

## RCUSA Fall 2011 Newsletter

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Greetings from your President!

Welcome to the new RCUSA newsletter and website. It has been a long time coming and we are looking forward to a new level of participation and activities for the Riva Club members in the years to come.

To stay in touch with you we ask that you provide your regular Email address so that we can send *only occasional* RCUSA announcements. This will be a protected email list and will NOT be used for any other purposes or used for any marketing purposes. Please send an email to [info@rivaclubusa.com](mailto:info@rivaclubusa.com)

To recap a bit of the 2011 season...

David and Diane Paul, fellow RCUSA members, kicked off the 2011 season in style by hosting a Lobster feed at their beautiful lakeside home on Lake Tahoe's West Shore. This gathering was a beautiful site to see... 70 members and over 15 Riva boats were in attendance... the weather was perfect for the leisurely day of taking in the sights around Lake Tahoe. The shared camaraderie of our fellow Riva owners and guests made the day even more special.

The 2011 Lake Tahoe Concours d' Elegance was again a resounding success. The Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation and Sierra Boat Company host this world class event each year. There was a full compliment of Rivas shown, all in top-notch condition. More details on this event can be found at [www.laketahoekoncours.com](http://www.laketahoekoncours.com).

Our RCUSA annual dinner was hosted at Garwood's restaurant during wooden boat week with over 70 members in attendance.

The Riva Historical Society (RHS), which is the parent organization to our own RCUSA, hosted the RHS Venice days reunion of Riva boats in Venice Italy in June of this year. David and Diane Paul, Eric Thearling, Dirk Reed and Linda Rhodes attended this wonderful event in grand style touring the canals and open waters of the Venice area. It was a unique opportunity to interact with other RHS members from all over Europe.

This year, we have also revamped the RCUSA Website... [www.rivaclubusa.com](http://www.rivaclubusa.com). Please set your browser favorites to check out what is happening with our club in throughout the year.

For 2012, the Lake Tahoe Concours d' Elegance will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Riva Aquarama and the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Carlo Riva himself.

We have many festivities planned around this event and encourage all of our members to keep up to date with our website as we add details, dates and a schedule of events. Save the dates for August 9-10-11. This event will surely be the largest display of Riva Aquarama's in one place. There are many other RCUSA events that are scheduled in the days following the Concours.

Following this event is the European celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and birthday on the shores of Lake Iseo in Northern Italy. This event will be celebrated in grand style near the location of the original Riva factory in Sarnico, Italy beginning on August 30 through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

By now, you should have received information regarding this event from RHS in Italy.

More details of the RHS Sarnico event, the Tahoe Concours, and an ongoing interactive discussion of this event can be seen on the [www.Rivaforums.org](http://www.Rivaforums.org) website

This year, because of increased costs the RCUSA member-dues have been increased slightly from \$100 to \$125 USD in order to meet with increased costs of operation. Or fees paid to the RHS have increased. These same dues pay for the Viva Riva publication and the RHS annual calendar. Another extra benefit of membership includes a 10% discount with Hagerty Insurance.

All Riva Club members are invited to participate in the Riva Historical Society (RHS) **Carlo Riva Plaque** Registration program, through our Chapter, Riva Club USA (RCUSA). Two Carlo Riva plaques, one for the boat and one for display, will be awarded to each Riva boat whose owner presents, along with the registration fee, proper photographs of their boat and copies of any relevant documentation establishing their Riva as an original product of the Shipyard Riva.

Additionally, RHS plans on including photographs of all registered Rivas in a book to commemorate Carlo Riva's 90th birthday.

The RCUSA Board of Directors has appointed Herb Hall and Alan Weinstein as Commissioners for the Carlo Riva Plaque program. It is the Commissioners responsibility to verify the supplied information and to register each boat with RHS in Italy.

To enroll in this program, please provide the following;

A. Boat data: Model, year of build, hull number, vessel name, and five (5) photographs of: 1- front/side, 2 -back/side with cockpit in view, 3 - dashboard, 4 - hull number, 5 - the engine (s). If sending photos via email, please make sure they are in JPEG format

B. A check made out to RCUSA in the amount of \$250.00.

Samples of the required photos and further information are found in VivaRiva #13, Summer 2006.

You can submit Your Riva boat data and payment to either -  
Herb Hall P.O. Box 69 Carnelian Bay CA 96140 Tel: 530-546-2551 X 6  
sales@sierraboat.com **OR** Alan Weinstein 2200 NW 29th Street Ft. Lauderdale FL  
33311 Tel: 954-609-6485 Alan@rivaguru.com

### **Lake Tahoe 2012 Concourse d' Elegance schedule**

Marque Class: Riva Aquarama in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Birth of the Aquarama as well as Carlo Riva's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2012:** Welcoming Party at Sierra Boat Company (SBC), Carnelian Bay

- Friday:** Lake Tahoe Concourse d' Elegance, Judging of boats  
Evening: Exhibitors Dinner at SBC, order tickets early
- Saturday:** Open Boat show festivities
- Sunday:** Boating on Lake Tahoe with Fellow RCUSA members, and Brunch  
Dinner, at Lakeside Restaurant (TBA)
- Monday:** RCUSA Picnic at Emerald bay (guests welcome)

### **RHS 2012 Riva Days at Sarnico, Lake Iseo, Italy**

Thursday August 30 through Monday, September 3

Sign up information and accommodations will be announced on the website and emailed to those who provide a current email address.

This gala event will be held at the Lido Nittuno on the shores of beautiful Lake Iseo in the mountains of Northern Italy. Events will include lunches & dinners with other RHS members and the Riva family, tours of the Riva Factory, Navigation and Piloting competitions, picnics on the lake, classic race-boat displays and many other wonderful attractions.

Sign up deadline is July 30, 2012 with a discount offered if you sign up before December 15, 2011. Cost of participation is Euro €350 for early registration, €400 after Dec 15.

We encourage you to register early and also to arrive with a bit of advance timing so that you can get acclimated to your wonderful surroundings in Northern Italy and minimize the impact of jet-lag on your experiences.

More details to come and can be viewed on [www.rivaforums.org](http://www.rivaforums.org)