell*"

**"The ocean has always been a salve to my soul...the best thing for a cut or abrasion was to go swimming in salt water. Later down the road of life, I made the discovery that salt water was also good for the mental abrasions one inevitably acquires on land."**

***Jimmy Buffett***

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

### **Paul Kurkowski**

Ahoy mates and happy March to all. It won't be long now before we start prepping our joys of summer for the big float. For me it's like being a child. Thanksgiving has just happened and Christmas is just around the corner. Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy!

LORAN has, once again been saved from the chopping block. Yep, the Department of Homeland Security said the country needs a jamming proof navigation system. Upgrades and operation costs are estimated @ \$350 million. That includes the \$160 million already spent.

Thank you, California. [Folks you are gonna love this.] In a lawsuit against The EPA it has been alleged (the EPA) did harm in allowing water vessel discharges incidental to the normal operation of the vessel. All the EPA was trying to do was, to stop ocean-going ships from discharging their water ballasts. Remember my little friends the Zebra mussels?? Well don't plug up your scuppers just yet but, maybe, just maybe by September 2008 we all, I mean anyone, who operates a water vessel in these United States will have to apply (and pay) for permits of operation. Jeez, when will it end? Remember California and how they started that ridiculous boat luxury tax?? Good grief already!

I recently saw a news story in which some of the people living on Harsens Island were up in arms over the ferries not running because of the ice flows coming down stream on the St Claire River's North Channel. This was leaving them stranded either on the island or the mainland. HELLO, you live on an island in Michigan. Winters get cold here. Don't like getting stranded? Well, get a helicopter. Jeez, what is up with these people? They must be the same ones that want that goofy freakin' bridge built.

Arr, for them that wanted to know... Louis Vuitton-America Cup Racing starts Monday May 14. We can watch it all live direct from Valencia, Spain on the Versus Network (was Outdoor Life Network/OLN) starting at 8:30AM. That won't interfere at all with the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Good thing too, ain't I right mates?

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski "*Space Hunter*"

## Cruising Column

### **Gayle & Eric Locke - Cruise Committee**

Hi Everyone!

2007 has arrived and the weather as I write this is almost balmy after our single digit temperatures of just a week ago. We checked on the boat today and Eric is talking about going down to work on her. He has a lot on his list of things to get accomplished before the cruising season and can't wait to get started. Below is a list of the cruises and the leaders we have signed up so far.

Unfortunately Eric and I will not be able to make the Commodore's Ball this year. Have one on us and we'll see you soon.

*Gayle*

## 2007 Cruise Schedule

### WINDSOR – LAKEVIEW MARINA

(SATURDAY, JUNE 9)

Cruise Leaders – Needed

### THAMES RIVER – RADLIN'S MARINA

(SATURDAY, JUNE 30)

Cruise Leaders – Needed

### BELLE RIVER – BELLE RIVER MARINA

(SATURDAY, JULY 14)

Cruise Leaders – Jack & Nancy Gray (248) 656-0947

### METRO BEACH

(SATURDAY, July 28)

Cruise Leaders –

Judi and Roy Schoenherr (810) 794-3007

Linda and Chuck Reed (248) 652-3325

### THAMES RIVER – COVE MARINA

(SATURDAY, AUGUST 4)

Cruise Leader – Don Tishler (248) 477-8711

### BLACK LAGOON - RAFT OFF

(SATURDAY, AUGUST 18)

Cruise Leaders – Needed

### WINDSOR – LAKEVIEW MARINA

(SATURDAY, SEPT 1 & SUNDAY, SEPT 2)

Cruise Leader – Creed's (248) 623-0628

Lundy's (586) 228-5864

Wing's (248) 373-5463

### PUMPKIN CRUISE – METRO

(SATURDAY, September 29 - Tentative)

Cruise Leaders – Glen & Becky Ellison  
(586) 463-7876

## CRUISE LEADERS NEEDED

**3 more cruise leaders are needed! Any cruises without leaders by May 1 must be cancelled!**

Please contact me if you are able to help out this year. (We will be out of town from 3/23 – 4/8. If necessary talk to Dee Lundy in our absence.)

If you have never led a cruise you might wonder just what is involved and what your responsibilities are.

First & foremost is to have FUN! It is hands down the best way to have a very successful cruise. You may plan any type activity you choose. From a labor intensive scavenger hunt to just hanging out by the pool!

HINT: Some of the best cruises have resulted from children's fun & games. Try remembering what you did as a kid or tap into your children or grandchildren for fun things they have done at school, church or with scouts.

Second, plan a simple event schedule to post in the Catscan. This will let other cruisers know when & where to meet for the cruise over, meal plans and any special items they may need to bring.

Third, contact the marina with any changes or concerns you may have 1 to 2 weeks before the cruise.

Fourth, keep a list of those who attended by land or sea and send it to me so I can track who will be eligible for a cruise flags at the end of the year.

That's it! Then sit back and relax and enjoy the praise!!

Gayle Locke - *"Knight'n Gayle"*

(586) 431-7017 - [gayle@lockesite.us](mailto:gayle@lockesite.us)

## Report from Strictly Sail Chicago

Sixteen CRCA members went through cold and snowy weather by train or by car to Chicago for the Strictly Sail show in February.

We would like to thank Chicago Fleet 21 All Catalina Association for inviting us to enjoy Strictly Sail Chicago with them and Lake Michigan Catalina Association.

We all had a great time talking with Frank Butler, Sharon Day, and Gerry Douglas at the wine and cheese party held by Catalina on Saturday evening at the show. Also at the party were Bob Bitchin and Jody from Latitudes and Attitudes Magazine and Bill from Garhauer Marine. And, we cannot leave out Eric Stone who performed live at the party.

After the show, we all went back to our hotel where Sharon Day and Frank Butler joined us for an evening of celebration with the three Catalina Fleet Associations. Frank and Sharon held a drawing and the winners from CRCA were Linda Reed who won a Catalina Sweatshirt, and the GRAND PRIZE WINNERS were John and Laura Pecha who won a one week stay in Puerta Vallarta, Mexico at Frank Butler's four-bedroom condo on Banderas Bay.

Chuck Reed - *"Silent Dream"*

**"A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner."  
(English Proverb)**

## **Membership Report**

### **Phil Morell- Membership Chairman**

Membership News.

Have you forgotten to pay your 2007 dues, which were due January 1st? I'm writing this in late January because we'll be heading south shortly until Mid March. And there are still lots of people that haven't paid their 2007 dues. With lots of fun lined up for this year, don't get left at the dock!

BitterSweet Phil

The Membership Guy

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**A message from our Commodore.**

A sincere welcome to new members and ahoj 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 boats of ours.**

Our Race chairman, Paul Krutty, has 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 shown on the membership list included in this newsletter.

Deanna Lundy,  
Commodore, Clinton River Catalina Association

**CLINTON RIVER CATALINA ASSOCIATION  
2007 SEASON - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

*(APPLICATION TO BE FILLED OUT ANNUALLY, Membership fee due January 1)*

**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:**

**Phil Morell, Membership Chairman**  
**53279 Rebecca**  
**Macomb, MI 48042**  
**(586) 786-1673**                      **pmorell@arenet.net**

**CRCA Dues (DUE Dec 31): \$25.00**                      **CRCA Club Burgee: \$32.00**

*(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](http://www.catalinayachts.com), click the "Associations and Links" button to find the association web site for owners of your Catalina model.)*