



CATSCAN



The Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association
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Calendar of Events

Commodore's Ball - March 13, 1999
Edison Inn, Port Huron, Mi.

Picnic - May 15

General Membership Meeting - May 15

Cruising Schedule

Windsor Lakeview Marina - June 5
Metro Beach - June 19
Belle River - July 3-5
Bouvier Bay - July 31
Idle Hour Yacht Club - August 7
Radlin's Marina - Thames River - August 21

Racing schedule

Skipper's Meeting - April 15
Tune-Up Race - May 13
Fun Race - May 15

Spring Series - Thursdays
May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, &
June 24 (Make-Up July 1)

Fall Series - Thursdays
July 29, Aug 5, Aug 12, Aug, 19, Aug 26, &
Sept 2 (Make-Up - Sept 11)

International Regatta - September 11

1998 CRCA OFFICERS

Commodore:	Chris Cook
Vice Commodore:	Doug Post
Treasurer:	Janet Creed
Secretary:	Fred Locke
Member-at-Large:	Larry Yeaster
Cruise Chairmen:	Phil / Pat Morell
Social Chairman:	Mike Bracket
Race Chairman:	Ervin Zimmerman
Membership Chairman:	Jack Creed
Newsletter:	Barb / Paul Kurkowski

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Commodore's Corner
Chris Cook

This year was kicked off with our Board Meeting on January 25, 1999. Dates for the cruising and racing schedules have been tentatively set, and are printed in this edition. Look them over and begin planning all your other activities around this great schedule.

Thanks to all of last year's officers, your time and effort was greatly appreciated. With another successful year under our belts, let's make this upcoming season just as enjoyable as last year's---weather permitting.

Let's all set our "Land Sails" for the Commodore's Ball on March 13, 1999. Everyone knows how much fun we had last year, so here's your chance to experience it all over again. For those of you who plan on staying overnight, get your reservations in!! Those of you who are planning on bringing children, as Karen and I, and others, did last year, we are planning on setting them up in a room with activities and food to keep them busy.

So let's look ahead to a long and safe year of sailing. We'll see everyone at the Commodore's Ball.

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MEMBERSHIP

Jack Creed

I would like to put together a membership roster of all members in good standing. This list will include boat names, sizes, member names, phone numbers, and addresses. I would hope to have the list together for the Fun

Race/Picnic/Meeting.

Membership fees are always due January 1st, if you have not yet sent in your application, PLEASE do so.

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Cruising Corner

Phil/Pat Morrell

CRCA 1999 Tentative Cruising Schedule

Ahoy all CRCA Cruisers! It's time to start thinking of warm weather and those enjoyable ports you visited last. Because we had a real winter this year, it'll be much better when we finally get to do some sailing! On the right is the tentative schedule for the 1999 CRCA cruising program. Deposit information and a firmer schedule will be in the next CATSCAN. The deadline for slip deposits will, again, be the Fun Race/Picnic.

New This Year ---You must make your own arrangements (reservations and deposit) if the cruise chairpersons have not received your reservation and deposit one week prior to the

Metro Beach - June 19 & 20
Hosted by Deanna & Bill Lundy and
Michelle & Ron Niborski

Belle River - July 3, 4, & 5
Hosted by Nan & Al Suydam

Bouvier Bay - July 31
Hosted by Becky & Steve Smith

Idle Hour Yacht Club - August 7 & 8
Hosted by Chris & Ken Mette

Radlin's Marina/Thames River - August 21
& 22 Hosted by Barb & Paul Kurkowski and
Rose & Frank Lauricella

cruise.

Fun Race & Picnic at Markley - May 15
Picnic and Meeting following the race

Windsor Lakeview Marina - June 5 & 6
Hosted by Sandy & Ken Bousum

Labor Day Weekend - TBD

International Race - September 11
Picnic & Meeting following the race

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LAKE ERIE CRUISE - JULY 1999
Doug Post

In the last newsletter, I had an article for a proposed weeklong cruise to Lake Erie. The tentative schedule was to leave CR1 on Saturday, July 17, spend Saturday night at Boblo, Sunday depart for Put-In-Bay, depart Tuesday morning for Cedar Point, leave Thursday morning for Boblo Island, Friday depart for Windsor.

If anyone is interested, Please call me with suggestions/comments/questions.

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RACE NEWS
Erv Zimmerman

Proposed 1999 CRCA Racing Schedule

Please contact me if you see any conflicts or have any suggestions.

Skippers meeting: April 15 at The Tannery(formerly Hadley's) 7:00 PM

Tune-Up Race - May 13

Fun Race - May 15

Spring Series

Race #1	May 20
Race #2	May 27
Race #3	June 3
Race #4	June 10
Race #5	June 17
Race #6	June 24
Make-Up	July 1

Fall Series

Race #1	July 29
Race #2	August 5
Race #3	August 12
Race #4	August 19
Race #5	August 26
Race #7	September 2
Make-Up	September 9



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International Regatta - September 11

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Social Report

Mike Bracket

The CRCA's 11th Annual Commodore's Ball will be held once again at the romantic Thomas Edison Inn in beautiful Port Huron, Mi. on the evening of March 13, 1999. Be sure to send in your reservation. See you then! - Mike.



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FROM THE POOP DECK **SEAWORTHY IDEAS & STUFF** **Paul Kurkowski**

Ahoy mates. Enjoying the February thaw? Now if we only could get some February precipitation. I write that because we need the moisture. We have been spoiled the last couple of years with water levels in our beloved Lake St. Clair around eighteen inches above normal. Late fall of 1998 showed us where the level is heading. It is heading down (to normal). I admit it has been fun sailing along close to shore and over the shallows that for many of us were bottom-thumping experiences in years past. Unless the reigning (pun intended) boating gods favor us in the next eight weeks with much wet or better yet much frozen stuff from the sky, our depth alarms will be the common sound of summer. But, don't be alarmed. Again, the summer levels should be normal and that ain't bad.

Every time I think that I've said my final words on those foreign (aquatic) invaders of the Great Lakes, they surface again. Yep, Zebra (or the plural version Zabrae) mussels are in the news again. After writing about these pests off and on for nearly ten years it never ceases to amaze me how nothing can be done about them. First it was a local problem. Then a regional disaster, including our Canadian neighbors. Now, yes now, it is a Federal battle. The departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Interior have joined forces to combat all those foreign invaders that are causing losses of over 123 billion dollars. The Feds are throwing well over 28 million dollars into the battle against the invaders. But, Now Hear This, the Secretary of the interior has been quoted as saying, "that the new federal push will likely only contain the spread of existing foreign species and stop the arrival of new species rather than eliminate the established populations completely." Like dah, where in the deep blue sea have these people been? Talk amongst yourselves. There is just too little space here to go on.



Being that it is February, I should mention the Cobo Boat Show. There, I did, and unless you are looking for accessories I wouldn't bother going. It's a powerboat thing once again as per my sources.

Hope to see all of you at the 11th Commodores Ball. Be there or be rigged square.

Well that's it for now. Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

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NEXT MEETING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY,
MAY 15, 1999 MARKLEY MARINA - FOLLOWING
FUN RACE AND PICNIC.

