



CATSCAN

Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

Founded 1988

September, 2007

Calendar

Social Schedule

Winter Business Meeting Nov 11
..... Kent sails at 1:30

Cruising Schedule (tentative schedule)

Metro Beach, Pumpkin Cruise Sep 29

Race Schedule

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

2006 CRCA Officers

Deanna Lundy Commodore 586 228-5864
Pat Morell Vice Commodore 586 786-1673
Jean Post Secretary 586 412-7864
Linda Reed Treasurer 248 652-3325
Steve Smith Member-at-Large 248 553-3162

2006 Committee Chairs

Paul Kurkowski Constitution 586 675-8211
Gayle & Eric Locke Cruising 248 526-9686
Paul Krutty Racing 248 649-0597
Phil Morell Membership 586 786-1673
Ted Wing Newsletter 248 373-5463
Barb Kurkowski Social 586 675-8211
Gae Wing Photographer 248 373-5463
Erv Zimmerman Web Master 586 949-3527

Superior Travel Log

If you haven't looked at the daily log that Eric Locke wrote while he and Gayle were cruising Lake Superior, you can still do so. Linda and Chuck Reed have published the log on the CLR Marine web site. To follow the adventure go to:
<http://www.clrmarine.com/209.html>.

Gayle and Eric are back in Lake St. Clair now so the chronicle is complete.

Commodores Corner

Dee Lundy

We have had a good sailing season. We will be thinking of covering our boats soon. The racers have had some beautiful weather for racing. The cruisers had a full schedule this year too. We had new members this year that participated in our activities. We were happy to have them. Some of our members went on extended trips this year, so all in all the club members were busy. We still have the pumpkin cruise. Glenn & Becky always do a great job of it.

Our next membership meeting will be at Kent Sails on November 11, at 1:30. Hope to see all of you there.

Dee Lundy "*Deanna J*"

Social Scene

Barb Kurkowski - Social Chair

Thanks to all who participated in our social events for this past season and to all those who pitched in and helped make them a success! We had great turnouts at our Commodores Ball in March, The Fun Race/Picnic in June and the Invitational Race/Catered Dinner in August. A good time was had by all.

I am starting to work on the next Commodores' Ball. It will be the club's 20th Anniversary!!! Besides all members and their guests, I would like to invite past members to come and renew acquaintances. If anyone is still in contact with past members and could forward me their addresses (mail or e-mail), I will be sure to send them the info when it is time to send it out.

Barb Kurkowski "*Space Hunter*"

Phil Morell suggests this web site as a great source of boat related reading this winter (several winters?)
<http://www.cruisersforum.com/forums/sitemap/>

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

Race Report

Paul Krutty, Race Chair

By the time you read this, the racing season for CRCA will likely be over.

We had 14 boats racing in the Summer Series just as in the spring. The competition has been good in both divisions. We had ten boats register and eight participate in the CRCA Invitational in spite of a wet weather forecast. It turned out to be dry with good air and about 40 CRCA Members and guests enjoyed dinner at the Gazebo afterwards. All of the results are on our web site and will be reviewed at the Commodore's Ball.

Think about joining us on the water for some Thursday night fun next year if you did not participate this year. I would encourage the racers to invite their Catalina owning friends to join us so that we can increase the size of our divisions.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Commodores Ball where the Spring and Summer Series Awards will be presented as well as the Cruising Class Winners of the CRCA Invitational Race.

Paul Krutty *"Sea Quell"*

Cruising Column

2007 Cruise Schedule

PUMPKIN CRUISE – METRO

(SATURDAY, September 29 - (Tentative))

Cruise Leaders – Glen & Becky Ellison

(586) 463-7876

The Ellison's would once again like to invite you to the annual pre-Historic pumpkin cruise. Located in Bed Rock, (Metro Beach South Marina) look for our cave (tent) September 29, 2007 in the afternoon on the sundial (2 PM or so). Please show up in your best cave attire. Be prepared to be whisked away on Pterodactyl Airlines to Rock Vegas. We will be exhibiting our latest invention that we call fire as well as providing Dino dogs and buns, which you roast yourself. Bring a dish to pass and use your sharpest stone ax to chisel out a pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded for best costume (boat or person), pumpkin, and games. Come via water or land everyone is welcome. After dark old time horror movies will be viewed. Extra helpful hands of firewood are always welcome. Hope to see you there.



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

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy mates! Wow, it seems like a blink of an eye and it's September. Maybe this sailing season has appeared to go by so quickly due to the lack of bad weather. It has been quite a while since we've had a season with such dry spells between the torrential downpours of rain. The sailing gods have been kind to us here in the St. Clair basin by mainly allowing the rains to flow while most of us have been off doing other things, like working for wages. The dog days of summer have left us leaving the warm days of the autumnal equinox, which will soon be here.

I figure four to six weeks and we'll be thinking of engine oil changes, red pop in the water lines, and wondering, where is that missing piece for supporting the boat tarp. 'Til then though, sail on sailor 'cause it ain't over 'til the sails leave the boat.

Recently, in early July, (That's not recent. See, it has been a fast-paced season for me.) Well back in July, a health report was issued for Lake St. Clair. After three years of monitoring via 25,000 pieces of data from 90 sights at a cost of \$2.5 million (you do the math) it said, in short, the "sick patient" is recovering. Since 1994, quite a few anti-pollution projects have been in place thus helping the "recovery". I am sure my little friends, the zebra mussels, have played a part by filtering near a quart of water a day (each). You may have heard of the record number and sizes of sport fish being caught.

Recently, (oh there I go again) a 41.85 pound Muskie was boated. For years 30 pound Muskies were (and still are) considered trophies. Muskies can grow to 70 pounds.

Then too, on August 15 (notice I didn't say, recently) a four and a half pound, 18 inch Piranha was caught off St. Clair Shores. No doubt, that was an over eating pet at one time. So, the lake, our lake, is finally getting better.

Now for the bad news...the Clinton River remains the primary (not my word) polluter of our lake. E.coli, nitrates and phosphorus are the big three pollutants. Read more about those on your own please, this is only a newsletter. Researchers found that easterly winds trap these pollutants forcing them to concentrate together and thus causing the troubles they do, like beach closings. Luckily, this year has been the best year yet for lower pollution levels.

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

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!