

SEPTEMBER, 2018



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

Hard to believe but it's September already. Many of our seasonal help have returned to school and we wish them well and hope to see them next summer.

Don Hermann was appointed to the board to fill the vacated position. Don's background in finance will add a new dimension to the board as we continue to focus on long term planning for the Yacht Club.

The raw bar/beer tasting event was well received and I am sure we will see a repeat of that event in the future.

Painting was completed on the outside trim, windows, and doors, with some minor repairs done to keep up on maintenance of the building. The annual cross connection inspection of the backflow prevention devices required by the city was completed. This year brought a new inspector and a number of items that have passed in the previous years did not this time. We will be required to act on 9 items, most very minor and one more involved dealing with our hot water boiler.

Applications for the 2019 Board of Directors will be accepted through September 24th! 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.

Lots of things planned in the future at the club so keep checking those email blasts for updates.

Hours of Operation SEPTEMBER, 2018

Please click links below for
current calendar and upcoming events.

[September 2018 Calendar link](#)

[SJRYC Calendar of Events for
Sep-Dec 2018 \(Tentative list\) Link](#)



Treasurer's Report - Gale Cawley

We are at peak of summer activities the most activities of the summer are occurring ... and the peak of expenses are incurred to make all of this happen. Our bar/galley income has been strong to help support this, but do not cover all of them. Similarly, the pool fees do not cover all of that expense. However, the very nature of our club business is that most of the expenses are covered by annual dues. We, as a club, have a choice of deciding on having high enough annual dues to cover expenses, or having slightly lower dues and then covering expenses in the bar/restaurant by raising prices, serve slightly less portions of food and beverages, and providing less service. The same idea applies to pool usage. With the coming of the Tri State Regatta, we are hoping for a very successful event. The major financial reason is that it provides the highest financial return of our yearly events. And a major factor for that, is to once again have a large turnout of volunteers to make it happen.

Manager's Report - Paul Rizza

As summer winds down after the Labor Day fun, activities at the Club return to the Clubhouse. The Kitchen Staff has been hard at work refining a new fall/winter menu scheduled to be in place the last week of September. Comfort food is the theme, and "stick to your ribs" fare, to help alleviate the discomfort of chillier temps that are guaranteed to accompany our Michigan fall and winter weather.

Beginning on the first Thursday in October, then every Thursday until the end of the year (except for Thanksgiving Day), the popular Wine & Dine promotion returns. This value-added member special gets you two salads, two entrees (from a limited menu), two desserts and a bottle of house wine for \$40.00. Watch for the weekly eblast to get more details on this promotion.

For those of you charged with organizing the Christmas office party this year, it is never too early to reserve your date. We have excellent banquet space on the 3rd Floor for your event, great food, and we would be more than happy to work with you on creating a special menu that meets your budget. Call (269) 983 – 6393 and ask for Amanda, and she will be able to help you personally with menu selection and date availability.

Social Report - Kathy Grootendorst, Rear Commodore

While another great summer at the SJRYC winds down, we still have a lot of fun events happening in September!!!!

- Thursday, September 13 at 6:30pm, SJRYC is hosting a Special Presentation by Author, Historian and House of David Museum Director **Chris Siriano**. Chris will shed light on the fascinating story of the religious colony founded in Benton Harbor in 1903. His book, *The House of David* will be available for sale. Invite a guest or two!
- Friday, September 14 at 7pm, the **Two Renegades** will entertain us.
- Saturday, September 15, the **Annual Chili Regatta** takes place. Bring a pot of Chili and then vote on your favorite with \$\$\$\$\$. This is Open to All Members, with the proceeds benefiting the St. Joseph Junior Foundation.
- Friday, September 28, **Keith Scott** will perform for our enjoyment.

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



Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay

Greetings everyone! I missed you in the August Bilge Bailings as July was very busy! To bring you up to speed on what has happened and what is to come.....

St. Joe Race Fleet News:

- Wednesday September 12th is the last Race in the Summer Series and marks the end of our 2018 Series. As I pen this, the current standing are: JaM Fleet...Moody Blue and Carrera tied for 1st, Desiderata 2nd and Winsome 3rd; Spinnaker Section...Wellenreider 1st, Carpe Diem 2nd, and Mercedes and Silk tied for 3rd. We are getting down to the wire with 2 Races to go! Who will win?
- Saturday September 15th is our last official Race for 2018...The Chili Regatta! This event is open to all Club Members and is a Fund Raiser for the St. Joseph Jr. Foundation Sailing School and all dollars raised are matched dollar for dollar by the Upton Foundation. Please come! We would love to have you join us! This is such a great time and such a great event!!

The premise of this Race is for each boat and/or Club member to bring a Crockpot of Chili to the Club on Saturday between 9 and 9:30, or noon if you are not racing. At noon, the crowd will converge on the Crockpots and vote on the best Chili. Voting is done by placing dollars in envelopes located in front of each crockpot! There are many many choices and it's so hard to pick just one. So you will need and are encouraged to bring lots of dollars! You don't want to limit your voting, do you? Envelopes will be counted and the winner announced at 1:30pm.

- Next up is the Cups and Flags Banquet on Saturday October 6th! This event is open to all members and I encourage you to attend and find out what has been going on this year with your SJRYC Race Fleet and our Fleets accomplishments! St. Joe Racers are very well respected around the Lake. Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, and Awards to follow. More to come on this. Watch your E-Blasts and October Bilge Bailing for details.

St. Joe Cruising News:

- The Cruise Rendezvous at the South Haven Municipal Marina on August 3, 4 and 5th was a great success! Bruce Larson reported that fun was had by all and many people will attest to that! The food provided by Gino's, was delivered early and was exceptionally delicious! It was enjoyed on the dock while Kevin McDaniels played on! Most enjoyable!
- Next year, the first weekend in August 2019 is reserved for the Cruising Rendezvous to South Haven. So if you were not able to make it this year, mark your 2019 calendar for August 2, 3 and 4th. South Haven has quite the set up for entertainment on the River at the Municipal Marina. I encourage all to attend. It is quite amazing!

110th Race To Mac Race: Saturday July 21st 2018.

SJRYC is proud and supportive of all our Fleet who entered and Raced in this event. Posted on the CYC Race to Mackinac website: *The first 24 hours the 288 racing teams beat upwind in a northerly 15-25 knots, with six-to-eight foot seas as they sailed up Lake Michigan. As the low moved east, the wind lightened and a weak high pressure system met the fleet in the northern part of the lake. After several hours, a gentle lake breeze filled in to bring to bulk of the fleet to the finish line. More than 100 boats finished between 1am and 4:30am.* Participants from SJRYC included: Cynthia, Elixir, IMAGINE, Rush, Silk, and Wellenreiter.

THE HOOK RACE: Saturday July 21st 2018: Racine WI to Menominee WI, aka Deaths Door!

SJRYC is proud and supportive of Mercedes who entered and Raced in this event. The Hook Fleet encounter the same conditions as the Mac Race Fleet. Infact they endured more severe conditions as their course was northerly. The Mac Fleet was able to reach off the wind and sail a more North Easterly course as the Fleet had to get to the East side of the Lake. Hook had to go north. No course was pleasant, regardless of what Fleet you were in. Well done all!!

St. Joe Fleet Rocks Hard!! We will keep Rolling Hard!!



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