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Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

From The Top of the Mast - *David Hertog (commodore@sjryc.com)*

Time passes by way too fast, as it's that time again...to open the club for another year. General Manager Paul Rizza and the staff have been busy cleaning and preparing for our opening on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. With all twelve board members returning this year, we have continuity with our projects and no need to spend time updating anyone. The Social Committee has a very busy calendar planned for 2018, including some new events for your enjoyment. The Rhumbline Regatta and Tri-State Regatta committees are already planning those events for this summer, while the Swim and Sail programs are being finalized. So be watching for details on all the above.

Thanks to all those who helped decorate and undecorate for the 2017 December holiday season, in addition to those decorating for the St. Patrick's Day opening party.

Speaking of volunteers, this year we will be reaching out to members who have said they would like to be involved with some of the committees that the club has. For those who checked their renewal form what they are interested in, those names will be forwarded to the committee chairs. We will also post committee openings on the website or via the email blasts.

So please get involved with the club and attend the events that have been planned thru the year. These are both great ways to make new friends.

Thanks again to our past Commodore Susan Greco, this years Vice Commodore for all her work the last two years. With that, hope to see you all on St. Patrick's Day.

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Euchre Report - *Cathy Cawley*

SJRYC is offering ***Euchre Boot Camp*** to members interested in learning to play the game! While all are invited, you must come with the intent to learn, meet other and/or new members, and enjoy yourselves. The camp will take place on the second floor from 7 to 9pm on Thursday, March 22nd and Thursday, March 29th.

Some of the club's top euchre players from our annual Euchre Challenge will be in attendance to show you just how it's done! In addition, participants will be allowed to practice and play similar to the 6 months of competition. This year's competition begins on Wednesday, April 4th.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, the 22nd of March...in your chair and ready for Euchre Boot Camp! No awards will be presented until the games begin in April.

Managers Report - *Paul Rizza*

A very warm welcome back to the club to all of our members, new and old, as we sail into a new season here at the SJRYC.

The Social committee has already put together an outstanding and varied event calendar, including entertainment for your enjoyment pleasure. A "save the date" calendar will be posted shortly on the website, so that you can schedule accordingly, and attend as many of the events as possible. Also, make it a habit to read the weekly e-blast sent out each Monday, that will keep you abreast of all the happenings at the club.

The staff and I are looking forward to serving you the membership, and committed to giving you outstanding service this year. All of the staff that finished out last year, have notified us that they will be returning. By the time this article gets published, they will have been trained on the new Point of Sale System, and gone through basic service and CPR training. In addition, the Kitchen staff have attended a couple of culinary training sessions to date, and are putting together some new ideas for the summer menu. We look forward to your suggestions and feedback as we progress through the season.

See you at the club soon, and let's all hope for some early summer weather!

Treasurers Report - *Gale Cawley*

January was a slow month for expenses, other than utilities and reduced salaries. Several thousand dollars have been spent in February for the purchase and installation of the new Point of Sale System, with more expense to come as the installation is completed. As usual, there will be bills accumulating as the club prepares for the spring opening on March 17th.



Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore

Greetings everyone and welcome back for 2018!

First up, the Coast Guard Auxiliary along with the DNR are offering **Boating Safety Classes**, open to all ages at the St. Joe Coast Guard Station (127 N. Pier St, St. Joe MI). To register, contact Patrick Poziwilko at (269) 363-0790 or poziwilko@gmail.com. The free of charge classes will be held on Saturday, April 7th from 9am to 5pm; OR Tuesday, April 24th from 5pm to 8:30pm AND Thursday, April 26th from 5pm to 8:30pm. Those successfully completing the class will receive a *Michigan Safe Boating Certificate*. In addition, your completion of this course will be on file with the DNR.

As the 2018 Racing Season fast approaches, we are busy finalizing the race schedule and special events for the season. *Save The Dates* include:

- Wednesday, May 2nd Preseason Skippers Meeting (3rd floor of the Yacht Club) at 7pm
- Wednesday, May 23rd First Race
- Saturday, June 2nd Boat Inspections. To be held at the Rhumbline Bar from 11am to 2pm, and conducted at no charge by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, this event is open to Members and Non-Members. Upon passing the inspection, boat owners will receive a display sticker, good for one (1) year, showing your vessel has passed the Coast Guard inspection. If you don't own a boat, but know someone who does, send them to the Club on June 2nd for the free inspection!
- Saturday, June 9th Rhumbline Regatta. The skippers meeting will start at 10:30am. A banquet and entertainment (*Mike Struwin*) will follow at the Club.
- Friday, August 3rd Cruise Rendezvous to South Haven, MI. Planned by the Cruising Fleet for the weekend of August 3rd, 4th and 5th. In past years, upon arriving on Friday evening, everyone dines at the South Haven Yacht Club. On Saturday, dinner has been ordered from Amicarelli's Vineyard and enjoyed on the deck with entertainment provided by *Kevin McDaniel*. Individuals pay by credit card at time of order and Amicarelli's delivers the food to the marina. Boat ownership is not a requirement. All are invited and welcome to drive up to South Haven to enjoy this fun event with the Boaters. Watch in future Bilge Bailings for further details to come!
- Friday, August 31st Tri-State Regatta. Always a fun weekend for Racers, Members and the Community. The Race starts Friday evening in Chicago with Racers arriving in St. Joe early Saturday morning...HOPEFULLY! There are festivities scheduled throughout the day starting with a Breakfast and Bloody Mary Bar, and ending with Live Entertainment that extends into the evening hours. Be sure to sign up to volunteer so you can enjoy the whole experience!
- Saturday, September 15th Chili Regatta
- Saturday, October 6th Cups and Flags Banquet
- Year Round St. Joe Fleet ROCKS!!! Let's ROLL!!!



St. Joseph Junior Foundation

ST. JOSEPH JUNIOR FOUNDATION (SJJF) - Karen Laetz

Join us for sailing classes and register online through our website at www.SJJF.org. We have classes for beginners to advanced. We've expanded our offerings to fit your schedules and also for visiting grandchildren.

St. Joseph Sailing Classes (7 Lighthouse Lane, next to the SJRYC)

3 Week Youth Sessions - Afternoons (ages 8 and up)

Mondays & Wednesdays: Team SJJF Racing; Tuesdays & Thursdays: Learn to Sail

- * June 11 - June 28
- * July 9 - July 26
- * July 30 - August 16

Youth Sessions - Mornings, 4 days: Mondays thru Thursdays (ages 8 and up)

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| * Week 1: June 11 - 14 | * Week 4: July 9 - 12 | * Week 7: July 30 - August 2 |
| * Week 2: June 18 - 21 | * Week 5: July 16 - 19 | * Week 8: August 6 - 9 |
| * Week 3: June 25 - 28 | * Week 6: July 23 - 26 | * Week 9: August 13 - 16 |

Adult Sailing Class: Tuesday Evenings, June 12 - August 14 (no class July 3 or 24)

Women's Class: Thursday Evenings, July 12 - August 16

Paw Paw Lake Youth Sessions - Mornings, 4 days (ages 8 and up):

- * July 9 - July 12
- * July 16 - July 19

Please visit us online at www.SJJF.org for registration and additional information (or call 269-983-5441 during the season).



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Social Report - *Kathy Grootendorst, Rear Commodore*

A big *WELCOME BACK* to all our renewing members and a big *WELCOME ABOARD* to our new members! The SJRYC Social Committee and Staff have been busy planning all kinds of fantastic entertainment (*Thank You Bruce Larson*) and events for 2018.

- Saturday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day and our big CLUB OPENING! Doors open at 5pm. Our traditional Irish Dinner buffet will be served starting at 6pm, along with live entertainment provided by *Mockingbird*. Join us in celebrating this much awaited "Wearing of the Green!"
- Friday, March 23rd Grab a beverage and a Sock (or two), to partake in the inaugural SJRYC *Sock Burning Ceremony*. This curious ritual, celebrated by many East coast yacht clubs to welcome the start of the boating sea son, consists of a bonfire stoked by socks. Join us this year at 6pm behind the Club. *
 ***** Note: Only Cotton Or Wool Socks Please! *****
- Friday, March 30th We continue to celebrate Spring with live entertainment provided by the always popular *Lana Hoffman Duo*. *Lana* was a big hit at the club last in 2017, playing jazz with some pop and country thrown in.
- Saturday, March 31st The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, complete with the *Easter Bunny* visiting the Club from Noon to 1pm. The Hunt will begin at 12:30pm on the lawn, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the Hunt will be moved inside the clubhouse. In addition, a Bloody Mary Bar will be offered throughout the day for adults. Don't forget to bring your baskets and cameras!
- Saturday, April 7th A Special 3rd Floor Event! Food and drink specials will be offered, along with live entertainment beginning at 7:30pm and provided by *The Steve Foresman Caravan*. This seven member band performs musical tributes to David Bowie, Lou Reed, Chuck Berry, The Everly Brothers, Tom Petty, The Rolling Stones, and The Last Waltz. You won't want to miss this event!
- Thursday, April 12th Wine Tasting
- Friday, April 20th Live entertainment by The Big Boss Blues Band from Grand Rapids

Details on all of these events and more, will follow in the April Bilge Bailings, and/or can also be found in your weekly e-blast or in the Club Lobby.

I look forward to seeing you all soon for another fun-filled season at the SJRYC!





Hours of Operation MARCH 2018

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