

June, 2021



## Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

# BILGE BAILINGS

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

So for the past 4 weeks I had been working with the City, local health department, Board and the General Manager for approval of the 2021 Tri State Regatta . As of mid-May, if we filed the right paperwork, measured our square footage of our club, and crafted the right postings on the entrances and on our website, we may be able to host 835 people, if approved. So we did and the 835 person event was able to occur. That was on Wednesday May 21, 2021. Then on May 22, 2021, all orders were lifted and all the work and effort that we put in was in the rear view mirror.

Either way, the Tri State is on. Masks come off. All other events that the Social Committee have planned are on. Our outdoor and indoor limits will be a thing of the past within the next month. We made it! The work and effort our club has done over the past year has been monumental. But now we are going to be able to shine fully as the best club on the Great Lakes again.

As I think back through this last year, my view is SJRYC has served our Club family throughout the pandemic as an island from what had been going on in our community, our County, and our State. We have all really come together as a family through these times, caring about all that we have gone through this past year and the Club has been a large part of that.

Life is good. Let's get summer started. Get the sails up, the boats buffed and waxed, the bags of beach towels and suntan lotion packed, and appreciate all that the Sunset Coast has to offer. This will be a fun year. From our family to yours.

### Hours of Operation Effective June, 2021

<u>Day</u>	<u>Pool/Rhumbline</u>	<u>Clubhouse</u>	<u>Galley</u>
Sunday	Noon - 8pm	Closed	Noon - 8pm
Monday	Noon - 9pm	Closed	Noon—9pm
Tuesday	Noon - 9pm	Closed	Noon—9pm
Wednesday	Noon - 9pm	Noon-11pm	Noon-10pm
Thursday	Noon - 9pm	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm
Friday	Noon - 9pm	Noon-11pm	Noon-9pm
Saturday	Noon - 9pm	Noon-10pm	Noon-9pm

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

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>Mike 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>
Aug 21	Saturday	<b>Lobster Bake with Island Breeze Steel Drum</b>
Aug 26	Thursday	<b>The Backsliders with Dave &amp; John VanDyle</b>
Sept 4	Saturday	<b>Tri-State Regatta Party with Libido Funk Circus</b>
Sept 17	Friday	<b>Mark Ficks &amp; The Significant Others</b>
Oct 1	Friday	<b>Morgan Ingle &amp; The Backups</b>
Oct 9	Saturday	<b>Cups &amp; Flags Sailing Awards</b> chaired by Louie Tremblay
Oct 15	Friday	<b>Rod Stewart Show with opening act Quinten Flagg</b>

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

- Oct 23 Saturday **Murder Mystery Theater Participation by members.**  
Third Floor 7pm Chaired by Greg Heine
- 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 and the Whitcomb.  
7 pm 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** 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

## Fleet Vice Commodore - Louie Tremblay

Greetings everyone! I hope this finds all of you well. Spring is here, Summer is right around the corner and boats are in or getting ready to be splashed!

The Sail Race pre-season started unofficially on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Though the Shakedown race was canceled, about 5 boats and crew were out on the Lake for a refresher and a cool sail!! The new Race Team was also out on the water. We had an orientation to get familiar with the Boat, talked about sail boat racing and got to know each other. The Race Team this year are new comers and members of the Club, Bob and Mary Beth Burke, member Barry Bischoff who is back for his 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the RC boat and David Hall who is along to help where needed. Thanks to all of you for making up the Race Team! Our first Spring Series Race was Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>!

Boat Inspections were performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Rhumblin Patio on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. While we had a great turn out and stickers were given out, we did have quite a few boats which didn't pass inspection and did not receive a sticker. Once the issue is corrected a sticker is issued good for 1 year. The majority of failure was the Anchor Light was not working. All vessels are required to use an all-around white light between sunset and sunrise whenever they are anchored in the waters of or connected to the Great Lakes.

### **In addition between sunset and sunrise, vessels underway:**

**Vessels under 26 feet**, under way must display red and green sidelights visible for at least 1 mile away, and an all-around white light or both a masthead light and a stern light visible by at least 2 miles. Masthead light must be higher than the sidelights.

**Vessels over 26 feet**, under way must display red and green sidelights visible for at least 1 mile away. A masthead light and a stern light visible by at least 2 miles. Masthead light must be higher than the sidelights.

Thank you Kathy Myers, YC Director, for scheduling all of the appointments, tying up boats and helping with the inspections. A thank you also goes out to our Commodore Eric Hansen as he was on hand to help prior to having to get his boat to the YC for inspection.

The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities is located at [www.michigan/dnr](http://www.michigan/dnr) 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.cgau.org>.

The Rhumblin Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th. The skippers meeting will take place at 10:30am, with the first start around 12 noon. The awards banquet, featuring entertainment by The Boulevard Billie's will follow that evening. Watch the Eblast for more details.

The South Haven Rendezvous will be held this year starting on Friday August 6, through Sunday August 8th. 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 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!!

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

## Swim and Pool Report - *Jill Straub*

Happy summer, all! As we navigate through the summer season of 2021, guidelines still seem to be changing by the hour! Our pool is set to open Memorial Day weekend and we are planning on keeping reservations for now.

Please be respectful to your fellow members and reserve only those time slots that you plan to utilize. Please refrain from reserving more than 4 time slots per week. Reservations include 2 chairs per family.

Please call the club at 269.983.6393 to reserve your spot. Calls are answered in the order received. Please refrain from leaving multiple messages.

### **Pool and Rhumbline Hours:**

Sunday 12pm – 8pm

Monday – Saturday 12pm – 9pm

### **Pool Reservation Time Slots:**

12pm – 2:45pm

3pm – 5:45pm

6pm – Close

All of us on the Board and especially the Pool and Swim Committee look forward to seeing everyone at the pool this summer. Just a yearly reminder to please be kind to all of our lifeguards!

## Treasurer's Report - *Rebecca Hirschboeck (treasurer@sjryc.com)*

We've started off the season at a good pace despite the capacity restrictions we have had in place since opening for the year. We are continuing to track on budget. We were cautious to make sure we were well prepared in case capacity restrictions remained longer term. With the new announcements, I'm looking forward to the restrictions easing, seeing the more members on premises and sales start to return to pre-Covid levels.

In addition, as mentioned by Eric in the previous Bilge Bailings, we have reached full membership this year. All new member dues and initiation fees have been paid. Great news as membership dues make up a decent amount of our revenues and are essential to ensure expenses are met.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club!