

MAY, 2020



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

From The Top of the Mast - *Eric Hansen (commadore@sjryc.com)*

As we enter May of 2020 we will now be able to enjoy the beginning of Spring around our homes, outside on walks and bike rides, and again out on the water. Appreciate and enjoy this time you have with your family.

The board has been meeting weekly in the month of April to assess the constant changes to the stay at home orders and the impact these have on our club. At this point we are in a holding pattern. We will have to wait and see what the future orders and guidance which affect the club will be, specifically those regarding gatherings and/or serving of food/drink. Please continue to read the email blasts and Bilge Bailings as these will be ways we will communicate the most up to date information to you.

I personally disagreed with the Governor's initial order disallowing boating with a motor. Where can you be the most distanced from others? Out on Lake Michigan with your family in a boat! I am happy to report however, that on Friday, April 24, 2020 the Governor adjusted the order to include boating with motors as well as marina limited launching and moving starting May 1, 2020. So get the boats launched and enjoy your expanding (but still limited) freedoms and I will see you out on the water, 6 feet away of course!

House and Ground's Report *Dave Hertog*

The facility is being monitored daily and minor maintenance projects being done as needed. The walk-in freezer has been shut down due to problems with it. We have been waiting on the contractor to be able to work on it due to Michigan's rules on what can be done. This rule seems to be changing at this time but BER is backed up on work, so could take a while. BER also will be replacing a furnace/AC unit that needs replacement.

The plan is to have limited people handling the flower planting on schedule this spring, allowing proper social distancing, so that all is ready when we are allowed to open, probably on a limited basis. We anticipate rules on the number of people allowed at the club at one time, distance between tables. amount of people allowed to sit together, etc., and will have tables and chairs set accordingly. We all know there will be new rules going forward and when the State issues the rules we will inform the members and post them at the Club. The pool contractor has been scheduled to do what is needed to have pool ready to open. We are waiting on direction from State as to what will be rules on the pool.



Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

May	All May events have been postponed pending Club opening.
Saturday, June 6	Rhumblin Regatta with The Boulevard Billies , chaired by Louie Trembly
Saturday, June 13	Mike Struwin with Congas and Bongos at The Rhumblin Bar
Saturday, June 20	Summer Solstice Party
Saturday, June 26	Kevin McDaniel at The Rhumblin Bar
Friday, July 3	Fireworks at 10:15 PM
Saturday, July 11	Parrot Head Party with Don Middlebrook, chaired by Jill Straub
Saturday, July 25	Reggae with Zion Lion and Jamaican Buffet, chaired by Nick & Kyah Culp
July 31-Aug 2	Rendezvous to South Haven featuring Kevin McDaniel Acoustic Rock on Saturday in South Basin, co-chaired by Louis Trembly and Bruce Larson
Friday, August 14	Mockingbird at The Rhumblin Bar
Saturday, August 15	Children's Fun Day , chaired by Jill Straub at 1pm
Saturday, August 22	Lobster Bake with Island Breeze Steel Drum
Saturday, Sept. 5	Tri-State Race Party with Libido Funk Circus
Saturday, Sept. 19	Morgan Ingle & The Back-Ups
Saturday, October 2	Tomas Esperanza Blues Band and The SJRYC Sock Burning , (sock burning chaired by Bob Walck) Postponed from April
Saturday, October 3	Cups & Flags Sailing award presentation
Friday, October 16	Quentin Flagg with Special Guest Rod Stewart
Thursday, October 22	Bob Myers speaking on Michigan's connection to HMS Titanic , chaired by Carolee Seymour
Saturday, October 24	Falloween Children's Party , co-chaired by Jill Straub, Nick & Kyah Culp, Patrice Nelson and Cathy Cawley.
Friday, October 30	Scary Steve Foresman & Byron Craft (costumes optional)
Saturday, Nov. 14	Commodores Bash with Top Secret Band
Thursday, Nov. 19	SJRYC Annual Meeting
Friday, Nov. 27	Two Renegades (Classic Rock & a bit of Christmas Music)
Saturday, Dec. 12	Visit from Santa Chaired by Nick & Kyah Culp
Friday, Dec. 18	Christmas Sing-a-long with Mockingbird
Thursday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve with Kevin McDaniel & The House Band



Fleet Report - *Louie Tremblay*

Greetings everyone! I hope this finds all of you well!!

As I write this, I do not have any updates for you in regards to the Sailing Season as the Governor has extended the "Stay at Home" order to May 30th, 2020.

The Pre-Season skippers meeting will not be taking place at the Club on May 6th. At this time we do not have a date as to when the meeting will be held. Due to all of the unknown's, registration on Regatta Network has not been opened.

I am optimistic at some point we will all get our boats in the water this year and have a Race Season.

The Coast Guard has canceled all of the Boat Safety Classes this year. I do not know if this class is offered on line. If you are interested in still taking this class or know of someone who is, please let me know and I will contact Patrick Poziwilko who teaches the Classes.

The Rhumblin Regatta is scheduled for Saturday June 6th. This Race is still on the Calendar. The plan is still to have the skippers meeting at 10:30am. There will be a Banquet and Entertainment by Boulevard Billie's at the Club following the Race. More updates to come.

We are also optimistic the South Haven Rendezvous will be taking place on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd.

The weekend of July 31st, August 1st and 2nd the Cruising Fleet is planning a Cruise Rendezvous weekend up in South Haven MI. The fun starts on Friday and carries through the weekend! Dinner on Friday I believe is at your discretion. Saturday dinners are to be ordered from a local restaurant and delivered to the Municipal Marina. Each person/group places their own order and pays individually by credit card at the time of order. Then everyone sits out on the deck where everyone will enjoy entertainment by Kevin McDaniel! You do not have to own a Boat to participate in this event. You are welcome to drive up to South Haven and enjoy the event with the Boaters. This is a fun event and everyone is invited. Watch the Bilge Bailing for more to come on this event!

Next up is the Tri-State Regatta! This is always a fun event for the Racers the Community and the Club. The Race starts this year on Friday September 4th with the Racers arriving early Saturday am, hopefully! There will be festivities starting at the Club in the morning and extending in to the night hours. This event is so much fun make sure to sign up for volunteering so you can enjoy the whole experience!

Hope you see all of you soon!! St. Joe Fleet ROCKS!!! Let's ROLL!!!

Treasurer's Report - *Dave Hertog*

Not too much has changed since last month, we continue to pay the monthly bills and are in a financial position to continue to pay our monthly obligations. Until we are allowed to open money will be going out and none coming in. The Finance Committee and Board will monitor the cash flow and make decisions based on the best interest of the membership. Any concerns or questions please contact me.



Swim and Pool Report - *Jill Straub, Pool and Swim Committee Chair*

We made it through April and hopefully are heading into some nice, sunny weather. A little sunshine always helps, especially during these difficult times.

With COVID-19 regulations changing by the hour, it is becoming more and more difficult to plan for the near future. I know we are all dreaming of laid-back days at the beautiful SJRYC pool with our friends and loved ones.

I wanted to let everyone know, **we are postponing the SJRYC River Rats Swim Team sign ups.** (The date was initially set for Thursday, May 7th).

All of us on the Board and the Pool and Swim Committees are waiting on directives from the government regarding what we can and cannot do this summer. We are hoping to be able to open the pool but any plans for our SJRYC River Rats Swim Team are currently up in the air. Please hold tight and we will get updates out to everyone as soon as we know anything or make any firm decisions.

Hang in there and stay healthy, everyone. Hope to be able to see all of our members soon.



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