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RVYC SPRINGS INTO APRIL

The official start to the boating season for RVYC is April, and we jumped in this year with both feet and found the water perfect.

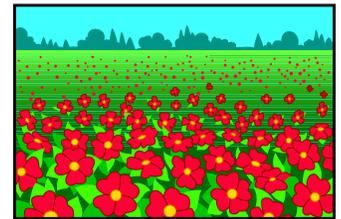
First, we could not have asked for better weather for our annual Spring Brunch. While the crowd was a little smaller than in years past, we were busy all day and no one walked away hungry. See inside for a full report from the Brunch Queen, Cookie Hanlon.

Then, we finished out the month at our first official cruise to Oxbow Marina. A couple of well-intended members had last-minute cancellations, but a good number of us cruised in by boat and by car. The weather was typical for the Delta, with a downright chilly night on Friday a strong wind kicking up late

in the day on both days and nothing but sunshine in between.

Late in the afternoon on Saturday, Bill Wells of the *Yachtman* dropped by with his wife, Sue. Bill has been kind enough to mention our humble club's activities in his monthly ramblings about the Delta, and it was a pleasure to finally meet the man behind the words. Needless to say, we managed to entertain Bill and Sue with boating stories, farm stories and dog tricks until the sun started to set and our stomachs were crying for supper.

It was also a treat to have Bill and Crystal Bradley with us for dinner. There are many fine memories of their years in our club, and we managed to relive a fair number of them: the good, the bad, AND the ugly!



ON THE HORIZON:

MAY

10...Mother's Day

15...Dinner and Meeting. 7:00 PM

Hosts: Cookie Hanlon &

And Jim Shetler

22-25...Second Cruise

Sacramento Yacht Club

Cruise Captain: Sherri Olson

JUNE

12-15...Third Cruise

Caliente Isle YC

Cruise Captain: Frank Beauchamp

19...Dinner (FRIDAY), 7:00 PM

Hosts: Olsons & McMahan

(Board meeting to follow)

21...Father's Day

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

May 6: Joanne Beauchamp

May 11: Leo McMahan

May 13: Alvin Stults

May 23: Dennis & Cindy Kazee (1993)

May 25: Sherri Olson

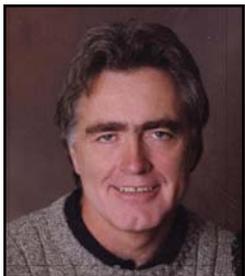
June 2: Jim & Joyce Shetler (1990)

June 9: Russ & Christie Kaiser (1980)



Carrie Ellen and *Avalon* at the guest dock in Oxbow Marina

COMMODORE'S REPORT—DENNIS KAZEE



What a beautiful weekend we had. If you don't know what I am talking about, you missed it. It was the club's opening cruise to Oxbow Marina. There were only four boats, but we had some boats doubled up with guests. Joe Collins was aboard *Feels So Good* and the Jean and Dale Hafelfinger were on the vessel *Restitution*. The boats *Carrie Ellen* and *Avalon* rounded out the fleet.

We had an excellent crock pot roast pork dinner on Friday night prepared by the absent Cindy Kazee with help from Jean along with sides that were provided by everyone else. I am not sure what to call the corn dish that Jean brought. Salad, salsa, or side (were those carrots?)— It was good. The resulting pork burritos or soft tacos were "muy excelente". The club made their way to *Restitution* where we commenced in an evening full of food, libations, and stories.

The next day was another fine day as well, as long as you didn't mind a little wind. We added Cindy and Kaylee, with her friend to round out the crew. (If you ever want to watch your boat shrink in a hurry, put two 8-year old girls on board.) Bill Wells from the *Yachtsman* and his wife, Sue stopped by for a visit, then another memorable group-effort dinner was at hand. Beauchamp's neighbor and Cookie drove in for dinner plus the Bradleys were there to help making this a fun evening. It was quite a crew. Oxbow Marina offered us the use of their grill and deck by the office and we sat around the tables, family-style as the food, drink and stories were shared. Those stories — that was what I enjoyed the most. All of the memories of past outings.

Past Commodores that were present included Bill Bradley, Dale Hafelfinger, and of course Sherry Olson.

PORT REPORT—JOE COLLINS

Ahoy, it's time once again to put pen to paper, or in this case fingers to keyboard and produce, once again, a whole bunch of words bundled together that are actually readable.

Well if you were at the last dinner or even the brunch you may have noticed that the area in the back of the club has been remodeled and repainted. Thanks to a whole bunch of folk lovingly led by our fearless leader, Dennis. So, it looks like, despite my efforts at getting a casino, the room will be transformed into an office/coat room/store for our enjoyment.

On another note, you may have noticed that the birds are back and being birds they are doing what they seem to do best. Make a mess! So keep it in the backs of your

mind that we will need to have a cleaning party to pressure wash the deck and windows and put on a fresh coat of paint to make the club shine and attract guests and new members instead of birds. See ya at the next dinner.

Joke for the day-

A sailor, ran aground on a sandbar. A passing fisherman offered to tow the sailor's boat off the bar for fifty dollars and the sailor agreed. After he was off the bar, the sailor joked that at \$50 a pop the fisherman could make a nice living pulling people off the sandbar day and night." Can't at night," replied the fisherman. "At night I haul sand."



Did you know that the term "work party" is an oxymoron?

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT RBOC?

Included as an attachment to this edition of the *Loudhailer* is a memo from the Recreational Boaters of California. At the top of the list is a notice that the state budget crisis has moved our Governor to place Cal Boating on the chopping block.

Why should this concern you? Well, this organization is critical to protect how boater's fees and taxes are levied, collected, and used by the state. History shows that the revenue generated by the vast number of boaters (including you) in

the state is a darling of the money-hungry legislators, and this is by far not the first nor the most determined attempt to direct our well-intended funds away from the programs that directly benefit the boating community in California.

Take the time to read about all the ways that RBOC works for us, and log on to their website at www.rbo.org to see how you can help support them. The Cal Boating hearing is scheduled to take place on May 7, so act quickly.



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE—FRANK BEAUCHAMP

Dennis Kazee's Commodore Report in our last newsletter inspired me to write about "black water" waste treatment and Electro-Scan.

In 2007, I had a Raritan Eng. Corp Electro-Scan head (toilet) waste system installed in our boat, *Avalon*. I like to call the system our "poop processor."

The device consists of a chambered processing unit and holding tank that generates a very lethal acid/water solution (hypochlorous) from an automatically mixed onboard salt feed solution.

This acid is then blended with head waste thus killing all bacteria. This mixture is then sent to the last chamber and electri-

cally reconverted back to a salt (NaCl) water solution and pumped overboard.

The whole operation is electrical and can have 12, 24 or 32 volt requirements. *Avalon* uses the more common 12 volt and required a dedicated line. The system is USCG approved for vessels up to 65 ft.

After adjusting for an installation oversight, the system functions very well. It cost about \$3,000 for two heads, plus installation. The e-mail address is: www.raritaneng.com/products/waste-treatment/electroscan.htm Happy pooping!!!



*Happy heads make
happy boaters*

AROUND THE CLUB BY JOANNE BEAUCHAMP

- **The Hafefingers** are taking quick trip to Idaho for Dale's aunt's funeral. In June, they will be making a longer trip to Idaho and other states and end up in Oregon at the R Ranch which they have invested in. While there, they will visit Connie & Wayne Weaver, former RVC members. They will, also, journey to some closer locations in northern CA. And, a daughter will be getting married soon.
- **John Howard** recently went to San Luis Obispo where Courtney has decided to stay and work after graduating from Cal Poly in December. She wants John's expert advice on buying a car. Hopefully, he comes back with a success story.
- **Kaylee Kazee** is busy with softball this spring besides piano and school. **Zak** is now a Boy Scout which keep him and Dad very busy. **Cindy** visited her grandparents in Colorado in April. They will all be going to Kentucky in June for a family reunion. I bet you can't guess whose family lives there! Wouldn't you know, it's at the same time as the Caliente Cruise.
- **Jerry & Sherri** are having some work done on their pool including a new heater for the spa. That is, of course, for their moonlight swims, etc. Sherri probably needs that after spending the day babysitting the two grandchildren. Have fun!
- **Joe Collins** is still waiting for **Elaine** to return from the Boston area where she is caring for her Dad. I understand he has a surprise for her. Better hurry back, Elaine!
- **Dee Stults** is quite a worker and was a whirlwind cleaning up the clubhouse on the Friday before the brunch. She ran circles around us old folks.
- **Russ Kaiser** is the Safety Officer for the Sacramento YC and some of his articles may also appear in our newsletter.
- **The Beauchamps** traveled to AZ to attend the wedding of a niece on April 4th. It was a chance for Joanne to get together with her five siblings which they have not done for eleven years. Of course, the Seattle grandchildren were also there.
- **The McMahans** are thinking about taking a trip to Japan. Now that Nina no longer has an arm in a sling, she is raring to go!

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WHAT YOU ARE UP TO OUTSIDE OF
THE CLUB ...**

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GETTING TO KNOW... BILL & DEBBIE MIELENZ



If it surprises you when you hear that Bill and Debbie built their 50-foot twin-hull houseboat in their driveway, imagine your reaction when you find out that it is their third one. After you spend some time with this couple, you quickly realize that they are not crazy, and in fact have made a comfortable living from their hands-on talent and fine craftsmanship.

Bill and Debbie joined RVYC last year after watching our comings and goings at our clubhouse from their boat which is docked nearby in Cliff's Marina. They are residents of south Sacramento, having lived and raised their family in a house that Bill built 40 years ago.

Bill's day job is managing and operating his business, Herold &

Mielenz, Inc., an electric motor and control manufacturing and repair company. When you think of the motors Bill handles, don't get stuck on the kind you find when you look in your boat's engine room, or lift the hood of your car. Bill's company works on BIG motors, like the 4,000 hp type used in co-gen plants, and the motors that lift drawbridges up and down in the Delta.

Debbie is an equal investor in the sweat equity of building their boat. She is a woodworker, creating children's furniture, shelving, and intricate jewelry boxes. Many of you saw her handiwork in the boxes she donated for our Brunch raffle. She also enjoys needlepoint and latch hooking. Her wood-working hobby started out as a gift of a band saw and table saw for

Bill, but ended up with her getting hooked on it as well.

They have a "blended family" of two daughters and a son, and two grandchildren between them. Bill is working on his retirement and is fortunate to have a son and a daughter who will step in behind him in the family business.

We haven't seen much of this couple in the recent months due to the fact that Bill's uncle passed away last year. He left behind 10 acres in the foothills filled with a vast collection of items, including a WWII troop carrier. Bill and Debbie had been tasked to clear away what amounts to a small toxic waste site. Their plans for the land include, not surprisingly, building a cabin.

So, you might be asking yourself, why would a reasonably sane couple like Bill and Debbie build not one but three boats in their driveway? Debbie said they had a hard time finding one that suited their needs, which is primarily fishing and cruising up and down the Sacramento and American River with family and friends.

The first boat wasn't big enough, and then come to find out, neither was the second. But this one, she says, is just right. The fact that it took three years to build and they are still married is a testament to both their talent and their love for each other!

- Cindy Kazee

Are you ready for some... BASEBALL?
Activities Chair Nina McMahan wants to know if you would like to attend a River Cats game with your friends from the yacht club!



River View Yacht Club cruised into Oxbow Marina on April 24.



Sue and Bill Wells, of the *Bay and Delta Yachtsman* aboard *Restitution*.



Dennis Kazee, Bill Bradley, John Howard and Frank Beauchamp are grillin' and chillin'.

Find more photos from the Oxbow Cruise in our Gallery at www.riverviewyc.com

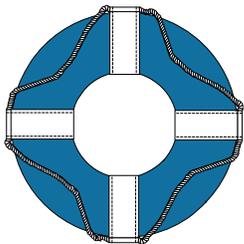


RVYC members never leave the table hungry



Kaylee and her friend Annika are quick to agree

PLAYING IT SAFE BY RUSS KAISER



National Safe Boating Week is May 16-22

Sacramento Yacht Club held Safety Saturday in March. We had Vessel Safety Checks, CPR training, Line handling, presentations on Hypothermia and Heat Stroke, and a demonstration about recovering people from the water. Of the 16 vessel Safety Checks, not all boats passed. To those who didn't, it was an opportunity to find out and remedy potentially costly issues.

A line handling, or more appropriately, a line heaving demonstration was given by Christie Kaiser. She showed that, with the right line and some practice, anyone of any size can heave a line with accuracy at almost 50 feet.

I gave a short presentation about the difficulties of trying to haul a somewhat incapacitated person from the water and onto the dock. Port Captain Chuck Lenert filled a Tyvek suit with 150 pounds of sand to simulate a person. With the help of Sandy and Pete Little, we were able to get the "dummy" into a jump suit to more accurately portray a true

body proportions. What the demonstration showed was that, even though the dummy was only 150 lbs, it was almost impossible to single handedly haul it onto a platform only 18 inches above it due to a lack of a proper fulcrum angle. Imagine a person weighing 200 lbs or more!

Marcy Best gave a seminar on hypothermia and heat stroke. Two conditions which we as boaters can be exposed too. The best part of the seminar was that Marcy was able to dispel some popular myths about hypothermia and its treatment. The biggest lesson from Marcy that I came away with was to be very careful with handling the person. They are in an extremely fragile state.

SYC opens these classes up to members of RVYC, and offers vessel safety checks to any boaters who dock at the club. For more information, contact Russ at boat361@aol.com. Please, watch your alcohol, wear your life jacket and take a CPR class.

BRUNCH UPDATE BY COOKIE HANLON

The brunch was a huge success. We did not have as many people as previous years but those that attended made comments about it being much nicer because they were able to sit & visit instead of being herded out. To date we have a net income from the brunch of \$1,815. There are still two members who said they would donate money that I have not yet received, hopefully I will get that in a week or so and our net income will be higher.

A huge “thank you” to everyone who participated with their donations, time, and talent. It is a lot of work, but this is our biggest fundraiser and I really appreciate all the hard work that makes this event a success.

I don’t know about the rest of you, but I could not wait to come home and shower to get all the sausage grease off of me, and then of course a nap was in order. I have fully recuperated and now am ready to go again!



The fruits of our labors



Check out that plate loading technique



Tom Moran & Sherri Olson, makin’ bacon



Bar Master Jerry Olson, in action



Joe Collins holds down the French Toast fort



Cookie Hanlon adds yet more food to the table



Nina McMahan & Cindy Kazee cash in

*Thanks to Joanne
Beauchamp for the
photos!*

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Going Boating? A Crew Safety Briefing Could Save Lives

National Safe Boating Week May 16-22

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 29, 2009 - Having friends and family aboard is what boating is all about. But in an emergency could they quickly locate a fire extinguisher or provide accurate location information to rescuers -- without your help?

For National Safe Boating Week May 16 - 22, BoatU.S. [Seaworthy magazine](#) Editor Bob Adriance has developed a short Crew Safety Checklist. "Boating is supposed to be fun, so we do not want to unduly alarm our guests. However, every skipper should take a few minutes before they leave the dock to share these tips with crew." They are:

1. **Life Jackets:** Offer a correctly sized life jacket to those who wish to wear one, show guests where they are stored and how they are properly worn.
2. **Fire Extinguishers:** They should be easily visible near engine and galley areas. Take a moment to explain what types they are and how they are meant to be used. Point out any fire port locations for snuffing out engine compartment fires.
3. **Flares:** Show where they are located and how to safely activate without causing injury.
4. **Engine and Fuel Shutoffs:** Especially on sailboats, it's not always clear how to shut off the engine (usually by pulling out the "kill" knob).
5. **VHF Radio:** It's very important to familiarize the crew with its operation, how to make a radio distress call, and DSC one-button rescue mode (if equipped).
6. **Battery Switch:** Show the crew how to turn off power in case of an electrical fire.
7. **Chartplotter, GPS, and Loran:** At a minimum, crew should know to find a latitude/longitude position with these electronics. Pinpoint its location on the unit's screen. Have a paper chart aboard, show your crew where you're departing from and headed for the day.
8. **Man Overboard Gear:** Show where it is and give a brief explanation on how to use it.

To help boaters learn more about these and other safety related items, the [BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water](#) has an Online Boating Safety Study Guide at <<[<<http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/toolbox>>](http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/toolbox)>>.

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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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FRIDAY, May 15, 2009
Dinner at 7:00 pm, bar opens at 5:00
Hosts: Cookie Hanlon and the Shetlers
Menu: "Ham, revisited"
June 19 hosts: Olsons & McMahans

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