

OCTOBER, 2018



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

Summer has left us and the pool and Rhumbline are closed but still a busy time at the club. Fall Festival, music, guest speakers, Euchre, and the annual Foul Weather Golf outing are all happening in October. The 2018 Tri-State was a success despite the rain, all the visiting sailors had a good time. A big thank you to the committee and all the volunteers who made this event successful again. The club showed a profit of roughly \$11,000 this year down from previous years but with 1.3" of rain during the day it turned out better than expected. Next year besides the Tri-State we will also host the Queens Cup finish, and the committee of party co-chairs Susan Greco and Demrhy Youngquist and the race chair Louie Tremblay have already started planning for that event.

The nominating committee will be meeting in early October to go over the applicants that have been submitted for the four 2019 directors positions that terms will expire at the end of 2018. The committee will place the qualified candidates on the ballot which will be mailed out to members in mid-October. The SJRYC annual meeting is Thursday, November 15th, please put that on your calendar and plan on attending.

We are in the process of having a capitol reserve study done by an outside vendor. This will help in long term planning of replacement costs going forward. With this in place we can have a better idea of the financial needs going forward and help insure the long-term success of the club.

As of now we have 47 on the wait list for 2019 (8 are deferred from 2017) and with an average of 41 leaving the club per year in the past, we should be fine next year. Last year at this time we had 48 on waitlist with 22 deferred from 2016. Our history shows that less than 20% of deferred members join and over 80% join if on waitlist for less than one year.

Check those e-mail blasts for updates and see you at the club.

Euchre Challenge - *Cathy Cawley*

The SJRYC Euchre Challenge is back! After a three month Summer Break, the 2nd floor of the Club will be ready for the second half of the 2018 competition. Not all joining the group are actively competing! They enjoy a challenge but also enjoy meeting with other Club members and their guests for cards and conversation.

If you need a refresher on how euchre is played, stop by on a Wednesday night before 7pm and one of our many euchre trainers will have you playing like a pro before 9pm!

Hope to see you on Wednesday night on the 2nd floor of the Club in your seat and ready to play shortly before 7pm.

Hours of Operation OCTOBER, 2018

<u>Day</u>	<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



Treasurer's Report - *Gale Cawley*

The Tri State Regatta did surprisingly well despite drenching rains most of the day and evening. Thanks to all of our Volunteer's efforts who toiled through it all, we were able to make some money. Although not all of the bills are in, we still netted almost \$12,000 for the day. Had it not been for the many hours of volunteer labor, it's doubtful we would have earned a profit. It seemed that through the difficult environment the volunteers were in good humor...and that is a great testament to our club.

Manager's Report - *Paul Rizza*

It's Football Season! Sport your favorite team colors and join us on Saturday's in the Keeper's Bar and enjoy watching televised games of your favorite college team battle it out for football supremacy. The Kitchen provides complimentary light finger foods such as Sloppy Joe's and Bagel Pizzas, and a wide variety of canned beers are marked down to make your experience even more enjoyable.

Remember to keep your Club in mind when planning any life-cycle events such as a Wedding, Rehearsal Dinner, Baptism, Communion, Anniversary, Birthday, Retirement, Reunion or Memorial Lunch. The 3rd floor of the Club is an excellent venue for any of these events. The view is magnificent overlooking the St. Joe River, and Amanda and Dana will ensure the service and food match the occasion. As a member of the Club, you can also sponsor an event for a friend, family member or business associate. Contact Amanda at 269.983.6393 to reserve space for your family holiday get-together or holiday office party.

Social Report - *Kathy Grootendorst, Rear Commodore*

Fall is definitely in the air and we have a super busy October planned for our members!!

- **Wednesday, October 3**, the very popular Euchre starts back up at 7pm
- **Saturday, October 6**, our annual Cups & Flags Awards Banquet takes place. Drinks begin at 6pm, with dinner and awards to follow at 7pm. All members and their guests are invited. Guests will even be able to run their own tabs that evening for food and beverages! Please make a reservation by contacting Jim Schragger at jimschragger@gmail.com.
- **Thursday, October 11** at 6:30pm, member Jim Chapman will give a Special Presentation on cruising The Great Loop. This is a must for anyone dreaming of boating the Great Loop and becoming a Looper!
- **Friday, October 12** at 7pm, the very popular Jeffrey Allen Roberts will perform. He will be joined by Gene Stewart, one of The Spaniels...a band perhaps best known for it's song "*Goodnite, Sweetheart, Goodnite*" which became a hit in the mid-1950's. This should be a GREAT show!!!!
- **Saturday, October 13**, the annual SJRYC Foul Weather Golf Open takes place. RSVP to Mike Vasta at boxman2515@gmail.com. You don't need to be a sailor or golfer for this one!!!!
- **Saturday, October 20** from 1 to 3pm, is our FALLoween Festival, featuring a live petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, food and games, photo and tattoo stations and a Trick or Treat Treasure hunt. Costumes encouraged!!
- **Saturday, October 27** at 7pm, we have our Halloween Bash with another Club favorite, Tomas Esparza Blues Band. Costumes optional, but the band is wearing theirs!!!!!!

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



Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay

Greetings everyone! We are getting very close to the end of Boating Season for 2018. We have come to the end of our Sail Race Series for 2018!

Tri-State Regatta 2018:

The Chicago to St. Joe leg of the Tri-State on Friday August 31st was a Fetch across the Lake to St. Joe! We had some thunderstorms and lightning and a few sprinkles, and 15 to 20 knots of breeze! What a fun Race! However, some of us encountered a right turn to get to the Finish while other folks saw all of the Boats ahead of them making the right turn and were able to alter their course straight to the Finish! For those of you who may try to stay up or get up to watch the boats finish, next year it has been said the Finish will be between Tiscornia Park and Jean Klock Beach where there is no light pollution.

There were 8 boats from St. Joe participating in this leg of the Tri-State, with 4 boats placing: Bonne Vie, Captain Blood, Cynthia, Elixir, Fuzzy Logic, Infinity, IMAGINE, and Silk.

Link to Results: https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_detail.cfm?Race_Number=1&eID=4820

The St. Joe to Michigan City leg of the race was on Sunday, September 2nd. Eight SJRYC boats participated with 5 boats placing: Cynthia, Captain Blood, Fuzzy Logic, Infinity, IMAGINE, Mercedes, Silk, and Slyaza.

Link to the Results: https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_detail.cfm?Race_Number=1&eID=4822

St. Joe Fleet News:

Wednesday, September 12th was the last Race in the **Summer Series** and marks the end of our 2018 Series.

Summer Series Final: JaM Fleet: Moody Blue 1st, Carrera 2nd, and WinSome 3rd
Spinnaker Section: Wellenreiter 1st, IMAGINE 2nd, and Carpe Diem 3rd

The **Boat of the Year** for JaM and Spinnaker.....come and find out at the Cups and Flags Banquet on Saturday, October 6th at 6pm on the 3rd Floor of the Club.

Chili Regatta: Saturday September 15th. This Race 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.

The premise is that each boat racing and/or Club member brings a pre-heated Crockpot of Chili to the Club on Saturday between 9 and 9:30am. Then, after the race, the crowd converges on the Crockpots and votes on the best Chili. Voting is done by using dollars placed in named envelopes by each crockpot!

This year we broke another fund raising record of \$1,140! Remember this is being matched by the Upton Foundations dollar for dollar! The Chili winner was Bailey Gruss, 3rd year in a row!!!

Next is the **Cups and Flags Banquet** on Saturday October 6th! This event is open to all and I encourage you to come and learn what's been going on this year with your SJRYC Race Fleet and the Fleets accomplishments! The St. Joe Racers are very well respected around the Lake.

Cocktails are at 6pm, with Dinner and Awards to follow at 7pm. The Club has arranged for persons who are non-members of the Club to be able to purchase alcohol at the Cups and Flags Banquet.

Please send your reservations to Jim Schragger we will be sure to have plenty of food for everyone: jimschragger@gmail.com See you at the Banquet!!!

St. Joe Cruising News:

UPDATE: The Cruise Rendezvous at the South Haven Municipal Marina August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 2019!

The first weekend in August of 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 2nd, 3rd 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!

See you on the Pond!!



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