

NOVEMBER, 2017



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

From The Top of the Mast - *Susan Greco (commodore@sjryc.com)*

Welcome to the return of the SJRYC Bilge Bailings monthly newsletter! The Bilge Bailings will come to you at the beginning of each month via a link on the weekly Eblast, a link on the sjryc.com website or hard copies will be available at the Club. The revived Bilge Bailing's will once again give you an overall monthly Club update from our Club officers, committee chairs, and general manager about finances, membership, social activities and events, pool and swim, sail and power boating, clubhouse and grounds as well as the Keeper's Bar/Restaurant.

You will see as you read through this edition that the Club still has much to offer in 2017. Plan to attend our **Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.** The Officers, committees and the general manager will give annual reports and the election of the 2018 Officers will be held. This meeting is your opportunity to learn more about the Club's financial health, revenues, expenditures, reserves and the Board's plan for 2018 and beyond. We also welcome your questions, ideas and suggestions for the Club's future.

The goals for 2017 focused on what you, our members have requested: better food quality, improved service, expanded pool hours, and more and varied family entertainment and events. That translates to value creation for you which adds to your benefits of being members rather than operating just strictly by cost controls. When you come to the Club your happiness, social and dining experiences should meet your needs and expectations and give you a sense of pride that can only be satisfied by being at the SJRYC!

A huge "Thank-You!" goes to Patrice Nelson, who graciously agreed to once again compose the Bilge Bailing's articles into the newsletter. When you see Patrice, of **Captain Blood** fame, let her know how much you appreciate her contribution to SJRYC volunteerism.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Bilge Bailings. Please send us your feedback so that future issues contain the information that is most important to your Club experience.

See you at the Annual Meeting on November 16th. Along with this past year's reports, our great staff will have refreshments for you.

Susan

Hours of Operation NOVEMBER 2017

	<u>Clubhouse</u>	<u>Galley</u>
Sunday	Closed	Closed
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm
Thursday	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm
Friday	Noon-11pm	Noon-9pm
Saturday	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm

Wednesday



Please come a few minutes before 7pm to sign in and find your place at the table before the first round begins.

You don't have to be an experienced player to enjoy meeting other members and sharing in the comradely!

We will play 7 rounds of euchre with 7 different partners and witness the weekly trophy presentation (or receive the trophy) by 9pm.

We hope you choose to join us!



Swim Report - *Julie Migala*

We had a fantastic year at the pool this summer! The River Rats Swim Team had another fun and successful season with Head Coach Paul Hirn and Assistant Coach Lyndsay Marohn leading the team through morning swim practices and weekly dual meets during the seven-week season in June and July. The MAPSC Swim League in which we participate is a long standing recreational swim league for youth in the Michiana area and we are proud to be a part of it over many, many years. Our team of lifeguards took great care insuring our pool remained a safe, clean, and fun environment for our membership throughout the summer. I am pleased to announce that we had no closures this summer due to "accidents" and only a couple of very minor water safety incidents. We did have to have the heat exchanger replaced; it is now under warranty and should be good to go for a long while. Most exciting of all, we are looking forward to all new pool deck furniture next summer, along with the new Rhumbline patio furniture. It should look great!!

Facility Report - *Dave Hertog*

The Rhumbline and all outside water has been shut off and drained in preparation of the cold weather. All outdoor furniture has been put away for the season with anticipation of the new furniture coming in late April or early May 2018. Samples of the new fabric and umbrellas can be seen on the first floor bulletin board. We are also in the process of getting bids on painting the bathrooms and hallways on all three floors, and a new heat exchanger was installed in the pool boiler, after our current one developed a leak due to corrosion.

Managers Report - *Paul Rizza*

By the time this article goes to publication, I will be marking my five-month anniversary as your new General Manager. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being both so welcoming and comforting, especially during the first few weeks at the Club, after my mother's passing.

Time has really flown by after starting at the Club, during the height of the summer season. I felt that my first task, should be to tackle the problem of the Rhumbline area, especially on chaotic Friday nights. After analyzing the situation for the first couple of weeks, I decided that a pager system that alerts members when their food is ready to be picked up, was the best way to go. This worked well, and seems to be a good long-term solution, not only for Fridays but for all days of the week. We also purchased plate covers to help keep the food as hot as possible during its long trip down to the waterfront. I'm very excited about the prospect of having attractive new furniture in place next year at both the Pool and Rhumbline. With our brand new furniture, and our ideal location on the river, I sense we are going to be a very busy Club next summer.

At the beginning of October, we freshened some items on the menu, brought back some favorites, and went to a new design format. Feedback from the membership has been very positive, in regards to menu items offered, and the more upscale format. The plan is to refresh the menu again in early summer, with more salads and lighter fare.

Enjoy the remainder of your beautiful Michigan fall season, and please keep the Club in mind when planning your upcoming holiday parties. Amanda will be more than happy to give you advice, and customize a menu to fit any budget.

See you at the Club...Paul

Back by Popular Demand

Jeffrey Allen Roberts



Jeffrey Allen Roberts

Tribute to Roy Orbison



*Variety and Doo Wop Singer
Performing songs of
The Righteous Brothers, Elvis,
Motown and "Blue Eyed Soul".*

*Appeared at "Dollywood" and
Recorded in Nashville*

*Friday December 1st 2017
1st floor Keepers Bar
7pm*

St Joseph River Yacht Club

Elvis meets Tom Jones!



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Social Report - *Kathy Grootendorst, Rear Commodore*

Welcome back **Bilge Bailings**!!!!!!! I know I speak for many when I say, we have missed the Bilge.

The Social Committee has been gearing up for the upcoming Holiday Season, so come down to the Club to enjoy all of the events we have planned.

First, the **Commodore's Bash** on November 3rd, is not to be missed!! A fantastic menu is planned, with the terrific band **Top Secret** entertaining us – they are a human Rock & Roll Juke Box. Tell them what you want to hear and they will most likely be able to play your requests. This all begins at 5:30pm with appetizers, so plan on coming to celebrate our Commodores, past and present. **Reservations are required!!**

The Club's **Annual Meeting** is on November 16th at 6pm, on the 3rd floor. This is a great opportunity to meet your Board of Directors and ask any questions you may have.

November 17th finds the **Lana Hoffman Trio** back by request. A big big hit when we had them in the Spring, they perform an array of music ranging from Jazz Standards of the 40's and 50's to Beyonce. This begins at 7pm in the Keepers Bar.

Elvis and **Tom Jones** were a great hit on Saturday, October 14th!! The Keepers Bar was filled with members. But the "surprise hit" of the evening was **Jeffery Allen Roberts** and members are asking to please have him return. So he will be back on December 1st, beginning at 7pm in the Keepers Bar!!!!!! **Jeffery Allen** is a variety and "doo wop" singer performing music of that era along with songs of The Righteous Brothers, Elvis, Motown and much more. He has appeared at "Dollywood" and recorded in Nashville. Don't miss this one!!!!!!!

Here's a preview of other events in December...details will follow in the December issue of the Bilge.

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| Saturday, December 9th... | Santa Claus makes his annual appearance at the Club |
| Friday, December 15th... | The Annual Christmas Sing-A-Long with Mockingbird |
| Sunday, December 31st... | The New Year's Eve Party with the very talented Michael Hulett |

The 2018 Social Committee is already thinking ahead....if there is a type of entertainment you would like to have at the Club, please contact Kathy Grootendorst or Bruce Larson.

Wishing you all a **Happy Thanksgiving!!**

Commodore's Bash

Friday November Third Two Thousand Seventeen

Your presence is requested to honor our past and present Commodores



Appetizers start at 5:30 pm
Dinner starts at 6:00 pm
Band starts at 6:30 pm

Appetizers Station
Smoked Salmon
Ahi Tuna
Chilled Shrimp
Seafood Stuffed Mushrooms
Vegetable Platter
Cheese Platter

Entree Station
Crab Stuffed White Fish
Herb Encrusted Beef Tenderloin
Butternut Squash
Green Bean Almondine
Dinner Rolls

Fresh Salad Station
Mashed Potato Station
Apple Pie and Ice Cream Station

Casual Bash Attire

Featuring the band Top Secret

\$35
Per Person
For Food and
Entertainment
Or
\$5 Cover Charge
At 8 pm for Just
Entertainment



Reservations
Required
Please Call
269-983-6393

The Kitchen will close for the night promptly at 2 pm



Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay

Greetings everyone and welcome back to the Bilge Bailings! The Sail Race Fleet had a great 2017! As you may already know, Ken Zimmerman who was our Chief Race Officer for almost 30 years retired at the end of 2016, though he is still on board for questions/direction, including putting the team of Craig Seimans, Kathy Grootendorst, Rex Hartwig and himself together this year to help the Michigan City Race Committee with the St. Joe to Michigan City Leg of the Tri-State as he has done for many many years. Thanks Ken for all you have done and continue to do!

Through the winter some great minds of past Commodores, Vice Commodores, our Race Captain and current Vice Commodore worked hard to put together a new Race Committee. Though they are not as seasoned as Ken yet, we feel we have a great Team! Please welcome Jim Scholz, Vickie Frees, Sue Veersma and Blan Page to Race Committee!

Our Spring Series ran May 24th through June 28th, while our Summer Series ran July 5th through September 13th. Our Offshore Series are port to port races outside the Wednesday night Club Races chosen by the Fleet Captain Jim Schrage. We also had a surprise Fall Series this year due to the extremely nice weather into mid-October. Thank you Patrick Nelson of Captain Blood for watching the weather every week and scheduling the Races.

Club Series Results:

Spring JAM Series:	1st Carrera	2nd Dandelion	3rd Fuzzy Logic
Spring Spinnaker Series:	1st Wellenreiter	2nd Distraction	3rd Captain Blood
Summer JAM Series:	1st Little Beauty	2nd Fuzzy Logic	3rd Carrera
Summer Spinnaker Series:	1st Wellenreiter	2nd Carpe Diem	3rd Captain Blood
Offshore Series:	1st Imagine	2nd Cynthia	3rd Captain Blood
JAM Boat of the Year:	Carrera		
Spinnaker Boat of the Year:	Wellenreiter		

The Rhumbline Regatta was held on Saturday, June 10th. There were three Sections with the SJRYC boats taking five of the nine trophies and flags.

Spinnaker I:	1st Imagine (SJ)	2nd Mrs. Jones (MC)	3rd Captain Blood (SJ)
Spinnaker II:	1st Geronimo (MC)	2nd Silk (SJ)	3rd InVinceable (SH)
JAM:	1st Fuzzy Logic (SJ)	2nd Infinity (SJ)	3rd ClosedSail (RN)

The Queens Cup, which starts in Milwaukee WI and finished this year in South Haven, began on Friday June 23rd. Five boats from SJRYC were entered with two boats placing. Cynthia took a 1st in Section while Imagine won 2nd in their Section.

The Chicago to Mackinac race was held this year on Saturday July 15th. Seven boats from SJRYC entered the race, but only five finished. Captain Blood had their #3 Jib taken out by a large wave and had to retire, while Attitude suffered engine troubles. In my 26 years of Racing to Mac, this was the hardest of all, with hours upon hours of beating into large waves with heavy winds. All boats that made it to the Island were commended by the Chicago Race Committee at the awards ceremony.

The Tri-State Regatta was held Labor Day weekend and started with the race from Chicago to St. Joseph on Friday evening, September 1st. Seven SJRYC boats entered with Cynthia finishing 3rd in Section. The St. Joe to Michigan City Leg of the Tri-State saw ten SJRYC boats entered with Imagine being the only St. Joe boat to finish and take a 1st in their section.

Last, but not least, the Chili Regatta was held on Saturday September 16th. This was the last scheduled race of the season and our yearly fund raiser for the St. Joseph Jr. Foundation. The Chili Cookoff was won once again by Bailey Gruss (Captain Blood's main sail trimmer)! Though the biggest winner was the St. Joseph Jr. Foundation with over \$900 dollars raised and matched dollar for dollar by the Upton Foundation!

Thanks everyone for a great year! We're looking forward to another great year in 2018!! Have a safe and enjoyable winter!



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Treasurers Report - *Gale Cawley*

This is the slowest time of the year for income for the club. Our checking account balance is low, and we will have to use some of our savings to meet expenses for the rest of the year, until membership dues start coming in December.

Our House and grounds chairman found three of our five air conditioners are inoperative. In addition, they are old and use the type of freon that is now illegal, thus it would not be wise to spend the cost of trying to repair them and three new ones are required. Since it takes a construction crane to lift them to the roof, we can save approximately \$1800 in crane costs by having all three taken care of at the same time. The total cost we will incur is over \$16,000 to replace them and this will also require us to use some of our reserves.

Our hundred year old building has aging facilities. In the past 18 months, we have had to replace the dish washer, the stove, ovens, and our Point of Sale system among other things. That has amounted to over \$75,000 in extra expenses. And we still have other issues coming in the next year that will incur extra costs...we will keep you posted on those. I am glad the Bilge Bailings is back, because it is the best way to keep you posted.