



From the Top of The Mast

Susan Greco, Commodore

September, as we know, means a transition from summer into fall! So, along with the season's change comes time to consider what our Club has to offer for the rest of 2016! You can source your family's Club-fun on the weekly e-blast newsletter for the next week or so and then go to the Club events' calendar on the website for future events. Coming up, live on Saturday, September 3rd for the Tri-State party, is PS Dump Your Boyfriend, aka Pfreak Show; and on Labor Day Monday, Jenna Mammina will entertain us with her vocal stylings. Then on October 1, I am personally excited to experience Slim Gypsy Baggage's eclectic rock, funk and soulful sounds after a great SJRYC dinner. Everyone is welcome to join in for a great dinner and party!

Our recent member survey revealed that those of you who responded are interested in live entertainment; wine, beer, or liquor tastings; guest chef events; regattas; speaking presentations; water aerobics or yoga; children's programs; and euchre. We also discovered that you really enjoy drinks and cocktails at the Club, as much or more than a meal. If you did or didn't answer the survey, let us know about specific events and entertainment for all ages that you'd like to see in 2017. Now is the time to begin planning and booking events, so contact Joann (gm@sjryc.com) or talk to a Board member very soon to let us know your preferences!

Applications for the 2017 Board of Directors will be accepted through September 15th! We need expertise in all areas of life, business, management, leadership, mechanical, technical, and most important a desire to have fun and to participate with the other Board members to promote our mission: "*SJRYC strives to provide a casual atmosphere, affordable prices, and a spirit of fellowship, community and education, building on a rich history of boating, swimming, and socializing in a unique nautical location.*" If you're hesitant about submitting your application or need more information, feel free to contact me (commodore@sjryc.com) or another Board Member. You can find application details in the weekly e-blast newsletter published on Monday mornings.

Planning for 2017 also must include a careful review of our facilities' needs and our financial position. Consideration must be given to the kitchen's old stoves/ovens; the 10-year-old non-chip compatible point-of sale system; the ice maker; pool maintenance, tuck-pointing of the Clubhouse and the Keeper's House; and air handling in the Clubhouse just to name a few challenges ahead of us. Meanwhile, costs to run our operation continue to rise. Your Board of Directors and General Manager understand you have entrusted us with making decisions that provide the most prudent use of your precious fees and dues. We also know that we must consider what would contribute to your enjoyment at the Club such as new and additional outside furniture and umbrellas and perhaps outside music. Let us know what you think!

I truly hope you enjoy the rest of the waning days of summer and look forward to all that fall has to offer! Thanks for being Members! See you on-the-water, at the Rhumblin' or in the Clubhouse!



BILGE BAILINGS

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Clubhouse Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 11:30-11pm
Thursday 11:30-10pm
Friday 11:30-11pm
Saturday 12-10pm
Sunday Closed

Galley Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 11:30-10pm
Thursday 11:30-9pm
Friday 11:30-9pm
Saturday 12:00-9pm
Sunday Closed

Rhumblines Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday Closed
Thursday Closed
Friday 5-10pm
Saturday 12:00-9pm
Sunday 12-8pm

Membership Update

Kathy Grootendorst, Director

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed all of the activities at the SJRYC!!!! As fall approaches, along with the upcoming Holiday season, I would like to gently remind all members that our 2017 dues will be coming due as well. Please keep that in mind as you plan.

2016 Handbooks are still available; so if you have not gotten yours, please ask any of our staff for one.

The wait list continues to grow for 2017. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member of the SJRYC, this would be a good time for them to get their wait list application in. The form can be found on our web site as a quick link, or they can pick one up at the Club. It can then be emailed or dropped off at the Club.

Pool Report

Joann Kavanaugh

The last part of our season has gone exceptionally well and we are thankful so many members took the time to follow pool rules to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. Staffing an additional guard at the entrance gate has been very successful and we have seen an increased usage of our member and guest sign-in book translating to additional dollars for the club as non-member guests are required to purchase a \$2 wristband. Sadly, our pool will be closing soon; last day of operation will be Sunday, September 11th (12 to 8pm).

Thank you for a great season! See you next summer!

Finance Report

Gale Cawley

The club netted over \$16,000 for our efforts in hosting the Queen's Cup regatta. That would not have been possible without the terrific efforts of our Club members who volunteered and helped to pull it off. This is income that is critical to the financial well-being of our club. Many thanks to our volunteers.

Our next big event to help boost our club's finances is the annual Tri-State Regatta. SJRYC hosts an all day party on Saturday, September 3rd for the racing sailors and the Club is also open to the public on this day. So once again we need members to volunteer. Not only is it fun to volunteer, to enjoy the atmosphere while participating, but it also contributes greatly in helping our balance sheet. Last year's income for the Tri State Regatta was over \$28,000. It would be super to match that number again. We need your help to do it!



Manager's Report

Joann L. Kavanaugh

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the recent survey; your feedback is much appreciated and gives us better insight to the overall member experience.

With summer drawing to a close the Club's hours of operation will change. Beginning Wednesday, September 7th our clubhouse will be open Wednesday-Saturday and our Rhumbline Bar will be open Friday nights and all day Saturday and Sunday.

There are still plenty of fun things ahead. In September we celebrate some fantastic food holidays. Visit your Club on September 7th for National Beer Lovers Day and enjoy all-day specials on America's favorite beverage! September 10th is National Hot Dog Day, and SJRYC will offer a "build your own dog" buffet with toppings galore. Lastly, to welcome the arrival of fall, on September 30th we will feature Hot Mulled Cider at the Keeper's Bar.

Football season will also be welcomed in September; join us on Saturdays from 1 to 3pm for complimentary buffet style snacks and cheer on your favorite college team.

Social Committee Report

Cathy Cawley

With the dog days of Summer behind us, and the pool and Rhumbline Bar closing in a couple of weeks, it's time for inside activities in the Clubhouse once again. The pool will close soon, but weather permitting the Rhumbline Bar and deck will remain open, and can still offer the best view at One Lighthouse Lane. But before the end of October all the tables and chairs will be hunkered down until Spring 2017.

Labor Day weekend kicks off September with the annual Tri-State Regatta. Staff and members alike are working hard to make it a success. A special dinner to thank the volunteers and also brief them on their assignments, will be held at 6pm on Thursday, September 1st. By early Saturday (September 3rd) morning, we will be in full party mode, serving breakfast to welcome the racing sailboats coming from the west (Chicago). The Tri-State Regatta poster in this newsletter, outlines the days planned activities and menus. Highlights include live entertainment by Mike Talbot at the Rhumbline Bar from 2 to 5pm; and from 8pm to midnight, *PS Dump Your Boyfriend, aka Pfreak Show*, will entertain us under the tent. While the club will be open all day to the public, non-members arriving after 8pm will be charged a \$5 cover. The Club will be closed on Sunday, September 4th. On Labor Day Monday, September 5th, Jenna Mammina will perform at the Rhumbline Bar from 3 to 6pm. The Clubhouse will be closed, but a special menu will be available at the Rhumbline. In the case of inclement weather, the Clubhouse will be opened and we will move inside.

While Sunday brunch, served at the Keepers Bar has ended for the season, football season is now upon us! Many members flock to the Keepers Bar on Saturday afternoons to enjoy college football on our three TV screens. Wear your team jersey and come join us!

On Friday, September 9th from 8 to 11pm, Kevin McDaniel returns to the Keepers Bar. If you enjoy country and rock & roll, come dance the night away. You can also preview his style by watching him sing '*Sweet Caroline*' on YouTube.

Saturday, October 1st we will honor Commodore Susan Greco, along with our past Commodores and 2016 Board of Directors at our annual Commodore's Bash. The evening will include dinner, and dancing to "Slim Gypsy Baggage." Reservations are required for the dinner (a menu can be found on the attached poster.)

On Wednesday, October 5th the SJRYC Euchre Challenge returns. In Spring 2016 40 members competed weekly in this 'friendly' card game. Some even invited friends and family to participate, however only Club members are eligible for the championship title. New players are always welcome. Come join us for two very fast and FUN hours of play.

Saturday, October 8th, Joann and staff have planned a Fall treat for one and all. Children of all ages can decorate and eat their own caramel apple! If you'd like, you can even make a few and share. Lots of wonderful, delicious toppings will be provided, along with complimentary cider, hot cocoa, light snacks and a movie on the 3rd floor big screen, '*The Hotel Transylvania*.' There will be a \$5 charge for each apple. Can you say yummy fresh!

Saturday, October 29th a 'Trunk or Treat' is planned for the children of our Club. Weather permitting, in a designated area of the Club parking lot, participating members will dress up for Halloween and hand out treats from their decorated cars (Trunk) to our younger membership. It's sort of an open air Spook House. Be creative, but scary. We'd also

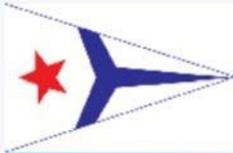
like to have a few members inside the club handing out treats as well. A little fun house of our own, going from 1pm till the treats are gone, and then it's Trick time. In addition, there will be a kids Halloween movie playing on the third floor during the Trick or Treating. At 6pm other ghouls and goblins will begin arriving for a Halloween Party in the Keepers Bar. While costumes are not required, it would be fun if you did dress up. Steve Foresman will entertain us from 7 to 11pm, and I'm sure Steve has a trick or two planned for us also!

On Thursday, November 3rd, the SJRYC Book Club will meet in what we hope will be an annual event. We think we've found the perfect book and author, "Selah in the Storm", by Ann Brained. Ann grew up in St. Joseph and learned to sail as a child with many of our members at the St. Joseph Junior Foundation. We will have her books available at Club on Friday the 23rd and 30th of September for \$15.99 each. Any remaining books will for sale at the Keepers Bar. Ann is looking forward to presenting her book and to discuss its story with our membership. See attached poster on this Book Club event.

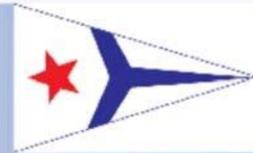
Thursday, November 10th, SJRYC will host our first "Wine and Canvas" party, where FUN is guaranteed. Call now to reserve your spot. The \$45 fee will cover snacks and all your art supplies (cocktails are not included.) Come explore your creative side and attempt to bring out the hidden artist within.

Thursday, the 17th of November, the SJRYC's annual meeting will be held. At this meeting, open to the entire membership, the SJRYC Board of Directors will report on the Clubs 2016 progress. Please try to attend.

Don't forget, for the most up to date information, you can go to the Clubs website at SJRYC.com.



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 Rhumblin 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





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