



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

Founded 1988

March, 2009

### Calendar

#### Social Schedule

2009 Commodore's Ball, Gino's Surf Lounge .....	Mar 28
Fun Race and Picnic .....	Jun 06

#### Cruising Schedule

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#5 .....	11
#6 .....	18
Spring Make up Race .....	25
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#3 .....	20
#4 .....	27
#5 .....	Sep 03
#6 .....	10
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Invitational Race .....	Aug 22

(Note: Series races start at 7:00 PM. Invitational start is 12:30 PM)

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### Commodore's Corner

Doug Post - Commodore

Ahoy All,

As this winter, which seems to have lasted at least ten months, slowly comes to an end, we can look forward to removing tarps, covers and shrink wrap, and once again turning our boats into clean and shiny sailing vessels. Unlike last year, when I was working in Mexico, I had to stay here and experience the wrath of winter. Then after being given the perfect "out" by my cardiology rehab nurse, "you can never shovel snow again," I had to go ask the doctor if that was really the case? Let this be a reminder, you should never ask a question unless you know the answer – because I ended the winter as the primary snow shoveler in our family! Oh well, as you all know, I could certainly use the exercise!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Club members who have agreed to serve in officer and chairman(woman)ship positions this year. We are fortunate to have longstanding members willing to pitch in once again and newer members willing to take the plunge and serve for the first time.

From the bits and pieces I've heard over the winter, it sounds like the cruise co-chairs, Becky and Judi, have worked very hard to plan a fantastic season of cruising with both new and old locations in the mix. Jean and I look forward to attending as many as possible this summer.

I attended a meeting of the Anchor Bay Yacht Racing Association (ABYRA) to set the Anchor Bay racing programs for the coming summer. I thank Mike Bracket and Steve Maynard for representing CRCA with me on this committee.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the Commodore's Ball and experiencing the new venue, Gino's Surf. I'm sure it will be a great party again this year.

See You Soon,

Doug Post     *Wippin' Post*

### 2009 Committee Chairs

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## Social Scene

Becky & Glen Ellison, 2009 Social Committee

### Commodore Ball 2009

A big Thank You to all who will be attending the commodore's ball. This year it will be at Gino's Surf, which is located on the lake (last I looked the ice fishermen were gone, and we have open deep water). To get to Gino's (if you aren't sure of the location) head East on Metropolitan Pkwy or take I 94 to the Metropolitan Pkwy exit. Getting off at 94 you will turn right and go to Crocker, this will be the first intersection. Turn right on to Crocker and go to Jefferson. Turn left and it's one mile down the road. We are looking forward to seeing all of you, and kicking off what should be a great season, with higher lake levels.

Becky & Glen Ellison      *"Adventure"*

#### **Commodore's Ball Specifics:**

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009

Time: 6:30-11:30

Dinner about 7:00 pm

Address: Gino's Surf Lounge

37400 Jefferson Harrison Twp, MI 48045

Phone 586-468-2611

## From the Poop Deck Seaworthy Ideas and Stuff

Paul Kurkowski

Ahoy mates! Buoy, oh buoy, oh buoy, has this been a brutal winter or what? Now we have struggled out of February and March has arrived like the lion the Spring Equinox will soon be here. At this writing, we are at eleven and a half hours of daylight. NOAA has been promising higher water levels this year. However, I don't think they expected to have that record making snowfall amount disappear so quickly. Therefore, let us hope for large amounts of rain prior to our boat yard work and launch schedules.

Now is the time to start thinking about the preparation of our boats for the season of '09.

It is time to consider tape, cleaners, waxes and hull preparations to make our beauties shine, and, of course, solvents and bottom paint. Dang, don't you just love the smell of bottom paint in the morning. Repairs to sails and biminis, retro fits of anything from radios to stereos to lighting and the throne in the head. Don't forget to check your hoses, clamps, belts, impeller, and fluid levels.

Those who have not been to our Clinton River these last few months may be interested to know that the Bay-view Bridge is officially in the process of being torn down, three supports will eventually replace the original five. Work will not be completed until post boating season, November 2009.

On that note, automotive traffic may be a headache especially during the weekend of August 22 and 23. Selfridge ANG Base is having an Air Show. The headliners this year will be the USAF Thunderbirds. Won't it be fun watching them fly right over Markey Marina?

On an international note, no, not Nexus, newly built ocean freighters are to be built having a ballast free hull design. It has been reported, that our U of M developed a bow to stern longitudinal "trunk" system. The trunks are left open to the sea while underway. This forces a local water exchange every two hours. Oh, oh, Lake St. Clair water could end up in Lake Huron. That could be interesting. However, with today's economy I don't see any new ships being built any time soon.

That's it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*



**Adventuring  
heads upwind  
to the mark  
in a CRCA  
Race.  
See C22  
reports  
page 3.**

### **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!

## **Racing 2009**

### **Steve Maynard, 2009 Race Chair**

The 2009 Race program is planned. It should be a good year. We have two or three new boats so we may be able to spread out the classes more. I need to know whether you want to race Spinnaker or JAM so I can start to set up the classes.

I would like to encourage all non racers to join us for this fun and exciting way to further enjoy your sport. If you would like to participate as crew or on race committee, please contact me and I will see to it that you are included. Check the race schedule on Page 1.

The ABRYA Skippers' Meeting is May 1, at North Star Sail Club, from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. You can sign up for our series along with the other ABRYA series. These will include the ABRYA Invitational Series, AYC races and NSSC races. They will be covering the changes for this year.

NSSC is trying to set a U.S. & Canadian Customs Requirements Seminar to go over the process for going to and returning from Canada. The rules are much more strict this year. This will also include representatives from Homeland Security and the Coast Guard. As soon as a date is set, I'll send out a notice. Port Huron Yacht Club is also sponsoring one of these meetings. I'm not sure of the date. You can contact the club for date and time.

On March 11 at 7:00 pm, Great Lakes Yacht Club, 23900 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores is hosting one of the last DRYA seminars for the season. The is "Sailboat Racing Tactics" with Al Declercq.

On March 12 at 7:00 pm, NSSC is sponsoring a Mac Race Seminar. If you're interested in the Mac this is a good seminar. It covers a lot of good information about the race.

On March 25 at 7:00 pm, the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society is holding a Safety Seminar at NSSC.

Finally, I will be presenting the race flags for the 2008 season at the Commodore's Ball on March 28 at Gino's surf. See you there.

Please send your questions and preferences to me. My e-mail address and phone # are shown on the member list.

Steve Maynard *"Trillium"*

**"A tourist remains an outsider throughout his visit, but a sailor is part of the local scene from the moment he arrives."**

**Ann Davison**

## **Membership Report**

### **Larry Caricchio - Membership Chairman**

The current paid membership stands at 60%, so it's time for some of you to open your moth eaten check books and pony up your CRCA dues for 2009. Don't take a chance on missing out on the boating season's opening festivities, especially after such a hard winter.

In a separate e-mail you will receive 2 member lists. One shows active members. The other, '08 members who's dues we have not yet received. If you are listed on the latter, send your application in now. Also, please check the lists for accuracy and report any errors to me.

Larry Caricchio "Zingara"  
Navigo Ergo Sum

## **Fleet Activity**

### **C22 Winter Regatta**

Erv Zimmerman and Mike Bracket sailed Adventuring in the C22 Mid-Winter Regatta in Cocoa, FL on Feb 21-22. A total of 28 boats participated from all over the Eastern half of the US. The regatta was won by the current reigning National Champ - Justin Chambers from Atlanta. Adventuring sailed well but the competition is pretty stiff.

Mark roundings in a One Design fleet of 28 boats can get quite interesting!! In spite of the 2 boat length circle, there is never quite enough room. We did get a lot of practice on the 360s!! Overall, we finished well down in the fleet. But on the upside, the weather in FL was 70 degrees and sunny, with winds in the 10-12 Kt range. A far cry better than the snow storm in Michigan.

### **C22 Fleet Report**

Catalina 22 Fleet 130 held its Spring meeting on Saturday, March 7th at North Star Sail Club. We had 4 boats represented and Erv was there in spirit. He was still in sunny FL while we were soaking wet in the rain!!

Topic of discussion was trying to get sufficient boats interested to approach the NOOD Organizers about having a C22 One Design Start. We have 4 solid commitments and a possibility of one or two more. If any one is really interested in sailing some real one design races, let me know. We might be able to find you a boat.

We also discussed the Great Lakes Cruise this summer to the Apostle Islands on Lake Superior and the possibility of joining CRCA on a cruise or two.

We also agreed to have a couple of day sails out the St Clair light followed by a picnic at Metro Beach and maybe a Fleet display (on the land) at the fall boat show. Anyone know how much the cost is for a 'booth' at the boat show?

The next meeting will be held in May.

Mike Bracket "Gunsmoke"

## **Cruising Column**

**Becky Smith and Judi Schoenherr**  
**2009 Cruise Committee**

Hello Fellow Sailors:

After this cold and snowy winter all of us will definitely be ready for our 2009 Sailing Season.

Thank you again to all of you that responded to our cruise poll. It was a real help to us planning our cruise year. Your comments were very much appreciated too! We added a couple of new adventures to this year's schedule of events.

They are as follows::

1. The Idle Hour Yacht Club on the South Channel. This cruise may or may not take place depending on the water depth. Let's hope for the best. If you choose to sign up for this, we will definitely keep you posted. This cruise you will want to bring your bikes to bicycle on Harsens Island and your dinghies to motor over to Muskimute Bay to Play and Swim.
2. Tour de Markley. This will be a walking cruise. All of us will be visiting and touring CRCA boats in small groups for drinks, snacks, and idea exchanges in the early afternoon. This will be the time to share your projects with other Catalina owners (Including the Locke's beautiful Beneteau.) Then we will all gather at the gazebo for more food and drinks or a BBQ. The main event is a night sail to wherever the wind may take us with couples joining each other on a few boats to share the stars, wind and sailing adventures. Finally, we end with a nightcap and a bonfire back at the marina. We may also include a dock box sale. Bring your nautical items you would like to sell or trade. For those of you traveling from other marinas you may want to call Markely for a transient slip.

As in the past, look for detailed information of each cruise in upcoming CATSCAN Publications.

You will notice as you read the cruise schedule below that we are in need of CRUISE LEADERS. If you are interested, we could sure use your help. Please let Becky or I know by May 1st.

Happy Cruising,

Becky Smith      *"Twice Blessed"*  
Judi Schoenherr      *"Morning Star II"*

## **2009 CRUISE SCHEDULE**

### **Fun Race & Picnic**

*Saturday, June 6th*

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

### **Metro Beach**

*Saturday, June 13th*

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

John & Laura Pecha (586-469-1634)

### **Belle River Marina**

*Saturday, June 27th*

Cruise Leaders – Needed

### **St. Clair Boat Harbor**

*Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th*

Cruise Leaders – Needed

### **Metro Raft-Off/Dinghy Cruise**

*Saturday, July 18th*

Cruise Leaders – Needed

### **Jefferson Beach**

*Saturday, August 8th.*

Cruise Leaders – Paul & Barb Kurkowski (586-675-8211)

Doug & Jean Post (586-412-7864)

### **Tour de Markley**

*Saturday, August 15th*

Cruise Leaders – Chuck & Linda Reed (248-652-3325)

Paul & Barb Kurkowski(586-675-8211)

### **Idle Hour Yacht Club/South Channel**

*Saturday, August 22nd.*

Cruise Leaders – Roy & Judi Schoenherr (810-794-3007)

Chuck & Linda Reed (248-652-3325)

### **Windsor – Lakeview Marina**

*Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th*

Cruise Leaders- Jack & Janet Creed (248-623-0628)

Bill & Deanna Lundy (586-228-5864)

Ted & Gae Wing (248-373-5463)

### **Pumpkin Cruise – Metro Beach**

*Saturday, September 26th*

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

**"The truth is that to sail, to even contemplate sailing, calls for a fundamental faith in one's self."**

***Richard Bode***