Well, it has been a WET Spring on the old island!!

As many members have experienced, the rains of April and May have been unrelenting! The island has stood up to a good drenching both from the sky and Muscamoot Bay! Caretaker John shot some video last week during the furious east winds that literally pushed water over the seawall on the east side of the island. Thanks to the good drainage and pump plan developed and implemented by PC Whitley Jr. two years ago, we were lucky and minimized any flooding damage.

As you will read in Rich’s report there have been projects underway and even a few completed so far - and so early in the season! Many more lay ahead that we will undertake during the season!

We will soon be welcoming several new members who were read at this month’s board meeting. We are off to a good start with regard to increasing membership and the Bridge and Board have several creative ideas under consideration to keep the momentum going and increase awareness and consideration amongst potential new members.
It’s hard to believe that in a few short weeks it will be Memorial Day and the long holiday weekend. Hopefully your boat is floating and ready to transport you and your families out to the island!

Look forward to seeing all of you on the island very soon!

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas!

Cliff
Cliff Cohen

**Going on Vacation?**

**PACK YOUR BURGEES!**

Take your CRBC Burgee, CRBC Island Wear or a copy of the Soundings with you when you travel! Take a photo displaying your Burgee and send it to the Soundings Editor with names, date, and place to be posted in the next issue!

Email: triciaschaden@mac.com

Jeff, Jamie & Alex Sak
Cancun, Mexico
Spring Break, April 2019
ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

From the Desk of Don Kersey

Memorial Day weekend kicks off this year’s entertainment schedule.

On Saturday May 25th Cliff holds new member orientation in the morning, then later that afternoon is the New member cocktail party, hosted by Jason Gutowski. Sunday the men have the Sip and Smoke gathering (formerly known as scotch and cigar party) with lunch while the ladies have the Snoop and Snack event. Both events start at 2pm. Thanks to Steve Nikkel and Debbie Kehrig for hosting their events, I know a good time will be had by all.

Saturday June 1st is Island Beautification Day, come on out and help with Rich's projects. Lunch will be served by Bruce Riechmann and crew. On Saturday June 8th Annmarie Schaden is holding a CPR class, please contact her for information, room is limited. Tony and Laurie Buccellato are hosting the first euchre tournament later at 7:30 pm. Check out fliers for these events and more later in this publication.

Thanks to everyone for hosting events all summer long and to all the crews who help, without you none of them would be possible.

See everyone Memorial Day Weekend,

Don
The 2019 season has been a little slow to get started and weather has been a big factor. Despite the rain and cold, our caretaker John Collier (JC) is back on the job for his second season and JC has the island and clubhouse looking great! Water has been and will continue to be a factor for us this season. Our drainage system and supplemental pumps have been working hard to keep the island “dry”.

Speaking of water... the high-water levels have everyone’s attention around the lake this year and we’re keeping an eye on levels around the island. Thanks to P/C Whitley Sr., we’ve applied to the Michigan DNR for no wake buoys to be placed in the Middle Channel this year. Based on the increased requests to place more of these buoys around the lake this season, we do not expect any issue in gaining the necessary approval(s).

I trust everyone has had the opportunity to read the recent email from Commodore Cohen regarding the Board’s decision to delay the women’s shore head project. We will continue to review this project plan and gather a new scope for pricing over the coming weeks.

For those that were not aware, the club has purchased a new 3-Door Commercial Refrigerator to replace the previous unit that has been in operation for the past 30+ years. The swap was made this past week and the new fridge has been installed and ready for all of our upcoming island events. I want to send a big thank you to P/C Nevison, Jason Gutowski, P/C Whitley Sr. and JC for helping to make the move possible...not an easy task!

Another update was necessary this spring, after 20+ years of service the Kubota mower was deemed unrepairable after being removed at the end of last season. We’ve already purchased a replacement that will be delivered to the island within the next week. JC has been doing a great job running the Woods to keep up with the lawn mowing. The new mower will instantly become an asset to the club’s rolling stock inventory!

I also want to send a thank you to Director Rob Grant for taking our existing swim buoys off the island and having them repaired at his shop! We hope to install them along with the swim dock very soon.

We’re all looking forward to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend and many of the events planned for this year! Don’t forget about Island Beautification that is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st. Be sure to come out to help get the island in tip-top shape for the 2019 season.

See you at the island!

Rich Rozewicz
Vice Commodore
2019 Grounds & Maintenance Chairperson
MEMBERSHIP UPDATES
-Jason Gutowski, Membership

Fellow CRBC Members, please help us welcome New Member Patricia Tischbein. Patti lives in Grosse Pointe with her Husband Geoff, and their 4 children - Sarah(21), Henry(17), Maria(13), and Juan(12). She is the Owner of Five Lakes MFG, in Clinton Township. The Tischbeins’ journey across the lake on their 36’ Tiara, “Be Still”, begins at their home port, Grosse Pointe Club.

Welcome Patti and the entire Tischbein family, to The Clinton River Boat Club!

Prospective Members:

Mark Morris
Paul Hackett
Derek Starks
Brad Williams

The Good of the Order
-Chuck Custard, Secretary

This month, Jonathan Hollis was diagnosed with bone spurs, and Jason Gutowski was hospitalized with kidney stones and diverticulitis.

We wish these guys the best of luck in their healing process.
Clinton River Boat Club

New Member Welcome Cocktail Party

Saturday May 25th - 5:00pm
In the Clubhouse

Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share and help us welcome our newest members

Hosted by Jason Gutowski (Membership Growth)
For the Ladies…

Snoop & Snack

Sunday May 26th
Starting at 2:00pm
Please join us as we tour vessels at CRBC
A mini cocktail and snack will be provided by each vessel hostess
Please join your hostess Debbie Kehrig on “Summer Villa” on the North End at 2:00pm

For the Gentlemen…

Sip & Smoke

Sunday May 26th
Starting at 2:00pm
Please join your host Steve Nikkel on the North End lawn for a sampling of scotch whisky and cigars

$25.00 per person
Lunch will be included
Join Us for
Island Beautification

Saturday June 1st

Please help us beautify our Island.

Check in with
Rich Rozewicz – Grounds & Maintenance
in the Clubhouse for a list of projects that need to be completed.

Please join your host Chef Bruce Reichmann
at 12:00 in the Clubhouse for a lunch of
Meatball subs & Coney Dogs.
Clinton River Boat Club

Euchre!

**Tournament**

**Saturday June 8\(^{th}\) at 8:00pm**

Registration begins at 7:30pm

$5.00 per player

Join your host & hostess **Tony & Laurie Buccellato** for a fun evening of friendly competition!

**Snacks provided**

**Prizes awarded**
2019 CRBC Entertainment Calendar

APRIL
13th – Island Opening
13th – Island Opening Lunch (Kersey)

MAY
25th – Member Orientation (Cohen)
25th – New Member Cocktail Party (J. Gutowski)
26th – Men’s Scotch/Cigar Party (Nikkel)
26th – Ladies’ Progressive Cocktails (Kehrig)
TBD – Tennis Mixer (Sogge)

JUNE
1st – Island Beautification
1st – Island Beautification Lunch (Reichmann)
1st – Potluck Dinner (Kersey)
8th – Medical Safety Class (Schaden)
8th – Euchre Tournament (Buccellato)
15th – Island Dinner (Irish)
16th – Father’s Day Breakfast (Caradonna, James)
22nd – School’s Out Celebration – Family Day
22nd – Kids Carnival (Grigal, Kersey)
22nd – Earth Angel’s Performance (Grigal)
22nd – Malt Shop Diner Dinner (Kersey)
22nd – Kid’s Movie Night (J. Gutowski)

JULY
4th – 4th of July Remembrance (Cohen)
5th – Wine/Cheese Tasting (Bane)
6th – Kid’s Fishing Contest (Turansky)
6th – Progressive Harbor Dinner (Reblin)
7th – CRBC Board Meeting (Custard)
7th – BBQ Lunch (James)
13th – Antique Boat Show (Ayers, Gutschow)
13th – Ice Cream Social (Grigal)
15th – Euchre Tournament (Buccellato)
14th – Island Breakfast (Faircloth/Cusic)
19th – 28th – CRBC Lake Erie Rendezvous (Ternello)

JULY (Con’t)
TBD – Tennis Mixer (Sogge)

AUGUST
3rd – Cardboard Boat Race (Emigh, J. Gutowski)
3rd – Barge Lunch/Party (James)
10th – Antique Boat Show (Merritt)
10th – Ice Cream Social (3 Rob’s)
10th – Nuk Em Tournament (3 Rob’s Wives)
10th – Euchre Tournament (Buccellato)
11th – Island Breakfast (Whitley Sr.)
16th – Fish Fry (Pawlitz, Kersey)
17th – Chip and Putt Tournament (Cohen)
17th – Small Boat Photo Scavenger Hunt (Beltz)
17th – Music and Cocktails at Gazebo (Miller)
17th – Bingo (Balick)
31st – Diva Party (Miller)
31st – Fleet Review (CRBC Flag)
31st – Boat Decorating (Custard)
31st – Labor Day Skits (Sokolitz)
31st – Cocktail/Dessert Party (Kersey)

SEPTEMBER
1st – Morning Cocktails (Jefferson Beach Marina)
1st – Rubber Ducky Race (MacLachlan)
1st – Labor Day Polish Dinner (Jarrett)
14th – Trick or Treating (Custard)
14th – Island Haunted House (Custard)
14th – Chili Cook Off (Kersey)
TBD – Tennis Mixer (Sogge)

OCTOBER
12th – Island Closing
12th – Island Closing Lunch (Kersey)

NOVEMBER
8th – Annual Meeting (Custard)
Save the Dates for the CRBC 2019 Rendezvous

July 19 to July 28
Participate in all or any part - by water or land
watch for additional information in spring

Friday & Saturday July 19 & 20, 2019 – Detroit Yacht Club

Sunday & Monday July 21 & 22, 2019 – Put-in-Bay

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday July 23, 24 & 25, 2019 – Cleveland

Rock & Dock Marina adjacent to Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Friday & Saturday, July 26 & 27, 2019 – Kelly’s Island

Volunteers that wish to coordinate an event at one of the ports should contact:
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Drowning Doesn’t Look Like Drowning

The new captain jumped from the deck, fully dressed, and sprinted through the water. A former lifeguard, he kept his eyes on his victim and headed straight for a couple who were swimming between their anchored sportfish and the beach. “I think he thinks you’re drowning,” the husband said to his wife. They had been splashing each other, and she had screamed, but now they were just standing neck-deep on a sandbar. “We’re fine, what is he doing?” she asked, a little annoyed. “We’re fine!” the husband yelled, waving him off, but his captain kept swimming hard toward him. “Move!” he barked as he sprinted between the stunned owners. Directly behind them, not 10 feet away, their nine-year-old daughter was drowning. Safely above the surface in the arms of the captain, she burst into tears and screamed, “Daddy!”

How did this captain know — from 50 feet away — what the father couldn’t recognize from just 10? Drowning is not the violent, splashing call for help that most people expect. The captain was trained to recognize drowning by experts and years of experience. The father, on the other hand, learned what drowning looks like by watching television.

If you spend time on or near the water (hint: that’s all of us), then you should make sure that you and your crew know what to look for when people enter the water. Until she cried a tearful, “Daddy,” the owner’s daughter hadn’t made a sound. As a former Coast Guard rescue swimmer, I wasn’t surprised at all by this story. Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for is rarely seen in real life.

The Instinctive Drowning Response, so named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like most people expect it to. When someone is drowning there is very little
Drowning does not look like drowning. Dr. Pia, in an article he wrote for the Coast Guard’s On Scene magazine, described the instinctive drowning response like this:

- Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is a secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled before speech occurs.
- Drowning people’s mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale and call out for help. When the drowning people’s mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly as their mouths start to sink below the surface of the water.
- Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water’s surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
- Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.
- From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response, people’s bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs. (Source: On Scene magazine: Fall 2006 page 14)

This doesn't mean that a person who is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble — they are experiencing aquatic distress. Not always present before the instinctive drowning response, aquatic distress doesn't last long, but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, reach for throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over onto the back
- Appears to be climbing an invisible ladder

So, if a crewmember falls overboard and everything looks okay, don’t be too sure. Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don’t look as if they’re drowning. They may just look as if they are treading water and looking up at the deck. One way to be sure? Ask them, “Are you alright?” If they can answer at all, they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents — children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you need to get to them and find out why.
CRBC CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are limited to nautical items. There is a one-time charge of $25 for an ad with a photo, and the photo ad will also be posted on the CRBC website. All ads must be placed by a CRBC member and have a CRBC member contact. Please submit your classified ad to the Soundings Editor prior to the second Wednesday of each month: triciaschaden@mac.com

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