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The Skulldugger

Monthly Newsletter of Jolly Roger Sailing Club

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In 2022 I wrote an article for the "Skulldugger" entitled "The Weather Rail". I talked about the power of sailing in bringing people together and making lifetime friendships.

After it was published, I was struck by an idea. Jolly Roger did not have a lifetime achievement award. I believed we needed one.

So last summer I presented the following to P/C Jan Wasilausky (then Commodore) and P/C Neil Whitehead.

The Weather Rail

A lifetime of service to the Jolly Roger Sailing Club.

Deed of Gift:

Inspired by the article "The Weather Rail" (published in the "Skulldugger" July, 2022). It is to be given annually to the current or former member, who through their association with JRSC for 20+ years, has greatly enriched the club and its members. This award is presented at the annual Change of Watch, and may at times be given posthumously to the surviving family of the honoree. The names on this plaque represent the best of us. Those who have rightfully earned recognition for a lifetime of service to our club.

Selection committee: The current Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and immediate Past Commodore.

The Award itself is a beautiful bronze nautical clock mounted on a very nice plaque. (We actually inherited the clock...and it runs...when WLESC was folded into JRSC several years ago.) It hangs in Pearson Hall next to a print by Winslow Homer, entitled "The Flirt".

"The Flirt" depicts five people sailing on a small boat. One adult and four young crew. The crew are up on the weather rail. To me, that Homer painting really symbolizes the history and heritage of our club...young people enjoying the action of wind on water. The combination of the print and the plaque represent the award. They should always hang together.

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Winslow Homer "The Flirt" (1874)

Like the Cannon Award, the recipient is to receive a smaller version to take home with them. (Shown in the photo below.)



It was pretty obvious to Jan, Neil, John Miga (as incoming VC), and myself who the first honoree should be. There was no discussion. It had to be him.

We hoped to reveal this new award on December 9th at the Change of Watch. But sadly, our honoree could not attend that event.

So on Friday, January 6th, Jan, Hank, John, Neil, and myself visited Con Crowley at his home. His wife Patricia and son P.J. were there. When we told Con about the club having a new award, he immediately named another member who he thought would be a good candidate. It was yet another example of Con Crowley's humility...praising other members...thinking of them before himself. We certainly chose a person worthy of being our first honoree.

I am happy to now formally report to the membership that the first recipient of "The Weather Rail", our lifetime achievement award, is Con Crowley.

Fair winds,
Phil Fry
JRSC Commodore

(Homer insert from the editor)



Vice Commodore
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Fire extinguishers-Don't leave the dock without them

Experiencing a fire on your boat is not on your mind as you leave the slip. You are more likely to run aground on a sand bar off Luna Pier, cross over into the live fire range off Camp Perry, or shred the head sail racing around West Sister Island than you are to have a fire on your boat. Still, according to the United States Coast Guard, 316 recreational vessel fires were reported in 2020 and all were with casualties. With few exceptions, recreational boat fires are caused by human error-yes, you can prevent your boat from catching on fire. The best of the recommendations to prevent vessel fires is to maintain your vessel, whether the boat is Catalina 30 or a Catalina 22. Establish the routine that prior to spring launch, closely inspect each system that has the potential to cause a fire, here are a few:

Electrical systems (DC & AC): Are connections tight? Are conductors frayed or insulation cracked, or missing? Are circuits protected from over-loads? Are electrical panel clearly marked AC or DC?

Fuel lines: Are fuel line connections tight? Are non-metallic fuel lines drying out or cracking? Are there signs of leaks around hose clamps?

Fuel tank: Are there signs of leaks? If using an external tank, is it secure?

Bilge: Has fuel and or oil leaked into the bilge?

Backfire flame arrester: Is the arrester clean? Is it in good repair?

Ventilation system (to purge fuel vapors): Does the system work?

Continued...

One more preventive measure: “The smoking Lamp is Out”

(translation no smoking on the vessel)



Fire Extinguisher Requirements:

Extinguishers older than 12 years must be replaced with newer 5-B or 10-B or 20-B

Fixed extinguishing system must have an up to date inspection tag

Expired extinguishers may be carried for back up, but not counted toward the requirement

Length in feet	Vessels built after August 22, 2016 (minimum number of 5-B portable fire extinguishers required*)	
	# fixed extinguishing system in engine compartment	Fixed extinguishing system in engine compartment
Less than 16	1	0
16 to less than 26	1	0
26 to less than 40	2	1
40-65	3	2
*One portable 20-B portable fire extinguisher may be substituted for two 5-B extinguishers		

Length in feet	Vessels built before August 22, 2016 (minimum number of B-1 portable fire extinguishers required*)	
	# fixed extinguishing system in engine compartment	Fixed extinguishing system in engine compartment
Less than 16	1	0
16 to less than 26	1	0
26 to less than 40	2	1
40-65	3	2
*One portable B-II portable fire extinguisher may be substituted for two B1 portable extinguisher		

For additional information, go to :

<https://boatus.org/fire-extinguishers/>

<https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/fire-extinguisher-faq.php>

<https://uscgboating.org/multimedia/news-detail.php?id=553>

<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2022/april/us-coast-guard-updates-fire-extinguisher-requirements>

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-46/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-25/subpart-25.30>



CON CROWLEY A SAILING LIFE

By Phil Fry



There are few people like Con Crowley. If you've ever spent time with him, you know what I mean...no explanation is necessary. Con will be 96 years old this month. He's the club's first recipient of "The Weather Rail" award, recognizing his lifetime of contributions to JRSC.

Con is modest. It's hard to pry his sailing accomplishments out of him. There are many. But he doesn't talk much about himself. So I went to his children to get the "back story" on their father. The following is what I found...

Con Crowley joined Jolly Roger in 1952. His first boat was a 19 foot Lightning that needed work...lots of work. Con was not deterred and the vessel (built of mahogany planks on frames) soon saw water. Con was able to win the Universal Class in that Lightning.

Seeking something bigger, his next boat was a 25 foot yawl. He partnered in this boat with fellow member Jim Machen. After he and Jim sold that boat, Con invested in an Indian Class sailboat that he docked at what is now Lost Peninsula Marina. But he still retained his membership at JRSC.

In 1955 Con married Patricia after dating for a couple of years. Family legend has it that Pat and Con's first date included a sailboat ride.

Through the late 50's and early 60's, Con and Patricia's family kept growing. With the demands of his career and a bigger family, Con stepped away from sailing in 1963. But sailing was in Con's blood, and he always thought of the friends he made and the fun he had at the Jolly Roger Sailing Club.

Around 1974 he rejoined Jolly Roger. He bought an 18 foot Seagull sailboat at that time. The Seagull needed extensive repairs. Con, with his kids by his side, worked on it in the Crowley garage. After countless hours, it was finally ready for water. The family ended up sailing that Seagull for many years.

Con and Patricia had eight children: Carol, Tom, Mike, Mary, P.J., Kay, Tim, and Marty.

Around 1978 Con purchased a Balboa 26 sailboat with a swing keel. He sailed the Balboa for two decades...until the late 1990's. He cruised that Balboa all over the Western Basin, with a few trips up the Detroit River.

Con eventually downsized to a 20 foot keelboat ("Cygnet") that he bought from Elmer Lotshaw. After selling "Cygnet" to a fellow JRSC member, Con then bought an O'Day 23 from Tom Strong. That sailboat, "Con's Tiki" is the most recent entry in his extensive repertoire of boats. You can still find it at JRSC.

If you look around Pearson Hall you'll see the name "Con Crowley" in many places. One year he and I tied in the voting for the Anderson Award. As we stood together accepting the award, I whispered to him, "Con, I voted for you." He replied with that impish chuckle of his, "Phil, I voted for you." And in true Con style he added, "I shouldn't get this...you should." He was wrong, and I was truly honored to share the Anderson Award with him that year.

Although Con has never been a Commodore, he did serve on the Board of Trustees for many years. He has given welcome advice to countless Commodores and officers of our club. He's seen thousands of sailors flow through our ranks. And in those raucous meetings, so common at JRSC, when Con Crowley opens his mouth to speak, the room will grow silent. Listen up everyone. There is wisdom here.

He has left his imprint on us. Con Crowley has made the Jolly Roger Sailing Club a much better place.

So when you see Con at the club this spring...pull up a chair. Ask him about his old wooden Lightning...or about restoring a Seagull in his garage. Ask him about those two decades of water under his Balboa's keel. Ask him about how sailing changed his life...and how it continues to change all of ours.



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From the Desk of Dick Harley

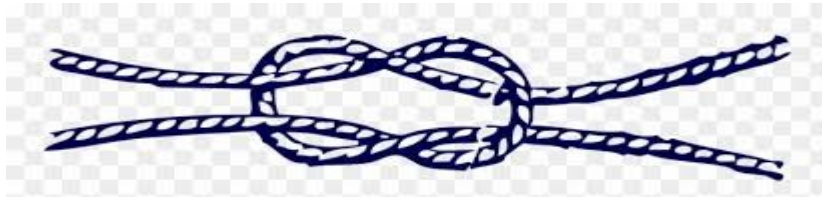
I am currently processing 2023 dues payments and sending out receipts, 2023 membership cards, and Green 2023 key cards. Cards are typically put in the mail after a dues payment is received.

Currently your Blue 2022 key card and the new Green 2023 key card will both give you access to the club. The card readers at the doors will be changed out after the February General Meeting. Only the Green 2023 key cards will provide access to the club after that change has taken place.

See you in the spring,

Dick Harley

Financial Secretary



**“Ladies Fun Bunch
Lunch”**

**Wednesday,
February 8th at 12pm**



**Contact Judy Owens
to RSVP and for more info....
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**Mano’s Restaurant
1701 Adams St, Toledo, OH**

hope to see you there!

“Lunch Bunch”

Vince Hebert

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Mark your calendars now!!!

**The next Lunch Bunch gathering
will be Wednesday,
February 15th at 11:45...**

**Oregon Inn located at
6067 Bayshore Rd , Oregon, OH**

Until then.....Capt. Vince



WINTER EUCHRE 2023



Tom Marriott
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Deb Behrens
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It's here!!! Winter Euchre to Support Junior Sailing is here!!!

Euchre has been a huge success every Friday in January and will conclude the first series February 3rd. We had two perfect 50's so far, Bruce Gluski and Mary Doblinger. The top three leaders to date are Rhonda Melnyk (1st), Mike Glinski (2nd), and Tim Marriott (3rd). **The second series begins February 10th.**

Your sign in time for Euchre is 7:10 pm with a starting time promptly at 7:30 pm. The format is the same as years past with two series. The first series is five weeks with a minimum of three weeks attendance to qualify for prizes. The second series will be four weeks with a fifth and final week consisting of the winner taking half the proceeds brought in for the night. The price for euchre is \$5.00 same as last year.

Players of all levels are welcome (both members and non-members), bring a friend and have a great time while supporting our club's junior sailing program.

Also, anyone who wishes to bring a snack for the gang may do so, they're greatly appreciated.

Let's make this the best year ever!



There is sad news to report. Bobby Lee Currier, bass player from "Edisto", passed away recently. Most of you know him from the many times he has played at our club.

Sandy Burke has reached out to me today and asked me to let everyone know there will be a memorial service for Bobby on February 5th. He thinks that some of our membership may wish to attend.

Bobby Lee Currier was very well known within the Toledo music circles. Sundown played with him for over 50 years. Sandy expects there to be a huge turnout of local musicians at the memorial. They are bringing their instruments in honor of Bobby, so this may be a very fitting musical tribute.

If you would like to attend:
February 5th – 3pm
American Legion Post #642
2810 Airport Hwy
Toledo, Ohio

The membership of the Jolly Roger Sailing Club sends our condolences to Bobby's family and friends.

Fair winds,
Phil Fry, JRSC Commodore

THANK YOU



TO ALL THE BAR STAFF, KITCHEN HELP, SETUP PEOPLE AND WRIST BANDERS, and all who helped with Saturdays, **Winter Fest Crawl**.

We had an estimated 350-400 people go thru the club!!! The bar staff had over 400 transactions!!

The kitchen put out a great spread of snacks!!

The club looked great.

Thru your goodwill, smiles and hard work you contributed to our visitors having a great time and our club making a nice profit. A good time was had by all!

So many visitors commented on how great our club is and that they really enjoy visiting us.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE

PC 's *JAN, HANK, and NEIL*



It is time to start thinking about, and planning for, our upcoming sailing season. Yay!

In addition to Thursday Night River Racing, and Wednesday Night Racing (Anchor Pointe / Meinke's), JRSC has several regattas scheduled for 2023.

Here is the preliminary schedule:

- Cattail Regatta – Saturday, June 3rd
- Fall Series Regatta – Saturday, August 26th
- West Sister / Buccaneer Regatta – TBA (mid to late September; trying to coordinate with Last Bash)

We also have the Gulburg Race – But no firm date yet.

We will be having an organizational meeting at the club on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm. We will be meeting in the basement, as the Toledo Power Squadron will be using Pearson Hall.

If you have interest as either a participant or volunteer for any of these events, please be on hand for the meeting. I look forward to seeing you on the 7th.

Fair winds,
Phil Fry
JRSC Commodore
419 283-1340



JRSC's NEW Book Club! Hosted by Chad Roper

JRSC will begin its first Book Club on February 8th at 6:30pm with Richard Bode's "First You Have to Row a Little Boat."

This short and accessible memoir is a series of humorous and philosophical musings about how life is like sailing and vice versa. This book is a great first read for us in that it has the potential to deepen everyone's sailing experience as we consider all the metaphors that we're routinely enacting each time we go out on our boats. It'll also be a fun way to build camaraderie and share stories, as this book will invariably help us recall some of our most memorable moments on the water. After we complete this first book, we'll talk about how best to continue on with the next book or if we just want to do one book a winter, etc.

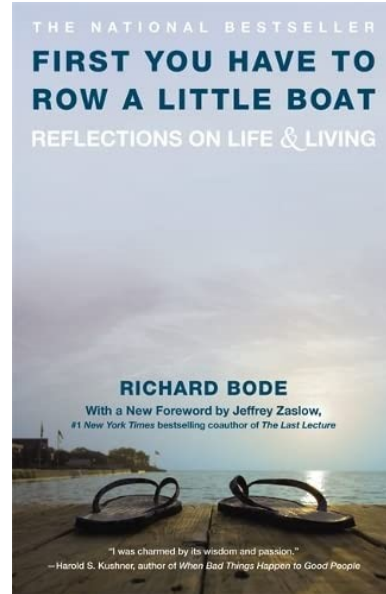
NOTE: You won't need have to have a copy of the book or even have read it yet for our first meeting. We're just going to go over what book clubs are and how this one will work. Then we'll get to know each other a little more and schedule out our meetings together.



**Chad Roper
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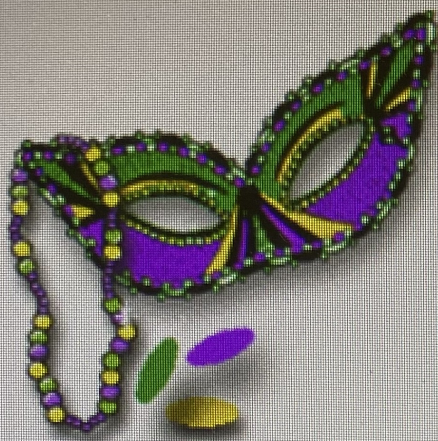
*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!*

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Ahoy Mates!!!



- JRSC—Euchre, February 3rd, 7pm
- JRSC—Race Meeting , February 7th, 7pm, in the basement
- JRSC—Lunch Bunch, February 8th, Manos Restaurant, 1701 Adams St, Toledo. 12 pm
- JRSC—Book Club, February 8th, 6:30pm, at the Club
- JRSC—Euchre, February 10th, 7pm
- JRSC—Mardi Gras Party, February 11th, 5:30pm
- JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, February 14th, 7pm
- JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, February 15th, Oregon Inn, 6067 Bayshore Rd, Oregon. 11:45am
- JRSC—Euchre, February 17th, 7pm
- JRSC—Euchre, February 24th at 7pm
- JRSC—Board Meeting, February 28th, 7pm
- JRSC—Euchre, March 3rd at 7pm
- JRSC—Lunch Bunch, March 8th, TBD
- JRSC—Euchre, March 10th at 7pm
- JRSC—General Meeting, March 14th, 7pm
- JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, March 15th, TBD
- JRSC—Euchre, March 17th at 7pm
- JRSC—St Patricks Day Party, March 17th
- JRSC—Board Meeting, March 21st, 7pm



Celebrate Mardi Gras at JRSC

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Casino games, food, and fun.

\$15 Donation includes food and play money.

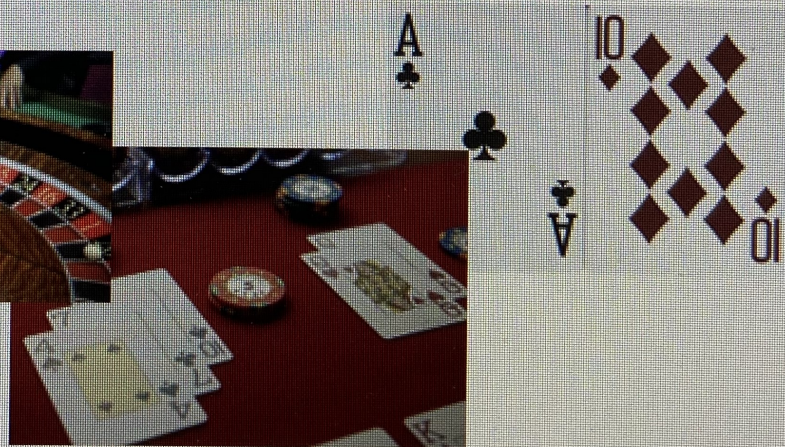
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Check in

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Gaming

8:00 p.m. – Silent Auction & Raffle Closes



Open to all JRSC, AYC, and ILYA members and guests.



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An interesting dilemma....

I have been informed by Bill Davidge, Bulkhead Chair, that we may have a space shortage this upcoming season. Between our Junior Sail Program boats, shed, and storage racks...combined with our adult vessels...we are running out of space on the Bulkhead. I guess that's a good problem to have...but it is an issue none-the-less.

Bill is looking for ideas on how best to utilize the available space that we have on the Bulkhead. Some ideas were kicked around at the last Board Meeting.

- Move the Junior shed onto the grassy area, thus freeing up space on the paved portion.
- Store the two Whalers across the street, and move them to the Bulkhead only when needed.
- Building a launching dock on the downriver side of our dock system, and nesting the Opti hulls there when not in use.

The final idea was suggested by Junior Coach Becky Aumiller. It has the added benefit of making our Optis easier / safer to launch.

If anyone else has other ideas, Bill would love to hear them. This will be an item on the agenda at our General Meeting on February 14th. Thanks everyone.

Fair winds,
Phil Fry
JRSC Commodore
419 283-1340



Jolly Roger Sailing Club is trying to drag itself into the modern world.

We have recently put together a Media committee who are setting up several social media accounts. Content will gradually be posted.

Take a listen to our podcasts on <https://rss.com/podcasts/jibtalk/> Ted and Trey have done interviews with several club members and it's a fun listen.

We have a few videos on our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWhxOjZz77Gg_KD3PsNuD8g. Currently an interesting video from 1953/4 by our own Tom Strong, The Old Salts video that was put together for our 75th anniversary and a compilation from several club events this year are being added. Gradually we will add videos from the Adult Learn to sail class and other club event videos and photos.

Our Facebook pages are a work in progress. Currently we have several of them that have been created over the years and we plan to consolidate them into one.

Instagram and Twitter are new adventures for us, if you use them stay tuned as we will be cross posting things from our other channels.

Check out the links below.

INSTAGRAM: https://www.instagram.com/jrsc_sailing/

YOUTUBE: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWhxOjZz77Gg_KD3PsNuD8g

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/JRSCToledo>

PODCAST: <https://rss.com/podcasts/jibtalk/>

FACEBOOK: TBD

The club still has a Chrysler 22, and two Xcites for sale.
Please see Neil or Jan for more information.



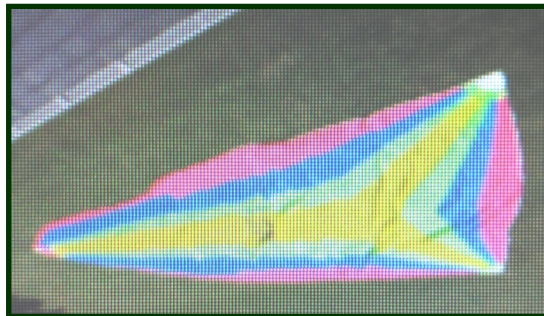
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	
ACTIVE	66
ASSOCIATE	41
SOCIAL	43
JUNIOR	11
HONORARY	7
TOTAL	168

Greiner Symmetrical Spinnaker for Sale: \$350

Yellow/Green/Blue/Pink. 40ft Luff x 20.5ft Foot.
Excellent condition and still has that new feel to it.

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Spinnaker



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Cut off date for the March 2023 edition will be February 24th.

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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Euchre 7pm	4
5	6	7 Racing Mtg 7pm	8 Fun Lunch Bunch	9	10 Euchre 7pm	11 Mardi Gras 5:30pm
12	13	14 General Mtg ♥ 7pm	15 Lunch Bunch	16	17 Euchre 7pm	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24 Skuldigger Deadline/ Euchre	25
26	27	28 Board Mtg 7pm				

Skuldigger deadline: February 24th

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Euchre Starts 7pm	4
5	6	7	8 Fun Bunch Lunch /Bookclub 6:30p	9	10 Euchre 7pm	11
12	13	14 General Mtg 7 p.m.	15 Lunch Bunch	16	17 Euchre 7pm 	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Euchre 7pm	25
26	27	28 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30	31 Euchre 7pm	

Skuldigger deadline: March 28th



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