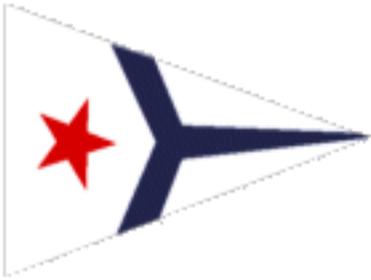


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Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

BILGE BAILINGS

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

September is a bittersweet and transitional month for the Club as the summer season slowly comes to an end. Students head back to school, including many members of the Club staff. Thank you to the seasonal servers, runners, bartenders, cooks, kitchen staff, and lifeguards who helped made the year a success!

Labor Day weekend brings one summer's grand finales, as the Tri-State Regatta sails back into town. The event is open to the public and our Club's biggest event of the year. Thank you to Committee Chair Kim Kragt, members of the Tri-State Planning Committee, General Manager Ray Mays, and staff for pulling off another successful event! Thank you as well to all our member volunteers, without whom the Tri-State could not happen.

Be sure to check out this month's entertainment calendar for a list of upcoming events. And do be sure to check your weekly eblasts and the club website for information on Club hours of operation, pool hours, dining specials, and entertainment.

It is also time for the Club to begin our annual Board of Director nomination, selection, and voting process. The deadline to apply as a candidate for the Board is Friday, September 23, 2022. In partnership with our General Manager and staff, the SJRYC relies heavily on Members to donate their time and talents to help move us forward. If you have any questions or are curious as to what being on the Board entails, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (commodore@sjryc.com) or any of your current Board Members. We hope that you will all consider how you can add value to the Club including, but not limited to, running to be elected to the Board of Directors! Prospective candidates should check their eblasts for additional information on the application process.

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



2022 Social Report - *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

September 3	Saturday	Tri-State Race Party with Libido Funk Circus
September 17	Saturday	Chili Regatta
September 23	Friday	Julia James
September 30	Friday	Barry & Rachel
October 8	Saturday	Cups & Flags Banquet
October 14	Friday	Don Field, Piano & Vocals...Rat Pack, Elton John, Billy Joel, etc..
October 15	Saturday	Mystery Theater w/ member participation Chair: Greg Heine
October 22	Saturday	Trunk or Treat
October 29	Saturday	Halloween Party...Keith Scott Blues (costumes optional)
November 4	Friday	Mike Struwin
November 12	Saturday	Commodores Bash with Top Secret Band
November 18	Friday	Brandon Ward Piano ALL REQUEST NIGHT!!
December 2	Friday	Dean Madonia Classic R&R
December 16	Friday	Holiday Celebration with Mike & Jan
December 17	Saturday	Visit from Santa Chaired by Nick Culp and Bits Thomas
December 31	Friday	New Year's Eve Party



Fleet Report – Ronald Klemm, Fleet Vice Commodore

Greeting all!

Summer is about to close with a bang at the SJRYC. The Tr-State regatta is again knocking on our door.

This week 75 sail boaters from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois will begin their journey to SJ. Leaving the shores of Chicago Friday September 2nd, the sail group will begin the first leg of the race. This night race can be intimidating to some but for those seasoned sailors a party awaits at the SJRYC. Come on out and cheer on our own fleet racers.

Patrick Nelson: Captain Blood

Andrew Grootendorst: Cynthia

Ron Groth: Elixir

Paul Falk: Falcon

Christopher Koch: Mercedes

Judson Brown: Silk

After a day of rest...and a night of play our sailors depart for either Chicago for the Bi-State race or they will continue on to Michigan City before making their way home Monday Labor Day.

A big shout out to David VanDenburgh for not only hosting the Columbia Yacht Committee for the Friday night leg, but also the Sunday Bi-state Sunday morning. We can't thank you enough for your help!

It's been an exciting summer for the fleet and I'm happy you've been apart of it.

Until next time, see you on the water.



Vintage Burgee Donation – Nick Culp (commodore@sjryc.com)

Thank you to members Barry and Katy Bischoff for their generous donation of a vintage handmade SJRYC burgee to the Club. The Board of Directors recently voted to accept and provide for the proper display of the pennant for the future enjoyment of all members.

The old dark red and blue burgee with the “ST.J.R.Y.C.” lettering was used by the Club until the early 1950s when the Board voted to adopt a new pennant resembling the present style that is flown today. The original burgee was retired 40 years after the Club’s founding in 1913, adopting the old Edgewater Yacht Club burgee that was created in 1935 by Phil Upton, Bill Vawter III, John Parrett, Don Campbell, and Shorty Osborne.

In describing the Board’s adoption of the Club’s current burgee, Harrie Day wrote in the July 1953 edition of The Bilge Bailings: “This tri-colored pennant is that which represented the old Edgewater Yacht Club when it amalgamated with the St. Joseph River Yacht Club in 1943. It is only natural that the name of one club and the Burgee of the other be used to symbolize the amalgamation of the two yacht clubs ...” Continuing, “It is a little known fact that our newly adopted Burgee is symbolic in design – being interpreted as representative of yachting activities at the junction of the St. Joseph and the Paw Paw Rivers.”

Keep an eye out for the historical burgee to be on display at the Club and thank you again to the Bischoffs for their donation!



*Barry Bischoff transfers ownership of the Club’s former burgee.
Accepted on behalf of the Club by Commodore Nick Culp*