



# BILGE BAILINGS

ST. JOSEPH RIVER YACHT CLUB

MAY 2016 ISSUE

## From the Top of The Mast

Susan Greco, Commodore

May 2016 FUN is about to begin! We met our membership cap for the year so we have lots of new friends to meet and get to know starting now! Along with many of our returning Members, we officially welcomed many of our new Members at a party in their honor, Friday evening, April 22. Thanks go to Board Director Kathy Grootendorst and Member Dave Alger for making the party happen. The complementary rum punch and appetizers were enjoyed by everyone!

You may have noticed that our collection of burgees has disappeared! According to a SJRYC weekly eblast, a Salty band of Pirates made off with them. An investigation has begun and I've heard rumors that there may be a ransom involved so check with your fellow Members and the website, eblasts, and FB for any updates to this saga.

Our General Manager, Joann Kavanaugh, suggested that weather permitting we open the Rhumbline Bar early in May to take advantage of any warm days/evenings that just might come our way before the traditional Memorial Day weekend opening. Thanks to Director Dave Hertog and his crew of cleaning volunteers, the April 30th scrubbing will allow us to be ready and waiting for warm breezes the first three weeks in May!

Have you noticed all the frenetic activity at West Basin as the boaters get their boats water-ready? While this off-the-water "fun" only lasts a short time, it's worth a walk-through just to experience the camaraderie among everyone there. Preparation for the River Rats swim season and hiring of Pool lifeguards are underway thanks to Director Julie Migala. The May Social events will definitely keep you busy until summer warmth arrives! Make sure to read Social Chair Cathy Cawley's article about Cinco de Mayo on May 5th (my birthday), the Kentucky Derby Party, the Mother's Day Brunch, entertainment by Steve Foresman, and the Memorial Day picnic! All these happen in May, in addition to the community's Blossomtime celebration and the Senior PGA presented by Kitchen Aid.

I also want to highlight the Volunteer Event that will happen on Friday evening, May 13th at the Club. ALL members are invited to learn how they can help make our events a success and have fun with their fellow members! The two biggest events, the Queen's Cup and Tri-State Regattas, are our main fund raisers and we need your help. While you'll learn about the Events on the 13th, there will be sign-up sheets too. So, as you're planning your summer fun, please include SJRYC VOLUNTEERING as your way of showing how much you value your Club and all the excitement it provides for you and your families' life!

Our 2016 Member Handbook will be out soon! See you on-the-water, at the Rhumbline, or at the CLUB!

## LET'S GET SOCIAL

**May 4th**  
Skippers Meeting

**May 5th**  
Cinco De Mayo  
Celebration

**May 7th**  
Kentucky Derby Party

**May 8th**  
Mother's Day Brunch

**May 13th**  
Volunteer Event

**May 26th**  
Steve Foresman

**May 30th**  
Memorial Day Picnic

**June 2nd**  
Cuba Presentation

**June 4th**  
Cowboy Danny Dine

**June 10th-11th**  
South Haven  
Rendezvous

**June 19th**  
Fathers Day Picnic

**June 25th**  
Summer Solstice

**June 30th**  
Queens Cup  
Volunteer Event



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## FLEET REPORT

Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore

Hope everyone is enjoying this warmer weather...getting boats uncovered and lawns cleaned up!

The Annual Skippers Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the third floor of the Club. Even if you don't have a boat or Race, come on down to find out what goes on and what we are all about. The shake down race will follow on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, with the Spring Series beginning on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Queens Cup Race:** Friday, July 1st. This race, sponsored by the South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee WI starts in Milwaukee and ends in Saint Joseph. The South Shore Yacht Club is currently accepting applications to race. Last I looked 40 boats are currently signed up. Also, don't forget to sign up to volunteer for this exciting event at our Club.
- **Chicago Regatta:** Sunday, July 3. Fundraiser for Univ. of Chicago Comer's Children's Hospital.
- **Tri-State Regatta:** Friday, September 2nd. This race starts in Chicago with the Racers arriving in Saint Joseph early Saturday morning. This event is so much fun! Be sure to sign up to volunteer so you can enjoy the whole experience!

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

## TREASURERS REPORT

Gale Cawley

The board has been working on the 2016 budget and making income/expense estimates for the coming season. Our bar and restaurant revenue has been pretty good for this time of the year, but major expenses will include building maintenance and repair; and replacing the commercial grade dishwasher in the kitchen. We will need your help to really keep this ball rolling for the summer!

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Joann L. Kavanaugh

May marks the beginning of SJRYC's busy season and we look forward to a full calendar of events this month. Along with celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day and Memorial Day with great food and fun we have an active private party schedule this month with several events booked on the third floor.

With sailing season about to start, The Galley will offer Wednesday night Sailor's Specials for dinner, starting on May 11th. The Keeper's Bar is also gearing up for warmer weather and will feature 3 new craft beers! Try a New Belgium Heavy Melon Ale, Rochester Mills Tongue Tied Cherry Farmhouse Ale or Perrin Grapefruit IPA the next time you are visiting.

Please note our hours will change this month. The club will be open every Sunday 12-6 pm for brunch beginning May 15th. Brunch will be offered from 12-2 pm and our regular dining room menu will be available from 2-5 pm. Mother's Day Brunch will be served 11:30-2 pm on May 8th. The club will also open every Tuesday beginning on May 31st.

At the end of the month we celebrate Memorial Day with a traditional picnic on the lawn and the much anticipated opening of the Rhumbline Bar and Pool! The Rhumbline will be open every day, weather permitting, beginning May 27th.

See you at the club!



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## SAINT JOSEPH JUNIOR FOUNDATION (SJJF) – Sailing School Karen Laetz

### PETRA DIETZ

The SJJF Board is delighted to introduce our new Sailing School Director, Petra Dietz. She not only brings 20+ years of experience sailing on Lake Michigan, she spent 31 years teaching Physical Education in the Chicago area. Please join us in welcoming Petra!



### SJJF Spring Celebratory Dinner: Tuesday, May 17

Tim Sizer and Dion Globensky, alumni of the SJJF sailing program, are once again hosting a **Spring Sailing Celebratory Dinner** at **Timothy's Restaurant** in Union Pier. The dinner will benefit the SJJF. Sign up by May 9<sup>th</sup> with your reservations. Forms are available on the SJRYC bulletin board or on our website.

**Sailing Classes:** Ask your friends to join you in taking a class...SJRYC membership is not necessary.

### St. Joseph Campus:

**Youth Sessions – 3 week sessions** (ages 8–17) are Mondays & Wednesdays, or Tuesdays & Thursdays (mornings or afternoons). **Sign up early to get a \$25 discount on the St. Joe youth classes.**

- Session 1: June 13 to June 30, 2016
- Session 2: July 4 to July 21, 2016
- Session 3: July 25 to August 11, 2016

**Team SJJF (Racing):** Fridays, June 17 – August 12

**Adult Sailing Class:** Tuesday Evenings,  
June 14 to August 9  
(no class July 26)



### Paw Paw Lake Campus:

**Youth Sessions – 1 week sessions** (ages 8 – 17) are Mondays through Fridays 9am to noon

- Session A: July 11 to July 15, 2016
- Session B: July 18 to July 22, 2016



To register for classes, visit our website [www.sjff.org](http://www.sjff.org) and register online.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cathy Cawley

It's a wonderful time of the year at the St. Joseph River Yacht Club. You can feel the excitement building as our members return in larger numbers each week to welcome each other for a great season of enjoying all our Club has to offer.

- Our staff has put together a Cinco De Mayo celebration on the 5th of May with wonderful food and drinks inspired from South of the Border.
- Rachel Arent is planning the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday the 7th of May. Wear your best hat or design a new creation. Who knows, you could be the "Top Hatter" and win a prize as well!!!
- You don't need to wait in line for a seat at a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8th. Your Club has lots of seating, so bring the family and enjoy a well planned feast at a great price.
- On Friday, May 13th stop by the third floor to hear about the different committees you can join, and/or come sign up for one of our many Queens Cup volunteer positions. This is SJRYC's first year to be the Queens Cup destination and we need all hands on deck to host Saturday, July 2nd's arrival of up to 200 boats. Many of our sailors will be competing so let's give them a hand partying!!!!
- Saturday, May 28th, Steve Foresman will entertain us with his wonderful mix of rock, folk, classic country, and rhythm & blues. Steve performs hundred's of engagements each year and we're lucky SJRYC is one of them!
- On Monday, May 30th we salute our veterans with a Memorial Day Picnic. By this date, the Club will be ready for the Summer season. If the weather cooperates, this should be a memorable day at the Rhumbline Bar. Bring your dinghies, kayaks, rowboats or whatever you enjoy to do on the water. No boat, no problem! Come watch the boaters coming and going on the Clubs name sake, the St. Joe River.
- On Thursday, June 2nd on the third floor at 7pm, members Dr. Mary Anderson and Bill Radtke will give a presentation of their trip to Cuba. They will be assisted by travel agents/friends, Caryl Olson of Cruise Planners and Caryl's husband Gayle Olson of Mid West Family Broadcasting. You'll be glad you came!
- Cowboy Danny Dine with his acoustic guitar and way of telling stories in lyrics, will entertain on Saturday June 4th starting at 7pm in the Keepers Bar.
- A rendezvous to South Haven, MI is planned for June 10th and 11th. All Club members are invited to participate. Friday evening at 7pm, we will gather on the banks of the Black River for a pitch in picnic. No reservation is needed. Just bring a dish to pass and a picnic basket like you do when you go picnicking. If you plan to come by boat, slips will be reserved for the SJRYC boaters, but you'll need to make your own reservation by June 1st at South Haven Municipal Marina. (269-637-3171). On Saturday the group will dine at the South Haven Yacht Club. For boaters, South Haven is a quick trip, being the next harbor North. If you plan to drive, just let us know you plan to join in and we will know to include you in our reservation for Saturday night's dinner.
- Sunday, June 19th is Father's Day and the Rhumbline Bar and pool will be open.
- The Summer Solstice Party is June 25th. Our 14 to 20 year old members will enjoy a beautiful evening at a social event created just for them. Have a Ball!
- On Thursday June 30 the Queens Cup Committee has planned a Volunteer Orientation Dinner. Between now and the end of June you will learn how you can help. With everyone pitching in, we can schedule two hour volunteer slots. The committee counts on every available member to help.
- On the 1st of July the Queen's Cup Sailing Race starts, leaving Milwaukee, Wisconsin that evening. Racers will begin arriving at the St. Joseph harbor in the wee hours of Saturday morning, July 2nd.



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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Kathy Grootendorst, Director

Happy May to all. Our New Member Reception on Friday, April 22, was a great success with everyone enjoying the Rum Punch and appetizers. A big thank you to Dave Alger and Joann, along with the Staff. New member, Rick Golichowski, was the lucky winner of the book raffle.

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 they can pick up a form at the Club. The form can be emailed or dropped off at the Club.

## SWIM TEAM

Julie Migala, Director

Summer is just around the corner, and it is time to think about signing up for the Swim Team!! Please join us on Friday, May 6th from 5 to 7 pm on the third floor to sign up. Team suits will be available to try on in case you are unsure of your swimmers' size.

We are also busy hiring staff for the summer months and will keep you posted when we know who our new Head Guard, Assistant to the Head Guard, and Assistant Coach are. Stay tuned, and in the mean time, I look forward to seeing you May 6th.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT, continued

Cathy Cawley

- July 2nd we are open to the public. It will be a very busy and festive day for all those attending. Steve For- esman will entertain in the afternoon at the Rhumbline Bar, and that evening, under the big tent Libido Funk Circus will rock the night away.
- The 4th of July is always a great time at SJRYC. Come celebrate and watch the fireworks from the Club patio.
- Every Wednesday until the 29th of June and then starting again in October until the last Wednesday in December, we meet on the second floor of the Club for "The Euchre Challenge." The Challenge started the 4th of May and we have had up to 8 tables of players. The game starts promptly at 7pm and the prize for the highest score is awarded by 9pm. The player with the highest collective score for the 6 months of play will be bestowed the title of 2016 Club Euchre Champion. We play 7 rounds with a different partner every 15 minute round. It's quick with simple rules and even new players are enjoying the Challenge.

Please use the Club website for viewing Club information. ([SJRYC.com](http://SJRYC.com)).

### Clubhouse Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 11:30-10pm

Thursday 11:30-10pm

Friday 11:30-11pm

Saturday 12-10pm

Sunday 12-6pm

### Galley Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 11:30-9pm

Thursday 11:30-9pm

Friday 11:30-9pm

Saturday 12:00-9pm

Sunday 2-5pm





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