



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

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July, 2010

### Calendar

#### Social Schedule

No items currently scheduled.

#### Cruising Schedule

Idle Hour Yacht Club .....	Jul 17
William G. Milliken Harbor .....	Jul 31
Metro Beach .....	Aug 14
Tour de Markley .....	Aug 21
Windsor, Lakeview Marina .....	Sep 04-05
Pumpkin Cruise - Metro Beach .....	Oct 02

#### Race Schedule

Summer Series .....	Aug 12, 19, 26, Sep 02, 09
Summer Make Up (if needed) .....	Sep 16
CRCA International Regatta .....	Aug 22

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### Commodore's Corner

John Pecha - Commodore, 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

Hard to believe its' July already. The Spring racing has already concluded and we have had a couple of cruises. If you haven't heard, the St. Clair cruise also doubled as sailboat towing practice. WINDependence is fine and back in her slip. The camaraderie shown on that trip has just added to the CRCA cruise legends.

We had great weather for the fun race, which was won by Silent Dream and her crew of "Hooters and the Blowfish". Word has it that story has made it all the way to the "Mainsheet".

A salute to all of you is due for your tradition of caring and helping fellow sailors. That attitude has enabled us to add additional members to our organization. The latest, Mark and Kathy Beckers. If you have a chance, stop by slip 160 on the river inlet at Markley and welcome them.

We have a lot of sailing, cruising, and racing left. I look forward to more great times and seeing all of you again.

Happy Sails to you!!

John Pecha                      *"WINDependence"*

#### **Included with this issue are the following PDF files:**

- > A current member list including 3 resigned members and 1 new member. At your next opportunity extend a warm CRCA welcome to Wendy & David Lucid. Also new are Kathy & Mark Beckers. Their information will follow. They will bring our total to 25.
- > An invitation to join the summer cruisers race series.
- > A new (to us) Cap'm Jim story from Larry Caricchio.

A thought from Jack Creed

I object to the use of the term "the federal government is spending money like a drunken sailor", when I run out of money I quit drinking.

*A Sailor*

## **Race Report**

### **Larry Caricchio - Race Chairman**

The CRCA Spring Series was a little different this year, because we have all size boats racing in one fleet (C22s all the way up to C34s) and we are using the Multi-Sail scoring system. But no matter what the size of the boats or what handicapping method is used, the essentials of racing are still the same: a fast boat, an able crew and a skipper dumb enough to risk his or her, time, money, and personal relationships in pursuit of a dinky little flag.

#### **The results of the CRCA Spring Series are:**

- 1st Whippin'Post - Doug Post
- 2nd SeaQuell – Paul Krutty
- 3rd Butter Cup – Barry Green

We also had another new racing activity which proved interesting this season, namely the ONEWAY RACE in coordination with the CRCA cruise to Jefferson Beach Marina. The wind for this event was, of course, on the nose and blowing, so the boats were heeled hard over all the way to the finish. I didn't get any reports of broken dishes or glassware and only a couple of divorces were threatened, so I consider the race to be a success. The awards ceremony was held at on the beach at JB Marina and although there were rumors of some nefarious engine usage, I extend my thanks to the intrepid sailors who participated in the race.

#### **The results of the ONEWAY RACE are:**

- 1st Bear Paws – Ted & Gae Wing
- 2nd Space Hunter – Paul & Barb Kurkowski
- 3rd Twice Blessed – Steve & Becky Smith

So much for the past events, now, on to the rest of the 2010 racing season, the CRCA Fall Series is set to begin on August 12th and run to September 9th. Hopefully the racers who participated in the spring will return and be joined by others who couldn't make it in the spring. Don't forget to send in your applications and race fees for the fall series if you haven't done so already.

Also, as proposed earlier in the year, I am preparing to have a Cruiser/Racer series on Thursday evenings if enough boats are interested. See the advert for the series elsewhere in this issue of the CATSCAN and let me know, via email, if you are interested in participating so I can finalize the arrangements.

Larry Caricchio      *“Zingara”*      Navigo Ergo Sum

## **The CRCA Invitational Regatta**

### **August 28**

This year's event is an Invitational regatta open to all Anchor Bay sailors. It will be a part of the ABYRA Summer series. The plan is to run 2 windward/leeward races of about 3 miles each (1.5 mile legs). This will be held up in the bay, above the ICR – mark “A”- mark “B” triangle. Classes will be determined by number of participants, but I hope to have a Spinnaker class, a Cruising chute class, a JAM class and a Cruising class (grills & dodgers).

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

### **Paul Kurkowski**

Ahoy Mates!

Well it is summer and I love it. It's hot, hot, hot! Yeah, that's what I've been waiting for, summer. The winds have been fair and the storms when they arrive are awesome. Real gully washers and I'll take all that extra free water. Thanks for it all Mother Nature.

Have you noticed the lack of big, no, huge storms in the Gulf of Mexico? I was taught that the evaporating warm tropical water evaporation is the fuel for hurricanes. Do you think all the crude oil is a factor? I bet it is, and only time will tell. I think most folks would pick the hurricanes over this monumental regional environmental disaster. What a mess. Kinda makes you wanna boycott BP forever. I don't care how much money they throw around to all of them that have lost their livelihoods. The damage is done. It will take a decade of decades before the Gulf gets to a normal state and it will never be as it was before the oil.

Our editor, Ted, sent me a copy of a letter from our Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding the Asian Carp threat. There is a Senate Bill, her Bill, co-sponsored by other Great Lakes Senators calling for the separation of the Great Lakes from the other waterways, i.e. the Mississippi. It also calls for the prevention of water from the Chicago locks from ever entering Lake Michigan.

The only fly in the ointment is the Army Corps of Engineers. It “requires” them to follow the recommendations of top Experts. We do not know who these experts are or how long it will take them to come up with their recommendations.

The next steps will be formulating a Plan of Action and THEN making it happen. I am thinking 2020. I'm not talking about hindsight, I mean the year. By then I say, forgetaboutit! It will be way too late.

I'm thinking some independent party will take actions into their own hands. How about a blockade? A floatilla of private vessels just blocking any access to Lake Michigan, be it vessel or water and especially, them freakin' Carp. Hey, it worked when we did it to Cuba. Of course, those fish were of a nuclear grade. It may be worth the try.

Thanks Senator Stabenow, really. However, I fear once again the governing wheels will turn too slow.

See you all on the water, soon. That is it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski      *“Space Hunter”*

Of course there will be a gathering (food, drinks, awards, fun...) back at Markley marine after the races., This part of the event will be open to all club members.

The “Invitation to race” is in the works and should be sent to all members in the next couple of weeks. Also, Michael Clow at the Yachtsman has agreed to send it out via his email list of Anchor Bay sailors.

Look forward to seeing all of you out there.

Doug Post      *“Whippin' Post”*

## **Cruising Column**

### **Barb Kurkowski and Jean Post 2010 Cruise Committee**

We have had an excellent cruising season, thus far, and look forward to the upcoming events.

We still have a few cruises open for leaders if anyone is interested. If you have not already sent in your reservation form, please do so. Also, remember to send in a separate check for \$10.00 for your registration fee. This is an annual fee regardless of the number of cruises you wish to attend. We still have a few slips available for the Metro Cruise. If anyone is interested in attending and has not yet signed up, just email one of us. The dockage fee is \$25 with checks made payable to CRCA. You're also welcome to attend any of the other cruises -- just let us know as soon as possible."

We would like to thank Eric and Gayle Locke for putting on a great "party" at St. Clair. A good time was had by all. The games were a lot of fun and brought back memories from our youth.

Barb Kurkowski     *"Space Hunter"*  
Jean Post            *"Whippin' Post"*

### **2010 CRCA Cruise Schedule**

#### **IDLE HOUR YACHT CLUB - SOUTH CHANNEL**

**SATURDAY, JULY 17th**

From Jean Post

Our well assignments for Idle Hour are as follows:

1. Adventure - 32
2. Bear Paws - 30
3. Compass Rose - 29
4. Morning Star (arriving by Chris Craft)
5. Spacehunter - 28
6. Twice Blessed - 26
7. Whippin' Post - 25
8. Windependence - 24

All are in the East harbor (up river entrance). We're all together except for dock 31, which has no electric and dock 27, which has an overhanging tree that would interfere with a mast.

Here's some additional information and reminders:

\* As mentioned in my last email, Saturday is their Game Day (details attached). We've been invited to join them.

\* They have a new cook at the Club, who their Commodore tells me is excellent. She'll be cooking dinner from 6-10 p.m.

\* The Harbormaster is on channel 17.

\* 30 amp shore power is available.

\* The water at the slips is NOT approved for drinking so bring plenty of bottled water.

\* We can stay as long as we want on Sunday. The Club remains open until 6 p.m.

\* Don't forget to bring an appetizer to pass during Happy Hour, as well as your dinghies, lawn chairs, and mosquito repellent.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday!

#### **WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN HARBOR**

(formerly Tricentennial)

**SATURDAY, JULY 31st**

Cruise Leaders – Open

Make your own reservations with the Central Reservation System (CRS) - Call 1-800-447-2757

#### **METRO BEACH**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th**

Cruise Leaders – Gary and Marie Johns (586) 206-5097

NOTE: Check-in time is 10 a.m. Metro will not hold slips.

#### **TOUR DE MARKLEY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st**

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

Paul & Barb Kurkowski 586-675-8211

#### **Tour de Markley Agenda**

10:00 am: First on the agenda is a dock box sale starting at 10:00 am. Bring your nautical items you would like to sell or trade to the gazebo located near the river cut (near Spacehunter).

12:00 pm: Meet at the gazebo for your group assignment. All will be visiting and touring CRCA boats in small groups for drinks, appetizers, and idea exchanges. You will be divided into small groups of 3-4 couples where you will visit each of the boats in your group for 30-45 minutes. If your boat is not at Markley, you will still be assigned to a group to tour other members' boats. The host/hostess of each boat will serve up a cocktail, a lunch appetizer, and great conversation. This is the time to share your projects with other Catalina owners.

3:00 pm: Pool Time! Depending on the weather, we will take a swim in the pool and relax.

5:00 pm: We will all gather at the gazebo at 5:00 pm for a BBQ and drinks. Grill your own entrée and bring a dish to pass along with your own beverage and tableware.

7:00 pm: The evening 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.

9:30 pm: Finally, we end with a nightcap and a bonfire back at the marina at the gazebo.

Sunday morning: We will serve coffee and donuts at the gazebo starting at 9:00 am.

For those of you traveling from other marinas, please call Markley Marine for a transient slip at 586-469-6000.

If you have any questions, please contact your cruise leaders.

#### **WINDSOR LAKEVIEW MARINA**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 4th & SUNDAY, SEPT. 5th**

Cruise Leaders – Open

#### **PUMPKIN CRUISE – METRO BEACH**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd**

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