



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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July, 2007

### Calendar

#### Social Schedule

Fun Race Picnic .....	Jun 2
Invitational Regatta Dinner .....	Aug 19

#### Cruising Schedule (tentative schedule)

Belle River .....	Jul 14
Metro Beach .....	Jul 28
Thames River - Cove Marina .....	Aug 4
Raft Off - Black Lagoon .....	TBD
Windsor, Lakeview Marina .....	Sep 1-2
Metro Beach, Pumpkin Cruise .....	Sep 29

(\* dates shown are tentative at this time)

#### Race Schedule

Fall Series .....	Aug 9, 16, 23, 30, Sep 6, 13, 20
Fall Make Up (if needed) .....	Sep 20

#### Special Events

CRCA Invitational .....	Aug 19
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**"Navigo ergo absum."**

**Translation: "I sail, therefore I'm broke!"  
(With apologies to Descartes.)**

### Commodores Corner

#### **Pat Morell - Vice Commodore**

Our summer is moving right along. The weather is finally starting to co-operate. Phil and I have enjoyed some pleasurable sailing recently as well as the Splash-Bash fireworks and dock party down at the Nautical Mile. Tonight will be the Nautical Mile Car Cruise which is always enjoyable.

We hope all who attended the Windsor cruise enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Ted and Gae for providing guidance on that cruise. It was a very relaxing and fun time to reacquaint ourselves with each other after a long winter. We had some 1st cruisers along for the trip. John and Laura from WINdependence and Larry and Tricia from Amazing Grace came to partake of our first cruise of the season. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as the rest of us.

The next cruise, at Radlin's (now Smuggler's Marina) on the Thames River was led by Doug and Jean Post. Again a great time was followed by a bumpy ride home. The next cruise is to Belle River on July 14, followed by Metro Beach July 28, Cove Marina Aug. 4, CRCA raftoff (date to be determined, watch you e-mail for more information), then Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Sept. 1 and Sun. Sept. 2nd and last but certainly not least, the always eclectic "Pumpkin Cruise." If you haven't yet signed up, you may still do so by directly calling the Marina's. However, we still have a few openings for Metro, as we paid for those in advance. You can call me at 586-786-1673 or Linda Reed at 248 852-3325 to get in on the Metro cruise.

As most of you know, the Lundy's were sailing to Hawaii and Tahiti when Bill suffered some medical problems. He was taken off the boat in Hawaii and is now resting comfortably at Royal Oak Beaumont. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Pat Morell "*Bittersweet II*"

#### Superior Travel Log

You may know that Eric and Gayle Locke are cruising Lake Superior with a small flotilla. Eric is maintaining a log of the trip. Linda and Chuck Reed are publishing the log on the CLR Marine web site. To follow the adventure go to:  
<http://www.clrmarine.com/209.html>. Its an on going thing so check back often.

Catscan is published 5 times yearly in March, May, July, September and December.

## Comments

### From "Member at Large" Steve Smith

Here are some thoughts on docking in a strange (not your home) port.

Have your docklines out and attached to all four corners of the boat, plus a spring line. The crew on the front of the boat should throw or hand a spring line to the person on the dock. This will help stop the boat in case you can't. That person should put a wrap around the piling to give some friction, just like a winch. Trying to stop the boat without using the piling will not work.

Have your fender(s) out and ready to attach or even have them attached and ready to swing over when you need them.

The first dockline should be the springline and it should be at least as long as your boat. The other ones should be 15 to 20 feet long to allow for large slips and rough water. This may not be necessary for a lot of the ports we go to, but you may be needed on Erie or Huron.

These hints will make it a lot easier on yourself, your crew (spouse) and the people trying to help you in.

**Member at large Business:** I haven't heard from anyone interested in holding a position next year. I don't want to break out my tequila yet!

Steve Smith *"Twice Blessed"*

## On the Club Website

### Erv Zimmerman, "Webmaster"

I've added a slideshow to the CRCA home page at: <http://www.crcasail.org/>. The photos posted there now are getting old and it would be nice if everyone could send a photo or two to replace them. It's better if the photos are not touched up or cropped as the slideshow works best if they are all the same size and proportions.

If any of you have photos you would like to share from a recent trip or cruise, take a moment and jot down a few sentences explaining the photos. It doesn't have to be much. Some examples are the tune-up and fun race photo pages by Ted & Gae Wing.

See:

<http://www.crcasail.org/racing/2007/funrace/index.html>  
and

<http://www.crcasail.org/racing/2007/tuneup/index.html>)

Send the text & photos to me in almost any electronic format & I will add them to a page on website. It's hard to believe the spring series is over! See you in August on the race course!

Remember: Life's a breeze,

Erv Zimmerman *"Adventuring"*

## From the Poop Deck Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff

### Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy mates and, a very happy season of Summer to all. As the song says, "Summer is here and the living is easy". With this early and, for the most part, persistent heat wave, that is all we can do, live easy. We can sail fast as long as those big high-pressure areas do not sit on top of southeast corner of our state's mitten. Wow, and what a dry end of Spring we had and without a substantial change in Lake water level. I am glad it is still raining elsewhere, north and west of us, to help keep the levels where they are now.

So far, we have experienced a few minor Fish Fly blooms. A few weeks ago at the mouth of the Clinton as I motored past the Sheriff Station I watched the larvae crawl out of the top of the water, spread their wings and fly off to join the others in a large mass cloud. The seagulls were barely making a dent in their numbers. To my surprise, because of the lack of substantial rainfall I thought mosquito outbreaks would be lower but they have turned out to be more than I expected. Then again, rainfall is really a small factor around a lake. Now remember mates, the West Nile Virus is still out there. So please, use good protection against them that blood sucking little pests. Minor infections have flu like symptoms.

The spring series of CRCA racing is over and without the need for a make-up race due to bad weather. Speaking of racing, the America's Cup final series has been quite interesting.

By the time you read this, it should be a done deal. My bet is on the Kiwis, who at this writing have a slight edge over the Swiss. The racing is so evenly matched that, it is truly exciting with the multiple lead changes during each race. The leader at the start is not necessarily the leader at the finish. Truly, it has been fun to watch.

If you want to feel you are part of the 32nd AC racing in Valencia, you can purchase the "Virtual Skipper 5" video game. The graphics are reported to be amazing. You can test run it at [www.virtualskipper-game.com](http://www.virtualskipper-game.com).

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

**"If a man must be obsessed by something, I suppose that a boat is as good as anything. Perhaps a bit better than most. A small sailing craft is not only beautiful; it is seductive and full of strange promise and the hint of trouble"**

**E.B. White, "The Sea and the Wind That Blows"**

## **Cruising Column**

### **Linda Reed – Interim Cruise Committee**

Hi Everyone!

As you know Gayle and Eric are off cruising the cool, clear waters of Lake Superior this summer. Gayle has graciously appointed me the Interim Cruise Committee. The summer is off to a fabulous start and we already have some fun cruises under our belts. Thanks to everyone who helped at the Fun Race. Creativity and imagination were at their finest by the racers and the food was wonderful. A good time was had by all who attended the Windsor cruise and the appetizers get better all the time. Don't miss out on the rest of our summer fun! If you haven't signed up already, give me a call. I'm sure we can make arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you out there.

Happy Sailing,

Linda Reed – *"Silent Dream"*

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## **2007 Cruise Schedule**

### **BELLE RIVER – BELLE RIVER MARINA**

**(SATURDAY, JULY 14)**

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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Mates, you land lubbing sailors. You have a challenge to test and hone your sailor knot tying skills.

True Sailors, from the days when sail ships defined commerce and exploration, had to know how to tie everything from lines to anchors to sails. This is your challenge.

Ah, yes there will be a competition and lavish prizes. Here is your assignment. Each boat on the cruise is requested to learn six sailing knots.

Bowline, Angler Knot, Sailors Knot, Double Sheet Bend, Sheep Shank, Double Bowline.

Go to our web site, click on links and go to Tollesbury Sailing Club - Tying Knots. Here you will see illustrations on how to tie these knots. I suggest you practice ahead of time, bring some line to tie and get ready for lavish prizes. There will be instructions on knot tying at the cruise, then contests for men and women to win lavish prizes for your boat. I promise it will be fun and lots of laughs.

### **METRO BEACH**

**(SATURDAY, July 28)**

Cruise Leaders –

Judi and Roy Schoenherr

(810) 794-3007

Linda and Chuck Reed

(248) 652-3325



Get your hula skirt, coconuts, leis, and ukulele out for the **luau** at Metro Beach! This is one cruise you don't want to miss! While you're shaking the dust off your hula skirt, don't forget to decorate your boat, too.

Dock at Metro by 10 am (we can't promise to hold your well). Luau games and cocktails start at 3:00 pm on shore. BYOB cocktails. We have fun games planned for all. Hint – you may want to practice hip movements. A complete luau dinner will be catered at 5:30 pm. Cost for dinner including desert is \$10 per person.

Remember this is at Metro Beach, so if you can't sail over you can drive. Please be sure to call Linda Reed at 248-652-3325 by Wednesday, July 25 if you will be attending so the caterer has enough for all of us.



### **THAMES RIVER – COVE MARINA**

**(SATURDAY, AUGUST 4)**

Cruise Leader – Don Tishler

(248) 477-8711

Too early to tell what Mike and Tish will cook up for this trip..Will it be another YOOPER II PARTY ? Or will they tip-toe into the LIGHT FANASTIC ? Whatever it be, it will be hard to top their last performance. Be sure to come as they guarantee a good time! More later! Watch your e-mail.

### **BLACK LAGOON - RAFT OFF**

**(SATURDAY, AUGUST TBD)**

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 Leaders – Creed's (248) 623-0628

Lundy's (586) 228-5864

Wing's (248) 373-5463

This is a different spot, but the same fine Pancakes. Yes friends, you're invited to the sixth annual Pancake breakfast. But first things first. Plan to leave CR1 around 9:00. We'll have a Saturday cocktail hour at 3:00. We expect the usual great collection of goodies. Dinners Saturday and Sunday will be at your discretion. Perhaps you have a favorite Italian place down town or maybe the Casino or the restaurant at the marina. Sunday morning, join us for breakfast. In addition to the star attraction, we will have coffee and fruit. All will be served between 9:00 and 10:30. If that's too early for you let us know the night before and we'll deliver a pancake to your boat. There will definitely be a special activity with the time, place and details to be announced at the event. Hope to see you all there.

### **PUMPKIN CRUISE – METRO**

**(SATURDAY, September 29 - (Tentative))**

Cruise Leaders – Glen & Becky Ellison

(586) 463-7876

## **Social Scene**

### **Barb Kurkowski**

The next big Social Event will be the catered dinner following the Catalina Invitational Race on Sunday, August 19. The dinner will be at the Markley Gazebo. More info will be forthcoming regarding the cost and time. Everyone is welcome to the dinner --- racers and non-racers.

Please note that this Invitational race will be held instead of the International Race that had been previously announced to be on Saturday, August 25.

Bring your own drinks, and chairs. See you all there.

Barb Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

## Race Report

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

The Spring Series ended on June 21st in beautiful conditions with wind 15-20kts and plenty of competition.

I am pleased to report that the Racing Program is alive and growing. Participation increased from nine boats last year to 14 boats this year. There were 7 PHRF and 7 JAM.

It looks as though we will have 16 boats in the Summer Series.

Complete race results are available on the CRCA webpage

Be sure to check out the information regarding the CRCA Invitational Race and Picnic on August 19th.

If anyone is interested in getting more experience on committee boat duties, you are welcome to join me on Sea Quell for the Invitational Race or on September 6th for a regular Thursday evening race. Just contact me and I will include you.

Paul Krutty *"Sea Quell"*

P.S. Please check out the announcement for the Invitational Race on page 5.

**The most effective way to repair a ragged hole in the hull, is to stuff a great many \$100 bills in the hole.**

## Membership Report

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

Ahoy from the Membership Department. We're now up to 36 members. Thanks to Paul Krutty for getting some of the new-old racers to become members. I've distributed flyers in 'Southern District'(Nine mile Area) to try to attract new members.

Ever wonder if that Catalina going by is a CRCA member? Here's a list for you to identify CRCA boats by name:

Adventure	BitterSweet	Gunsmoke
Knight'n Gayle	Seaquell	Whippin' Post
Adventuring	Buttercup	Heartbeat
Lady Godiva	Silent Dream	Windependence
Alpha Wave	Compass Rose	Hockey Puck
Male Box	Space Hunter	Zingara
Amazing Grace	Deanna J	HYDRAII
Moon Shadow	Stinkin' Gringo	At Last
Flying Duchess	INN XS	Morningstar II
Trillium	Bear Paws	French Curve
Irish Wake	Pura Vida	Twice Blessed

Give em' a wave as you pass them!

Lastly, do you have a CRCA decal on your boat? If not, Linda Reed has them and they're free!

The Membership Guy - Phil Morell *"Bittersweet 2"*

## CRCA Invitational Race

### ABYRA Point Series

**DATE: August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**WHERE: North end of ABYRA triangle using marks A,B,C**

**WHEN: First start at 12:30 PM**

**WHAT: There will be PHRF and JAM classes that will qualify for the ABYRA Point Series and a CRCA Members Start for those that are less serious but want to play.**

**AWARDS: Flags for PHRF and JAM will be awarded at the Markley Gazebo after the race. The CRCA Members Start winners will be awarded at the Commodores Ball.**

**PARTY: After the race there will be a party at the Gazebo with catered food for a reasonable price.**

**BRING: Chairs and YOB.**

**APPLICATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Available at  
CRCA**sail.org** after August 1<sup>st</sup>**

### Keel Repair

#### Adrian Balinski

Some may have wondered what the final diagnosis was to the Catalina 30 with the (carbuncle, boil, pimple, blister, bump, tumor, appendage, pick one) on the starboard side of its keel, sitting forlornly in its cradle at Markley. And then again maybe no one did.

For the curious among you who walked by shaking your heads or stopped for a Kleenex to dry your eyes the engine had been pulled for overhaul and either through the engine mounting or because of a severe grounding, through a crack in the bilge, water had moved downward into and within the lead keel.

Catalinas were once built with a large block of wood between the bilge and the keel so it is not impervious to seepage.

It froze and “voila” instant tumor. It did not get behind the paint like a typical blister. It crept into a void inside the lead and the freeze process dented the lead from within.

The first steps were to flake off the weblike cracks in the paint, drill some weep holes, dry the bilge and keel using a torch (and it didn't hurt to cover the boat to keep all the moisture out). When dry, the infamous Catalina smile was ground out leaving a channel where the keel met the boat. Then came the part I was really concerned about, torquing down the keel bolts. All that water could have rotted the wood leaving no support. Don from St. Clair marine reports they snugged right up with no indication

of mush underneath. After that seven layers of glass were put up followed by gel coat, moisture barrier, primer and VC 17.

The result I am happy to say is a perfect keel with no leaks so far.

The interior of the bilge showed longitudinal cracks caused by the drying out process. These were sealed with expanding resin in multiple coats laid down prior to launch and for a few days after launch while awaiting the engine. The resin sinks into the wood and expands. The result is a super strong block of resin soaked wood right in the middle of everything.

It has been two years since I last sailed and while I still have some work to do it sure looks like I may be able to get out into the lake some time soon. (How's that for guarded optimism)? I look forward to finally sailing again and hope to join all of you in one of your jaunts to those exotic lands across the big water.

If you have any questions about the growth on the keel and how it was fixed, stop by river slip 38 and while I am no expert I can tell the story.

Adrian Balinski *“Irreconcilable Difference”*

**"You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can always trim your sails!"**