

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB LOUDHAILER

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- **2009 Cruise Calendar is set**
- **8th Annual Brunch coming in April**
- **RBOC call-to-arms**

SMOOTH SAILING AHEAD IN 2009

The calendar still says “February” and our club has confirmed nearly all of its cruises for the year. We are far ahead of where we were a year ago, thanks to the efforts of the Board members and the folks who have stepped up to line up the cruises and contact the clubs and marinas to make arrangements.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a calendar with all our official (and some unofficial) events. Please be sure to regularly check the website for updates on these dates and locations.

Cruises run from Friday to Sunday, but members are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow. If you are not able to join the cruise by boat, most of the destinations can be reached by car on the “asphalt slough.”

Members without boats, or those who find themselves more frequently at the helm of a “land yacht” can often make arrangements to join a cruise in an RV.

Most marinas require a deposit to hold our reservations, so please plan to notify the Cruise Captain in advance that you intend to participate in a cruise. Host yacht clubs often plan meals around the number of confirmed guests, so reservations for meals are often also required. Once the deposit is paid and a commitment is made, your payment is non-refundable (but can be transferred). Knowing the protocols in advance will help us to all be conscientious guests and welcomed back to our favorite ports-of-call.



Down the Rode

MARCH

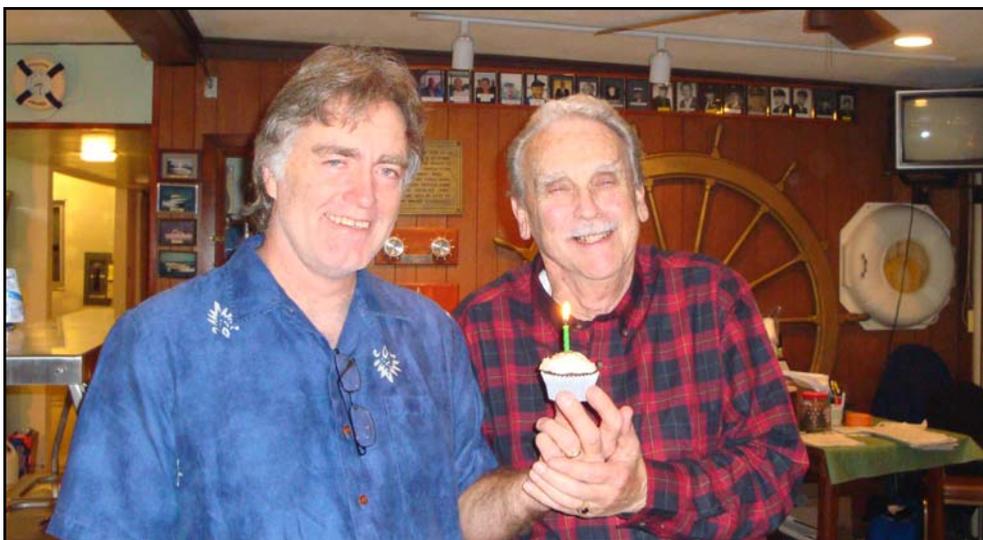
17...St. Patrick's Day
21...**Dinner and Meeting. 6:30 PM**
Hosts: Bill & Debbie Mielenz

APRIL

12...Easter Sunday
17...**Dinner (FRIDAY), 7:00 PM**
Hosts: Joe Collins & Elaine McCormack
19...**ANNUAL BRUNCH**
9 AM—11:30
24-26...**First Cruise**
Oxbow Marina
Cruise Captain: Cindy Kazee

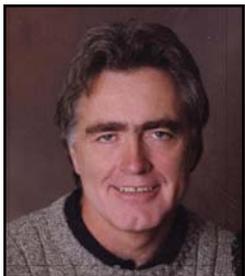
Birthdays and Anniversaries:

March 15: Dale Hafelfinger
March 27: Kaylee Kazee
Alvin & Dee Stults (2004)
April 6: Frank Champion



Birthday Boys: Dennis Kazee and John Howard celebrated their birthdays in style at the February dinner. And no, they did not have to share a cupcake!

COMMODORE'S REPORT—DENNIS KAZEE



Is it just me, or is time just flying by? Is your boat ready for cruising? We're going to be splitting waves pretty soon and the way this year is going by, that means you'd better be ready. This year's cruises are stacking up to be what looks like a fun-packed year ahead, with something for everyone.

We also have our annual brunch coming upon us quickly, April 19th. Cookie Hanlon has agreed to be our coordinator extraordinaire once again. Cookie has made this event a very successful and our most profitable activity of the year, but now that she is officially retired, we are all going to need to sell more tickets to make up for the ones she won't be selling this year to her co-workers! Help is also needed to be ready for the onslaught of the many folks who will be passing through to experience the talents and recipes that have help make this brunch a welcomed tradition. We will need to make

sure that we get the word out in time so we can continue to build on the success of this popular event.

Sherri notified us that Sacramento County has approved County Ordinance SCC-1410. It will go into effect March 2009. I was trying to find a copy of it but could only find draft copies. It is to help control squatters, abandoned and derelict vessels. What I read of the draft I didn't find anything that I found troublesome, although any boater should be prepared to be boarded and subjected to a test of their vessel's black water holding system. Personally, I will want to read more about Electra San type systems because it seems there isn't supposed to be any discharged waste, treated or untreated. So that needs to be clarified. Other than that it appears to be a welcomed and much needed regulation. We will provide copies of the ordinance as they become available.

PORT REPORT—JOE COLLINS

Well, another article is due for the club and here I sit thinking my one and only thought these days, (sad isn't it?). What can we do about that new back room in the club? Come on help me out here, my dreams of having a craps table installed have been dashed and who knows when another meaningful thought slips into my consciousness. Is there a need for an office back there? A sitting room? Should we relocate the

men's room back there and open up the main floor? Am I just writing this to fill up space? I don't know.

On another note, spring is coming soon and the club will be needing a good scrub down and maybe a new coat of paint. Please keep it in the back of your minds as we will need all the help we can get. Remember, "Nodding the head does not row the boat"

*Joe's advice to his fellow bowlers:
"Don't quit your day jobs!"*



RBOC NEEDS YOUR HELP

Once again, the funds raised for improving and protecting California's resources for boaters are under threat. Governor Schwarzenegger is targeting the Department of Boating and Waterways in his plan to reduce the state budget deficit by merging it with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Boaters generate millions of dollars of revenue through registration fees and fuel taxes. The boater-generated revenue is designed to be used to support programs for the boating community such as facility construction and improvement, and services like boater safety and education.

These programs and services are at risk every time the state legislature lays a hairy eyeball on the revenue that is collected for boaters, from boaters, and the

attempt is made to "repurpose" the funds for the general use of the state parks and recreation.

It has only been through the grass-roots campaign launched by RBOC that individuals like you make the boater voices heard to our state legislators to keep our funds separate.

Please take the time to write to our Governor and your Senator and Assembly Member to let them know that you do not support the plan to eliminate the Department of Boating and Waterways. RBOC has made it easy for you to cut-and-paste as sample letter., included in this newsletter. Go to www.rbo.org, click on "Call To Arms" and follow the directions to obtain contact info on your legislators and join forces with other vested boaters in California to protect our resources.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE—FRANK BEAUCHAMP

We almost have a solid schedule for cruise dates for 2009. Mark your calendars but there is always a possibility of changes:

April 24-26. Shake-down cruise to Oxbow YC on Georgiana Slough. Cindy Kazee is coordinating this one. We will be barbecuing and eating on the boats/docks, so if we plan our meals jointly, we will eat very well.

May 20-25. Sacramento YC, Memorial week-end. There is always great food and drinks available at the club but bring some of your own snacks, drinks, etc. It's always a great long week-end activity. Sherri Olson is piloting this event.

June 12-14. Caliente Isle YC for their Founder's Day celebration. It is always very well attended with other clubs, also. The members serve great meals and they have a wonderful bar. As usual though, have enough food and drinks aboard to share if the need should arise. I am coordinating this cruise.

July 17 -19. Pittsburg YC. The club serves a Friday night dinner and will serve other meals if there are enough people to make it worthwhile. Otherwise, we will do our own thing.

August cruise will probably be an anchor-out the week-end of the 28th. Dennis Kazee is coordinating this one.

Sept. 25-27. Treasure Island YC, San Francisco Bay. This is when TIYC has its annual pig roast. I have been told this event has been going on for over 10 years, so it is well attended by other clubs. I have reserved five of the twelve slips available for Beauchamp, Howard, Champion, Moran, Kazee, and Olson at the Almar Marina. If anyone is interested, please let me know. The TIYC has other activities we can participate in and we can expand our activities by taking a shuttle to other bay area locations.

October is open, and will probably involve a Halloween Party, on the weekend of the 31st. Let Joe Collins know if you have a suggestion on where to go.



*Get
out*

*there and get
boating! We
have a cruise for
everyone.*



Jerry, Joe, Marnie, Frank, Sherri and Zak trade their boat shoes for bowling shoes in February.

*Happy belated
birthday to Zak
Kazee, Helen Moran
and Bill Mielenz
(January & February
birthdays), and
congratulations to the
Olsons for celebrating
their anniversary on
January 1.*

AROUND THE CLUB BY JOANNE BEAUCHAMP

- Elaine McCormack is back East visiting relatives.
- We are sorry to lose long standing members Mark and Linda Beichler. Their non-boating commitments continue to grow with their twin girls, and they will surely be missed.
- In January, the Zigers made their annual foray to Mexico staying at a motel owned by the mother of the man who owns the La Posada restaurant in Clarksburg.
- Dale & Jean Hafelfinger also had a wonderful time in Mexico, in Laredo, where friends have built their own beautiful hacienda. They will be spending most of March at Lake Havasu in Arizona.
- Cookie Hanlon spent a week in Hawaii on Waikiki Beach with her friend, John. She, also, is working part-time at Lucas Winery in Woodbridge. She is having no trouble keeping busy since retiring in December.
- The Olsons are proud grandparents of Chase Lawrence, who was born on February 6th to Eric & Holly Olson. He joins big sister, Allie who is about 18 months old.
- Nina McMahan is still wearing that bold fashion accessory, the arm sling, and hopes that she will not need surgery to make sure her collar bone heals properly.
- Frank Beauchamp has almost finished his radiation and Cindy Kazee has just begun hers.

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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 21, 2009
Dinner and general meeting
Dinner at 6:30 pm, bar opens at 4:30
Hosts: Bill & Debbie Mielenz
Menu: "Black-eyed Peas Mexicana"
April 17 hosts: Joe Collins & Elaine McCormack

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River View Yacht Club 2009 Calendar

January

17 Dinner & Meeting (Saturday) 6:30 PM
Hosts: Board Members

February

21 Dinner (Saturday) 6:30 PM
Hosts: Cindy & Dennis Kazee
27 Unofficial Bowling Event/Elk Grove

March

21 Dinner & Meeting (Sat) 6:30 PM *raffle
Hosts: Debbie & Bill Mielenz
Quarterly Board meeting after dinner
BINGO game night

April

17 Dinner (FRIDAY) 7:00 PM
Hosts: Joe Collins & Elaine McCormack
Quarterly Board Meeting after dinner
19 8th Annual Sunday Brunch
9:00—11:30 AM
24-26 First Cruise/Oxbow Marina
Cruise Captain: Cindy Kazee

May

15 Dinner & Meeting (Friday) 7:00 PM
Hosts: Cookie Hanlon & The Shetlers
22-25 Second Cruise/Sacramento YC
Jazz Fest. Cruise Captain: Sherri Olson

June

12-15 Third Cruise/Caliente Isle YC
Cruise Captain: Frank Beauchamp
19 Dinner (Friday) 7:00 PM—RAFFLE
Hosts: Olsons & McMahans
Quarterly Board meeting after dinner

July

3-5 Unofficial Cruise/Anchor Out
Mandeville 4th of July
17-19 Fourth Cruise/Pittsburg YC
Cruise Captain: Frank Beauchamp
24 Dinner & Meeting (Friday) 7:00 PM
Hosts: Morans & Orsi

August

14 Dinner (Friday) 7:00 PM
Host: Salad Bar Potluck
21-23 Fifth Cruise/ anchor @ Mildred Island
Cruise Captain: Dennis Kazee

September

18 Dinner & Meeting (Friday) 7:00 PM
Hosts: Alvin & Dee Stults
**25-27 Sixth Cruise/Treasure Island YC
And Beyond!**
Cruise Captain: Frank Beauchamp

October

17 Dinner (SATURDAY) 6:30 PM * raffle
Hosts: Bob & Diane Boal
30-Nov. 1 Seventh Cruise/Halloween TBD
Cruise Captain: Joe Collins

November

21 Dinner & Meeting (Saturday) 6:30 PM
Hosts: Frank & Joanne Beauchamp

December

10 Quarterly Board Meeting 6:00 PM
12 Christmas Gift Exchange
and Dinner 6:00 PM
Hosts: Potluck



The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

I am opposed to your proposal to eliminate the independent Department of Boating and Waterways [Cal Boating]. This state's more than 3 million boating enthusiasts, who support a \$17 billion per year boating industry, must have a department with a Director whose primary focus is boating.

Cal Boating receives no General Fund dollars. It is funded by boater fuel tax dollars, registration fees, and interest payments on infrastructure loans. The department provides accountability, transparency and leadership regarding the collection and use of boater-derived taxes and fees, and the best use of these funds for programs that benefit boating.

Cal Boating carefully allocates boater revenues for state-wide boating law enforcement, safety, sanitation and other services in conjunction with a public and transparent process of the Boating and Waterways Commission.

The elimination of Cal Boating would negatively impact a minimum of \$72 million annually in vital boating-related programs and services. The department has a compact organizational structure and administers boating programs in a timely and nonbureaucratic manner. Its statutory charter is directly boating-related.

These essential programs and services include:

- *Infrastructure* – docks, ramps, and marinas through a fund that pays itself back with interest.
- *Consumer protection* - licensing and regulating yacht and ship brokers and salespersons.
- *Safety for the public* - providing financial aid and training to local law enforcement agencies.
- *Education* - through aquatic centers, as well as boating safety curriculum, videos, events and campaigns.
- *Environmental Protection* – efforts to combat non-native, invasive species of aquatic plants and mollusks.

I urge you to withdraw your proposal to eliminate Cal Boating.

Sincerely,