



# CATSCAN

## Newsletter of the Clinton River Catalina Association

**Founded 1988** **September, 2011**

### CRCA Calendar

#### 2011 Annual Membership Meeting

Markley Marine ..... Oct 22

#### Social Schedule

Commodore's Ball ..... Nov 05  
Rivercrest Banquet Hall

#### Cruising Schedule

Pumpkin Cruise - Metro Beach ..... Oct 01

#### Race Schedule

Completed

#### 2011 CRCA Officers

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Paul Kurkowski	Constitution	586-675-8211
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### Commodore's Corner

**Dave Otey - Commodore**

Ahoy fellow sailors,

First A big CRCA welcome to new members Ryan Craig, Jon Russell and Joey Baker. Their vessels are respectively, Phantom, Allegra and Euphoria.

A brief review of our season starts with the annual "Fun Race," followed by a cookout celebrating the birth of another sailing season. Our racing contingent is just completing their season. Thanks to Race Chairman, Jack Gray, for managing the fleet. Our cruisers have enjoyed visiting Belle River, St. Clair, where we celebrated our nation's independence, the South Channel Yacht Club, Metro Beach, the William G. Milliken Harbor, and Windsor's Lakeview Marina. We also enjoyed a weekend at Markley Marine for the "Tour de Markley." Of course, we have one more cruise to wrap up this season before we start preparing our vessels for winter. The "Pumpkin Cruise" theme this year is "Aliens from Outer Space". Costumes are highly encouraged. There is the pumpkin decorating contest, followed by a "Stew Cook-off." All the cruising events are made possible by our volunteer cruise leaders and our Cruise Chairpersons Jean Post and Barb Kurkowski. We Thank you all for another wonderful season where we enjoyed our families, our vessels and most of all our time together.

While sailing is drawing to a close, we still have two more events in addition to the Pumpkin Cruise. On October 22 we will convene the Annual Membership meeting. Then, on November 5, the Commodore's Ball to be held at the Rivercrest in Rochester.

It's been a great year and we look forward to seeing you all at these last few events.

Fairwinds from your Commodore,

Dave Otey *"Compass Rose"*

**But you must at all times remember that the power of the sea is greater than anything else on earth: and that although many fleets have sailed over it, not one has conquered or harnessed it, and no one ever will. Remember too, that like fire, the sea is a good friend but a bad master, so you must never, never allow yourself to get into a position where the sea is in control.**

*Uffa Fox*

## **Social Scene**

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

Mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball November 5, 2011 It will be held at the Rivercrest Banquet Hall in Rochester Hills. Watch your e-mail for details

Dave and Julie Otey            *"Compass Rose"*

## **2011 Annual Membership Meeting Announced**

Please mark your calendars for the annual membership meeting scheduled for October 22, 2011 2:00 PM at Markley Marine. We have reserved the front room of the building immediately to the left of the guard shack as you enter the marina. Officers will be elected for the 2012 calendar year. Details regarding candidates will follow.

If you are interested in chairing a position, a new position or maintaining a current position in the CRCA please let Jack Gray or myself know and we will see your name is added to the ballot. Positions to be filled are as follows:

Commodore - Roy Schoenherr candidate  
Vice Commodore -  
Secretary -  
Treasurer - Judi Schoenherr candidate  
Member at Large -  
Race Chair -  
Cruise chair - Linda Reed candidate  
Constitution -  
Editor - Ted Wing candidate  
Photographer - Gae Wing candidate  
Web master -  
Membership -  
Social Committee -

Don't forget to bring a chair and your favorite beverage. CRCA will be providing pop and pizza.

Fairwinds,  
**Dave Otey**  
**Commodore CRCA 2011**

## **The Adventures of Cap'm Jim**

This illustrated book by our own Larry Caricchio is now available at Amazon. The book contains stories that appeared on these pages plus several more. To order the book go to Amazon.com and search **Books for Cap'm Jim**.

Check out this fascinating character in Larry's new book. It will make great reading on a snowy winter evening.

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

### **Paul Kurkowski**

Ahoy Mates!

Wow, it's been a wonderful hot summer and the sailing was great fun. There just never seems to be enough of either of those. What fun we had at the CRCA events. What good memories to daydream about over again and we still have the Pumpkin Cruise and the Ball.

I was just thinking that there's just over one hundred days left in the year 2011. Then, in about a week, it's the autumnal equinox and that the sun is already setting at 7:45. The ark of the sun is moving more southward and leaving us with about three minutes of less sun daily. Due to the southward ark angle of the sun, we have as the Native Americans called it, "the time of the long shadows".

In four to six weeks, our sailing vessels will be dry-docked and we'll be readying them for the snow and cold. Dang, I just got depressed. Hurry up with the fallback of daylight savings. That should help save me. No it won't but, it does sound good.

Onward to the chores of winterizing... [I got a chill just typing the word.] Make your appointments for dropping the big stick and your haul-out. Change your engine oil, fill the fuel tank and batteries, overfill the transmission, drain the holding tanks and add the red pop, loosen the engine belt, pull the fresh water impeller, open all the through-hulls and replenish the Damp-Rid containers.

Jeez, it just never gets any easier, does it? The summer never is quite long enough. Personally, I'm still hoping, with the dodger in place, to hoist the jib & main just a few more times and sail off any which that-a-way.

That is it for now.

Casting off all lines. Color me gone.

Paul Kurkowski *"Space Hunter"*

## **Membership Report**

### **Steve Smith - Membership Chairman**

There have been no recent additions, we have 24 total memberships. We are sending the May member list as it is still valid

Of course, we are still accepting members for 2011. Anyone joining now will be automatically credited for their 2012 membership. An application form is included with this newsletter. Please keep it handy to give to prospective new members. They can fill it out and forward it to me at the address shown. Dues are \$40.

Steve Smith *"Twice Blessed"*

## Cruising Column

### **Barb Kurkowski and Jean Post 2011 Cruise Committee**

Hello Fellow Sailors,

We have had an excellent cruising season, thus far, and look forward to the our last cruise ---- The Annual Pumpkin Cruise hosted by Becky & Glen Ellison, which is always a good time --- don't miss it!! Be sure to read The Ellison's schedule of events.

We would like to thank our cruise leaders for giving us a great cruising season so far – starting with the Fun Race hosted by Jean& Doug Post, Gae & Ted Wing at Belle River; Janet & Jack Creed in St. Clair; Julie & Dave Otey at Metro Beach, Judi & Roy at Milliken Harbor; Marie & Gary Johns at South Channel; Paul Kurkowski & Linda & Chuck Reed for the Tour De Markley; and Gayle & Eric Locke in Windsor. All the cruises were fun. We appreciate all the work and time put forth to make our cruises the usual good time.

Jean Post                      *“Whippin’ Post”*  
Barb Kurkowski            *“Space Hunter”*

## 2011 CRCA Cruise Schedule

### PUMPKIN CRUISE – METRO BEACH

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 24th or OCTOBER 1st  
[Cruise Leaders – Glen and Becky Ellison](#)

### BEAM ME UP SCOTTY

The Ellison's would once again like to invite you to the annual pumpkin cruise. This year theme is “The Invasion or the Pumpkins from Outer Space”. Located on the third rock from the sun (Earth, Metro Beach Park) look for the white E.T. (erected tent) October 01, 2011 schedule listed below. Please show up looking Spacey (shouldn't be too hard for some of us). We will have our chariot of fire blazing (on our planet we call it a fire pit) We will also be providing Sirius dogs and lunar buns, which you can hover over the fire.

### The Contests:

This year we will be having a Galactic Stew contest, so bring your pot, Secret Rocket Formula, and after-burner and put together something solar-le good.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume (boat or person), pumpkin, and stew. This is the Spacey part, put on some antenna's or place a fish bowl over your head. Come as a Cone heads, Yoda or a Wicket (just don't Flash us with your Gordon)

Speaking of Gourds, don't forget to Laser out a Pumpkin

During your stay on our planet you may play some video games for fun or challenge the Universe with our boxing droids crew of two.

Come via water or land or Transporter everyone is welcome. If coming by sea be sure to tie up early as wells are first come first serve basis.

After dark we will be bombarded with Gama Rays from the movies on the big screen (12 inch I think, so if you have a better system for viewing a DVD please contact us).

Extra helpful hands of firewood are always welcome.

### Tentative Schedule:

**2 pm** – Stew cook off – Bring your best prepared stew for taste test contest. Prize will be awarded for best stew.

**4 pm** – Costumes – Wear your best out of this world ware. Judging will be held after our annual walk through invasion of the park.

**Dusk** – Pumpkin Contest – Bring your best decorated pumpkin. Use your imagination and let it fly out of this world. Dark – Campfire delight – Eat those Sirius dogs and lunar buns roasted over the fire.

### To bring:

Your self and company if desired..

Costume

Best Stew Dish

Decorated Pumpkin



Hope to see you there.  
Becky and Glen Ellison

*“Adventure”*