

MAY, 2022



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

Our first full month of operations is now in the books. The Club is busy ramping up for a summer season of racing, boating, live entertainment, and the much-anticipated reopening of the Rhumbline and pool. At the time of this writing, it is 70 degrees – it won't last long, but it is promising of things to come. It feels good to reopen some windows, restart the barbeque, clean out the flower beds, and make sure the summer wardrobe still mostly fits. Speaking of which, put aside a pair of worn socks for the Club's sock burning party on Friday, May 6, chaired by Board Director Bob Walck. The burning of socks is an annual rite at many yacht clubs across the United States, welcoming warmer days to come. Learn more details about this event and what else lies ahead in this newsletter, on the Club's website, and in the weekly e-blasts.

April was filled with many social events, including our annual visit from the Easter Bunny. The weather cooperated for some 70 children who participated in this year's egg hunt. By my watch, all 1,000 eggs were collected in less than two minutes. Prior to the May 6 sock burning, the month kicks off with a second round of trivia, hosted by Past-Commodore Dave Hertog (May 5). Those two events are immediately followed by Saturday's Kentucky Derby Party (May 7). Wear your Derby hats and finest seersucker for the most exciting two minutes in sports, followed by the music of Two Renegades. On Sunday (May 8) the Club will host its annual Mother's Day brunch – please call the Club as reservations are required! More live music and historical presentations are to follow the rest of the month. Euchre night is also every Wednesday until June 28, after which the club will take break until fall. Again, check the website and e-blasts for the most current information.

As we get closer to summer, the Club is preparing to reopen its outside grounds, the pool, and Rhumbline bar and patio. It is an all-hands-on-deck effort to prepare the facilities for member use. Please stay tuned for details on volunteer opportunities, which include power washing, repairing and cleaning furniture, planting, general maintenance, painting and staining, and other upkeep.

I am pleased to report that our reroofing project is now complete for the main clubhouse, Keeper's House, and Rhumbline Bar. This was a major capital improvement project for the Club as the previous roofs were more than two decades old and beginning to allow for water damage following heavy rains and snow melt. The project also included the replacement of rotting and missing trim on the Keeper's House to comply with code and maintain the historic integrity of the structure. Thank you to Vice Commodore Eric Hansen for his diligence in shepherding the necessary paperwork through the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure the work was completed prior to the Club's outdoor reopening. Special thanks as well to Dave Hertog for his volunteer work to troubleshoot and repair equipment in both the kitchen and front of the house, at a significant financial savings to the Club and its members. If you are interested in volunteering your time and abilities to help with these or other events, please reach out to a Board member or one of our many committees to get involved.

We also remain in the process of hiring more staff for the 2022 season. 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 General Manager Ray Mays for more information or just stop by the Club during business hours to pick up an application form. Thank you to Ray and the entire team for their tireless work to start the year off strong!

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

2022 Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

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 8	Sunday	Mother's Day Brunch (reservations required)
May 14	Saturday	Rod Stewart performance with opening act Quentin Flagg
May 26	Thursday	Historical presentation - SS Chicora - Bob Myers - Chaired by Carolee Seymour
May 27	Friday	The Rhumblin Bar opens
May 28	Saturday	The Tomas Esperanza Blues Band at The Rhumblin Bar
June 2	Thursday	Keith Scott Blues
June 11	Saturday	Rhumblin Regatta Boulevard Billies - Chaired by Louie Tremblay
June 16	Thursday	Kevin McDaniel
June 23	Thursday	St. Joe Jack
July 1	Friday	Barry Clark Band
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	Mariachi Singer - Gabriel Estrada III
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	Commodore's Bash with Top Secret Band
December 17	Saturday	Visit from Santa - Chaired by Nick Culp and Bits Thomas
December 31	Friday	New Year's Eve Party



Swim and Pool Report – *David Devore*

Hello from the SJRYC Swim and Pool Committee!

We are all looking forward to another wonderful summer at the best pool in Southwest Michigan.

There will be no covid era restrictions this summer (i.e. reservations, masks etc.) at our pool. The pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend (5/28/22) weather dependent. We are in the process of staffing our lifeguard team to keep us all safe this summer.

We are also looking forward to our 2022 SJRYC Swim Team season. As we previously announced, we are extremely excited to welcome our new Head Swim Coach-Morgan Altergott. Morgan comes to us with years of coaching and teaching experience and will be an awesome leader for our swimmers.

A date for the swim team sign up event at the club will be announced soon! 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 Morgan. 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 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. Any questions please contact me, Coach Morgan or Stacey Tyburczy. Contact emails are on the SJRYC website.

	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Requirement	several yrs of swim exp, extended sets-yards, know all 4 strokes	All 4 strokes proficient, 100 yds no stop	1 length of pool no assist
Expected # of prac./week	3 to 5	3 to 5	3
Length of prac.	90 mins	60 mins	30 mins

Swim meets are on Wednesday mornings and a schedule will be published soon.

Be on the lookout for some SJRYC Spirit wear for you and or your swimmers!

Morning Lap swim for adults will return this summer. Most likely, they will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 8am. We will let you know when this will begin.

See you at the Pool!



**Hours of Operation Effective
April, 2022**

**Current Hours:
Until summer hours:
Wednesday - Saturday 12pm-9pm**

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