

SEPTEMBER, 2020



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

Top of the Mast - *Eric Hansen, Commodore*

What a summer it has been! I cannot remember a year with more sun, clear skies, calm Lake Michigan waters, and perfect temperatures. This year our lives all slowed down a bit, but that just gave us extra time to spend outside with friends and family. We were also able to enjoy the Club all summer and everything that SJRYC has to offer. I hope that the General Manager, Staff, and board decisions we have made this year have created an environment that was safe and fun for all.

But summer doesn't have to end just yet. We are happy to announce that the pool and Rhumblin Bar will be open on the weekends after September 7th, weather permitting. The outside tables and chairs will remain in place through September and members are welcome to sit outside even if the Rhumblin Bar is closed. SJRYC will be closed for all business on Mondays and Tuesdays.

As we begin to start planning for next year, we have 4 board positions available for 2021. If you can volunteer your skills in Finance, Management, Leadership, Building and Property Maintenance, Event Planning, or can offer ideas for the club, we need your help! Watch the E-Blasts, contact the club or email me at commodore@sjryc.com for more information if interested.

Looking forward to enjoying the last weeks of summer, see you at the Club!

House and Ground's Report *Dave Hertog*

With the weather being very dry we have not had any water problems in the basement this summer, but we are watering lawn and gardens a lot more. About 40 LED and florescent light bulbs along with batteries and a few other items were taken to the recent Berrien County recycle event. Another refrigeration unit needed a new fan motor and a back-flow prevention valve was replaced in the kitchen. All of the tables at Rhumblin were checked for lose bolts, thanks to members who have turned in bolts when they find them, makes for an easy fix. One umbrella has been broken beyond simple repair and a new frame has been ordered.

We are waiting on a quote for some work that has to be done on the Keepers House. Part of the eaves have rotted out and fallen off.

Any questions please contact me at dhertog54@gmail.com

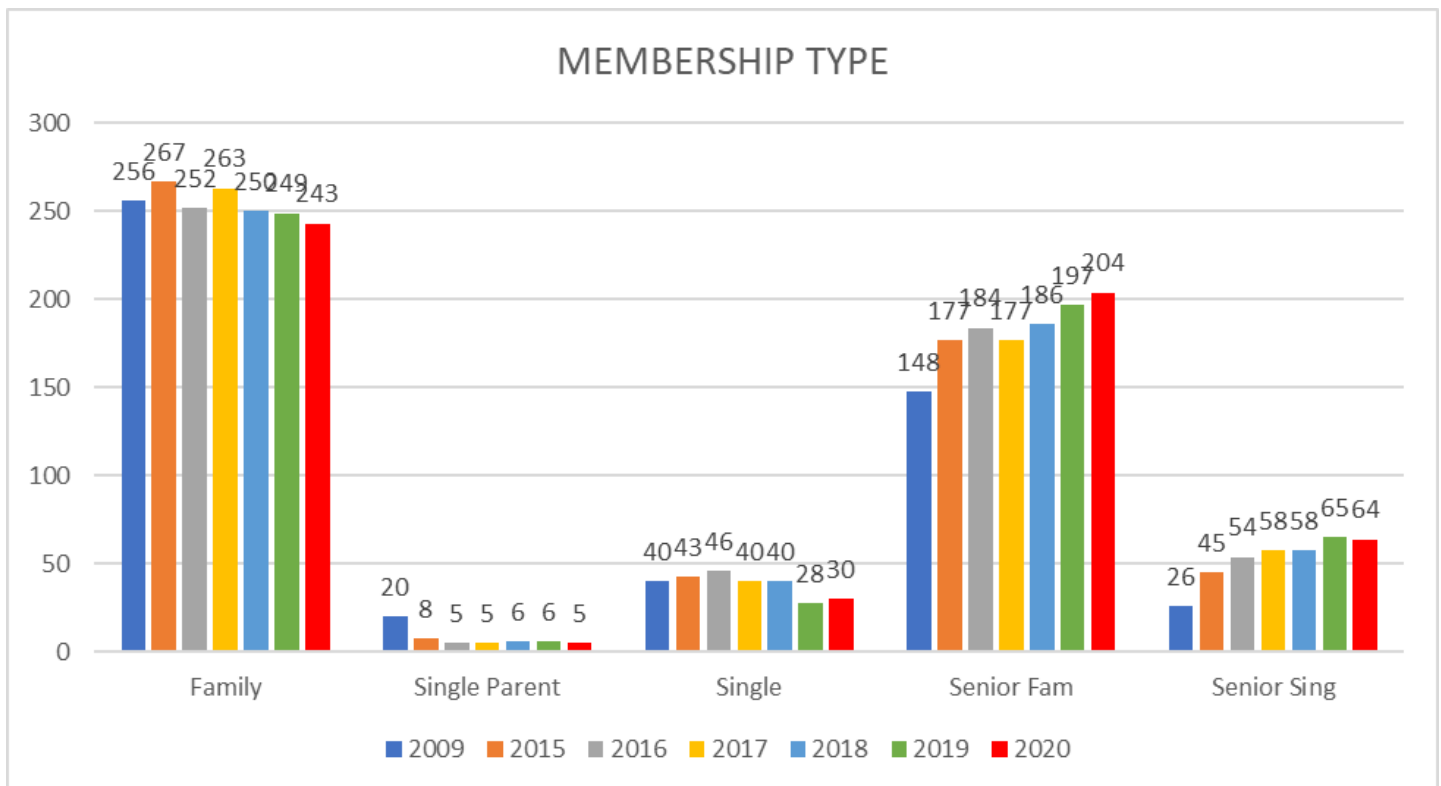


Treasurer's Report - *Dave Hertog*

After a full month of being open we have a better understanding of the financial situation for 2020. Overall, the Club will be fine because of the reserves we have. Sales are down but better than expected as the capacity limits do not affect us most of the time and members have been flexible in making reservations. The biggest cost of running the Club is Labor and that is up 20% or more mostly due to the extra work required due to Covid-19. These costs are expected to continue into next year. With all of this in mind the 2021 budget is being put together and the Board will be looking at the first draft at the September Board of Directors meeting.

A continuing trend in Club membership is we are getting older. This affects the amount of dues that are collected. With less of the most expensive memberships and more of the lesser expensive memberships income from dues goes down each year. The Club loses less than 10% of membership each year and the 90% all get a year older, so this trend will continue. Below is a chart showing membership types for past years and this year.

If you have any questions please contact me at treaser@sjryc.com





Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

Saturday, Sept 5, Rachel & the Soul Shakers

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

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 Vice Commodore Report - *Louie Tremblay*

Greetings everyone!

Here we are in September already! I hope everyone had a good summer considering all the challenges we have faced this year.

As you know the SJRYC has not had a Race Season affiliated with the Yacht Club this year, but non-members and Members of the SJRYC have been racing in non-Yacht Club affiliated races for most of the summer. It has been a lot of fun and we are not done yet! I want to thank everyone who put this together and is making this happen from week to week!

I am hopeful we will have a Race Season in 2021 of some sort.

As I stated in the August Bilge Bailing's, Michigan City is holding the "Traditional" second leg of the Tri-State Race this year. The Race will start on Sunday September 6th with the first start at 9:30AM CST.

Every year the Fleets last Race of the season is the "Chili Regatta" which is a fundraiser for the St. Joseph Jr. Foundation. We will still planning to hold this event in one form or another so watch the Bilge Bailing for additional details.

Stay Safe and Sail on!!

Pool and Swim Report - *Jill Straub*

What a summer! We have had incredible weather for enjoying the SJRYC pool and grounds. It has been wonderful to enjoy sunny days poolside during one of the most uncertain and stressful times most of us have experienced in our lifetimes.

Reservations have been going well and I think, at some level, there is an appreciation for always having a chair and a parking spot! Of course, we all wish we could stay at the pool longer on beautiful days. But I really think that our members have made the most of their pool time in the summer of 2020.

I want to thank Nicole Collins, our fantastic General Manager, for working so hard to make the pool work for all of us members, and also for our swim team. The River Rats team partnered this year with the St. Joe Aquatics, and everything went very smoothly. All safety protocol was followed, and we had zero instances of Covid-19 exposure.

I'm also very excited that the Board voted unanimously to keep our pool and Rhumblin bar open on weekends through the end of September! The pool will be open to members every weekend from noon until 6pm. Reservations will still be required, stay posted on details for the reservation blocks. During the week, our pool will also be used by both the St. Joe Aquatics and the St. Joseph High School Girls' Swim Team as their indoor pool remains closed due to Executive Orders by our Governor.

Thank you to all of our members for helping make the summer of 2020 a great time down at the Club!



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