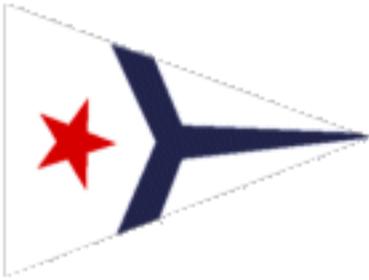


JULY, 2018



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

June at the Yacht Club was busy with the Rhumbline Regatta and Summer Solstice. Thanks to Demrhy Youngquist for being in charge of the Rhumbline party and Louie Trembly for organizing the Rhumbline race. The race start was delayed due to weather, but eventually all went well and the sailors were happy with race and the evening entertainment. In addition, the Summer Solstice was well attended and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Kelley Rich for chairing that committee.

July has two public events...Wolf's Dingy Run on the afternoon of July 21st and the Zion Lion Band performing at the Rhumbline on the evening of July 28th. The membership committee will be sending out post cards encouraging current members to bring potential new members to the club on the 28th to build our wait list. Also, we have invited the Young Professionals group from the Cornerstone Chamber to attend in hopes of getting some new member applications from them. Wait list applicants have also been told they are welcome to come to keep them interested in joining.

The pool is busy and to maintain a safe and enjoyable experience for all, please follow the pool rules. They are posted in three locations in the pool area, are on the SJRYC website, and in the member handbook. The Lifeguards are in charge of the pool area and members need to follow Lifeguard instructions at all times for the safety of all. If members have concerns about the pool please contact the General Manager Paul or Asst Manager Amanda, when Paul is not available.

Thank you and enjoy the club.

Swim Team Report - *Julie Migala*

The swim season is in full swing! Pool Manager Wes Beemer reports that the swim team has 66 members, nine of which are in the Pre-Swim program. Morning swim practice is going well, and the team is off to a 1-1 start as of June 25th. Go River Rats!

As far as open swim in general, things are going well. The guards have been settling in nicely and are doing a great job keeping the pool clean, safe and organized. It appears many members are choosing to spend as much time as possible at our beautiful pool when the weather cooperates. It's wonderful to see so many families enjoying time together at the Club on hot sunny weekends.

Early morning lap swim has also begun – every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 6:30-8am. Think about coming down to swim some laps and watch the sun rise above our beautiful harbor.



Treasurer's Report - *Gale Cawley*

Even with our spotty weather, we have had good attendance at the club this spring, and finances have a welcome showing for it. There has been a good solid performance in the bar and grill. Part of that has been careful purchasing and inventory control. The cost of goods column in that regard on the spread sheet shows a big savings from last year's performance. The Rhumbline regatta just about broke even financially. These factors will bode well for this summer's operation.

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Hours of Operation JULY, 2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Clubhouse</u>	<u>Galley</u>
Sunday	Noon - 6pm	Noon - 5pm
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	Noon-11pm	Noon-10pm
Thursday	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm
Friday	Noon-11pm	Noon-9pm
Saturday	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm



Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore

St. Joe Cruising News: The Cruise Rendezvous at the South Haven Municipal Marina is all set for August 3, 4 & 5! You don't want to miss this event! Saturday nights' entertainment is Kevin McDaniel. Dinner, if you choose, can be ordered through Gino's East and will be delivered to the Municipal Marina for enjoyment on the dock. **See the Boating Events Tab at www.sjryc.com for more information. To reserve a slip call the South Haven Municipal Marina (269-637-3171) with your info and credit card.

St. Joe Race Fleet News: We are currently well into the Race Season. Tuesday July 3rd is the last Race in the Spring Series, while Wednesday July 11th is the first Summer Series Race. Current standings are:

JaM Fleet:	1st: Carrera	2nd: Moody Blue	3rd: Fuzzy Logic
Spinnaker:	1st: Wellenreider	2nd: Distraction	3rd: Imagine

The Rhumbline Regatta, held Saturday June 9th and a great time was had by all! The day started with the forecast not looking so good. We had all kinds of weather. Setting the marks early that morning, we encounter Fog and Flies! Then...Pouring Rain causing a delay of the Skippers meeting and the race. Heading out the channel for the race, the Sun came out and it got very warm. The starts went off and everyone was finding their way through their course. The wind picked up to 18 to 21 shifty knots and then the Fog moved in...HEAVY FOG...CAN'T SEE A THING HEAVY FOG! But everyone finished, and headed to the Rhumbline for Cocktails, Food and to talk with old friends and make some new ones...IN THE FOG! Really, everyone had a great time despite the weather. In fact the Weather is what made this Rhumbline Regatta a very memorable one!

Below is a shortened version of the "Rhumbline Regatta edition of the Windward Sheet" written by Jim Schragar, our Fleet Captain.

You couldn't have asked for a worse day to race, or a lousier forecast. It was overcast and off and on, pouring down rain, all morning. Worse, the prediction was for off and on T-storms all day. And the radar showed big green, red and yellow blobs coming our way until about 3pm.

The Race Committee, led by Jim Scholz, held the Skipper's Meeting inside the Club. No one seemed to mind the delay--or the fact we were all warm and toasty inside. Working the check-in table, more than one skipper looked me in the eye and asked if we were really going to have a race. I answered sincerely that we were going to try like heck, but it would be delayed. How long? I wasn't sure.

After a 90 minute delay, there was an opening in the weather and the race was on! For the three sections, as usual, there were three different twisted, convoluted courses of different lengths. Rhumbline is about more than raw boatspeed. You also have to find your way around the course. And this year, everyone had a special and completely unpredicted, handicap...Fog...Thick Fog...Pea-Soup Fog...Cut It With A Knife Fog. And shockingly, big winds right behind the fog ranging up to 18 and 21 knots. As all this hit, realize that most boats had their #1 Genoas and full Mains up. And now, with the fog, they were all sailing partially blind. The Rhumbline is well known as a challenging race, but this was an unusual test. Oh, and I forgot, the weather brought a never ending series of windshifts, as well.

Many boats just let their big sails flutter and kept going. Some were able to reef their Mains and change to a proper headsail. Others just hung on and hoped it would all be over soon! And by 3pm, the course designs worked perfectly so that big groups of boats from all sections were finishing together.

SPINN 1:	1st: Imagine	2nd: Mrs. Jones	3rd: Captain Blood.
SPINN 2:	1st: Cynthia	2nd: Dandelion	3rd: Infinity.
JaM:	1st: Alan Silverman	2nd: Patrick Coady	3rd: Moody Blue.

We take our hats off to Louie Tremblay, Chair of the Rhumbline, who was up early out in the lake setting marks, our RC Crew of Vickie Frees, and our RC Team Leader, Jim Scholz, who skillfully found a way to get in one heck of a good race in spite of one heck of a lot of lousy weather.

St. Joe Fleet Rocks!! So lets Roll!!



Social Report - *Kathy Grootendorst, Rear Commodore*

Well, summer is officially here and things are in full swing at the Club. For July, all our events will be held on the Club lawn or at the Rhumblin Bar, weather permitting.

The Rhumblin and the Club lawn are two of the best spots in town to watch the City of St. Joseph fireworks on the **4th of July** (Wednesday, July 4th.) Come down with the family and enjoy a terrific evening buffet and then the fireworks! Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chairs!!!

On Friday, July 13th, DJ Rockin' Randy will be back for **Beach Music Night** at the Rhumblin. This is a great chance to rock and dance the night away to all your favorites.

Wolf's Dinghy Run happens Saturday, July 21st. This event is Open to the Public so bring your friends and neighbors down to enjoy lunch at the Rhumblin Bar.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 28th as we have a special event planned...**Jamaican Party Night!!!** We have lined up the Zion Lion Band, a fantastic reggae band out of Kalamazoo, featuring Sista Myra on the steel drum. The staff has planned a special Caribbean buffet to go along with this. This is another event that is Open to the Public and is a great opportunity to bring any friends, neighbors or co-workers that may be interested in joining the SJRYC.

Check your eblasts or our website for specific details on these events...also in the Club lobby.

Euchre Report - *Cathy Cawley*

Summer break has arrived for the Club! In our third year of competition, with over 85 members participating, the Euchre Challenge recess for 2018 has arrived!

The Challenge will resume on Wednesday, the 3rd of October. And on December 26th, we will award the 2018 SJRYC Euchre Challenge trophy to the leading 6 month highest scoring challenger!

The 2016 Champion was Steve Breunling, while Keith Osbourne was the 2017 top scorer.

We hope to see you on Wednesday, October 3rd, on the 2nd floor of the St. Joseph River Yacht Club, in your seat and ready to play shortly before 7pm.





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