



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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### Calendar

#### Social Schedule

CRCA Invitational dinner, Markley Gazebo .....Aug 23

#### Cruising Schedule

Metro Beach ..... Jul 19  
IC30A Regatta - Port Huron ..... Aug 1, 2, 3  
Belle River- Belle River Marina ..... Aug 16  
Windsor – Lakeview Marina.....Aug 31, Sep 1  
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#### Race Schedule

CRCA Invitational .....Aug 23  
Fall Series.....Aug 07, 14, 23, 28, Sep 04, 11  
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### CRCA Web Site, [www.crcasail.org](http://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](mailto:ahoythere@crca.org) to send a message to the whole club. Check it out!

### Commodore's Corner

Steve Smith

Well, here it is July already and the sailing is in full force. The cruises have been great. Jefferson Beach was a good starter, and rafting off and going up to St Claire was great. I believe reservations have been made there for next July 4th. Keep it on your calendar as this is a nice little town.

First half of the the racing season is complete and the participants are having fun.

Don't forget to get your relatives out on the lake. Particularly the ones that always give you that strange look when you tell them how much fun and relaxing sailing is. I hate the price of fuel, but I know all of us have noticed the decrease of power boats on the water this year. Especially the big ones that like to run us over.

Don't forget the general membership meeting at the Cruise to Metro Beach. We are going to shoot for a meeting time of around 4:30.

By the way, Latitudes and Attitudes is now online as a free magazine. [www.seafaring.com](http://www.seafaring.com). Check it out.

See you soon.

Steve Smith

*"Twice Blessed"*

### Social Scene

**Becky & Glen Ellison, 2008 Social Committee**

#### **Invitational Social Event 2008**

Attention CRCA racers and members. On August 23, 2008 the ABYRA Invitational Race will be held and followed by a picnic at Markley Marina gazebo. Menu will include burgers, Ball Park franks, potato salad, chips and cookies. We expect to serve about 5:00. Price will be \$5 per-person Further details will be available through CRCA web site, "AHOYTHERE" emails or by contacting Paul Krutty. This event is for all members. Hope to see you there.

Becky & Glen Ellison

*"Adventure"*

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## **Cruising Column**

**Becky Smith and Judi Schoenherr  
2008 Cruise Committee**

Hello Fellow Sailors:

Our 20th year is off to a great start. We had 2 new destinations and a fun 4th of July at Smuggler's on the Thames. There's more to come. Just read on.

Come join us if you have never done this before. We will be there to help you navigate and dock.

Happy Cruising,

Becky Smith            ***"Twice Blessed"***

Judi Schoenherr      ***"Morning Star II"***

## **2008 Cruise Schedule**

### **Metro Beach**

#### **Saturday, July 19th**

Cruise Leaders –

Doug & Jean Post .....(586) 412-7864

Paul & Barb Kurkowski .....(586) 675-8211

Come and enter the "CRCA Open" miniature golf tournament! Contact one of the tour officials (Barb, Paul, Doug, or Jean) to register for this event between 10 & 11 a.m. The tour starter will get the first foursome off promptly at 1 p.m. Additional details will be available at the time of registration.

Following an afternoon of golf, a general membership meeting will be held at approximately 4:30 p.m. Dinner will follow shortly after the meeting. Please bring your own meat and a dish to pass.

Just as a reminder, be sure to arrive by 10 a.m. to secure your well. If you can't sail over, you can certainly arrive by land yacht to join in the festivities.

### **International C30 Association Regatta**

#### **Port Huron**

#### **Friday - Sunday, August 1,2,3.**

Cruise Leaders –

Steve Smith .....(248) 553-3162

Roy Schoenherr .....(810) 794-3007.

1. The activities will be coordinated by the International C-30A and the Port Huron Yacht Club.
2. All group activities will take place at the Port Huron Yacht Club.
3. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE STAYING ON THE RIVER AT THE PORT HURON "RIVER STREET" MUNICIPAL MARINA. (Cost is about the same as St. Clair)
4. I suggest that all those who can travel up the river on Friday August 1st. There will be some type of welcome activity Friday evening, but details are not yet available.
5. There will be a Dinner, complete with music at the Port Huron Yacht Club on Saturday. Again, details are not yet available.

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

**Paul Kurkowski**

Ahoy Mates! I wish you all a Happy Summer, Happy Heat and a very Happy High Water Level. Now that the cool wet springtime has left us and the hot wet summer is here, I am thinking the every other day rainstorms can slow down any time now. Jeez at this rate we are gonna start growing webbing between our toes. Just another reason to wear toe rings, don't ya think? Oh yeh, least I forget, Happy Birthday USA!

Well, just remember that when the sun finally appears, to apply your sunscreen and sun block to all the exposed parts of your body. Also, remember to reapply them every two hours because the sun and perspiration breaks the active ingredients down even on cloudy days. Clouds only block about 80% of Ultra-Violet light rays (both A and B).

Speaking of light, two Michigan Lighthouses are in the news. Grand Traverse Lighthouse is one of nineteen others that may be chosen by online election votes to receive free new windows. Only one will win the prize. You can read all about it and you can vote at [http://www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse/index\\_vote.cfm](http://www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse/index_vote.cfm)

Stannard Rock Lighthouse in Lake Superior now has equipment and instruments atop its 110-foot structure to measure the evaporation rate(s) of the lake water. NOAA and Environment Canada are hoping to find out how big of a puzzle piece this is to the water levels of all our Great lakes. As one team scientist said, "it's like measuring the smoke that rises from a Birthday cake candle after it's blown out". Holy moly I say, good luck with that project, whew! If our government officials would just kill the bottled water industry within the great lake system that itself would stave off a whole lot of evaporation.

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski ***"Space Hunter"***

- 6. NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN E-MAIL SENT TO ALL WHO ARE SIGNED UP BY MID JULY CONTAINING AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE. I WILL VERIFY THAT THIS E-MAIL IS RECEIVED BY ALL.
- 7. I suggest that a good activity for early Saturday would be to group several couples that have not previously ventured onto the Big Blue Lake on the Huron Nation, with some experienced members and sail out in Lake Huron to watch that regatta. This could be a learning experience and confidence builder. I would appreciate comments on this.
- 8. There will be an awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon for those that want to stay.
- 9. We passed out booklets containing much information on what to do in Port Huron at the St. Clair cruise. These are available from the Blue Water or St. Clair chamber of commerce.
- 10. This cruise will be a great chance to talk to our IC-30A officers and get some sailing tips about sailing in Florida, or Chesapeake Bay.
- 11. LOOK FOR THE UP-COMING E-MAIL !!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Belle River- Belle River Marina**  
**Saturday August 16th.**

Cruise Leaders –

- Chuck and Linda Reed .....(248) 652-3325
- Roy and Judi Schoenherr .....(810) 794-3007

**TOGA PARTY TIME!**

To remind those attending this cruise – How to make a Toga? Go to [www.howtomakeatoga.info/](http://www.howtomakeatoga.info/) and find everything you always wanted to know about togas. Also, togas don't need to be white, use your imagination.

Those departing Saturday morning, please arrive at CR1 by 9:00 am. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvre and judging of togas will take place at 4:00pm. Dinner is on your own. Sunday morning – coffee and rolls at 8:30 am.

If you choose to leave on Friday, you must call Helen @ Belle River Marina @ 519-728-2245 or e-mail at [HMarentette@lakeshore.ca](mailto:HMarentette@lakeshore.ca) to make your reservation. Be sure to tell her/them that you are with the Clinton River Catalina Association. Don't forget your bikes and chairs if you have them.

**Windsor – Lakview Marina**  
**Saturday and Sunday, August 30th & 31st.**

Cruise Leaders –

- Jack and Janet Creed .....(248) 623-0628
- Bill and Deanna Lundy .....(586) 228-5864
- Ted and GaeWing .....(248) 373-5463.

We are celebrating Labor day by leaving the country as we travel to Lakeview Marina. Here are details of the cruise

**Saturday -**

- > Plan to leave the CR channel about 9:00.
- > Cocktail hour at 3:00, BYOB and a dish to pass..

> Dinner Saturday is on your own. Keep in mind the many excellent restaurants on Erie St and elsewhere in Windsor.

**Sunday -**

- > Join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast in the picnic area. We will have coffee, juice, fruit and pancakes with all the fixings.
- > Afternoon cocktails around 3:00 on the wall. BYOB, and a dish to pass. There will be an exciting event planned, watch your e-mail for more details.
- > Dinner on your own.

**Monday -**

- > Coffee will be available for around 9:00. Depart on your own schedule.

**Pumpkin Cruise – Metro Beach**  
**Saturday, September, 27th.**

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

The Ellison's would once again like to invite you to the "Annual Pumpkin Cruise." Located in Metropolitan Commune (Metro Beach South Marina) September 27, 2007 in the afternoon 2 pm or so. If you would like, come dressed in your best 60/70's attire. You can also show up with a non-political protest sign or signs. We are also requesting photographs of you from the 60/70's (back when your hair was a different color or of the hipper you.) As usual we will have the campfire with dogs and buns, which you roast yourself. Bring a dish to pass.

Prizes will be awarded for best protest sign, pumpkin, and games. Come via water or land everyone is welcome. After dark movies will be viewed. Extra donations from your Woodstock (firewood) as well as helpful hands are always welcome. Hope to see you there.

**Race Report**  
**Paul Krutty, Race Chair**

. Welcome back racers.

The Spring Series ended on June 19th. There were thirteen boats participating in the series in two Jam classes. The PHRF class was dropped to increase the level of competition.

Complete race results are available on the CRCA webpage

If you have not paid to race in the Summer Series, it is time to send me your payment of \$25.

Be sure to check out the information regarding the CRCA Invitational Race and Picnic on August 23rd.

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 on August 23rd or a regular Thursday evening race. Just contact me and I will include you.

Paul Krutty "Sea Quell"

# **ABYRA POINT SERIES**

**2008 CLINTON RIVER CATALINA  
ASSOCIATION**

**INVITATIONAL**

**Open to all ABYRA, DRYA &  
USSA members in good standing.**

**Sunday August 23rd**  
**Start: 12:35 PM**

**Applications available at**  
**CRCAsail.org**

**Food at modest cost and awards after the race at the Markley  
Marine Gazebo on North River Rd.**  
**Bring chairs and YOB seating is limited.**

## **Smuggler's Marina Cruise Report**

### **Don Tishler - Sponsor**

Senior moment, Friday wasn't the Fourth SO lots of time to shop and get costumes while Mike works half of a DAY day HA, HA. DID everything late Thursday night and early Friday morning. ( 5:30 A.M.)

Trip across fine till the channel then motor, motor, MOTORED.

Everyone got there by 3 P. M. CONFUSION , DINNER OR ORDURVES ? DINNER AT FOUR !

MIKE, the bright one came up with a dangerous game after dinner but it came across great as the group bit into it. He picked two boats to make up a team. Each team selected a candiddate, and the five candidates gave their speeches. Their platforms were terrific but unpublishable. Thanks crew ! Then Tish gave his brief history lesson and SURPRISE Larry and others were quite good students.

Breakfast next morning coffee, fruit, fruit juices, pastries and one small pineapple were presented in fine fashion. The coffee pot got filled and emptied 3 TIMES.

WEATHER WAS TERRIFIC, WARM BUT BREEZY

Lunch was pot luck of all that was left aboard the ships and worked out well. Held the 50/50 but Tishler didn't win.

All went to dinner and then to bed, it was crowded but we managed.

Up Sunday morning . coffee and left overs then a real breakfast in the restaurant.

They reversed the layout of the bar and restaurant and it was horrible. NO DRINKING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE AT THE POOL AND GAZBO AREAS! BUY ALL DRINKS FROM THEM. Hardly anybody spent a dime there except for ice and breakfast.

OUR GROUP SAID NEVER AGAIN !

Don Tishler

*"Hockey Puck"*

## **Membership Report**

### **John Pecha - Membership Chairman**

As of July we have 30 member boats. The enrollment sheet can be dowloaded and printed from the web site. We've had some good racing and great cruising. Let's try to share our good fortune with some new members. If you'd like me to contact someone just let me know.

John Pecha

*"WINDependence"*