



The Skulldugger

Monthly Newsletter of Jolly Roger Sailing Club
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JANUARY 2008



From the Commodore
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It's hard to believe that 2008 is here already! I think that we had a great year of sailing in 2007 and am looking forward to a great summer. But you don't have to wait for summer to enjoy friends and good company at the Club.

Fridays are Euchre and second and fourth Tuesdays are meeting nights. Other dates will be announced. I have a great bridge of officers and a great membership to help out, so this year should be one of the best ever.

Now that the holidays are over we can relax and wait for the return of softer water, unless you're an ice boater.

We could still use some help with the Junior Program. The youth are our future and we need to see our group grow and prosper this year. If you would like to help out please let me know.

Let's keep bragging up the Club, with the price of gas this is the only way to go! See you at the Club.



From the Editor
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I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful New Year's celebration. My wife Linda and I took our daughters and our Son-in-Law out on the Blissfield Dinner train. What a way to spend New Year's Eve, dinner, a train ride, and *murder!* We all had a great time; I was the only one of the six of us to figure out "Whodunit". YEAH ME!

I need a favor from those of you who receive this newsletter via E-mail. A few meetings ago the question arose of exactly how many of our members who get the Skulldugger by e-mail actually read it.

So, here is the favor; if you've read this article of mine, reply to me and let me know. I'll keep a count and report it back to the Board. I know that e-mail is easy, and mailing copies to everyone is expensive, but if the "E-Dugger" isn't being read, what's the point?

Just hit reply, and let me know you read this. Many thanks, and as always, *don't panic...*

Dave

☠ JRSC MEETINGS ☠

General: January 8th, 2008
7:00pm
Board: January 22nd, 2008
7:00pm

2008 EUCHRE Tournament
Tim Marriott (419) 472-4640

Just another reminder that on Friday nights beginning Jan. 4th - 7:30 pm we will be playing euchre at the club for 10 weeks. Even if you don't play cards you can hang out at the bar and socialize. We will be playing 5 games a night with a 20 minute time limit and some of the rules will be stated the first night. Come early and enjoy a gourmet pirate burger and bring a treat to share if you would like.

I'm looking forward to seeing every one in the New Year.

JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

There is NO Lunch Bunch this month.

From the Entertainment Chair

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I don't want to miss anyone so I'm just going to say THANK YOU to ALL who helped decorate the club for the Holiday Season. Big thanks to Kim Myer for the table decorations and to Mike Myer for all his work including getting our "new" ice machine up and running. Thanks to who-ever fixed the furnace, too. Ray Gall got the sail decorations from the Power Squadron. Everything looked so nice! The decorations were used for several events including the Wine and Cheese party put on by the Toledo Ice Yacht Club.

Our Christmas dinner went well with proceeds to fund our AYC room. Thanks to all who helped and those that brought extra munchies for all to enjoy. Tom and Stephanie Thanasiu did an excellent job on the food. The Pork Loin was so tender it fell apart when we went to slice it. We ended up with pulled Pork in special fruit sauce. It all worked out for a fun get-together. I feel bad that Diane Adams got stuck washing all those dishes. I didn't have a clean-up crew lined up and need to do that in the future.

As for Entertainment, we will start out with the first Euchre Night on Friday, January 4th and go from there. We will have food at 6 o'clock on all Euchre nights. It's a great night to get out of the house. Even if you don't play Euchre the bar will be open. Most of the Entertainment workload for January will be on the AYC Ball in February. Also look for the 3rd Tuesday Social Nights starting in February. At these events we try to get someone to talk on a specific topic interesting to our members. Past programs have included member's boat trip slide shows, TV weathermen, and lectures on racing rules and etiquette. I'm trying to line up a program on Pirates which should be interesting. See you at the club!



Out on the Town

January 19th 2008

7:00 pm

Join your friends from JRSC for some

Indian Cuisine at:

Tandor of India

2247 S. Reynolds Rd.

Toledo

RSVP Jan Wasilausky by Jan 15th at (419) 698-4122 or Email

wasilauskyh@aol.com



Deadline for the February 2008

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January 22nd 2008

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January 2008 Calendar of Events

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| 4 | Euchre Night; Food @6pm, Cards @7:30 |
| 8 | General Membership Meeting; 7pm |
| 11 | Euchre Night; Food @6pm, Cards @7:30 |
| 15 | Reservations due for Out on the Town – <i>Call Jan Wasilausky at (419) 698-4122 or Wasilauskyh@aol.com</i> |
| 18 | Euchre Night; Food @6pm, Cards @7:30 |
| 19 | Out on the Town – Tandor of India 2247 S. Reynolds Rd. Toledo– 7:00 pm |
| 22 | JRSC Board Meeting – 7:00 pm Deadline for February 2008 Skulldugger Articles – <i>Contact Dave Elmore at (734) 847-5570 or pzgeneral@bex.net</i> |
| 25 | Euchre Night; Food @6pm, Cards @7:30 |
| 27 | JRSC Board Meeting – 7:00 pm Deadline for December 2007 Skulldugger Articles – <i>Contact Dave Elmore at (734) 847-5570 or pzgeneral@tc3net.com</i> |
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| Feb 1 | Euchre Night; Food @6pm, Cards @7:30 |
| Feb 8 | Euchre Night; Food @6pm, Cards @7:30 |
| Feb 12 | General Membership Meeting; 7pm |

AYC Ball and Holiday Inn French Quarter

Weekend, February 15-17, 2008

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We are taking donations of Booze for our hospitality room. We can not bring these into the club, but Tom Thanasiu or I will take them and store them for that weekend. We are limiting the booze to save on cost but plan to serve lots of Captain Morgan. We can hide member's favorites behind the bar. We may serve a Vodka drink as well as draught beer. Call Tom or me for pick-ups of booze.

We will need volunteers for getting the room ready and all the work can be charged to your work-hours. We will roughly set up the room at the club some weeks beforehand. Donations of wood for a 2X2 frame for the walls will be needed. Decorating skills and a truck or trailer will help. We will also be taking donations of food for the room. These can be brought in

that weekend or given to us beforehand. You can also help our funding by participating in the raffles we will have leading up to the weekend of fun.

I have sold 8 tickets for the Dinner Ball so far and can get more January 13th at DBBC. Call me to put your name on the list for tickets to the dinner at \$42.50 per person. This money also includes the weekend of partying that other boat club members pay \$20 for. I have the \$20 tickets as well as non boat club tickets for \$25 a DAY or \$50 for the weekend. If you want to spend the night I have the forms you must mail in by the end of January for the 2 night stay. We are trying to get a large group of JRSC members to go this year. Anyway see me for tickets. I will be serving food at all Friday Euchre nights and will attend all meetings.

See you then!

Membership Report for 2007

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For the year 2007 we had 10 resignations, 3 expulsions and 2 members passed away.

We ended up the year with 97 Active memberships, 46 Associate, 17 Social, 17 Junior and 12 Honorary.

Membership numbers are important. The membership dues and fees are what cover the cost of running your club. We have a great club with some of the lowest fees in the area. However the people are what make the club and we have great people who love to sail. Let's talk it up and promote our club.

Membership Changes

2ND Reading

Jeff & Nancy Walles
6728 Hooverdale
Temperance, Mi 48182
(734)847-3754

Address Change

John Brown
101 Duane St.
Maumee, OH 43537

Change to Associate Membership

Larry And Diane Dunbar

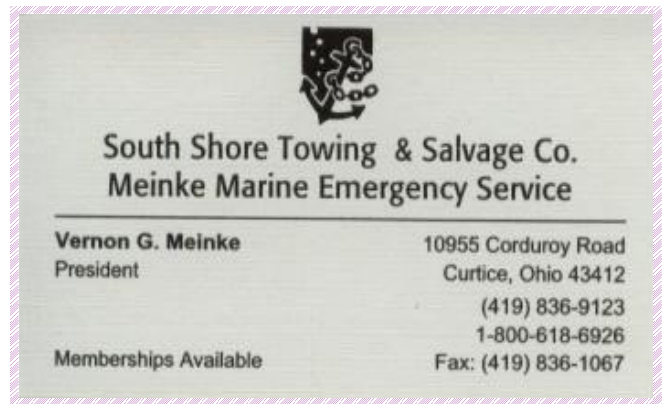
Resignation

David & Jill Gonzalez

Nautical Definition:

Nautical Mile - A relativistic measure of surface distance over water, in theory 6,076.1 feet. In practice a number of different values for the nautical mile have been observed while under sail.

For example: after 4P.M., approximately 40,000 feet. In winds less than 5 knots, about 70,000 feet. And during periods of threatening weather or in harbor approaches; around 100,000 feet.



Classified Section

Jolly Roger Sailing Club Members may advertise boats and boat-related items free of charge.

Roll and Fold fold-up bicycle with storage bag. Tire size: 13", Weight 25 lbs, single speed. Ideal land transportation when cruising the islands. Never used. *Call Ray Gall (419) 304-2944*



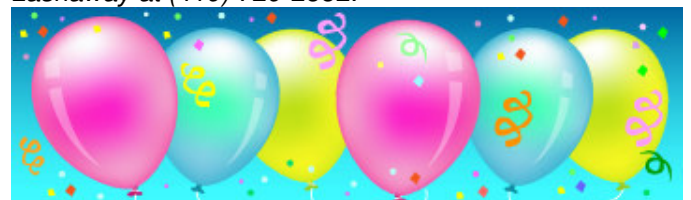
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Catalina 27' 1984, Pedestal Steering, Autopilot, Roller Furling, 3' 5" Draft, 14 HP Universal Diesel, Main Sail with Full Battens, New working Jib, 150 jib, 170 drifter, Storm Sail. **\$16,500.** Sailboat is at Lost Peninsula Marina, *Can be seen and or Sailed, By Appointment Only (419) 266- 3670*

Interlake #1099, white hull and deck, centerboard, roomy cockpit with seats, sails, jib, furler, spinnaker with pole, life jackets, misc. equipment, and Cooper trailer. **\$2,500.** *Call Marge at (419) 472-9273 or email margecater@toast.net.*

26' Tanzer - Steel cradle, 10 hp Honda Outboard, self tacking jib, in good shape. **\$3,500.** *Contact Les Lashaway at (419) 729-2552.*





Tartan 34C' 1977, K/C, Pedestal steering, Refrigeration, Roller furling, very nice condition. Many extras. **\$23,500.** Contact John

Schwartz at (419) 706-5137 or Dennis Dunbar at (419) 357-1041.

25', 1979 MacGregor Sailboat, new 8 hp Mercury Four Stroke Outboard, jib, furler, trailer, much equipment. **\$4,200 or Best Offer.** Call Bob Pearson at (419) 726-7309.

16' Hobie Cat with trailer. Orange. Good Sails. **\$600.** Call (419) 350-7741.

What's in a Name?

Do you have a story to share about the name of your boat? Write it up and send it to: pzgeneral@bex.net

My wife Linda and I have only been sailing since August 2006. During that fateful month, Phil Fry took us sailing on a beautiful summer evening, and then he invited us out on a Thursday night race. Of course the race was run in the "Mother of all Storms". (Actually, it rained "a bit" and was "slightly windy". But to Landlubbers like us, we had faced down Poseidon's worst and won!) We were soaked to the skin, but treated to a couple of Pirate Burgers, Linda asked me when we were going to buy a boat. 2 weeks later we pulled away from our dock.

Phil did a pretty good job at explaining basic sailing to us (i.e. told us enough to get ourselves drowned). So one day when the wind was headed South-west, we pulled out of Lost Peninsula (where we had the boat before JRSC) and sailed up the Ottawa River.

We had great weather and a nice breeze, who could ask for anything more. One of the Clubs on the river was having their Regatta; so we proudly displayed our Mainsail and Jib as the wind took us on our way past them. "HA you Power boaters! No gas bills for us!"

Eventually, the Summit street bridge loomed before us. Now we *may* have been able to tack our way back to the Maumee bay, but

being courteous, we felt it wouldn't be fair to the Power boats headed to the Regatta to have to dodge a tacking Sailboat. I asked Linda to take the tiller while I dropped the outboard back into the water. She obliged (thought without great confidence), and I attended the motor. It was then that I discovered that between lifting the engine out of the water and tipping it forward to clear the prop, I failed to lift the handle up a bit, and it was wedged against the back rail of the boat. As in, *I can't drop the engine into the water...*

I instructed Linda to just do a lazy weave back and forth across the river to kill time why I struggled to get us under power again. And I reminded her "Don't Panic", because THAT is when we'd get into trouble. And all the time, the bridge got closer.

I struggled, fussed and fumed. I probably used some language I learned in Sailor School, but I eventually got the engine into the water. One pull and it fired up. YEAH US! I gave it some power and climbed up on the deck to drop our Mainsail. I told Linda to bring us back into the wind, she pulled to port.....but the wind blew us back toward the bridge...which was getting closer.

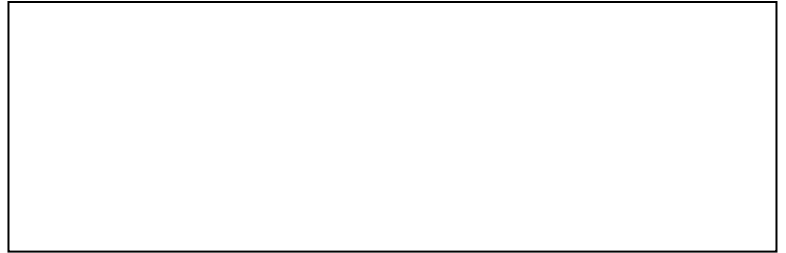
"Give it some more gas," I instructed. She did (with a kind of "Um, OK" look on her face) and pulled us back into the wind...but we were blown back the way we were headed...toward the bridge. Which was getting CLOSER.

"DON'T PANIC!" I reminded her. "Just give it some more gas, and pull us around." Again she gave me a kinda "One of us is gonna die" look, applied more gas and pulled us into the wind...which again blew us back toward the EVER-GETTING-CLOSER SUMMIT STREET BRIDGE!

At this point I think I said some more Sailor words and climbed back into the cockpit. "I GAVE IT GAS!" Linda said with a kind of "I'm not having too much fun now" look on her face. I throttled the engine back to idle, looked at the engine, *put it into gear*, and told her to bring us back into the wind. When the helm responded I said, "See; just don't panic." I climbed up on the deck, dropped our sails and we motored home


And that is why we've named our boat "**Don't Panic**".

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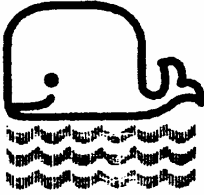
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