

MARCH, 2021



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

Last year at this time we were looking forward to 2020 and the opening of SJRYC. Then we experienced a bit of a bump in the road, i.e. coronavirus. A year long bump. I think we would all like to put 2020 in our rear view mirrors. So, let's try this again.

First, thank you to all our members for your continued support. As we prepare to open the club for the 2021 season, we have a great year planned. The board, General Manager, and staff have been working hard to schedule a full season of events. We anticipate eventually being able to open fully as the state of Michigan relaxes regulations, and we will continue to work to provide a safe environment for all.

Starting the week of March 17th, with our St. Patrick's Day opening, watch for your weekly Eblasts, where we will provide updates to the schedule. So enjoy St. Patrick's Day Week, find me and say hi, and try to introduce yourself to at least one new person at the club

I look forward to seeing everyone out!



Opening Day
Wednesday,
MARCH 17th
4pm to 9pm!

Reservations are still required at this time.

Please call 269-983-6393 and leave a message.

*Regular weekly hours will follow
after Wednesday.
The Club will be open Thursday, Friday and Sat-
urday from 12pm to 9pm.*

2021 Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

March 17	Wednesday	SJRYC Opening Day	St. Patrick's Day with Mark Ficks Band
April 3	Saturday	Easter Bunny	Chaired by Jill Straub
April 8	Thursday	Bob Meyer speaks on The Titanic's Connection to Michigan	
		Chaired by Carolee Seymour	
April 9	Friday	Dylan Tolbert	Recommended by Dave Hertog
April 23	Friday	Julia James	Recommended by Chad Root
May 1	Saturday	Kentucky Derby Party with Two Renegades Band	
		Co-Chaired by Nick Culp and Jill Straub.	
May 28	Friday	The Rhumblin Bar opens	
May 29	Saturday	The Tomas Esperanza Blues Band	
June 12	Saturday	Rhumblin Regatta w/ Boulevard Billies	Chaired by Louie Tremblay
June 19	Saturday	Gabe Estrada Mariachi Singer	
June 24	Thursday	Julia James	Recommended by Chad Root
July 1	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
July 3	Saturday	Jimmy Fastiggi Americana Music	
July 3	Saturday	Fireworks at 10:15 PM	
July 8	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
July 10	Saturday	Parrothead Party with Don Middlebrook	
July 15	Thursday	Dan Geib	
July 22	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
July 24	Saturday	Reggae with Zion Lion	Chaired by Nick Culp
July 29	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
Aug 5	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
Aug 6, 7, 8		Rendezvous to South Haven Kevin McDaniel Acoustic Rock (on Saturday Evening)	Co-Chaired by Louis Tremblay and Bruce Larson
Aug 12	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
Aug 19	Thursday	Rhumblin Music	
Aug 21	Saturday	Lobster Bake with Island Breeze Steel Drum	

2021 Social Report Continued - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

Aug 26	Thursday	Rhumbline Music
Sept 4	Saturday	Tri-State Regatta Party with Libido Funk Circus
Sept 18	Saturday	Morgan Ingle & The Backups
Oct 1	Friday	The Mark Ficks Band
Oct 9	Saturday	Cups & Flags Sailing Awards Chaired by Louie Trembly
Oct 15	Friday	Rod Stewart Show with opening act Quinten Flagg
Oct 30	Saturday	Scary Steve Foresman with Byron Craft
Nov 13	Saturday	Commodores Bash with Top Secret Band
Nov 18	Thursday	SJRYC Annual Meeting
Nov 26	Friday	Rachel & The Soul Shakers
Dec 11	Saturday	Visit from Santa Chaired by Nick Culp
Dec 17	Friday	Christmas Sing-along with Two Renegades
Dec 31	Friday	New Year's Eve with Kevin McDaniel & The House Band

In addition, SJRYC offers **Trivia** twice a month on alternating Thursday evenings during the Spring, hosted by past Commodore Dave Hertog; and weekly Wednesday **Euchre Nights** in the Spring and Fall. Watch for more details in your weekly Eblasts.

Note: Dates and times of any entertainment and or events are subject to changes or cancelations.



Fleet Report - *Louie Tremblay, Fleet Vice Commodore*

Greetings everyone and welcome back for 2021!

As we are optimistic regarding the 2021 Sail Race season, there are a few things in the works to get you thinking about the fast approaching Boating season! The race schedule and special events for the season are in the final planning stages. First up is the Pre Season Skippers Meeting...to be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 7pm (3rd floor of the Yacht Club). Rounding out the season, The Cups and Flags Banquet has also been scheduled for Saturday, October 9th with cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, and awards to follow.

The Rhumbline Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th. The skippers meeting will start at 10:30am. There will be a Banquet and Entertainment by The Boulevard Billie's at the Club following the Race. More details to come.

On the weekend of August 6th and 7th the Cruising Fleet is planning their annual Cruise Rendezvous weekend in South Haven MI. The fun starts on Friday and carries through the weekend! Dinner on Friday is at your discretion. Saturday's dinner will 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). After dinner, Kevin McDaniel will entertain on the deck! 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!

The final special sailing event for 2021 is the Tri-State Regatta! This is always a fun event for the Racers, the Community, and the Club. Chicago has confirmed they are planning the Friday night leg of the Race from Chicago to St. Joe on September 3rd. We always hope for plenty of appropriate wind, so the Racers will arrive in the early Saturday morning hours! SJRYC will host festivities throughout the day, starting with a Bloody Mary Breakfast, and ending with a steak dinner and dancing into the night to the band Libido Funk Circus! This event is so much fun...and the best way to enjoy it includes volunteering for one or more events!

St. Joe Fleet ROCKS!!! Let's ROLL!!!

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

Last year was one for the books at the St. Joseph River Yacht Club. Yet, even with the world turned upside down, our Club in little ol' Southwest Michigan was able to provide some much-needed Covid-safe experiences in 2020. The pool was open and our swim team was able to practice. We had less capacity at the pool and our River Rats were not able to have swim meets. But our kids were able to play and swim, bringing some "normalcy" to their summer of unpredictability.

All of that being said, as we begin to wade through 2021, there is no telling what our restrictions will be this summer. Our pool will be open, but we are unsure what our capacity will be. I would plan on reservations and some distancing to still be in place. Details to come on all of that as time goes on.

As far as our swim team goes, I am certain we will have practices. I am still not certain about swim meets, etc. Please stay tuned and watch your email for the Eblasts. Hopefully we will be able to host in-person sign ups this spring.

If you have children interested in swim team, be sure to email swimteam@sjryc.com or me (jillestraub@gmail.com) to be added to the email lists.

Looking forward to sunny days at the pool! See you all at the Club.



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