



## From the Top of The Mast

Susan Greco, Commodore

August! Can you believe there's only a little more than a month left of 2016 summertime fun? So many of this year's big events are already behind us, but they left us with great memories! Congratulations to the four SJRYC boats (Cynthia, Dandelion, Attitude and Imagine) that finished second in their respective Sections in the Queen's Cup Regatta on July 1st. No wind kept the sailors away until late afternoon, but the Club's all-day party was great, thanks to our 172 member/guest Volunteers and our staff! The 4th of July celebration gave us booming fireworks. Then on the 16th we started with Wolf's Dinghy Run, thoroughly enjoyed musical/jazz entertainment by Michael Hulett and then as darkness fell the lighted boat parade lit-up the basin and channel! The River Rats finished up their season and celebrated at their banquet on the 21st. Check out Julie Migala's Bilge article for more details. We finished up the month with a very fast, wet and stormy Chicago to Mackinaw Race. Once again, SJRYC's Cynthia took a 1st in Section while Imagine placed 4th in her Section. Congratulations to all the SJRYC boats that took on the MAC challenge! Check out this month's Bilge Social article for our August events such as the annual Lobster Fest on the 20th.

This past month has been a challenge for our members who enjoy our beautiful Pool. On behalf of the Board and Joann, I want to thank everyone who offered comments, suggestions and opinions about how to overcome the closures we've experienced. The changes you've experienced were specifically made to help assure your health and safety. If you have additional suggestions or comments, please let Joann know. We also thank-you for your patience and understanding as we enjoy this summer pool season.

August also means it's time for the Board to encourage and request interested members to submit their applications to fill the four (4) available Director positions for calendar year 2017!

**Benefits:** Learn more about the SJRYC, make new friends and volunteer with them at Club events and apply your business and leadership skills while you enjoy a fun fast-paced environment.

**Selection Process:** 12 Board positions, with four (4) positions up for election each year. Terms are for three (3) years. The Nominating Committee selects candidates in September and ballots are mailed to the entire membership early in October. Votes are counted near the end of the month and candidates notified shortly thereafter. See the By-Laws in the Member Handbook for more details.

**Responsibilities:** Provide strategic and tactical direction to guide the operation of SJRYC to assure it successfully achieves its mission. Each Director must fairly represent all the membership, balance various member interests, and help assure the long term financial strength of SJRYC. Directors participate in monthly Board meetings and special meetings as required. They also participate in Club activities and interact with other members to stay abreast of their needs and views on how well SJRYC is achieving its mission. Directors promote SJRYC positively within the membership and community through friendliness and an inclusive atmosphere. Chairing or serving on committees for the enhancement of the Club and enjoyment of our members is also a key part of a Director's responsibilities.

**Attributes:** Directors must have the ability to work positively and constructively in a team environment. They must have vision and the ability to set the Club's direction and then craft a strategic plan to insure SJRYC's long term success. The Club is approximately a \$900,000 a year operation, so a solid understanding of general business practices/operations, marketing, accounting and facility management is definitely needed to effectively function as a Director. A personal interest in one or more of the Club's major activities of boating, swimming or social activities is also very helpful. Each Board candidate must be a Club member or the spouse or domestic partner of a member.

**Application:** Send a letter (one page or less) to the Nominating Committee, c/o Commodore Susan Greco, by September 15th. Include a photo and description of your background and applicable experience. State why you would like to be a member of the SJRYC Board and why you believe you would be a good candidate. Send your submission via Email to [commodore@sjryc.com](mailto:commodore@sjryc.com) or via mail to SJRYC Nominating Committee, c/o Commodore Susan Greco, P.O. Box 3, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

See you on-the-water, at the Rhumbline, or at the Club!

## Fleet Report

Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore

WOW, I cannot believe it is already August! Hope everyone is getting in all their Summer Fun! July was a busy month for members of the SJRYC Race Fleet. In addition to the Wednesday night races, the Queens Cup from Milwaukee WI was held on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> with St. Joseph serving as the hosting finish line. On Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the "Chicago Regatta", a fund raiser with proceeds going to the Comer's Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago started in St. Joe with a Chicago finish. Boats from St. Joe chose not to participate largely due to wanting to spend the remainder of the holiday weekend with their families. Last but not least was the "Chicago to Mac" Race. The Cruising section started in Chicago on Friday, July 22nd and the rest of the fleet took off on Saturday, July 23rd.

The SJRYC Summer Series started on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Races were not held on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Chicago - Mac Race. Up to date results can always be found on the SJRYC webpage ([www.sjryc.com](http://www.sjryc.com)).

The "Queens Cup" started with good winds that proceeded to die down. As all of the Sailors and Volunteers will attest, this was a long, long race. With some boats not finishing until 24 hours after their start in Milwaukee WI. We had quite a few Boats from St. Joe who participated in the Queens Cup and placed:

- Cruising Fleet:** *Mary Grace* owned by Kenneth Ginger
- PERF Section 13:** *Chateau St. Michelle* owned by Kelly Kerns
- PERF Section 11:** *Cynthia* owned by Andy and Betty Grootendorst and Sue Hertog: Second Place
- PERF Section 10:** *Dandelion* owned by Tom Jacobs: Second Place  
*Elixir* owned by Ron and Janel Groth  
*The Jabberwock* owned by Kevin Gieser and Ann Dahmer
- PERF Section 9, J 105:** *Attitude* owned by Stuart Boekeloo: Second Place
- PERF Section 6:** *Silk* owned by Jud Brown and Susan Greco  
*Captain Blood* owned by Patrick and Patrice Nelson
- PERF Section 3:** *Imagine* owned by Gintaras Karaitis: Second Place

The "Chicago Regatta" started the morning of July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a downwind start! The Committee Boat, a C&C 115 from Chicago, "Maskwa" owned by Don Weller from the BPYC, also participated in the Queens Cup. While 25 boats were entered, only 18 crossed the starting line. My husband and I had the pleasure of being part of the Race Committee and we both had a great time! It is fun being on the other side of the race and see all the mishaps that can and do occur. A special thanks goes out to Ken Zimmerman and Craig Siemens who set the starting mark for us!

**The "Chicago Mac" Race!** What can be said...it was wet and fast! A lot of boats dropped out and/or experienced a failure of some kind, i.e., blown out sails, broken booms, electrical instrument failures, etc. Racing on Cynthia, I counted 5 thunderstorms, the first rolling through around 5pm on Saturday and the last ending around 10am on Sunday. Saturday we had decided to have dinner a little early as we knew storms were predicted. I was getting the steaks and veggies out of the cooler, and the grill was being attached to the stern pulpit when we noticed the first storm was closer and moving faster than first thought. At 8:30pm the salami and ham sandwiches came out!

SJRYC was well represented in the 108<sup>th</sup> 2016 Race to Mac. Although only one boat, Cynthia, placed.

- Cruising 2:** *Chateau St. Michelle* owned by Kelly Kerns
- J 105:** *Attitude* owned by Stuart Boekeloo
- Level 35:** *Captain Blood* owned by Patrick and Patrice Nelson
- Section 4:** *Wellenreiter* owned by Ron Schults, Greg Weykamp and Jimmy Carolla
- Section 7:** *Silk* owned by Jud Brown and Susan Greco  
*Elixir* owned by Ron and Janel Groth
- Section 8:** *Rush* owned by Jeff Alish
- Section 9:** *Cynthia* owned by Andy & Betty Grootendorst/Sue Hertog; 1st in section, 17th overall in Trophy Div  
*Dandelion* owned by Tom Jacobs



## Fleet Report Continued

Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Tri-State Regatta...the evening of Friday September 2nd, boats will race from Chicago to St. Joe, arriving early Saturday. This event is so much fun...be sure to sign up to volunteer so you can enjoy the whole experience!

The SJRYC Chili Regatta...this race is scheduled for Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>! It is a fun race for the SJRYC race fleet and is also a Fund Raiser for the St. Joseph Jr. Foundation (SJFJ). In the past Sailors have brought their homemade chili to the Club in a crockpot Saturday morning before the race. Their boat name would be written on their Crockpot and after the race, all club members were invited to enjoy the chili and vote with their dollars for the best Chili! All proceeds would then be donated to the SJFJ. (You do not have to be a Sailor or a Racer to participate in the "Chili" part of this Regatta.)

The Cups and Flags Banquet is scheduled for Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>! This is an awards banquet for the SJRYC race fleet for the spring, summer and Off Shore Series Races. Again, you do not have to be a Sailor or Racer to participate. Come help us celebrate the race fleet and all of their 2016 achievements.

Historically, the same day as the Cups and Flags Banquet is the Foul Weather Open at Pipestone Creek Golf Course. You don't need to own clubs or be a golfer to participate in this extremely fun event! It is a great day of fun and a great precursor to the banquet! More to come on the Foul Weather Open!!

St. Joe Fleet ROCKS!!! Let's ROLL!!!

## Membership Update

Kathy Grootendorst, Director

The 2016 Handbook is ready for pick up at the Club. They will not be mailed out, so be sure to pick yours up the next time you visit. Just ask any staff member for your copy.

Also, check your contact information in the Handbook and if there are any errors or omissions, or something you would like changed under your listing, please let me know by an email ... [membership@sjryc.com](mailto:membership@sjryc.com), or give me a call at 269-252-5144. I will update the Master list.

The wait list is now growing for 2017, so if you know of anyone interested in becoming a member of the SJRYC, this would be a great time for them to get their wait list application in. The form can be found on our web-site as a quick link, or picked up at the Club. It can then be emailed or dropped off at the Club.

<u>Clubhouse Hours</u>	<u>Galley Hours</u>	<u>Rhumblines Hours</u>	<u>Pool Hours</u>
Monday Closed	Monday Closed	Monday 12-9pm	Monday 12-9pm
Tuesday 11:30-10pm	Tuesday 11:30-9pm	Tuesday 12-9pm	Tuesday 12-9pm
Wednesday 11:30-11pm	Wednesday 11:30-10pm	Wednesday 12-10pm	Wednesday 12-9pm
Thursday 11:30-10pm	Thursday 11:30-9pm	Thursday 12-9pm	Thursday 12-9pm
Friday 11:30-11pm	Friday 11:30-9pm	Friday 12-10pm	Friday 12-9pm
Saturday 12-10pm	Saturday 12:00-9pm	Saturday 12:00-9pm	Saturday 11-9pm
Sunday 12-6pm	Sunday 12-5pm	Sunday 12-8pm	Sunday 12-8pm



## Social Committee Report

Cathy Cawley

"Ravinia on the Lawn" with Michael Hulett was so well attended and enjoyed by so many of our members and their guests that the Social Committee has plans to have an encore in 2017. If you were unable to attend you missed a strolling troubadour with a wide repertoire. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the repeat next summer.

Saturday, August 13: In the Keepers Bar, Star and Charlie will return with their romantic blend of songs perfect for date night. Double dating is a nice way to spend a Saturday night. Bring your friends for a night of entertainment and wear your dancing shoes just in case the night calls for a little cheek to cheek.

Saturday, August 20: At the Rhumblin Bar (weather permitting), you will be beckoned to the River with the sound of the Island Breeze. There will be a Lobster/Clam Bake served at 6:30pm. Wear your Caribbean favorites and enjoy a gastronomical delight. The menu is included on an attached poster. You will need to reserve your dinner ticket in advance.

Thursday, September 1: At 6pm, SJRYC invites all those members who have volunteered their time for the TriState Race and Party to come and be a guest for dinner. With your Club membership comes the responsibility to pitch in from time to time. Helping with events or general Club duties helps keep our costs down and still allows us to steward the best Club on the Great Lakes. Those who can help on September 3rd with the TriState, please make sure to find a spot on the sign-up sheets in the Club lobby so we know you can be counted on for this important Club event.

Saturday, September 3: This is the arrival date for the sailors competing in the TriState Race. A busy day for our Club staff and members to put forth another great display of planning and execution for an event that needs volunteers from early morning until midnight. Lots of two hour shifts are available to sign up for in the Club entry. If you put your name on the volunteer schedule now, you will still have a choice of times and positions. All time slots have to be covered so don't delay, sign up right away. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. Mike Talbot will be entertaining our members and guests from 2 in the afternoon until 5pm down at the Rhumblin Bar. At 8pm "PS Dump Your Boyfriend" will rock the night away with their brand and style that has always attracted attendance that fills the big top. The dancing will continue until midnight.

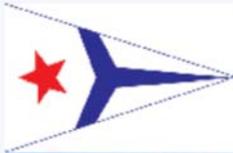
Monday, September 5: Labor Day, and we can't let it pass without celebration. We were very fortunate to have Jenna Mammia agree to perform for us from 3 to 6pm at the Rhumblin Bar (weather permitting). The Rhumblin Bar will be serving a grill menu to be announced soon. Watch the Club website or weekly E-blast for more information.

Saturday, September 10: Kevin McDaniel returns to the Keepers Bar with a little bit country and a little bit rock and roll. I for one want to hear him sing Sweet Caroline the way he does on YouTube. Kevin is a Club favorite. This is another dance opportunity you won't want to miss.

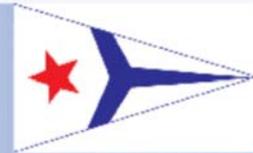
Saturday, October 1: The Commodore's Bash! We will be honoring Susan Greco for her year of service as the head of our Board of Directors. We also honor all of our past Commodores who still volunteer and serve the Club as active members. Save the date, you will want to attend this event. The entertainment for that evening will be Slim Gypsy Baggage. I'm sure the staff has a very special menu planned for the evening. More information to come as the date draws nearer.

Wednesday, October 5: At 7pm on the 2nd floor, we begin the 2nd half of the Euchre Challenge. There are already 40 members competing for the title of "Club Euchre Challenge Champion of 2016". Could it be you? Come once and check it out! New players who played euchre for the first time in May of this year are among those in the running for the December 28th honor.

If you have never come to the Club on a Wednesday around 6:30 in the evening to watch the sail boats head out to the Lake to compete and sharpen their sailing skills, you might want to do it before the sailing season ends for 2016. Pick a table near the Rhumblin Bar and enjoy one of the best views in Southwestern Michigan.



# Tri-State Regatta 2016



**Saturday September 3rd**

Hosted by St. Joseph River Yacht Club #1 Lighthouse Ln, St Joe, M.I.49085 For More Information Call 269-983-6393

**Breakfast 7am—11am**

\$9 - All You Can Eat:  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage  
Breakfast Potatoes  
Biscuits & Gravy  
French Toast  
Fresh Fruit  
Coffee & Juice

**Lunch 12pm—3pm**

\$8  
Burgers  
Hot Dogs  
Potato Salad

**Dinner 6pm—9pm**

\$18 New York Strip  
\$15 Chicken Breast  
\$10 Vegetarian  
Caesar Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Fruit Salad  
Corn on the Cobb  
Dinner Rolls  
Cookies



**Beer Truck**

**Wine & Sangria**

**Cash Bar**

Mike Talbot Plays at the Rhumbline Bar and Grill from 2—5 pm

PS Dump Your Boyfriend/Pfreak Show Plays 8-Midnight Rain or Shine!

**\$5 Cash Admission After 8 pm**



***Pfreak Show***



# BILGE BAILINGS

ST. JOSEPH RIVER YACHT CLUB

## Manager's Report

Joann L. Kavanaugh

The hot weather of summer may be behind us but the Galley continues to heat things up as we celebrate National S'Mores Day on Wednesday, August 10th. Join us outside by the firepit for a complimentary S'Mores Buffet (weather permitting, of course). This fun night begins at 7pm and will continue until the marshmallows run out! Let's all gather to enjoy these last days of summer.

To celebrate the season's harvest we will be offering menu specials that feature peaches, a Michigan favorite. Try a Grilled Peach Salad for lunch or a Homemade Peach Cobbler for dessert, and look forward to some delicious new items this month.

Two more food holidays on our calendar are, National Panini Day, August 11th and National Rum Day, August 16th. Make sure to check out the weekly eNewsletter so you never miss the details!

If you have not seen it yet, please ask to be on our email mailing list so you can be a part of our member survey. We want to hear your thoughts and always appreciate your feedback. Send your email address to [admin@sjryc.com](mailto:admin@sjryc.com) to be added to the distribution list.

Lost something??? Check out the new Lost and Found basket located in the hallway near the restrooms. If you have lost something of considerable value while visiting the club please contact us by phone or email ([gm@sjryc.com](mailto:gm@sjryc.com)).

See you at the club!

## Swim Team Report

Julie Migala, Director

June and July were eventful months at the pool. After three fecal contamination incidences, which resulted in having to close the pool for at least 24 hours each time, the Pool Committee has established new guidelines, effective July 20th. We hope these guidelines impress upon the membership the importance of using clean and safe practices while at our pool:

- All children, three and under, must wear a rubberized diaper cover.
- We now have a 3rd lifeguard on duty during our busiest shifts to man the gate as people enter the pool, make sure toddlers have their diaper covers, pass out SJRYC Pool flyers, and remind people to be aware of all pool rules.
- By signing the sign-in sheet, people will agree to the terms of our new SJRYC Pool flyer.
- Lifeguards will clean the bathrooms twice as often.

The River Rats Swim Team had a very successful season, finishing 2-2 over all and placing fourth at the MAPSC Conference Championship Meet on July 20<sup>th</sup>. A huge shout out to Head Swim Mom, Maria Jordan, for doing an excellent job of coordinating volunteers for the swim meets and overseeing all the logistics of running the team, and also to Lyndsay Marohn for stepping up to help every day with the younger swimmers on the team. At the end-of-season Banquet, Coach Hirn awarded the following swimmers:

- MVP 10 and under: Sophia Perangeli and Christian Jordan
- MVP 11 and over: Claire Norland and Hudson Woodruff
- Most Improved 10 and under: Madison Tyburczy and Joe Salerno
- Most Improved 11 and over: Keneddy Yeager and Kyle Martin
- Spirit Award: Natalie Jordan and Parker Hume
- Coach's Award: Maya Halsey and Johnny Norland

Great job Coach Hirn and the River Rats!!!!



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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