

APRIL, 2022



## Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

# BILGE BAILINGS

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

It's official – spring is finally here, and our 2022 season has begun! And there is much to look forward to in the year ahead, as you will read in this newsletter and the weekly e-blasts.

It was good to see many of you at the Club's annual St. Patrick's Day reopening celebration. By all accounts, the event was a success, thanks to strong member attendance, great food and service, and the lively entertainment of musician Brian McClure. Special recognition to our new General Manager Ray Mays and his team for all their work behind the scenes to have the Club in tip-top shape for opening day and to ensure operations ran smoothly. Thank you as well for members of the Social, Decorating, and House & Grounds committees for the work they put in during the off-season to help prepare the Club for its reopening.

As you will read in the Rear Commodore's report, we have a full slate of events our first full month of operation. Rather appropriately, we start off with an April Fools' Day (April 1) performance by the musical duo The Brit & The Twit, who blend popular rock music with their unique brand of humor. We also welcome back the Club's ever-popular trivia night series on April 7, presented by Past Commodore Dave Hertog. Rachel & The Soul Shakers (April 15) and Morgan Ingle & The Back Ups (April 29) round out the month's musical entertainment lineup. Our first lecture of the year will also take place on April 28, retelling the history of Silver Beach. Last, but certainly not least, the Club will host its annual Easter egg hunt and welcome a visit from the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 16 (don't forget to bring your cameras and egg baskets!). Stay tuned for further event details – including a reception for new members – in future e-blasts and by visiting the Club's website at [www.sjryc.com](http://www.sjryc.com).

Your Board of Directors is hard at work in preparation for the year ahead. Club financials are being analyzed; the annual handbook is being updated; sailing, boating, and social events are being finalized; and the pool and swim program is preparing for a new season. And within a month, we will be getting the outside of the Club prepared for summer. If you are interested in volunteering your time and abilities to help with these or other events, please reach out to a member of the Board or one of our many committees to get involved.

One more thing – After decades of service, the roofs on the Club, Keeper's House, and Rhumblin Bar are in the process of being replaced as part of the Club's long-term capital improvement plan. This is welcomed news to prevent water damage following snow and heavy rains as well as maintain overall aesthetics. Thank you to Vice Commodore Eric Hansen for his diligence in shepherding the necessary paperwork through the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure the project kicked off on schedule.

Finally, as part of the Club's reopening, we are also in the process of ramping up staffing. Please help spread the word to interested servers, bartenders, kitchen staff, and lifeguards who would like to join our team and work in a fun and unique atmosphere. Applicants should contact the General Manager for more information or just stop by the Club during business hours to pick up an application form.

Wishing you all the best and look forward to seeing you at the Club!

## 2022 Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

April 1	Friday	April Fools Day with The Brit and The Twitt Classic R&R and Humor
April 7	Thursday	Trivia with Past Commodore Dave Hertog
April 15	Friday	Barry & The Heavy Load
April 16	Saturday	Easter Bunny Chaired by Nick Culp and Bits Thomas
April 28	Thursday	History of Silver Beach by Kathy Zerler & Bruce Anderson
April 29	Friday	Morgan Ingle & The Back-Ups
May 5	Thursday	Trivia with Past Commodore Dave Hertog
May 6	Friday	SJRYC Annual Sock Burning Chaired by Bob Walck
May 7	Saturday	Kentucky Derby Party...Two Renegades Chaired by Nick Culp
May 14	Saturday	Rod Stewart performance with opening act Quentin Flagg
May 26	Thursday	Historical presentation with Bob Myers Chaired by Carolee Seymour
May 27	Friday	The Rhumbline Bar opens
May 28	Saturday	The Tomas Esperanza Blues Band at The Rhumbline Bar
June 2	Thursday	Keith Scott Blues
June 11	Saturday	Rhumbline Regatta Boulevard Billies Chaired by Louie Trembly
June 16	Thursday	Kevin McDaniel
June 23	Thursday	St. Joe Jack
July 1	Friday	Morgan Ingle & The Back-Ups
July 3	Sunday	Jimmy Fastiggi Americana Music
July 3	Sunday	Fireworks at 10:30pm
July 7	Thursday	Keith Scott Blues
July 21	Thursday	St. Joe Jack
July 23	Saturday	Parrot Head Party with Don Middlebrook
July 28	Thursday	Kevin McDaniel
August 4	Thursday	St. Joe Jack
August 5,6,7	Weekend	Rendezvous to South Haven Kevin McDaniel Acoustic Rock
August 11	Thursday	Kevin McDaniel
August 13	Saturday	Gabriel Estrada III Mariachi Singer
August 18	Thursday	Keith Scott Blues
August 20	Saturday	Sista Myra & Zion Lion Reggae Band
August 27	Saturday	Steel Drum Caribbean Music with Island Breeze
September 3	Saturday	Tri-State Race Party with Libido Funk Circus
September 23	Friday	Julia James
October 8	Saturday	Cups & Flags Awards
October 29	Saturday	Halloween Party costumes optional
November 12	Saturday	Commodores Bash with Top Secret Band
December 12	Saturday	Visit from Santa Chaired by Nick Culp



## Swim and Pool Report – *David Devore*

We are extremely excited to announce our new SJRYC Swim Coach for the Summer of 2022. Her name is Morgan Altergott and she is currently a math teacher at St. Joseph High School. Morgan grew up in the water and was a competitive swimmer from the time she was young through high school. From there, she became a lifeguard, swim coach, and swim instructor. Her experience has ranged for the last eight years. She most recently coached the St. Joseph High School Boys Swim and Dive Team. She was the assistant coach at the Niles Buchanan YMCA for two summers. Morgan coached the Special Olympics Swim Team for a year in high school as a volunteer and coached at a pool in Ann Arbor for two years. Morgan has taught swim lessons since she was 16 (at the YMCA, a pool in Ann Arbor, and in backyards during the summer). She is looking forward to adding the Yacht Club to her list of experiences. Morgan lives in St. Joseph. She will be a great leader and coach of our Yacht Club Swim Team. More information from Coach Morgan on sign-ups, practices, meets, etc will be coming soon.

## Membership Report – *Kim Kragt*

Membership for the 2022 season is now full. We are welcoming 43 new members to the club this year. We are finalizing all the names and should be able to share who our new members are next month. New members will be receiving information regarding a new membership reception happening in April.

We continue to have a strong presence on the waitlist with new applications coming in all the time. Applications can be found on SJRYC.com along with our current waitlist.

## Fleet Report – *Ronald Klemm*

Greetings everyone and welcome back for 2022! The 2022 Racing Season is fast approaching and the Race Schedule and special events for the season are in the final planning stages.

The Pre-Season Skippers Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Yacht Club. Jim and I are working on the Fleet racing rules, once finalized, I'll distribute.

A Michigan Boat Safety class is set for Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 9pm at the Yacht Club. For more information, contact Patrick Poziwilko between 4 and 10pm: 269-363-0790.

The Rhumblin Regatta is scheduled for Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, starting with the skippers meeting at 10:30am. A banquet and entertainment by Boulevard Billie's will follow the race. More details to come.

Boat Inspections will be held on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm at the Rumblin Dock. Please contact Ron Klemm @ [klemmra@gmail.com](mailto:klemmra@gmail.com) to request a time slot for your inspection.

Thank you and welcome back!



## Treasurer's Report - *Rebecca Hirschboeck, Treasurer*

As we near the end of March, all returning membership dues have been paid and new membership has officially closed with dues collected as well. We also kicked off the season and revenues (and costs) have started to come in and I'm hoping for a successful season financially in 2022.

We had planned some major but much needed expenses to kick off the new season, which includes new roofing on all 3 buildings at an approximate cost of \$56k. Also the replacement of kitchen appliances with an approximate cost of \$8k. We've also locked in our annual season pool prep and maintenance contract.

If there are any questions regarding the club's finances or any request for reports please direct them to me at [treasurer@sjryc.com](mailto:treasurer@sjryc.com)

## Euchre Update - *Cathy Cawley*

Wednesday's Euchre is on the SJRYC schedule for 2022. It's played from 7-9pm on the second floor of the Yacht Club. Starting April 6th and continuing until June 28th, there will be a game every week. After a summer break Euchre will continue in October, with the exception of Thanksgiving week, until the last Wednesday in December. Six months of competition will determine the 2022 St Joseph River Yacht Club's 5th Euchre Champion. Those already holding the title are:

2017 Steven Breunling  
 2018 Keith Osborne  
 2019 Stephen Kinney  
 2020 Rami Antoun

Because of an slow start due to covid restrictions in 202, Club Euchre was played with the title withdrawn as a possibility.

### Hours of Operation Effective April, 2022

Current Hours until April 6th:  
**Thursday - Saturday 12pm-9pm**

April 6th and on until summer hours:  
**Wednesday - Saturday 12pm-9pm**

**Note: On nights with live entertainment  
 the club will be open later until 10pm**