

JUNE, 2020



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

As of this writing, the State of Michigan in 48 hours is going to allow many non essential businesses to open. Downtown St. Joe as well as all local businesses across the state will begin to come alive again. June 12, 2020 is the date that we may be able to end the stay at home order.

While we all have differing opinions as to exactly when the club should reopen, as a non-profit club representing hundreds of members and their families there are myriad logistical and legal implications in doing so. We are a private club, an indoor and outdoor restaurant, an indoor and outdoor bar, a pool, a swim club, a sailing club, and host private events as well as many large public events. Because of this, it is an extreme challenge to navigate and make the correct decisions.

The board and General Manager have been looking at all potential options to open some or all of these areas at the club as soon as possible. This may mean adjusting the way we operate depending on what implementation decisions are made. The board is working diligently to put together a plan, taking into consideration directives from all involved legal and governmental parties to guarantee our club has every chance of opening safe and remaining open in 2020.

Communication regarding next steps are being sent out in the bilge bailings, the weekly eblast, and special emails. Thank you again for your patience and loyalty to SJRYC, and we hope to see you soon at the club.

Treasurer's Report - *Dave Hertog*

With the club still being closed we continue to pay bills that come in and some payroll. We are not at full membership yet and will have those new member due's and initiation fee's coming in yet. We continue to be in good financial position as of now, but as we are allowed to open up at limited capacity our budget will be affected. I have sent the board and finance committee a projected budget update on sales of 50% and &75% for the remainder of year (June thru December). If you have any questions please email treasurer@sjryc.com



Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

All May events have been postponed pending Club opening.

Saturday, June 13	Mike Struwin with Congas and Bongos at The Rhumblin Bar
Saturday, June 20	Summer Solstice Party—CANCELLED
Saturday, June 26	Kevin McDaniel at The Rhumblin Bar
Friday, July 3	Fireworks at 10:15 PM—CANCELLED
Saturday, July 4	Jimmy Fastiggi Americana music
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	Gabe Estrada Maruichi Musician 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, August 28	Mockingbird Trio with music from 50's, 60' & 70's
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

SJRYC has **Trivia twice a month during the Fall** hosted by Emily Szymkiewicz and Dave Hertog on alternating Thursday evenings.

There is a "**speaker's series**" on several Thursday evenings during the Fall.

There are weekly **Euchre Nights** on Wednesday evenings in the Fall.



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

Memorial Day Weekend has come and gone. I know so many of us were really missing the wonderful SJRYC pool on what should have been opening weekend. My family has certainly been dreaming of the pool on warm, sunny days.

All of us on the Board and the Pool and Swim Committees continue to wait on directives from the government regarding what we can and cannot do this summer. We are hoping to be able to open the pool and are looking into and researching the safest ways to do so. We are not sure what that will look like, but I think we all would like the use of the pool this summer, in any capacity.

The SJRYC River Rats' swim conference MAPSC has cancelled the summer competitive season. We are working on trying to set up a swim team season that will be more instructional and less about competing in swim meets. We are working hard as a Board on plans to make it fun and safe for all involved.

Please continue to 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 see everyone soon on the pool deck!

House and Ground's Report *Dave Hertog*

With the potential of being able to partially reopen sometime in June with limited members using the club at any time per the state, these things have been set up. This is based on what was allowed for Bars/Restaurants in parts of Michigan as they were allowed to open.

The club has a capacity of 220 per City of St Joseph special use permit. Members using the pool count toward the club capacity limit. Rhumblin + pool + Keepers = 110 members on site at any time. With this in mind, the Rhumblin bar area, pool and general outside area has had tables spaced to allow for social distancing per the state and CDC with the ability to have 110 (50% of capacity). Inside tables will also be set per state and CDC rules to allow for proper social distancing. By using 2 floors we can do 50% of the 220 allowed if needed and if we were allowed 75% at a later time by using all three floors, we will be fine.

The pool has been set up to allow for 6 foot spacing between lounge chairs and this leaves room for about 30 people at a time. While we have a good idea as what will happen in bar and restaurant area when we are allowed to reopen, the pool area still has a lot of unknowns.

With all of that said most of the time we do not approach the 110 number on site during normal times, so most of the time use of the club will not be a problem if the rules as they appear now do not change before we can open.

The playground area is also an unknown at this time, as such, it may be roped off until approval to open by is provided.

We are making these decisions based on Executive Orders from the Governor of Michigan. The specific orders are 2020-69, 2020-96, and 2020-97.

Any questions please email dhertog54@gmail.com



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