

JUNE, 2019



## Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

# BILGE BAILINGS

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

Summer is here and outside activities have begun at the Club. We'd like to thank those members who helped to get the Rhumbline and pool ready for our enjoyment: Brent Glendening, Bob Walck, Chad Root, Nick Culp, Stu Utley, Peter Hayden, David Carlson, Mike Sepic, Jim Bartley, Dave Laetz, Mike and Marcia Ferris, Steve and Kay Breunling, Dan Emery, Greg and Kathy Heine, John Proos, Dave Korrison, Julie Migala, Nick and Joey Pierangeli, Bricen Tunnicliff, Steve Pierangeli, and Judd Brown. The outdoor flower planting was headed up by Beth Bentham, Cindy Kinney, and Sue Hertog with help from Tricia Scott Nancy & Byron Stock, Tara Olson, Mary Korrison, Carolee Seymour, Joan Armon, Pam Cottier, Bridget Lorenz and daughters. Another great job done by them in the rain.

June is a very busy month. We have the Rhumbline Regatta, Summer Solstice, and Queens Cup Regatta all in June. The Queens Cup will need volunteers, so please sign up on the sheet's posted at the Club.

June is also a good time for all of us to review the pool and Rhumbline/dock rules. We expect the staff to enforce them and must understand if they remind us of a rule, they are doing what is expected of them.

Nicole and staff have been doing a great job at the club, so come on down and check out the new menu, the salmon sandwich has been the early favorite. Keep reading those Monday email blasts and check out the weekly food specials and club events.

At the May Board of Directors meeting Al DiBrito made a presentation on the issue of erosion due to high water levels along the St. Joseph River and asked for the support of the SJRYC. The Board approved support for the voluntary no wake zone on the river until water levels drop. Al has also gotten support from St. Joseph City on this issue. Thanks goes out to Al for heading this up and all member boaters please be part of the volunteer no wake zone.

Have a great June!

### Summer Solstice Report - *Julie Migala*

Save the date!! The sixth annual Summer Solstice Ball will be held Saturday, June 22nd. This is a lovely evening for our teen members and their friends (those who will be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade thru age 20 – no alcohol) to get together and dance and socialize under the stars to celebrate the beginning of summer. Please check weekly emails for ticket information as the date nears.



# St. Joseph River VOLUNTARY NO WAKE ZONE

Due to the unusually high water levels, it is requested that boaters voluntarily comply with a St. Joseph River NO WAKE ZONE.

The wake produced by boats has greatly contributed to the erosion along the banks of the St. Joseph River as depicted below.

Your thoughtful consideration and compliance are greatly appreciated.



Due to the unusually highwater levels, The St. Joseph River Yacht Club endorses and requests that boaters voluntarily comply with a NO WAKE ZONE in St. Joseph River. The wake produced by boats greatly contributes to the river bank erosion.

Christopher Quattrin, Berrien County's drain commissioner stated that the waves are like a 55-pound block of cement being thrown into the bank, loosening the soil. With Lake Michigan at a very high level, the river has nowhere to go and backs up when it rains, Quattrin added.

In addition, The Army Corps of Engineers reported this month that Lake Michigan water levels were three feet above sea level in April, two feet above average, and that they are expected to be four feet above sea level by July.

Your thoughtful consideration and cooperation are most appreciated.



## Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

**We are going to have a great ending of May with the following:**

- May 30 (Thursday) Trivia hosted by Emily Szymkiewicz at 7 PM in the Keepers Bar
- May 31 Gabriel Estrada Mariachi Singer (Mexican Night). Weather permitting he will be performing at The Rhumblin Bar at 6:30pm along with a Mexican Buffet.

**In June we have two of our biggest Yacht club events:**

- June 15 The Rhumblin Regatta sailing event and party with The Mike Struwin Trio playing their reggae influenced dance favorites that evening at The Rhumblin Bar..
- June 29 SJRYC is hosting the finish of The Queens Cup with PS Dump Your Boyfriend performing from 8 to 12 PM

# Learn to Sail



*St. Joseph Junior Foundation*

- **Classes start June 10th**
- **1 and 3 week sessions, offering fun experience for beginners thru advanced racers**
- **US sailing certified instructors, teaching to US sailing methods.**
- **West Michigan Youth Sailing Association member offering Friday regattas at other clubs.**
- **Monday Night Fun Races open to all**

Visit [www.SJF.ORG](http://www.SJF.ORG) for link to register and more information



## Fleet Report - Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore

### THE RACE SEASON HAS BEGUN!!! WOO WHO!!!

I have included details of our first Race held on Wednesday May 22nd as stated in the "Windward Sheet" written by our Fleet Captain Jim Schragger. Jim also owns and sails his boat Carrera in the Jib and Main section of our Fleet.

**Don't forget to get your slip for the South Haven Rendezvous the weekend of August 2, 3 and 4.** You do not need to own a boat to enjoy this fantastic event! Many people drive up to enjoy the festivities!! South Haven Municipal Marina 269-637-3171. You will need a Credit Card, Sail or Power, Boat Name, Boat Registration, length, beam, and draft.

**Corrections** to previous state of event for the weekend...since boaters will be getting into South Haven at different times, dinner on Friday is not planned at South Haven Yacht Club. Friday is an open agenda where boaters may choose to take the short walk downtown for dining and shopping options from many of the great restaurant offerings in South Haven.

On Saturday if anyone wants pizza delivered from Gino's they should order before 3pm and pay by credit card. Menus are available at the Harbor Master. The pizzas will be delivered at around 6:30-7pm. Gino's usually doesn't deliver, however they are making an exception for our group. Gino's phone number (269) 639-4100.

Enjoy your dinner on the dock while Kevin McDaniel plays from 6-10pm on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>!

### The SJRYC Windward Sheet No 1, vol 2019

*"When it rains, it pours..."*

Nobody got wet in our opening race for the season, but the wind simply would not shut off all day and right through our race. We often see a moderation of wind speed as the day turns into early evening but not on Wednesday, 22 May.

All day it was 12 - 16 knots of wind, with gusts well into the twenties and predictions of gusts to 29 knots as we were on the water prior to the start. It was out of the South and South East, so the seas were modest but the duration and strength of the gusts made it a tough night to select and trim sails.

Because Jim Scholz was out of town, Andy Grootendorst, Mike Kinney, Louie Tremblay, and our newest member, Erin Schroeder manned the RC boat and did a terrific job, as usual. Setting a course on a night like this is a real challenge, but they came up with a plan that put both sections to an early-season test. We started (and finished) just off the pierheads, and were first sent on a beat South East to a temporary mark off the Pumping Station. Then North up the shore to round a temp mark off the public beach, then a downwind leg back to the starting mark. Two laps for JaM, and three for Spinn.

For as wild as the weather was, and as much trouble as everyone has had getting their boats in the water this year, we had a good turnout. To make things interesting on the course, JaM went first, which required the lead JaM boats to explore the best way to round the first mark without the often very useful gyrations of the top Spinn sailors to learn from as they blaze the trail. What the JaM boats found when approaching the first mark is that the wind got lighter when close to the mark, making roundings tricky. On Carrera, we really had to pinch the first lap at the windward mark and did not learn our lesson so the second time at the first mark was worse.



## Fleet Report Continued- *Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore*

In Spinn, everyone had a choice given the strong winds whether to use Spinnakers or not. As is often the case in our short-course racing, it was a close call. While both lead JaM boats, Carrera and Fuzzy Logic reefed their Mains, some Spinn boats did and others didn't. Plus with JaM in front for awhile, the Spinn boats had to pick their way through the Jammers on what could be crowded lay-lines.

Both winners for this opening race were not last year's defending BotY holders, which may bode well for plenty of competition in both sections this year. Chris Koch on his Thomas 35 found a very fast track around the course and saved his time on the always quick Farr 395 Imagine by 31 seconds. One minute further back was Dirk Kruger on Sea Raider with a full crew for the evening of two people--including Dirk. Wellenreiter took fourth another minute and twenty seconds back and seemed at times to be doing sail selection testing which caused somewhat of a lurid spin-out at one point on the jibe leg. About a half-minute behind was Gordon Dill on his J/88, then the Jr Foundation's J/24, and Jud Brown on Silk.

Over in JaM, Carrera took the win in the heavy air that the boat (and crew) loves, with Fuzzy Logic out ahead at the start but ending up second, and our Tartan 30, Desiderata, coming in third as they start their second season of racing at SJRYC.

All-in-all, it was a windy opening for the season that everyone survived. Many thanks to Andy, Mike and Louie for making this event happen. We are incredibly lucky to have these sailors from Cynthia willing to apply their world-class expertise to help us run races. Next time you say hi to any of these talented racers, let them know how much we appreciate their extra efforts.

Next race is next week, and we'll hope for good weather and smooth seas. Looking at the long range forecast that is just a hope for now. But we'll keep hoping, and we look forward to seeing you next week on the water.

*- Jim Schragar for Jim Scholz who was away this week*

*The Windward Sheet, founded by Ken Zimmerman at a place nearby in a time long ago, follows the SJRYC Sail Race Fleet and is published at irregular intervals throughout the sailing season.*

See you on the Pond!!

## Treasurer's Report - *Gale Cawley*

As members are mostly back, the costs for food and beverages has gone up accordingly. There have been no unexpected costs so far. Happy holidays.



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