

# RRBC RIFT RAFT

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## From the Bridge

Anthony Dima

*Commodore*



On Saturday 3/25, the Commodores Ball was held at our club. As I said in my remarks, I am especially proud of our club and club house. An email was sent out asking for members to help set up for the party. Many members answered the call. The house was totally cleaned and decorated. We were able to show off the new carpeting we had installed in the meeting room. Without the help of our membership doing work both inside and outside, the club wouldn't be what it is.

Glenn Hellwig enlisted the Wrecks to perform and they did a great job. People were dancing for hours on end. The Simun's cut quite the rug on the dance floor. Who knew?

We were fortunate to have dignitaries from several clubs attend. South River Boat Club had a strong showing, thank you. Mark Aziz was his usual helpful self. Whether it was stocking the bar, bringing in more ice or washing

glasses, Marky Mark was a huge help.

The two Frank's made sure the bar maids had all they needed to start the night. From what I saw and heard, everyone had a great time.

I want to give a special shout out to the "Over 60 club" for all of their work building and repairing docks during the week. This made it easier and very efficient when we had weekend dock parties floating the docks.

We will be building more docks and floating them every Saturday for the next several weeks. Please come down and help. The club is only as strong as the volunteering of the members.

I would like to thank my lovely wife Kelli for all of her help in organizing the ball and making it the success it was. Without her help and support, I don't know where I would be.

Enjoy the season everyone. ❖

## From the Navigator

Andy Stevens

Welcome to volume 32 issue 2. Please see our growing list of advertisers and use them if possible.

If anyone would like to have something included, feel free to submit it. Please send submissions to [ADStevens@aol.com](mailto:ADStevens@aol.com) or [JulioAGarzon@outlook.com](mailto:JulioAGarzon@outlook.com) ❖

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## Congratulations/Mazal Tov

Congratulations to Past Commodore Mike Beaudrow and former first lady, Sue. They were blessed when their daughter Ashley gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Amethyst. Both Ashley and baby Amethyst are doing fine. ❖

## Raritan River Boat Club

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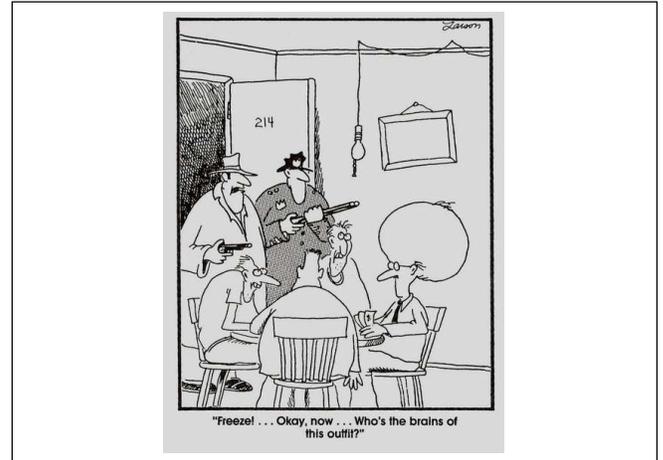
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Mike 732.213.5179 or Bill 732.540.2407



## Jumping the Broom

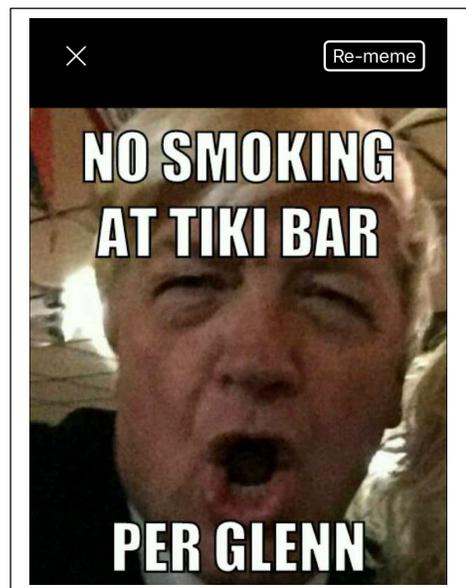
Recently New Alex, Alex Garzon, and Lew Caffrey, jumped the broom from probies to regular members. They will still be active members of the house committee as all first year members must still earn 50 house points to retain regular member status. ❖



## Membership Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following who have membership anniversaries in the fourth & first quarters

Randy Bell, Thomas Betsko, Richard Simun, Sr., Michael Kelly, Joseph Fircha, John Cwynar, Lewis Caffrey, Alex Garzon, William Germann, Richard Crowley, Tom Stolte, & Joseph Katarski ❖



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## IN SEASON ACTIVITIES

With the 2017 season upon us, we have a plethora of fun in sun festivities taking place. Don't be a stranger, come, partake, and volunteer. A happy time for one and all.



## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Dock Building

PLACE – OUTSIDE

WHEN – WEEKENDS IN MARCH AND APRIL

Build and float docks

### Club Opening

PLACE – OUTSIDE

WHEN – MAY 20

Flags are officially raised

### POKER RUN

PLACE – RARITAN RIVER

WHEN – JUNE 17

One of the most fun events of the season

### AQUAPALOOZA

PLACE – RIVER NEAR DONALDSON PARK

WHEN – USUALLY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Bring your boat, Jet Ski or Kayak and raft up

### Club Hosting

PLACE – INSIDE AND OUTSIDE

WHEN – JULY 15

Dignitaries from far and wide come to the club



## Invitation from 1990

### Jet Ski and Small Boat Slips

After numerous conversations about it, it appears we are real close to having designated and reserved slips for small boats and jet skis.

The latest plan is that some of the upstream slips are in the shallow water. That is too shallow for your typical boat but deep enough for small boats and jet skis.

For a nominal fee, those who partake will get an assigned slip and have dibs over those who don't, but want to in the future.

Tom Crowley and Bill Scott have been in talks to line up the roll-up, floating docks. Please speak to them for details. ❖

Look at the price. It includes an Open Bar!

### ★ Commodore's Ball ★

RARITAN RIVER BOAT CLUB  
Foot of Player Avenue - Edison, N.J.

COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

PRIME RIB DINNER 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1990

Music - Pete Korey & His Big Band

DANCING FROM 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM

OPEN BAR \$3000 PER PERSON

## Hosting '94

Our Annual Hosting combined with our 60th anniversary was held on July 16. While we did not get an actual count of the visiting boats, it was estimated that 40 boats from visiting clubs arrived at our docks on Hosting Day.

Usually we do not have a ceremony to open the Hosting, but having a 60th anniversary was a little special. Commodore Jim Welsh made a special presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Johnson. The Commodore presented Bill with a plaque and certificate of appreciation for the many years of dedication he gave to the RRBC. Additionally, the Commodore presented Anne and Bill with Commemorative T-Shirts.

( THEN THE PARTY BEGAN )

( AND HOW THEY DID PARTY )

For an affair such as this, it could have been predicted that there would be hamburgers and hot dogs. Such was the case for the afternoon, but being a special day, the usual hamburgers and hot dogs were supplemented with macaroni & potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, clams on the half shell and let us not forget the thirst quenchers, 5 kegs of beer and 15 cases of soda.

*Admittedly, a rather simple fair for a special occasion but there was more to come in the evening.*

For those who like to keep track of such things, the people participating at our hosting consumed (in the afternoon):

320 hamburgers  
280 hot dogs  
1 bushel of clams  
250 ears of corn  
40 pounds of potato salad  
25 pounds of macaroni salad  
6 gallons of baked beans  
10 pounds of tomatoes  
8 pounds of onions

I am not sure how to convert quantities consumed to people, but suffice it to say, there were a LOT of people.

While everyone was enjoying themselves outside, things were happening in the galley - preparation for dinner.

Dinner was the customary buffet with a twist.

*If you recall, earlier this year I sent a letter to all members and requested that people DO NOT donate prepared food. Many people called me and asked "...are you sure you don't want us to bring anything?" It was much easier to coordinate a meal by having been able to purchase everything and preparing it ourselves than to have a potpourri of food trays with a wide variety of food. I sincerely appreciate your desire to want to present your finest culinary delight, but this was much easier.*

In order to efficiently serve dinner, I recruited people to serve our guests. The "serving" concept worked extremely well. There were 325 first servings before people started on seconds and thirds. The waiting time in the food line was amazingly short considering the amount of people to be served. For those of you who were not able to attend and for our statisticians:

118 pounds of roast beef  
160 pounds of chicken (300 legs & thighs)  
300 stuffed shells  
40 pounds of sausage then add the peppers & onions  
30 pounds of kielbasa then add the sauerkraut  
50 pounds of red skinned potatoes  
6 gallons of green beans  
5 gallons of gravy  
18 loaves of rye bread  
77 green salad (lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, etc.)

Many guests spent the night on their boats at our docks. Breakfast was served to those who survived the " ordeal". 99 people showed up for breakfast. Might as well give those statistics also:

26 dozen eggs  
6 pounds of sausage  
12 pounds of bacon  
8 loaves of bread  
3 gallons of OJ.

To sum it up! A great time and a great party.

Many many thanks to all of our members, their families and guests who helped make this Hosting/Anniversary the success that it was.

Mike Kipper, Fleet Captain

### REMINDER

Our Homecoming will be an afternoon affair and will be held on October 1, 1994

## Silver Bullet Tour '94

### Claude Burke did it again!

This year's Silver Bullet tour was held on July 22, 23, 24 at the "Mariners Emporium" in Long Branch. It turned out to be a miserable weekend weatherwise, but that did not deter the 43 boats from seven area clubs that weathered the storm to party in Long Branch. A total of 275 people arrived to "party". Some of the party goers made it by land-yacht.

Saturday night music was performed by our friendly bridge tender and part time DJ, Phil.

There were three casualties; Bill Micklos Jr. was towed by Glen Murray who came in with only one engine running and Mike Kipper blew a seal in his outdrive. Other than those minor inconveniences, everyone had a great time.

Curious as to what all the music was all about, the Commodore and Entertainment Chairman from a neighboring club, the Long Branch Ice Boat and Yacht Club, came to investigate. Getting caught up in all of the enthusiasm, they informed Claude that there was a spaghetti dinner being served at their club and anyone who wished to attend was welcome. Additionally, Claude was extended an invitation to use the Ice Boat and Yacht Club Facility for the Silver Bullet Tour next year.

A date and time for the next TOUR has not been established yet, but when it is you will all be notified.

Keep up the good work Claude, we are all looking forward to next year!

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**CANNONBALL**

**FUN RUN**

DATE: 5/27/17

TUNE YOUR ENGINE &  
TIGHTEN YOUR BELTS

THIS WILL BE A HIGH SPEED RUN  
"RUN WATCHA BRUNG"  
(Just 4 Fun)

AWARDS FOR BEST LOOKING CREW!!

DESTINATION: ALANTIC HIGHLANDS /  
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For Lunch & Drinks



## Junior Auxiliary

It's back! The Junior Auxiliary is back in action being led by Chairman Tom Crowley Jr and Co-Chairman Alex Garzon.

We will be getting the paddle boats ready and using them not only for recreation, but to educate the kids on boating, basic navigation and of course safety!

We are also in the planning phases of rebuilding the playground! We can use all the help we can get. Keep an eye out for future fundraising and activities. Lastly, any kids that have not signed up yet, please sign up so you don't miss out on all the fun!

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## Questions and Answers

Q: The smoking rule for the Tiki Bar says it is in effect when the doors AND windows are in place. Can one smoke if only the windows OR the door are in place?

A: Hmmm?

Q: I've been hearing talk about the women's auxiliary being reformed. Is it true?

A: Check with new Alex and his fiancé, Christy.

Q: Who will be the first one to have their boat in this year?

A: I would bet that it would be the person who is first every year. The Vice Commodore.

Q: Was the corned beef catered in for the St Patrick's Day party, it was phenomenal?

A: Nope, Ken, Mike and others made it.

Q: Who can get a slip during Slip Assignment Day?

A: Regular members on up who have met certain criteria.

Q: Towards the end of the Commodores Ball, what was the special fragrance wafting by the bar?

A: It wasn't perfume.

## Super Bowl 51 at RRBC

What a game, what a party. Once again, the RRBC was the place to be in central NJ for the Super Bowl. Great food, entertainment, bartenders (cough, cough) and company. Even Atlanta fans were known to still have a good time, in spite of the epic collapse by the falcons. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in making the day great.

## Daytona 500 Party

If April showers bring May flowers, what does February bring? The Daytona 500 Party. Hats off to Vice Commodore Richie Aszman and his bride, along with helpers, to make the Daytona 500 more enjoyable to watch. Between the decorations, the slot cars, the food and race, who need to be in Daytona?

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Raritan River Boat Club is one of the few establishments that still celebrate the day on March 17<sup>th</sup>, regardless of the day of the week it falls out on. This year was no exception. Ken and Mike (and others) did a wonderful job in the kitchen. Billy and his posse had the hall decorated and Rich G and the house committee had the building shining. We had bag pipes, raffles and fun time by all.

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Super Bowl time



The Live Entertainment



The Drone View



Daytona Decorations



Enjoying the Festivities



The Simun's Dancing



Tommy Jr., Where are you?



Someone was thirsty



Just Sittin at the Bar



Getting Goofy



Here are just a few memories of the fun days