

NOVEMBER, 2018



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

This time of year is a busy time for the Board of Directors. The 2019 budget and financial planning for next year have been discussed and finalized. The board has decided to not have a dues increase for 2019. This decision was based on a number of items. First the budget that was adapted for 2019 has a surplus of 4-8%, with the 8% being reached if we maintain full membership of 540 memberships and 4% with 95% membership for 2019. Also, with the first draft of the long-term reserve/replacement study completed and showing the Club's reserves are where they need to be for 2019. The 2018 budget is tracking well this year so far and this has given the board confidence in the 2019 budget. The Board did decide to raise the new member initiation fee to \$1300 from \$1200 for 2019. This money will be moved into the reserve fund and gives us a little room if we do not need to add as many new members in 2019 as we have in the past years.

The social committee has many events planned for November, so keep checking the website and reading the eblasts for updates and Galley specials.

Thanks to volunteers who have help winterize the club with outdoor cleanup.

November 15th is the date of the SJRYC Annual meeting this year. It will start at 6:30pm on the third floor. Board members and committees will have reports of the past year's activities and 2019 information. Please plan on attending to learn about this past year and what 2019 will bring.

See you at the club and at the Annual Meeting.



Hours of Operation NOVEMBER, 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 big event in September from the financial point of view was the Tri State Regatta. Despite the rain system that zeroed in on us for most of Saturday, we still managed to net over \$13,000 for our efforts. Thank you for all of your volunteer efforts to help make it work.

Besides the chance for our members to get together, visit and have some fun, their efforts to help earn regatta income was very important to our budget and meeting our normal operating expenses. Our general manager has been working for two months on formulating our 2019 budget. It was sent to the budget/finance committee for their appraisal, and then sent to the club's board to vote on. It passed at last week's meeting.

Also in the works was the hiring of a consulting firm to analyze our books and accounting system. Their primary suggestions were a more detailed codification of our reserve fund to be maintained to meet unforeseen emergencies. Other than that, they thought our books were in order. Our money decisions and advisory suggestions from our CPA's who are members have served us well.



Social Report - *Kathy Grootendorst, Rear Commodore*

It's hard to believe, but the Holidays will be here before we know it! Come down and join in all the November activities we have planned before the bustle begins!

Saturday, November 10th, is our Annual Commodore's Bash where we celebrate our past and present Commodores. Our present Commodore, Dave Hertog, has requested a Taco Bar for this year's Bash, so we will have the ultimate Mexican buffet. Appetizers begin at 5:30pm, with dinner at 6pm, and then we have the popular Top Secret band performing at 6:30pm. Reservations are required for this event!

Thursday, November 15th, is the Club's Annual Meeting. Come down and enjoy a drink and/or dinner before hand. Light snacks will be provided at 6pm, with the meeting to follow at 6:30pm. All members are invited.

Saturday, November 23rd, the fantastic Steve Foresman and Friends are back to entertain us in the Keepers Bar starting at 7pm.

Thursday, November 29th, member Stuart Boekeloo will be giving a Special Presentation on Aviation Firsts of Southwest Michigan. This presentation will be held on the 3rd floor beginning at 6:30pm.

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

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!!!!!



Manager's Report - Paul Rizza

I thought since our Oktoberfest themed buffet was so well received and enjoyed by many, that I would pass along this recipe for Sauerbraten, compliments of Dana Hosbein, SJRYC Kitchen Manager. It's a traditional German beef roast that is easy to prepare and is great served with dumplings or spaetzle.

Total Time: Prep: 20 min. **Cook:** 6 hours

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

- 1 bottle (14ounces) ketchup
- 1 large onion, chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup packed brown sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon mixed pickling spices
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 4 cups water
- 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups crushed gingersnap cookies (about 30 cookies)
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water

Directions

1. Mix first six ingredients. Place roast in a 5-qt. slow cooker; add water. Pour ketchup mixture over top. Add cookie crumbs. Cook, covered, on low until meat is tender, 6-8 hours.

2. Remove roast from slow cooker; keep warm. Strain cooking juices; skim fat. Transfer 4 cups juices to a saucepan; bring to a boil. Mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into cooking juices. Return to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Serve with roast.

Enjoy!





Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay

Greetings everyone! We had a great Sail Race Season! Hope you enjoyed your summer!

St. Joe Race Fleet: The Series Finishes for the 2018.....

Spring Series Final:

JaM Fleet: Carrera 1st, Moody Blue 2nd, Fuzzy Logic 3rd

Spinnaker Fleet: Wellenreider 1st, Distraction 2nd, IMAGINE 3rd

Summer Series Final:

JaM Fleet: Moody Blue 1st, Carrera 2nd, and WinSome 3rd.

Spinnaker Fleet: Wellenreider 1st, IMAGINE 2nd, and Carpe Diem 3rd.

Boat of the Year:

JaM Fleet: Moody Blue

Spinnaker Fleet: Wellenreider

Coming up in 2019... St. Joseph River Yacht Club is hosting the 2019 Queen Cup Finish! The Race begins in Milwaukee, WI on Friday, June 28th and will finish off the St. Joseph Harbor on Saturday, June 29th! We are gearing up and planning for the Hugh Event!

Below is an article submitted to the October Lake Michigan SURF Online Newsletter by our Fleet Captain Jim Schragger. The Lake Michigan SURF is The Official e-Newsmagazine of the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation

ST. JOSEPH RIVER YACHT CLUB 2018 SEASON RECAP: WHAT POWERS US?

by Louie Tremblay and Jim Schragger

For the last several years, three "big ideas" have driven our race program. First, we want at least two boats to be very competitive in each of our two sections, Spinnaker and Jib and Main. Second, we recognize that Jib and Main is different from Spinnaker, so we design our schedule and call courses to fit the type of boats and skippers in each section. Finally, we believe that competition improves everyone as beginners watch how the more experienced sailors do it.

In 2018, our Spinnaker section was again pushed very hard by the top two boats, Ron Schults' Farr 395 Wellenreiter and Bill Born's Farr/Mumm 36 Distraction. For the last few years, the Mumm 36 has gotten closer and closer to knocking off Wellenreiter, and the Spring 2018 Series was no different as Distraction came within three points of Welly. Another Farr 395, Imagine joined our fleet in 2016 and finished behind Distraction in third place for the Spring Series. Imagine is owned by Gint Karaitis, winner of the 2013 St. Joseph River Yacht Club Spinnaker Boat of the Year and a Mac Section winner on his previous boat, the Schock 41 Quicksilver. Our Jib and Main section has had a recent history of older Spinnaker boats dropping into Jib and Main for one of the two Series and in 2018, Moody Blue, a custom-built, full-race, cold-molded-wood Nelson/Marek One-Tonner sailed by Bill Barton and crewed by a host of battle-tested Spinnaker sailors challenged last year's winner, Carrera, a Cayenne 41 for first place. It was a back and forth battle with Carrera hanging on to win the Spring Series by a single point over Moody Blue, with Dan Emery's Dehler 34 Fuzzy Logic, one of last year's two runner-ups for Jib and Main Boat of the Year, taking third. Fourth in Jib and Main was the other runner-up for Jib and Main Boat of the Year in 2017, Jeff Mitchell's Little Beauty, an S2 7.9, one of the smallest boats in our Jib and Main fleet and one of the fastest in 2017.



Fleet Report Continued - *Louie Tremblay*

The Spinnaker Summer Series was shaken up again this year, as in 2017 where Eric Mallen on his Ultimate 20 Carpe Diem (the smallest boat in Spinnaker) tied Wellenreiter (the biggest boat in Spinnaker) for first place. To show what Carpe Diem can do, in this year's Spinnaker Summer Series she won the 20 mile long distance race by a staggering 29 minutes over all the bigger, faster boats. With Distraction out of action for the Spinnaker Summer Series the Farr 395 Imagine stepped up to take second place and Carpe Diem finished third just one point above Chris Koch's Thomas 35 Mercedes, who led Patrick Nelson's Schock 35 Captain Blood in fifth by just two points. The Summer Series in Jib and Main was too close to call from start to finish between Moody Blue and Carra with Moody gaining the advantage in the final race of the year--but only after a General Recall at the start of the Jib and Main race, which is an exceptionally rare occurrence. The surprise of the evening was Gary Sisson's Winsome, an O'Day 28 which put together a terrific Series to take third place in the Jib and Main Summer Series edging out Fuzzy Logic which has a history of winning flags. By winning the final race of the season, Moody sealed their position as winners of both the Summer Series and Boat of the Year in Jib and Main. In Spinnaker, Wellenreiter was Boat of the Year with a wide margin this year given that Distraction was unable to complete the Series. Since 2011 our Jib and Main section has had far more competitive contests for Boat of the Year than Spinnaker, and this was true again in 2018. We've also had something unusual happen this year with participation in our Jib and Main section. We track boats that sail enough races to "qualify" for Boat of the Year without missing more race days than allowed by their throw-outs. In 2013, our Jib and Main section had just two boats qualify for Boat of the Year, which is the lowest participation we've ever had. For the past decade our very competitive Spinnaker section has had more active sailors than Jib and Main, even with the rebuilding efforts in Jib and Main we started in 2014. Yet this year for the first time our Jib and Main and Spinnaker sections had the same number of active racers in our Summer Series. This shows the continuing allure of Jib and Main where we welcome older, pure-cruising and racer-cruiser production boats to compete against other similar boats.

And then there is the Race Committee. For many years, one of the big secrets of our success was having the talented and extremely knowledgeable Ken Zimmerman as Principal Race Officer. He retired in 2016 after decades of tireless service, and we are now in our second year with a new Race Committee, ably led by Jim Scholz with assists by Vickie Frees and our St. Joseph River Yacht Club VC-Fleet, Louie Tremblay. Jim has had big shoes to fill but has learned a lot and did a great job this year. He called mostly simple up/down courses for Spinnaker, so they can have two tactical legs, and classic triangles for Jib and Main. After his second year in charge we look forward to having him with us again next season. This season was another year when boats previously outside of the winner's circle continued to step up and challenge the leaders. We have new boats winning flags and previous winners having to dig deeply to find more speed or better boat handling to stay in the hunt. We think this is how it should be and plan to do our best to continue watching the top boats being challenged. We believe racing improves the skills of all who participate--and as a result we see new skippers not having won in the past sailing faster. Our bold plan for next season? More of the same. Louie Tremblay is Vice Commodore-Fleet and Jim Schragar is 2018 Sail Race Fleet Captain at the St. Joseph River Yacht Club



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