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## SHARTLE FAMILY WELCOMED TO RVYC

River View happily inducted another new set of members into the club at the February meeting. Rodger and Susan Shartle attended our dinner with sons Charlie and Jeffrey, and received their official welcome.

The Shartles, residents of Carmichael, were introduced to our club by Gary and Mikke Dalleske. The families met at a Delta Bayliner raft up two years ago and found they had a lot in common. Rodger retired last year from his career as a Foster Care Auditor with CDSS, and now runs a workers comp disability rating business from his home, and restores boats, RVs and the occasional airplane.

Susan is an IT Program Manager with the State of California and enjoys Chinese dance and choral singing. Charlie is a 16-year old Junior at El Camino High School, and a member of the JV baseball team. Jeffrey recently celebrated his 14th birthday and took up golfing with his dad.

The winds of change may be blowing at RVYC, but our plans to stay active and present in the Sacramento area remain firm. Please let your friends in the boating community know that we are working to grow our club and have continued to suspend the \$100 initiation fee for new members.



## DATES AHOY:

### MARCH

17...St. Patrick's Day  
19... **Dinner 6:30 PM**  
Hosts: *The Kazees*

### APRIL

10...10th Annual Brunch  
15...**Dinner & Meeting 6:30 PM**  
(FRIDAY dinner)  
Hosts: *Rodger & Susan Shartle*  
29-May 1...**FIRST CRUISE**  
Willow Berm Marina  
Cruise Captain: *Cindy Kazee*

### Birthdays

Mar 9 "Orsi" Orsi  
Mar 27 Kaylee Kazee  
Apr 6 Frank Champion  
Apr 16 Rodger Shartle

### Anniversaries

Mar 27 Dee & Alvin Stults (2004)



*Susan, Charlie, Jeffrey, and Rodger Shartle were inducted into RVYC at the February dinner*

## COMMODORE'S REPORT BY CINDY KAZEE



The club is faced with a difficult decision as we consider the offer made by Kevin and Sean at Holland Riverside Marina. As we discussed at the February meeting, there are a number of pros and cons, including but not limited to:

### PROS:

- Relief from the biggest expense of rent.
- Relief from the next biggest expenses of property insurance and maintenance.
- Opportunity to attract new members from a wider area.
- Potential of additional club activities promoted by an active and engaged marina (like cruise-ins).
- Release from the responsibility of maintaining the club including major cleaning, repairs, and furnishings.
- Flexibility to meet at locations other than the clubhouse.
- H-R would take possession of the barge as is and at current location; the move will be at no cost or risk to RVYC.

### CONS:

- Remote location of Holland Riverside.
- Distance required for current members to travel to Holland Riverside.
- Offer vs. actual value of the structure.
- Loss of a significant club asset and piece of history.
- Restriction to use club once per month.
- Sharing the clubhouse with non-members.
- Unknown (10+ years) future of relationship between club and marina.

While the pros outnumber the cons, one must weigh each item individually, and the outcome is much less clear. If you add in the emotional ties that many members have to the club, the waters are even more muddied.

After our last meeting in February, the decision was made to press ahead with our plans to host the brunch in April to make sure we had the funds needed to pay our insurance bills in the event that the barge was not sold. When Kevin and Sean were informed of our request to delay

making a decision on their offer until after the brunch, they stated that they were anxious to move forward on their plans to bring a club into their marina, and were looking to move the barge "within the next two weeks."

After speaking this morning with Kevin, he understands the need for RVYC to review its options and discuss the pros and cons as a group, and agreed to wait to hear our decision after the March 19 dinner meeting. He also informed me that he continues invest money and time in the preparation of mooring the barge at his marina, work that would be done regardless of our decision.

**Please come to the meeting on March 19 and be prepared to cast your confidential ballot to accept or decline the Holland Riverside Marina offer.** It is important that every voice be heard, and that a meaningful exchange of opinions take place as we all have an investment in RVYC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please supply me with a proxy on how you will cast your ballot, and this will remain confidential.

If you are in favor of the move, please plan to explain why you feel the move would be in the best interest of the club and its members.

If you are against the move, please consider what you feel can be done as an alternative, and what you are personally willing to do to make to work toward a different solution.

Based on my recent conversation with the principal owner at Cliff's, it is obvious that we need to actively pursue another location. He is unwilling to consider a reduction in rent, or to make any repairs or improvements. In fact, he is already counting the additional revenue he can book by turning our mooring into side-tie slips for new berthers.

The old Naval/Maritime tradition says the captain should go down with the ship. In my humble opinion, this is a poor choice when there is a lifeboat standing by.

## AROUND THE CLUB BY JOANNE BEAUCHAMP



- Congratulations are in order for new member Gary Dalleske for his awards sweep after completing his first year racing tunnel boats. At the awards ceremony on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the new Peter's Steak House in Isleton, he received Rookie of the Year, the Lorimer Trophy (which is voted on by his peers) and the Sport C Marathon Championship Trophy and Plaque. Way to go, Gary!
- Kaylee Kazee starts another softball season with Land Park's Opening Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are driving around mid-town, be on the lookout for a new billboard on the Tower Theater, advertising a softball field at Cal Middle School, as Kaylee (in pink batting helmet in lower left corner) is one of the happy kids in it! She also thanks everyone for buying Girl Scout cookies.
- Zak Kazee is working hard on his rank advancement toward Eagle Scout. He will move up to Star at the troop's April Court of Honor with just Life to go before achieving Eagle. He and his parents want to thank everyone for supporting him along the way!
- Cookie Hanlon is still working at a winery one day a month and doing lots of volunteer work at her church. She will again be assisting the teachers during the Annual ARTS camp the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>. She also has a grandson who will be turning 21 this month. Doesn't that make you feel old, Cookie!!
- The Orsis' remodel work continues with only the kitchen left to do.
- Laura Shetler was home for her birthday in February and went on a shopping trip with friends to THE CITY! She and friends have an apartment lined up for school next year. Jim is enjoying driving his new Nissan 370Z.

- The Beauchamps and John Howard will be in Yuma, AZ the first week in April for Frank's Navy reunion. Joanne & Frank will also visit family & friends before and after the reunion.
- Courtney and her husband drove up from San Luis Obispo just to take John to dinner at The Outback for his birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe says that former member, Elaine McCormack, has found a good job in Boston at a senior care facility where she is in charge of the kitchen, banquet room, etc. She says "Hello" to everyone.

Now to the medical and sad news:

- Nina McMahan's hip snapped and she had to have Hemi surgery which involved the replacement of the ball and installation of a steel shaft. The good news is that the socket was not damaged. She spent 23 days in a convalescent facility where she received excellent care and physical therapy. She is now home and getting around with a walker. Hope Leo is continuing the excellent care!
- Jerry Olson's sister's husband in Kansas passed away.
- Gary's "young-at-heart" mother passed away at 92 in January. She was still writing poetry.
- Toni Orsi's mother fell and suffered massive brain damage and passed away recently.
- Richard Orsi is recovering from successful shoulder surgery. No heavy lifting for awhile!
- Helen Moran says her vision is fantastic in the eye that had cataract surgery and is looking forward to having the other eye done.
- Joe Collins got a new wire in his pacemaker on March 1<sup>st</sup> and is off work for a couple of weeks. Better not be cutting any wood for awhile, Joe!

Reminder: "The one who cannot sail against the wind will never find safe harbor."



*Congratulations, Gary!*

NEWS From BoatUS  
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Photo Caption: This little label on a gas pump could be all that separates boaters from dangerously misfueling their boat.

### **With E15, Boaters, Anglers Will Need Extra Vigilance When Filling up at the Gas Station**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 7, 2011 - With the EPA's recent decision to allow the use of gasoline with up to 15% ethanol (E15) in 2001 and newer model cars and trucks, [Boat Owners Association of The United States \(BoatUS\)](http://www.BoatUS.com) says that trailerboaters will need to remain extra vigilant when filling up their truck and trailered boat at the local gas station. That's because while E15 could be fine for the tow vehicle, it's not good - nor authorized by the EPA - for use with boats. A strong solvent, ethanol has been known to degrade marine fuel systems, damage engines, add safety concerns, and lead to expensive repair bills.

"When filling up at gas stations, boaters are used to pulling up to the pump and filling up the tow vehicle first, and then putting the same fuel nozzle into the boat," said BoatUS Director of Damage Avoidance Bob Adriance. "If that happens with E15, it could be a big mistake."

The EPA intends to put a warning on the pump - a small label with the exact wording yet to be determined. "This is going to be a lot different from the choices offered to boaters today, where it's nearly impossible to misfuel gas or diesel engines, or where there are few consequences when choosing 87 octane over a higher 93 octane gasoline, for example," added Adriance.

All of this means that when E15 starts to appear in gasoline stations, boaters must heed the warning on the pump and shouldn't even think about using it in a boat. Here's why:

- **Going Lean isn't good:** In addition to hydrogen and carbon found in regular gasoline, ethanol also contains oxygen, which means less air (or conversely, more fuel) is required for combustion. The term "enleanment" is used to describe what can happen when there is too much air and not enough fuel. While most cars and trucks on the road today have closed-loop systems that can adjust to prevent enleanment, most boats have open-loop systems which do not, adding a greater risk of heat-related damage to your boat's engine with E15.
- **Compatibility questions:** Many components on a boat come in contact with ethanol-laden gasoline, including fuel lines, fuel tanks, fuel pumps, fuel injectors, carburetors, pressure regulators, valves, o-rings, and gaskets. The compatibility of these components with any blend greater than E10 is currently unknown. The failure of only one of these components in your engine could lead to failure or, worse, a fire or explosion.
- **A "good" thing isn't what it seems:** Phase separation is what happens when gas becomes over-saturated with water, leading the water/ethanol mixture to separate from the gasoline and fall to the bottom of the tank (where the engine's fuel pickup is located). However, since ethanol absorbs water more readily than gasoline and it burns harmlessly through the engine, adding more ethanol to gas will decrease the chance for phase separation. You'd think that would be a good thing, right? However, as you increase the amount of water in ethanol, this mixture also becomes more acidic, increasing the potential to corrode metal, including aluminum fuel tanks. Also keep in mind that once gas has phase separated, the only remedy is to completely empty the tank. While BoatUS believes fuel additives in general are a good thing, it has not seen evidence of any additive being able to restore phase-separated gas back to its original state.
- **Your warrantee won't help you:** Marine engines are only warranted for use with up to 10% (E10) ethanol.

For more information on ethanol, go to [BoatUS.com/seaworthy/ethanol.asp](http://BoatUS.com/seaworthy/ethanol.asp). Or, to ask a question or see a discussion on where to find ethanol-free gas at marinas, go the BoatUS ethanol message board at <http://my.BoatUS.com/forum>.

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River View Yacht Club was first recognized by the PICYA in December, 1955. The old Sacramento River steamer "Cherokee" was our original home, until deteriorating conditions led to its demise in 1967. RVYC currently hosts meetings and events at our clubhouse moored at Cliff's Marina in Freeport. We are proud of the rich history of the present clubhouse, the former Elkhorn Ferry barge. Our club meets monthly for dinner and meetings on the third weekend of the month, and cruises April through October on the fourth weekends. Guests are always welcome aboard!

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**March 16—SATURDAY DINNER & MTG**

Bar opens at 4:30, dinner served at 6:30

Hosts: Dennis & Cindy Kazee

Menu: Pork Carnitas, rice & beans

RSVP to John Howard, (916) 961-8502

**April 16—Dinner**

Hosts: Rodger & Susan Shartle

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