



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

Founded 1988

December, 2011

### CRCA Calendar

#### Social Schedule

Winter Breakfast - Sherwood Brewery .....	Jan 22
Bocce Ball, Pallazo di Bocce, Orion MI .....	Feb 18
Fun Race Picnic .....	Jun 02

#### Cruising Schedule

Fun Race and Picnic .....	Jun 02
Belle River .....	Jun 16
Markley Marine .....	Jun 30
Metro Beach .....	Jul 14
W. G. Milliken Harbor .....	Jul 29
Tour de Markley .....	Aug 11
South Channel Yacht Club .....	Aug 25
St. Clair Boat Harbor .....	Sep 01
Fall Cruise - Metro Beach .....	TBD

#### Race Schedule

In Development

#### 2011 CRCA Officers

Roy Schoenherr .....	Commodore .....	810-794-3007
Chuck Reed .....	Vice Commodore .....	708-227-6163
Doug Post .....	Secretary .....	586-907-6157
Judi Schoenherr .....	Treasurer .....	810-794-3007
Dave Otey .....	Member-at-Large .....	248-797-9755

#### 2011 Committee Chairs

Paul Kurkowski .....	Constitution .....	586-675-8211
Linda Reed .....	Cruising .....	708-227-6163
Jack Gray .....	Racing .....	248-342-9929
John Pecha .....	Membership .....	586-469-1634
Ted Wing .....	Newsletter .....	248-373-5463
Julie and Dave Otey .....	Social .....	248-797-9755
Gae Wing .....	Photographer .....	248-373-5463
Ron Rabine .....	Webmaster .....	586-463-4789

Well, you learn to sail in the wind you get!  
We still enjoy the beer!

**Max Munger**

Comment after a particularly rough ride

### Commodore's Coments - At The Helm Roy Schoenherr - Commodore

As your new commodore I certainly want to keep first things first. Therefore the most important thing I have to say is that Judi and I wish all of you, our friends, a Blessed Christmas, safe travels, and a Happy / Healthy New year. Also, I will do my very best to continue the legacy of CRCA commodores by serving the needs of our club. That said, now I will ramble a little.

As I look back to our arrival in Michigan in spring 2002, I see how CRCA was a part of this chapter in our life from the first day. I was living with my parents while Judi was still in Wichita selling our home. In June I hitched the Morning Star II to a pick-up truck and pulled her 1200 miles from Kansas to Markley. There to welcome us was Bill Lundy. He put his long arm around me and said "Don't worry you have friends here." How true this turned out to be. CRCA sailors were always there with "tips" that made our transition back home to Lake St. Clair much easier and safer. They also entertained us with lots of stories, and some of them were actually true. Even though we now keep the Morning Star II at the house, we have many fond memories of weekends at Markley thanks to you our friends and fellow sailors. Now, ten short years later, I am honored to be your commodore.

I also thank our Past Commodore Dave Otey for his stellar performance while at the helm in 2011. Both Dave and Julie worked tirelessly for the club last year. They continue to volunteer for key responsibilities in the club. Thanks to Chuck Reed for all the work in making our battle flags a reality. I hope all club members fly them often and with pride. (There will be one flying in the BVI this spring!!!)

Our racing program this year has its share of challenges, but I thank Jack Gray and the other racers for their efforts. A quote from Jack's alma mater:

**THOSE WHO SURVIVE, WILL BE CHAMPIONS.**

I'm really looking forward to "Cruising" next year. Hopefully, in spite of our busy retirement schedule, we can join some of you on an "extended" cruise next year.

Finally; I want all of you to do what I do!!!! **Please give \$\$\$ to Judi!** Our club dues are due by January 1st. Please send your \$40.00 check payable to CRCA our Treasurer Judi Schoenherr at 8430 Anchor Bay Drive Clay, MI, 48001-3505

Your Commodore,  
Roy Schoenherr

*"Morning Star II"*

## Dave Otey – Commodore 2011

It is hard to believe but another year has already slipped into the past, along with it, my tenure as your Commodore. I have enjoyed being at the helm of the CRCA and I am proud and more caring of her crew because of it. All of you have made it a pleasure to have served. I am looking forward to our next season for 2012. Isn't it hard to believe that we are already in our twelfth year of this century? All the more reason to reflect on the things that really matter. All has no meaning without family, great friends and time spent sharing our lives with them. It's not gold or silver but time that has no equal. I enjoyed every minute spent with my friends and extended family at the CRCA. God bless all of you and all of those that are dear to you.

- I am turning the helm over to a very conscientious, caring and capable skipper, Commodore elect Roy Schoenherr. Roy has been preparing for this position during his tenure as Vice Commodore. I am at his disposal to assist in any matter that will make his transition to Commodore as smooth as possible. Please join me in welcoming Roy as our new Commodore of the CRCA.

Your friend and Past Commodore,

Dave Otey           *“Compass Rose”*

## Social Scene

### **Dave and Julie Otey - Social Committee**

Well it's time to create a new agenda for the upcoming year. Julie and I have been working on a few events to kick our new year off. I want to thank Ted and Gae for taking the initiative to set up our first event of 2012 Saturday, January 21, 11:00 a.m. at the

Sherwood Brewing Company in Shelby Township.

45689 Hayes Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-9669

Please RSVP at dotey3@gmail.com by January 14, 2012 and I will communicate the count to Sherwood. Thank you.

Other dates to mark on your calendars are:

Saturday February 18, afternoon  
Bocce at Pallazo di Bocce, Orion MI  
Saturday March 17 - tbd  
Saturday April 21 - tbd  
Saturday May 19 - tbd

Details will follow.

Happy New Year  
Dave and Julie Otey           *“Compass Rose”*

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

### **Paul Kurkowski**

Ahoy Mates!

I am sure it has been said many times in this Newsletter and well, I'm gonna say it again. Happy Holidays, to you and yours.

I am sure it's been a hot topic of discussion amongst you all. That being; “Gee, what's on Paul's Christmas list?” Well, that's a darn good question. This will cover Christmas Now and Christmas future,

Consequently, to break all that wonderment, here it is:

Big time cold weather. Oh yeh, the lakes gotta freeze to stave off all that evaporation.

Big time snowstorms. Mainly up north and in Canada, aye. I'm not talking lake effect storms. I mean the ones the suck up the moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and dump it up here (hopefully north of us).

Big time better summer season. Face it, last summer was one that was, well, different. World climate change, Is that what they call it now?

Big time toys for the boat. How can you ever tire of those? There are so many of them.

Big time continuation of hanging with all you CRCA members and, your families.

Small time wishes? Well there's too many to elaborate on so, I'll stop at that.

In the spirit of Christmas past, I wish to share something I looked forward to every Christmas in my youth in the Christmas Sunday Funnies. It still makes me smile. I'll only print the first eight lines. It's from Walt Kelly's “Pogo”.

Deck us all with Boston Charlie,  
Walla Walla, Washington and Kalamazoo!  
Nora's freezin' on the trolley,  
Swaller dollar cauliflower alley'garoo!  
Don't we known archaic barrel,  
Lullaby lilla boy, Louisville Lou?  
Trolley Molly don't love Harold,  
Boola boola Pensacoola hullabaloo!

Happy holidays everybody! That Grinch, he truly is a sly one. That is it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski   *“Space Hunter”*

## **Membership Report**

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

We have 24 members. See the included listing. An application form is also included with this newsletter. It's time to fill it out and send it in. Please keep a copy handy to give to prospective new members. Dues are \$40.

John Pecha   *“Windependence”*

## Cruising Column

### **Linda Reed - 2012 Cruise Committee Chair**

Ahoy Cruisers!

Before you know it, we will have our boats back in the water and cruising again! The cruise schedule for 2012 is set and is enclosed with this issue of the Catscan. Please be sure to complete it and return before April 15, 2012.

I want to thank all of you who have already volunteered for next year's cruises. We only have three cruises left that need cruise leaders – Markley Marine, Milliken, and the Fall Cruise. Being a cruise leader means anything you want it to be from telling us what time to meet to organizing an activity. All cruises enable us to travel to a destination and/or just being together as a club. Even if you are a newer member, volunteering to lead a cruise is easy and the rest of us will help you.

One of the major changes this year is around the July 4th and Labor Day Holiday. Since the 4th of July is in the middle of week, we are changing the cruise to St. Clair to the Labor Day Holiday in September. We will spend the weekend prior to July 4th at Markley Marine. Just a reminder to make your reservations early in 2012 for the state harbors. Just follow the directions on the cruise schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact email me or call me (clr1294@gmail.com or 708-227-8913). All of us are looking forward to a great 2012 cruising season!

Linda Reed

## 2012 CRCA Cruise Schedule

Reservation form, deposit checks are due by mail no later than April 15th. **Mail your reservation form and checks to: Linda Reed, 2227 Rochelle Park Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.** Check off the cruises you plan to attend and include a separate check for each cruise as indicated below. All checks are to be made payable to CRCA. You must cancel 10 days in advance of the cruise for a refund. **CRUISE LEADERS NEEDED!!** Please email Linda Reed (clr1294@gmail.com ) if you would like to volunteer.

### FUN RACE & PICNIC - MARKLEY MARINE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd

Cruise Leaders: The Post's 586-907-6157

Picnic and meeting will follow the race.

### BELLE RIVER

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th

Cruise Leaders: The Locke's 586-431-7017

\$20 deposit check made payable to CRCA  
(Check will be returned to you at the cruise.)

### MARKLEY MARINE

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th

#### Cruise Leaders Needed

Make your own reservations with Markley Marine  
(586-469-6000)

### METRO BEACH

SATURDAY, JULY 14th

Cruise Leaders: The Caricchio's 248-852-3078

Make your own reservations with the Central Reservation System (CRS) -Call 1-800-447-2757. This harbor will not assign a block of slips in advance, but they will group our boats together. When making your reservation with the CRS, tell them to note in the comment section that you're with the Clinton River Catalina Association and would like dockage assigned together.

### WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN HARBOR

SATURDAY, JULY 29th

#### Cruise Leaders Needed

Make your own reservations with the Central Reservation System (CRS) - Call 1-800-447-2757 This harbor will not assign a block of slips in advance, but they will group our boats together. When making your reservation with the CRS, tell them to note in the comment section that you're with the Clinton River Catalina Association and would like dockage assigned together.

### TOUR DE MARKLEY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th

Cruise Leaders: The Kurkowski's 586-675-8211

The Reed's 708-227-6163

Boat Tours, Auction, and Dinner River Cruise.

### CATALINA 30 NATIONALS

AUGUST 17-19 - NORTH STAR SAIL CLUB

### SOUTH CHANNEL YACHT CLUB, HARSEN'S

ISLAND - SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th

Cruise Leaders: The Schoenherr's 810-794-3007

\$10 deposit check made payable to CRCA  
(Check will be returned to you at the cruise.)

### ST. CLAIR BOAT HARBOR

SATURDAY - MONDAY, SEPT 1st - 3rd)

Cruise Leaders: The Creed's 248-563-7056

The Wing's 248-373-5463

Make your own reservations with the Central Reservation System (CRS) - This harbor has reserved a block of slips with the CRS for our club so you need to call 1-800-447-2757 and mention that you're making a reservation with the Clinton River Catalina Association.

### FALL CRUISE - METRO BEACH

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 15th or SEPTEMBER 29th

#### Cruise Leaders Needed

### METRO BEACH BOAT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2012