

May, 2021



# Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

## BILGE BAILINGS

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

This week my wife and I went through the annual SJRYC calendar and put into our google calendar all the dates and times of the events and happenings at the club for 2021. I have done this for a few years now and recommend it to everyone. We have a lot to look forward to this month. May starts off with Kentucky Derby Party, Bands, Trivia Night and finishing off the month with the opening of the Rhumbline Bar.

The Board, Staff, and Committees have been working hard to plan and navigate this year. Soon we will be opening the outdoor spaces with the pool and Rhumbline. House and Grounds committee will be planning a setup date where members can help with readying the outdoor spaces. Watch the EBlasts for more information. Planting and landscaping with flowers and beds are also being scheduled to make everything outdoors look its best.

I am hopeful and looking forward to this Summer when I can see all your smiling faces again at the Rhumbline bar and pool (without masks?).

For those of you who know me, in December I started a countdown with an app that keeps track of days, hours, minutes, and seconds of when our boat would be back in the water once again. I think it was set at 150 days in the beginning. All of the buffing, prop balancing, fixing, repairing, and items that must be done out of the water were scheduled. I hate to say it but as of today with only 7 days 10 hours 15 minutes, and 34 seconds left, **I am behind**. This week will be the final push to finish and then next week is launch week.

Speaking of boating, we have a great event on Saturday May 22, 2021 for boats to be inspected by the Coast Guard Auxillary and a 2021 certification sticker is issued after successful inspection. Not only does this event promote safe boating for club members, but also will be open for non-members as well. There will be a registration so that we can allot enough time for the Coast Guard to inspect each boat registered. So go through your boat and your safety gear and get certified this Spring!

Regarding membership, we are now filled for the 2021 season with our 545 member cap. Welcome to our new 2021 members and thanks for joining the best club on Lake Michigan!

For anyone and especially for our new Members, I am always available at [commodore@sjryc.com](mailto:commodore@sjryc.com) if you have any questions, etc.

### **Nick Culp**

April showers, blooming tulips, and the last snowflakes of winter are sure signs that we are well into spring and that summer is on its way. Warmer weather is welcomed news as its means we will soon see a return to outdoor dining and entertainment at the Rhumbline as well as the pool reopening. Please stay tuned for forthcoming volunteer opportunities to help get the club grounds, furniture, and pool ready. Stay safe and healthy and see you at the Club!

### Club Hours

<u>Day</u>	<u>Clubhouse</u>
Sunday	Noon-6pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Noon-9pm
Thursday	Noon-9pm
Friday	Noon-9pm
Saturday	Noon-9pm

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

May 1	Saturday	<b>Kentucky Derby Party with Two Renegades Band</b> co-chaired by Nick Culp and Jill Straub.
May 13	Thursday	<b>Trivia</b> with past commodore Dave Hertog
May 15	Saturday	<b>Steve Foresman with Byron Craft</b>
May 28	Friday	<b>The Rhumbline Bar Opens!</b>
May 29	Saturday	<b>The Tomas Esperanza Blues Band</b>
June 3	Thursday	<b>Kevin McDaniel</b>
June 10	Thursday	<b>Keith Scott</b>
June 12	Saturday	<b>Rhumbline Regatta w/ Boulevard Billies</b> chaired by Louie Tremblay
June 17	Thursday	<b>St. Joe Jack</b>
June 24	Thursday	<b>Julia James</b> (recommended by Chad Root)
June 26	Saturday	<b>Gabe Estrada</b> (mariachi singer)
July 1	Thursday	<b>Morgan Ingle</b>
July 3	Saturday	<b>Jimmy Fastiggi</b> (Americana Music) <b>Fireworks</b> at 10:15pm
July 8	Thursday	<b>Barry Clark</b> (classical guitar with a bit of R&R)
July 10	Saturday	<b>Parrothead Party with Don Middlebrook</b>
July 15	Thursday	<b>Dan Geib</b>
July 22	Thursday	<b>Mark Struwin</b>
July 24	Saturday	<b>Reggae with Zion Lion</b> (chaired by Nick Culp)
July 29	Thursday	<b>Keith Scott</b>
Aug 5	Thursday	<b>St. Joe Jack</b>
Aug 6, 7, 8		<b>Rendezvous to South Haven</b> <b>Kevin McDaniel</b> (acoustic rock on Saturday evening at South Basin) co-chaired by Louie Tremblay and Bruce Larson
Aug 12	Thursday	<b>Morgan Ingle</b>
Aug 19	Thursday	<b>Kevin McDaniel</b>

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

- Aug 21 Saturday **Lobster Bake with Island Breeze Steel Drum**
- Aug 26 Thursday **The Backsliders with Dave & John VanDyle**
- Sept 4 Saturday **Tri-State Regatta Party with Libido Funk Circus**
- Sept 18 Saturday **Morgan Ingle & The Backups**
- Oct 2 Saturday **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 28 Thursday **Speaker Bob Myers on Myths-Busted: What you Thought You Knew Just Ain't So.** Play along with the presenter and match wits with each other as we examine History Myths. Those crazy stories about history just cant be true — or can they? How knowledgeable are you when it comes to debunking or confirming urban legends in history?
- Oct 30 Saturday **Scary Steve Foresman with Byron Craft**
- Nov 11 Thursday **John Owen, great-grandson of John Plank** speaking on The Grand Hotel, Plank's Tavern-on-the-Beach, the Whitcomb and MORE!  
Recommended by Pat Breitreuz
- 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** on multiple Thursday evenings during the Spring, hosted by past Commodore Dave Hertog as well as several Speaker Events. We do plan on resuming the Euchre Challenges as soon as we safely can, so watch for more details in your weekly Eblasts.

## Fleet Vice Commodore - Louie Tremblay

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

We are gearing up for the start of the Boating Season!!

The Sail Race Pre-Season skippers meeting will be taking place on "ZOOM" at 7PM on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is opened to all Members and Non-members who are interested in racing or just want to see what the race fleet is all about! If you are interested in attending and are not a past Skipper/ Owner of a boat, which has participated in the race fleet, please reply with your e-mail address to fleetvc@sjryc.com to receive an email invitation to the meeting.

We will be holding Boat Inspections performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday May 22 from 11am to 3pm at the Rhumbline. Boats passing the inspection will receive a sticker to attach to the Port side of the Boat showing you have passed inspection. The sticker tells the Coast Guard your boat has met all safety requirement and you should not be boarded. The Boat inspections are opened to Members and Non-Members. We are still working on the details but watch future EBlasts for information.

The in person Boat Safety Classes are not being offered at this time. However, there are many online courses offered by the CGA, <https://www.cgaux.org>.

The Rhumbline Regatta is scheduled for Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. The skippers meeting is schedule for 10:30AM with the first start around 12 noon. There will be a Banquet, awards and Entertainment by Boulevard Billie's at the Club following the Race.

The South Haven Rendezvous will be held this year starting on Friday August 6, through Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Cruising Fleet is planning the Cruise Rendezvous this weekend up to 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. On Sunday the boats depart heading to Michigan City for the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the Tri-State. 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!! J

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

## Swim and Pool Report - Jill Straub

Happy Spring from the Swim and Pool Committee!

As restrictions are unpredictable (and fingers crossed, many are lifted) things may change at our pool before we even open. As of late April, we are still under a capacity restriction of 50%. Please plan on making reservations for pool time this summer, and for wearing masks while walking around inside and outside.

We will be proceeding with our SJRYC River Rats Swim Team for summer 2021. At this time, meets within the MAPSC league are unlikely, but Coach Wes Beemer is hoping to put some meets together with the YMCA Dolphins.

Practice times will be between 8am and 11:45am. Swimmers will have scheduled practice times depending on ability level. More information will be coming via email from Coach Wes. If your child (ren) were not on the team last year but you would like to be added to the list, please email [swimteam@sjryc.com](mailto:swimteam@sjryc.com)

Cost will be \$100 for one child and \$75 for each additional child in your family. You may pay at the Club with a card, cash or check. Alternatively, you may mail a check to: SJRYC, P.O. Box 3, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Advanced swimmers are able to swim extended workouts and sets. Typically these kids have been on a swim team for several years. They must be able to swim 500 yards (20 lengths) without stopping. 3 practices per week, 90 minutes per practice.

Intermediate swimmers are able to swim all four strokes somewhat proficiently. They must be able to swim 100 yards (4 lengths) without stopping. 3 practices per week, 60 minutes per practice  
Beginner swimmers are able to swim on their own without assistance from floaties or adults in the water. They must be able to swim one length of the pool without stopping. 3 practices per week, 30 minutes per practice.

We ask for your flexibility and understanding. Depending on additional sign-ups, tightening or loosening of government restrictions, etc., team policies or schedules may change during the summer.



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