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The Skulldugger

Monthly Newsletter of Jolly Roger Sailing Club

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THE FREY DOCTRINE

In school we all learned about the Monroe Doctrine. But what you probably don't know is that JRSC also has its own doctrine. It's called the Frey Doctrine. That's Frey...F-R-E-Y.

The Frey Doctrine is not published in any club documents, spoken of frequently, or even that well known. But it's here at the club...at every social event...every regatta...every work party...and every meeting. Before I speak directly to the Frey Doctrine, let me tell you about its author.



Jon Frey came to Jolly Roger over a decade ago. He contacted me on the phone about Adult Sailing. He indicated that he wanted to learn, as sailing had always been on his "bucket list". Now most bucket listers graduate Adult Sailing, say goodbye, and we never see them again. But not Jon.

Jon fell in love with sailing and with JRSC. He quickly became a member of my crew, first on "Catch 22" and then on "Bay Tripper". He bought his own boat, a Catalina 25, which he docked at the club for several years.

Jon used to tease me that I spelled "Fry" incorrectly. When referring to the missing "E" between our two names, he would chuckle, "Phil's too cheap to buy a vowel." My response was always the same. "We used to have an E in our name, but dropped it...less we be confused with the Frey's who were horse thieves and bandits." To make it clear, Jon and I were not related...but we teased each other like brothers do.

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The FREY Doctrine cont...

When I was shopping for a bigger boat in 2013, Jon frequently rode with me. We traveled north well into Michigan and east to Cleveland. On those trips we talked mostly about sailing and music. Jon was an accomplished pianist. He played other instruments as well. His father was with the Buffalo Philharmonic and his mother taught the piano. Music was a fundamental part of Jon's life.

We quickly found out that we both loved the symphonies of George Gershwin. The next time we headed out on another marina visit, Jon handed me a CD of "Rhapsody in Blue"...my favorite work by Gershwin. It's still in my car to this day.

John Miga joined JRSC about the time Jon did, and they quickly became good friends. John and Jon are both from New York State and share that bond. The three of us became close and we soon added Ralph Grudzinski into the mix. There was rarely a month that went by that the four of us did not go out to lunch together.

I will always remember one particular meal...several years ago. It was the four of us. I was still the Membership Chairman at that time. After lunch, I was bemoaning our dwindling membership numbers at JRSC. Jon Frey paused, looked at me, and quietly said, "Phil, there is nothing wrong with being a great small club."

There it was. Those words formed the basis of the Frey Doctrine...

Be a great small club.

Five words. Five words that are at the heart of JRSC. Be a great small club.

We will never have the membership numbers of a North Cape or Monroe Boat Club. We will never have facilities like our neighbors at River View or Ottawa River. We will never have a grand historical building like the Toledo Yacht Club.

But what we do have...is each other. I'd put us up against any of those other clubs. Heck, I'd put us up against any club. We have the friendliest and hardest working members of any place going. We have people who care about the club and care about each other. We are a GREAT small club.

Jon Frey was our Financial Secretary for a few years, fixing the mess that he had been handed. Jon did a great job. He only held that one position at JRSC.

Yet Jon's influence at Jolly Roger, his impact on John Miga and myself, his friendship to countless others, and his wisdom, will remain in this building for decades to come.

And that brings me to the sad portion of my column. My friend Jon Frey was diagnosed with cancer last year. John Miga, Ralph, and I were able to get him out sailing twice in 2022. We all feared that last outing was to be Jon's final time under sail. Sadly, it was.

In December Jon and his wife Ruth attended our Change of Watch. They wanted to see old friends again and to support Mary and me. Considering Jon's poor health, it took a lot of effort for him to be there. But Jon was not going to miss it. I cannot truly express how much that act meant to Mary and myself.

On March 5th God called Jon down from the weather rail. Jon passed peacefully with his family surrounding him. He had fought that horrible disease with grace and courage. Everything that you would expect from him. It had been a full life...every box ticked off that bucket list.

In my mind's eye I see Jon once again. He's onboard his Catalina. He shoves off from the dock. There is a modest breeze...God's breath upon the deep. In my reverie there is music playing. Gershwin. Jon has the tiller in his hand. He turns and waves to us who remain on shore. The horizon beckons.

Goodbye my friend. Rest in peace.

Commodore Phil



Fair winds and following seas, Jon. D.S.



Vice Commodore John Miga

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The Board of Trustees has exciting news!

The Board is sponsoring a first aid seminar to be held in May. The purpose of the seminar is to provide participants with basic knowledge and skills to render first aid so as to prevent the condition from worsening, while awaiting emergency medical services.

The instructor for the seminar is Kellen West. Kellen is a former military medic, an instructor in the military medical services and is a volunteer with the Oregon Fire Department. Kellen comes to us by way of Sandy Burke. Thank you, Sandy. I also want to thank Ted Mount, RN, he has offered to assist as well.

As the seminar takes shape, information will be forwarded to the membership. The Board of Trustees value this project, which will provide JRSC members with tools for safe sailing.

Not sure first aid training is valuable?

Consider the following conditions: arterial bleeding, burns, hypothermia, heat stroke, fractures, heart attack...

Now ask yourself, "Do I have the skills to successfully intervene?"



WINTER EUCHRE 2023



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Winter Euchre to Support Junior Sailing is coming to an end...

Euchre has been a huge success every Friday for past nine weeks and will conclude March 10th . The final night (March 10th) the high score for the night will take half the proceeds brought in for the evening.

Your sign in time for Euchre is 7:10 pm with a starting time promptly at 7:30 pm. The price for euchre is \$5.00

I will write a complete wrap up article for the euchre season in the next Skulldigger. The success we have achieved to date would not be possible without all those who helped in the kitchen and bar,.

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.

Again, the proceeds of this event go entirely to support junior sailing.

I believe this may very well be the best year ever!



**Past Commodore
Hank Wasilausky**

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Cruise News!! Meeting Notice

There will be a meeting on March 7, 2023 to discuss the 2023 Annual JRSC Cruise. Items to discuss will be a tentative date, ie., August 12 through August 19 or 20, or July 15 through 22 or 23; ports-of-call, such as Pt Clinton, Sandusky, Vermilion, Huron, Kelly’s Island, Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, etc..

Also, criteria for awards/flags, dates to eat out vs. pot luck, activities at various ports, sailing to Canadian ports, etc. Design for a cruise burgee, tee shirts, ball caps, and a possible fee will also will all be on the agenda.

All JRSC cruisers, potential cruisers and other curious sail boaters are invited to attend.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 7PM at JRSC

P/C Hank Wasilausky



**“Ladies Fun Bunch
Lunch”**

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



**Contact Judy Owens
to RSVP and for more info....
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**Focaccia’s
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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,
March 15th at 11:45...**

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

Until then.....Capt. Vince





ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

March 17th

5:30pm, dinner from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Dinner \$15.00 RSVP required by March 9th

RSVP to Lynne Fogle at 734 476-0576 or lmfogle@hotmail.com

Members Please Note

The Board of Trustees approved an addition to the JRSC Rules document, G. *Discriminatory and Harassment Policy Statement*. The Rules document is available on the club's website under the Forms tab "Download JRSC Rules".

John Miga

Podcast Updates (as reported by Ted Mount)

1. We were able to establish a podcast with the focus on sailing and the occasional guest regarding power boating.
2. Trey Coburn has done an excellent job editing the podcast. It is because of him that the sound quality is so good.
3. I have ordered t-shirts for the Jibe talking podcasts. T-shirts were ordered from a veteran that my daughter uses to get shirts for the military. There has been some discussion regarding giving a shirt to all guests but this was determined to be too expensive.
4. We have purchased a disco ball to be used at events to help with the whole disco feel to play off the podcast name Jibe Talking.
5. Cards are going to be ordered so they can be given to people we meet to direct them to the podcast.
6. ILYA has contacted me regarding doing about 6 or 7 podcasts to start. They would like to place a jibe talking card in the welcome bags.
7. We need to agree on a Gmail name since jibetalking is taken for Gmail accounts.
8. Have another recording day coming up on 3/11. At this point we have 5 podcasts to be recorded. We may add a 6th because ILYA would like to promote the upcoming spring meeting in Westlake.
9. After discussions with Trey it was determined that at the present time we have enough equipment for the podcast
10. Upcoming on the road events: ILYA, Breakfast at Frostys (Mills race), and Bay week.
11. I would also like to record at some destinations this summer and play those in the spring possibly: Cedar point, put-in bay, Kelly's, Middle Bass, and Leamington. We could then start releasing this in early spring to get people excited about the upcoming boating season.
12. Trey and I still need to get the Western Basin Foghorn (haven't settled on a name yet) up and running. This will be an announcement at the beginning of the podcast that will highlight what is happening on Lake Erie for a particular week.
13. We are also going to create some music for the show introduction. We don't want to have any copyright problems. Trey said maybe he could get some of his music friends to help record an intro.
14. As of writing this we have passed 300 listens and this is without the majority of the people in our club knowing how to access the podcast.
15. Trey has agreed to have a training sometime to help people understand how to find the podcast.
16. We are also working on a flyer that can be put on bulletin boards at clubs to advertise the podcast.
17. Marilyn Kocevar has volunteered to write instructions on how to access the podcast.
18. Trey and I discussed the possibility of doing something fun when we hit 1000 listens. With ILYA coming on board and summer coming that should happen rather quickly. We are going to start releasing one podcast every other week moving to weekly starting on Memorial Day.
19. Every podcast mentions Jolly Roger.
20. This has all been done without any club dollars.

Mardi Gras Party 2023



JRSC's NEW Book Club! Hosted by Chad Roper

JRSC will begin its first book in the Book Club with Richard Bode's "First You Have to Row a Little Boat."

See Chad for next meeting date...

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.

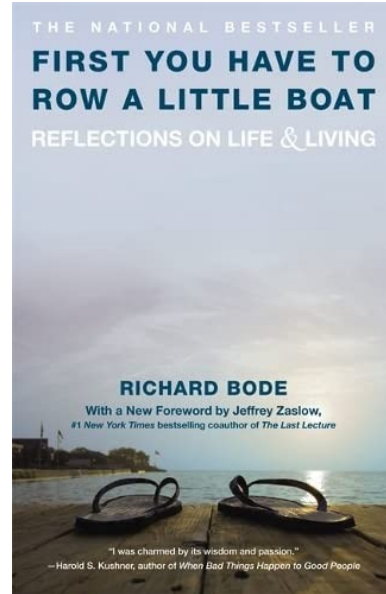
NOTE: You won't need have to have a copy of the book or even have read it yet for our first meeting. We're just going to go over what book clubs are and how this one will work. Then we'll get to know each other a little more and schedule out our meetings together.



**Chad Roper
Membership**

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*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!*

March 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS.....



- JRSC— JRSC Cruise Meeting, March 7th, 7pm contact Hank for more details
- JRSC—Lunch Bunch, March 8th, see Skulldigger for more info
- JRSC—Euchre, March 10th at 7pm (Last day)
- JRSC—General Meeting, March 14th, 7pm
- JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, March 15th, see Skulldigger for more info
- JRSC—St Patricks Day Party, March 17th, 5:30pm, rsvp by March 9th. \$15
- JRSC—Board Meeting, March 21st, 7pm
- JRSC—April, Chilli Cookoff , stay tuned for details
- JRSC— General Meeting, April 11th, 7pm
- JRSC—Lunch Bunch, April 12th, TBD
- JRSC— Sailing Seminar with Don Carston, April 15th, 9am
- JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, April 19th, TBD
- JRSC— Board Meeting, April 25th, 7pm
- JRSC—Cattail Regatta, June 3rd, more details to follow
- JRSC—Gulburg Race, July 29th, more details to follow
- JRSC—Fall Series, August 26th, more details to follow
- JRSC—West Sister/Buccaneer Race, September 3rd, more details to follow

START RIGHT

Sailing Seminar with Don Carsten

Attention all beginner sailors/racers, intermediate, and those wanting a “refresher” on how to start a sailboat race. CLEAR your calendar's for April 15, 9:00am to 11:00am for this seminar. Don Carsten will be conducting a seminar at the club on how to get a good start on your next race. We will be discussing different race courses, how to find the favor end of the start line, flags and signals of the race committee. We will also cover some basics start strategies and approaches to the start line, and rules that apply at the start.

This seminar is aimed at the beginner and intermediate sailor/racer, and those wanting a refresher.

Registration will be from 8:15 – 9:00. Come early to help set up and enjoy a Coffee and doughnut. We will start the seminar promptly @ 9:00 and will wrap it up about 11:00. Please save your seat by sending a text to Don @ 419-350-8668 by April 13.

Take a break from doing that much dreaded annual ritual of filling out those tax forms. Come out and enjoy a gathering of sailors and prepare for the new sailing season.

The cost is \$10.00 per person, with the proceeds to benefit the club owned boat fund.



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.



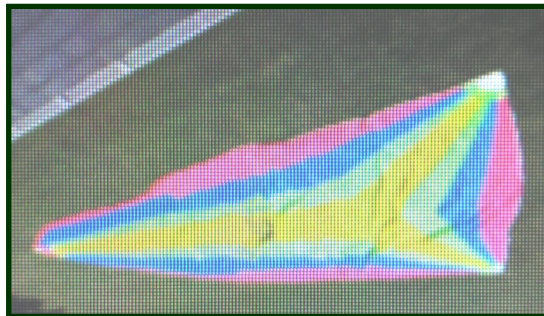
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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Euchre Starts 7pm	4
5 Dock Work Party 10am	6	7 Cruise mtg 7pm	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 St Pats Party 5:30pm 	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30	31	

Skulldigger deadline: March 28th

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11 General Mtg 7pm	12 Fun Lunch Bunch	13	14	15 Race Seminar 9am
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23	24	25 Board Mtg 7pm	26	27	28	29
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Skulldigger deadline: April 25th



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