



CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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Calendar

Social Schedule

Fun Race Picnic	Jun 2
International Regatta Dinner	Aug 25

Cruising Schedule (tentative schedule)

Windsor, Lakeview Marina	Jun 9
Thames River - Radlin's Marina	Jun 30
Belle River	Jul 14
Metro Beach	Jul 28
Thames River - Cove Marina	Aug 4
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

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Linda Reed	Treasurer	248 652-3325
Steve Smith	Member-at-Large	248 553-3162

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Commodore's Corner

Dee Lundy - Commodore

Well Spring arrived, not that we would know it by the weather. Between rain and snow, we uncovered "Deanna J" and worked on her when weather allowed. Now she's launched and getting ready for summer.

All of you who were at the Commodore's Ball know what a great job Rose & Barb did.

We are looking forward to a new season of sailing. The racing and cruising schedules are made. We hope you will look those schedules over, and join in the excitement of racing or just the fun of cruising.

Our Fun Race will be June 2 (Saturday). I hope everyone will be there. There will also be a membership meeting after the race. There will be an important vote on an amendment to the constitution at that meeting. See page 5 for information.

I am sure that you are all busy getting your boats ready for another sailing season.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 2nd of June.

Commodore Dee Lundy *"Deanna J"*

Social Scene

Barb Kurkowski

Rose Lauricella - Social Committee

Hey everybody, it's time to get social again. Our Annual Picnic/Fun Race/Meeting will be taking place on Saturday, June 2nd. See the Fun Race announcement on page 4 to find out about the fun race and starting time. This race will truly be a fun race for all cruisers and racers. The Picnic and Meeting will follow --- 3:00 pm at the Gazebo at Markley. The club will have a BBQ Buffet for \$ 5.00 per person. Bring your own drinks.

See you all there!

Barb Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

Rose Lauricella *"Sundown"*

Some Comments

From Member at Large", Steve Smith

If you plan on leaving your inflatable in the water for the summer, you should consider applying some inflatable bottom paint from Petit. I painted mine last year and fall cleanup of the bottom was extremely easy compared to years in the past that I did not paint.

In the interest of putting more Knots under the keel, and having more boats on the water on Thursday. I am going to be participating in the Thursday night racing program, I am going to be racing/sailing our 34. The biggest problem I have in racing is getting crew to show up. (Hope it is not me).

I am also planning to participate in the Wednesday night "Fun Sail Series" sponsored by North Star Sail Club. This is a great excuse to go out for a sail without the pressure/excitement of the start. I sailed in that program last year and had a great time. They had 16 races and if you showed up for half, the skipper received a shirt embroidered with the boats name. No racing flags were awarded for the Wednesday series. Check out the North Star Web site for more info.

I am going to be leaving the dodger and bimini up, to avoid damage, for both of these races. My main crew bought a bigger boat in Seattle and will be moving to cruise the west coast. If you would like to go out for a race/sail on either of these nights, please call or email. My main goal is to have some fun and put some knots under the keel. Beginners welcome, I may even volunteer my boat to an all female crew for one or more races. The goal is to sail. I will let you do any task: steer, trim, be ballast, or be the beer boy (girl). Tequila is on me. I put nearly 800 knots on the boat last year, I am going to try to go over that this year.

Speaking of email. You can have your own boat email account. Contact Erv Zimmerman and he can set you up and help you make it work very easily in outlook or outlook express, or other mail readers. This would be good to use if you have a business card with boat information on it to give to people you meet when cruising or other boating/sailing related activities. My new one is twiceblessed@crcasail.org

Pretty neat.

Now for the business end. Member at Large has a function of finding officers for the club. According to the constitution, the committee is to have two additional members that are not on the board. If you have any suggestions for officers, or feel that you would like to make a contribution to the club, please don't be shy. This is our club and we make it what we put in to it.

Steve Smith *"Twice Blessed"*

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

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy Mates, a very happy Spring to you all! It has been great seeing so many of you around the Yard. It is nice reacquainting among the sights and smells of a fresh boating season. It is tiring work, but you just don't really get tired of the washing, waxing and painting. After all, it is our great privilege, as sailors; the Rights of Spring.

So, starting right about now, the May Showers that bring June Flowers also, I hope, continue the rise of the lake water levels.

Let us all hope that the Sailing gods show us their favor, allow it to rain mainly during the weekdays and nights, and keep the weekends clear and pleasant. That will make all those cruises we go on, all that much more fun to attend.

Now we get into the mode of checking batteries, fluid levels, belt tightness and standing rigging tensions. All this is done, while tracking our favorite sports team progress in their Playoffs. [GO WINGS]

Speaking of Playoffs and in case you have forgotten: the Louis Vuitton Cup Challenger Races are underway for the 32nd Americas Cup. The Semi-finals are a couple weeks away yet but, so far the top challengers (most points awarded) are; (USA) BWM Oracle, (ITA) Luna Rossa, (NZL) Emirates Team New Zealand and, (ESP) Desafio Espanol. For instant results and race watching check it all out @ www.americascup.com/en/ you will have hours of browsing. You gals may interested in the fact that within the crews of the Challenger Series boats there are three female crew. Additionally, two women in the Tech & Design section are responsible for keeping the carbon fiber AC boats afloat and intact. They are listed as Boat Builders.

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

**"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."
- Henry David Thoreau**

Cruising Column

Gayle & Eric Locke - Cruise Committee

Hi Everyone!

A stroll through the dockyards the past several weeks reveals boat owners hard at work. Scrubbing, waxing, sanding and painting all in anticipation of the coming boating season. Eric and I are right in there with them. We will be a bit more adventurous this year. Our plan is to go cruising in Lake Superior for 10 weeks, so the boat will have to be in tip-top shape prior to our leaving in mid-June. This is very exciting for us but at the same time bittersweet. It means that we will miss almost the entire cruising season with our friends of the CRCA ☹.

Cruise leaders were a bit hard to come by this year. However, I think we can go ahead with a full list of destinations with only minor adjustments to the cruises without leaders. Just remember to kick back, relax, and have fun with your fellow sailors. And don't forget about Eric and I, while you're chilling out on the docks you can speculate on just how cold the waters of Lake Superior are!

Keep on sailing.

Gayle Locke - *"Knight'n Gayle"*
(586) 431-7017 - gayle@lockesite.us

2007 Cruise Schedule

WINDSOR – LAKEVIEW MARINA

(SATURDAY, JUNE 9)

Cruise Coordinator – Ted Wing - (248) 373-5463

We will be leaving CR1 around 9:00 AM if any care to join us. Gayle has made the reservations at Lakeview. We'll plan our cocktail hour about 3:30 or so. Dinner is on your own as is morning coffee. I will act as contact if there are questions or changes in your plans.

Ted

THAMES RIVER – RADLIN'S MARINA

(SATURDAY, JUNE 30)

Cruise Leaders – Jean and Doug Post - (586) 412-7864

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

Cocktail hour: Around 3 p.m. - Near the pool. BYOB and an appetizer to pass. Put your party hats on -- games to follow! Dinner on your own.

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)

No Cruise Leader.

Be at the Metro Black River Lagoon by 12:00 Saturday. Bring those yummy treats for our traditional Appetizer Dinner. Don't forget extra lines and bumpers! Whoever wants to attend can just show up, and as long as you bring sufficient libations you should all have a great time!

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

Race Report

Paul Krutty, Race Chairman

The racing program will start with a tune up race on May 10.

You may still sign up by downloading an application at www.crcasail.org. or contact me at 248-649-0597 and I will send you an application.

If you would like committee boat experience, I will be running race committee on my boat "Sea Quell" on May 10th and would love to have your company and provide step by step instructions for all who would like to join us.

Please contact me by phone or email and I will make sure you are included.

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

Paul Krutty *"Sea Quell"*

P.S. Check out Doug's "Fun Race" announcement on page 4.

Fun Race June 2nd

Doug Post - Fun Race Chairman

Announcing the 2007 “We’re Still Going to Have Fun Even though They’re Going to make us Vote on those Proposals Regatta” (Wait a minute. We can’t call it that. It’s too many letters to put on the award flags!) I guess we’ll just have to call it the Fun Race again.

This year’s fun race will be held Saturday, June 2. The first gun will be at 11 a.m. at CR1. There will be one start only, and we’re racing with just a single sail, either main or Genoa. Scoring will be by the “make it up as ya go along Doug Post system.” The order of finish counts, but not as much as having fun. If I told you how the scoring system works, what fun would that be. Points will be awarded for making the race committee laugh. The harder they laugh, the more points you get.

The course will either be to the A mark (course heading 330 degrees) or the B mark (course heading 030 degrees). Green flag up = 10 minute warning. Green flag down = start.

A barbecue will follow the race at the Markley Marina gazebo starting around 3 p.m. Look for the CRCA banner. Cost per person will be \$5. Remember to bring your own beverages and lawn chairs. As always, a general membership meeting will follow the barbecue.

We hope to see you all there. You definitely don’t need to know the rules of racing for this event. Just come out and have a good time. If you need on-course instructions, motor by the committee boat shortly before the race begins at 11 a.m.

Your Fun Race Hosts, Doug & Jean Post *“Whippin’ Post”*

Membership Report

Phil Morell- Membership Chairman

CRCA is now at 30 member boats. This means we have 'lost' 7 previous 2006 members. Have you paid your 2007 dues which were payable January 1st?

Please remember to notify me of any changes to your address, phone number, email address, etc. This affects whether you might receive the Catscan and any notices sent out over the club email system.

Current members, take a look along your dock. Are there any 'non-CRCA' Catalinas around your boat? How about any Catalinas that used to belong to the CRCA and don't any longer. Maybe you could stop by and let them know what we're up to and how much fun they are missing. There is still time for new members to get on board for the current CRCA cruising and racing seasons.

Membership applications are available on the CRCA web site: www.crcasail.org.

The Membership Guy - Phil Morell *“Bittersweet 2”*

As reported to the CRCA Board of Directors by the Sub-committee on Guest Protocol regarding the CRCA Constitution and Bylaws,

1. The Associate Member provision in the CRCA constitution should continue to stand as written.
2. The Honorary Member provision should continue to stand as written.
Because it is its intent to provide a means of recognizing persons who have provided, or may provide in the future, commercial, political, or other tangible advantages to the CRCA.

The following will be added as clarification to the constitution under Membership Eligibility:

4. Guests who are staying on a members boat for any part of a cruise or rendezvous; whether they sailed to the event on the members boat or came by other means (other than their own boat), should be considered as crew of the hosting member boat. As such they are welcome to the all the amenities, and to participate in all activities associated with that event for the duration of the event. Any prizes, awards, or party favors that may be distributed should be awarded to the host's boat. Guests participating in competitions are to be considered as to be competing as part of the host boat's team and any honors or prizes from the competition should be awarded solely to the hosting boat's skipper who may then retain or distribute the items as the skipper sees fit.

**A "ballot vote" shall be taken on the following at the next general membership meeting.
One vote per boat by members in good standing.**

Amendment to CRCA Constitution

NON-MEMBER BOATS ON CRCA CRUISES

The CRCA will sponsor at least one, but not more than half of the cruises or rendezvous for each season that will be open to non-members. The actual number of open cruises will be determined by the cruise committee for that season. These open cruises shall be open to all makes and type of boats (sail or power). Non-member boats will make their own reservations with marinas; but must register their intent to participate in the event with the cruise leader, at least one week prior to the cruise. Visitors or visiting boats that are not registered for the cruise will not be allowed to participate in cruise events nor partake of cruise amenities. However, registered boats are, of course, free to associate with and entertain the crew of unregistered boats on their own boat.

Accept this amendment YES NO (circle one)

Amendment to CRCA By-Laws

NON-MEMBER CATALINA BOATS IN CRCA RACES

Non-member Catalina yachts may register to race in the either the CRCA Spring or Fall Series (not both) prior to joining the CRCA. The race fee for non-members may be set higher than that of members at the discretion of the race chairman. Non-member Catalina yachts who do not join the CRCA after racing in one series may be subject to increased race fees or exclusion from racing in any series in subsequent seasons at the discretion of the race chairman. Only CRCA members in good standing prior to the start of the Spring Series in a given season will be considered eligible for the "Boat of the Year Award"

Accept this amendment YES NO (circle one)

Paul Kurkowski
CRCA Constitution Chair

Larry Caricchio
Constitution Sub-Chair

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, click the "Associations and Links" button to find the association web site for owners of your Catalina model.)