



Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

Bilge Bailings

March 2024

From The Top of the Mast - *Bob Walck (Commodore@sjryc.com)*

Dear Members:

I hope this message finds you well as we welcome in a new season! The staff and volunteers have been working to ensure the Club is ready for the reopening of our doors and the camaraderie of old and new friends. It is my honor to serve as your incoming Commodore and I look forward to seeing all of you!

Our GM, Nicole Scoggin has been working tirelessly with Chef Clint on improving our Club. They updated the kitchen with several new work surfaces and appliances which will result in faster turnaround times and a safer environment for staff. Most of the staff is returning, and we've added a Front of House Manager, Gypsy Martinez. I'm sure you'll be glad to hear that we've extended our spring hours! We'll be open Wednesday through Saturday from noon until 9 Pm and we'll continue our very successful Sunday Brunch from 11 AM until 3 PM. We've also extended our liquor license to Sunday morning so you can have a mimosa with your brunch.

We've added 39 new memberships to the Club. If you see someone who looks new, please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome! We were all new members once.

We have a great board again this year that has been working in the off season to make sure the Club functions smoothly. Please join me in welcoming Vice Commodore Nick Culp, Fleet Vice Commodore Paul Falk, Rear Commodore Bruce Larson, Treasurer Lisa Haag, and Secretary Jill Straub. Returning Directors Dave DeVore, Dave Tyburczy, James Vondale and Colin Anderson. Tara Szykiel was appointed by the board in January to fill a resignation. They are among the countless volunteers and committee members who dedicate their time to keep our Club thriving. As members of the Board, we have been entrusted by you – our fellow members – to serve the best interests of the Club and its membership. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us with your suggestions and ideas. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Club in a volunteer capacity – whether for an event like the Tri-State Regatta or as part of one of our regular standing committees – please let us know.

As you will read in this newsletter, we have much to look forward to in 2024, starting off with the Club's traditional St. Patrick's Day opening. Wear a bit o' green and join us for a toast to good things in the year ahead! We have a fully loaded calendar of sailing and boating, swimming and social events, so please take advantage of them.

Wishing you all the very best for 2024, and I look forward to seeing you at the Club!



Treasurer's Report — *Lisa Haag*

With the end of March approaching, all membership dues have been collected and new membership initiation fees and dues are in, with only a few exceptions.

We budgeted for improvements to the kitchen and these came in below budget in Q1. Other expenses planned for last year and this year from capital funds are under review by members of House & Grounds. Capital Reserve funds are tracking above projections given strong initiation fee revenues and yet-to-be-completed capital improvements.

If there are any questions regarding the Club's finances or requests for reports please direct them to me at treasurer@sjryc.com

Membership Report — *James Vondale*

Welcome Aboard to our Newest Members!

We're thrilled to announce that our 2024 new member sign-up was a resounding success! We'll be welcoming an impressive 39 new members into our SJRYC family. These members applied between August 2021 and June 2022, and we're so excited to finally have them join us. Get ready for some fresh faces and new energy at the club.

Celebrating a Balanced Club

With this latest wave of new members, the St. Joseph River Yacht Club has reached some exciting milestones. We're now a perfectly balanced 50/50 split between senior and regular members. Additionally, we have an 80/20 ratio of family memberships to single memberships.

Waitlist Update

The interest in joining the SJRYC remains strong! Our current waitlist sits at 150 applications. We've made significant progress on the waitlist this year, however new applicants can likely expect a 2-3 year wait for admittance. Per our new policy enacted on January 1st there is a \$150 fee to join the waitlist and starting in March of 2025 there will be a \$25 annual renewal fee to remain on the waitlist. These new fees and policies were put in place to ensure that we only get serious applications and those on the waitlist have a more accurate timetable for admission.

New Member Welcome Party

We're excited to host a special welcome party in April for our newest members! The date will be announced soon and everyone is invited. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow members, learn about the club, and make new connections.



Social Report – *Bruce Larson, Rear Commodore*

2024 Event Schedule

Start times are 6:30 PM, unless noted

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| March 17 | Sunday | Opening Day/St. Patrick's Day | For Pete's Sake Irish Band |
| March 22 | Friday | Barry Clark Solo Classical Guitar and also some classic R&R favorites | |
| April 6 | Saturday | Steve Foresman & Byron Craft | |
| April 11 | Thursday | Trivia with Marcia Farris | 7 PM |
| April 19 | Friday | Piano and vocal favorites from Elton John to Billy Joel | |
| May 4 | Saturday | Kentucky Derby Party with Mike Ault performing. | 5 PM |
| May 16 | Thursday | Trivia with Dave Hertog | 7 PM |
| May 17 | Friday | Two Girls & One Mic | Karaoke with Brooke and Amanda |
| May 18 | Saturday | Murder Mystery with member participation | |
| May 25 | Saturday | Steve Foresman & Byron Craft at The Rhumblin Bar | |
| May 31 | Friday | Tim Pendergrass | |
| June 6 | Friday | Brandon Ward piano & vocals and an "all request" night | |
| June 8 | Saturday | Rhumblin Regatta with Mike Struwin | |
| June 13 | Thursday | Kevin McDaniel | |
| June 14 | Friday | Randy Johnson | |
| June 28 | Friday | Thomas Esperanza and his Chicago Blues Band | |
| July 3 | Wednesday | Jimmy Fastiggi | Gershwin and patriotic favorites |
| July 3 | Wednesday | Live Simulcast of The 1812 Overture to accompany the St. Joseph Fireworks at Dusk | |
| July 11 | Thursday | Kevin McDaniel | |
| July 13 | Saturday | Zion Lion with Sista Myra Reggae | |
| July 19 | Friday | Mike Ault | |
| Aug 2-4 | Friday, Saturday, Sunday | South Haven Rendezvous' | Randy Johnson playing on Saturday evening. |
| August 17 | Saturday | Parrot Head Party with Don Middlebrook | |
| August 22 | Thursday | Mike Ault | |
| August 31 | Saturday | Tri-State Party with Libido Funk Circus | 8:30 PM |
| September 3 | Friday | Keith Scott | Delta & Chicago Blues |
| November 16 | Saturday | Commodores Ball with Kevin McDaniel and the House Band | |
| December 13 | Friday | Seasonal music with Mike Ault | |
| December 31 | Tuesday | New Years early afternoon buffet | (time to be determined) |
| December 31 | Tuesday | New Years Eve evening entertainment. | |



General Manager's Report – *Nicole Scoggin*

Throughout this mild Midwest winter, we have been busy preparing for the 2024 season; cleaning, organizing, installing new kitchen equipment and much more.

As a team we've set several goals that we will work to achieve in the coming months.

Delicious food served in a timely manner.

We've added some tasty new items to the spring menu and Chef Clint will be firing up the smoker very soon. With the new equipment and improved workflow in the kitchen, we believe we will be able to get food to the table faster and more efficiently.

Refreshing drinks at a fair price.

Our new Front of House Manager, Gypsy, is very excited to meet all of you and has some delightful new cocktail specials lined up.

More opportunities for members to enjoy the club.

Amanda is ready to help you plan your next private event here at the club. We are excited to get more use of the fantastic space on the 3rd floor.

Friendly service and a welcoming atmosphere.

Our team will focus on providing you with a clean and welcoming environment, along with friendly and attentive service. We are also looking for more ways to include your little mates in club activities. We would love to hear any activity ideas you may have to help them feel welcome and engaged.

We are ready to celebrate the new season with you on March 17th! We will have the traditional Irish style buffet from 4-8pm and live music from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. No reservations needed.

Feel free to reach out via email gm@sjryc.com, I value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.



Happy St. Patrick's Day