



September 2023

# The Skulldugger

## Monthly Newsletter of Jolly Roger Sailing Club

Since 1946

On the banks of the Ottawa River  
Toledo, Ohio



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Any of you who have attended an Adult Sailing Orientation have heard me speak about the first time I went sailing. The story goes like this:

My wife used to work with Kathy Thiess at McCord Junior High. Back in 2001, we were at a McCord party with Kathy and her husband, Steve. While we enjoyed some cocktails, Steve announced that he had just purchased a sailboat. He asked me if I would like to crew with him during a sailboat regatta that coming weekend. I told him I knew nothing about sailing. But Steve persisted. Finally, I agreed to help out.

Steve was docked at Anchor Pointe and we had to get his Morgan 27 to NCYC prior to the regatta. We motored out of the channel, raised the sails, and killed the outboard. The Morgan fell off the wind and the sails filled. And my life was changed forever.

Cool story, isn't it? Romantic. Inspirational. And totally false. I had sailed before. (Okay it's just a harmless little lie. Let me explain.)

Rewind my current 70 years back 55 summers to when I was fifteen. My Mom and Dad loved to play tennis and golf. We rented a condo at a resort on Lake Travis (outside Austin, Texas) one summer and played...you guessed it...tennis and golf. (By the way, I stink at tennis and golf.)

The resort had just purchased three new Pearson Ensigns for rental and instruction. Dad suggested we take a sailing lesson. To escape another frustrating round of golf or worse yet, a tennis match in the hot Texas sun, I agreed.

As I recall the lesson was a couple of hours on the water going over the basics of sailing. Enough to keep us from killing ourselves. However, our instructor failed to turn in our paperwork. When Dad and I returned to the marina on the last day of our vacation, we were not allowed to rent a sailboat.

Ah...what might have been... Would Dad and I have taken to sailing like I did 35 years later? Would we have purchased a sailboat and entered regattas as Father and Son? Would sailing have become my passion at a much earlier age?



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Fast forward ten years. Now I'm 25 and out of college. I work at the front desk of the Austin Hilton. I love the work and want to make a career in the hotel industry.

A buddy of mine and I found a used Sunfish for sale in someone's front yard. We split the cost and bought the sailboat. Before we could even get the Sunfish wet, the General Manager of the hotel called me into his office.

"I understand you purchased a sailboat," he said.

"Yes sir," I replied.

"Well, I hope you can sell it," he continued. "You're being promoted and transferred to the Midland Hilton. And there is nowhere to sail near Midland."



.....I will pause now as you pull up Google Earth and find Midland, Texas..... 😊

I was ecstatic to get the promotion. My buddy bought out my half of the Sunfish. I packed a U-Haul and moved to West Texas. I never sailed that boat.

Ah...what might have been... Would that Sunfish have been a stepping stone to a bigger sailboat? Would I have remained in Austin and embraced sailing on Lake Travis? Would sailing have become my passion at a much earlier age?

This portion of the story does have a silver lining. Working at the Midland Hilton was a beautiful young lady named Mary who was home from college for the summer.

So what's your "what might have been" story? I would have loved to have started my sailing career at 15 or 25. But that was not meant to be. Fate had other plans.

Even though I came to sailing at a later age, I have treasured every moment of the last 20+ years. Those days on the water with the sailing friends I have made are precious to me.

I'll never forget motoring out of Cooley Canal for the first time and letting the wind take that Morgan west.



Fair Winds, *Commodore Phil*



**Commodore**  
**Mary Alderman**

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Ahoy my jolly mates. Hard to believe it's already late August. By the time you read this column, the Fall Series Regatta will be over and we will be looking ahead to dock closing on October 14th. While our season is winding down, there is still a lot of sailing to be enjoyed and I'm looking forward to the cooler temperatures and hopefully stronger winds of the Fall. I find sailing to be cathartic and good for the soul. I've taken on the teaching of 3 groups from our adult sail class (haven't killed anyone yet) and I'm enjoying the teaching aspect of this sport. I also met with a prospective new member who decided to purchase the Chrysler 22 on the back lot, took them sailing, and they will be joining our JRSC family. It's funny how something so simple as sailing has changed my life for the better. I can see only good things ahead for Jolly Roger and I'm looking forward to being your Commodore in 2024.

Fair Winds, *Vice Commodore Mary*

# Jolly Roger Sailing Club

## 2023 FOUNDERS' BURGEE AWARD



You may not have noticed it, but hanging on the north wall of Pearson Hall is a small faded burgee from 1946. It is the first burgee designed for our club. It was probably stitched together by one of our teenaged founders (probably with the help of his mom). We really don't know who the actual designer is. Its origin is a mystery. But it's still pretty cool...or "neat-o" as our founders might say.

Last year PC Jan Wasilausky and I came up with an idea. Let's award a replica of that burgee to the member who most exemplifies the spirit of our founders. "Our founders' purpose for creating JRSC was to bring together all who enjoy the simple pleasure in the actions of wind, water, and sail. JRSC is about its people, the love of sailing, and the camaraderie that draws sailors together." (from our website)

In 2022, we gave the very first Founders' Burgee Award to PC Neil Whitehead.

**This year the Founders' Burgee Award goes to PC Don Carsten.**

Everyone knows Don. Many of the trophies in Pearson Hall are emblazoned with his name. Don is a Catalina 22 National Champion...more than once! But I have to admit, I was very excited to finally give Don an award for his actions off of the water. And there are many.

There isn't a Catalina 22 sailor at the club who is not in debt to Don. He has tuned most of their rigs, helped them with launch and recovery, and encouraged them to be better sailors. He's traveled with prospective buyers and helped them pick out boats. He ran a racing seminar earlier this year to help all of us (not just Catalina owners) become better sailors at the start line. He has, in one way or another, touched all of us.

Don has also shown leadership in the club, even though it is decades since he was our Commodore. He's there at almost every work party and nearly every meeting. There is rarely a social event that doesn't see Don in attendance with his wife Cindy.



### JRSC Ladies Fun Bunch Lunch

Hello all JRSC ladies.....I would like to extend a special invitation to all of you to attend our monthly lunch get togethers. Anytime you are free on the second Wednesday of the month, please come on along. (just a note.....the Sept get together will be on Thursday (an exception this month) September 14th. Additional info is in this edition.

August Fun Bunch Lunch  
Cleats/Lakeside Marblehead

Judy Owens

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## Election of your 2024 Officers will be taking place at the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 12.

COMMODORE :		Mary Alderman
VICE COMMODORE:		Jerry Gates
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:		Laura Jensen Neil Whitehead
CHAIRS:	Yard	Ralph Grudzinski
	Dock	John Vogel
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	Recording Secretary	Nick Szyskowski
	House Chair	Bill Frisk
	Entertainment	Lynne Fogle
	Publicity Editor	Diane Silas
	Membership	Chad Roper
	Bar	Lee Lake

NOMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

### Candidate for 2024 Vice Commodore

### Jerry Gates

My name is Jerry Gates and I'm running for Vice Commodore of our sailing club. I was asked to write a biography which to me is more like a resume. I really would not know what to put into one of those resumes in today's market, let alone want to seek a job cause retirement is so much fun. Wait! If elected....this would be a job!!!

So, I better stick to the business at hand and tell you a bit about myself. I am retired for many years now, and so is my wife, Beckie. My wife and I have several hobbies together which includes sailing here at Jolly Roger. I sailed over 45 years ago, but my wife is learning. We joined Jolly Roger last year and have had a blast meeting new folks.

We have a Catalina 22 named Freedom XXV. This boat has a very special story, and there is a pod cast about its history should you like to listen to it on the club website. Some of our other interests include touring with our Model A Ford. I am the past President of the Model A Restorers Club Down River Chapter. Other hobbies are woodworking, electronics, amateur radio, and mechanics.

My best qualification for this position would be my willingness to assist making Jolly Roger continue with past traditions and promote future continued success of the things you and I like about our club.

Phil Fry shared the five words from Jon Frey's legacy he called the "Frey Doctrine" that are the heart of JRSC: **"BE A GREAT SMALL CLUB"**! Let's continue to chart that course.

Should you vote to allow me to be one of your officers for Jolly Roger, I promise to stumble along, and with your help backing me, it will generate some fun and enthusiasm for all. Come out and vote in September for not just me, but for all the candidates that are looking for new positions to serve you and Jolly Roger.

### Candidate for Board Position

### Laura Jensen

I'm Laura Jensen, a mom of four of a blended family.

Some of my favorite things include Mexican food, especially chips and salsa, a good glass of wine and spending time with my family, Jeff, and friends. I love wine dinners, biking, kayaking, and my new hobby of learning how to sail!

I've been on the board of the University of Toledo Women's Basketball Fan Club for 5+ years. Through that and many organizations at my kids' schools while they were growing up, I've been involved with planning, organizing and putting on different events throughout the years.

I'm looking forward to joining the Board at Jolly Roger!





SEE YOU  
THERE!!

**DON'T MISS...  
THE 28TH ANNUAL  
LAST BASH**

Meinke Marina                      September 15-17

Overnight Docking Available

**This year the Last Bash will again be at Meinke Marina West, Corduroy Road. We've had great turn-outs the past couple of years so come on out and enjoy the comraderie and fun!!!!**

**Friday Evening:                      6 p.m. Blackberry Corner Tavern, 5975 N Elliston-Trowbridge Rd, Martin, OH 43445.**

**RSVP not later than Friday, September 8.**

**Saturday Morning:                      Potluck breakfast around 9 a.m. We are in need of the following....**

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>Eggs</b>          | <b>Coffee Cake/Muffins/Donuts</b>               |
| <b>Bacon/Sausage</b> | <b>Plates/Cups/Utensils</b>                     |
| <b>Pancakes?</b>     |   |
| <b>Fruit</b>         | <b>Large Coffee Pot</b>                         |
| <b>Juices/Milk</b>   | <b>Anything else you would like to bring!!!</b> |

**Please let us know what you will be brining so we don't have too much of one thing.**

**Saturday Afternoon:                      There will be a "sail in" of sorts including boats from Meinke's, Anchor Point and boats from our Club docks rendezvousing at about 1 p.m. at the Maumee River Channel Radar Bouy. From there we will all sail back to Meinke Marina. For anyone who may be uncertain about sailing from the Radar Bouy to Meinke Marina, members will be available to sail with you. Just let us know and we would be happy to have someone join you.**

**For those who may not be going out to sail, there will be plenty to do at the Marina. There will be yard games, snacks and, of course, wine. Please bring some of each to share.**

**Saturday Evening: Potluck dinner at 5 p.m. Bring your choice of meat to grill and a dish to pass.**

**We'll need a couple of extra grills, so if you have one, please bring it.**

**Sunday Morning: Breakfast "leftovers" and sail for home.**

**Come for a few hours, the day or all weekend!!!**

**Aren't able to sail over,**

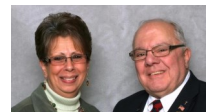
**land cruise is just fine!!!**

For more information, contact....

Bill & Judy Owens

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**YOUR RSVP FOR FRIDAY DINNER AND/OR DOCKAGE IS NEEDED NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPT. 8.**

# OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY HOEDOWN

Come on out for some boot scootin' fun, while  
enjoying the beautiful Fall weather outside  
at Jolly Roger Sailing Club!!!!



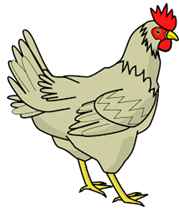
**When: Saturday October 7, 2023**

**Time: 4:00 pm**

**Where: 5961 Edgewater Dr., Toledo, OH 43611**

**Featuring Chicken Shit Bingo**

**What's more fun than watching chickens poop? Winning prizes!**



**Country tunes with songs to square dance and line dance  
provided by Ken Alexander.**

**We will be having a Rib Cook-Off that evening.**

**If you bring ribs your bingo entry fee and dinner will be free.**

**Bingo entry fee is \$5.00 and dinner is \$10.00.**

**Please RSVP to Lynne by October 3<sup>rd</sup> if you are planning  
on having dinner or bringing ribs.**

**Volunteers are needed for set up,**

**kitchen, and bar; please contact Lynne Fogle at**

**lmfogle@hotmail.com or 734 476-0576 if you can help.**

## FALL SERIES RACE RESULTS



NCYC Course: "Venture" – Matt Kille (JRSC) was R/C Boat

JAM and PHRF fleets each had three races.

**JAM** (two boats entered) Results:

1st One Leg Up – Charlie Simons (MBC)

2nd Chaos – Tad Sandberg (JRSC)

**PHRF** (three boats entered) Results:

1st Discover – Matt Kern (NCYC/JRSC)

2nd Viva Las Vegas – Steve Attard (NCYC)

3rd Kashmir – Hickman / Kjoller (NCYC)

Ishore Course: Sue Pohlod served as R/C

**Catalina 22 Fleet** – with the exception of one boat, all withdrew due to light wind, groundings, and/or damage. Six boats in class. Single race from JRSC docks to Turtle Island and back.

1st – Chad Roper (JRSC)

**Interlake Class** – three boats in class; same course as Catalina 22s

1st – Tom Marriott (JRSC)

2nd – Sandy Burke (JRSC)

3rd – Tom Crowley (JRSC)

*Well Done!*

**Wayfarer Class** – one boat in class; same course

1st Roxie – Grant Martin (JRSC)

Following volunteers made this Regatta an outstanding success: Bill & Judy Owens, Hank & Jan Wasilausky, Todd Warriner, Dan Strohmeier, Matt Kille, Dan Kosakowski, Bruce Gluski, Sue Pohlod, Ken Sabin, Dean & Trudi Weygandt, Ann Sandberg, Ralph & Paula Grudzinski, Stan & Lynne Fogle, Chris & Tricia Your, Mary Alderman, and K.J. Dworczyk. (I hope I haven't missed anyone. My apologies if I have.)

Fair winds, Phil Fry

JRSC Commodore

### Help Wanted: JRSC Kitchen Manager

Responsibilities include:

1. Oversees the basic functions of the JRSC kitchen.
2. Schedules cooks for Thursday night racing, game nights, and special events.
3. Provides instruction to new cooks on proper kitchen prep and clean up.
4. Points out posted kitchen rules.
5. Instructs on use of the record book, records proceeds and submits cash proceeds to the Bar.
6. Reviews supplies periodically to keep kitchen stocked, buys supplies, minimum list in blue folder.
7. Periodically inspect kitchen for cleanliness.
8. Provides a monthly report to the JRSC Board.



Please see Commodore Phil Fry or Vice Commodore Mary Alderman for more information.

## “Ladies Fun Bunch Lunch”

Thursday, September 14  
Contact Judy Owens  
to RSVP  
and for more info....



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Gideon Owen Wine Company  
3845 E Wine Cellar Rd, Port Clinton OH  
Carpooling from Meinke Marina leaving at 11:30 am

Note: this month will be  
on Thursday, rather than  
Wednesday.

*hope to see you there!*

## “Lunch Bunch”

Vince Hebert

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vcatvince@hotmail.com



Wednesday, September 20

11:45 a.m.

Trapperz

13780 S Dixie Hwy

LaSalle, MI



Until then.....*Capt. Vince*

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

*Ya Skurvy Dogs!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS.....

JRSC—West Sister/Buccaneer Race, Sunday, September 3

JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m.

JRSC—Fun Bunch Lunch, Thursday, September 14th (see above for details)

JRSC—Last Bash, September 15-17, Meinke Marina (see flyer for details)

JRSC—Lunch Bunch, September 20th, 11:45 a.m. (see above for details)

JRSC—Last Fall River Race, September 21

JRSC—Learn to Sail Session #2 Graduation, September 25th, 7 p.m.

JRSC—Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m.

JRSC—Hoedown at the Club, Saturday, October 7, 4 p.m. (see flyer for more info)

JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m.

JRSC—DOCKS CLOSING—October 14—ALL BOATS MUST BE OUT prior to close date.

JRSC—Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 24th, 7 p.m.

JRSC—Annual Awards and Change of Watch Banquet, Saturday, November 4, 6 p.m.

JRSC—Member Recognition Dinner, Saturday, November 11.

JRSC—Ugly Sweater Christmas Party and Cookie Exchange, Saturday, December 9.





## Entertainment

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### **Awards and Change of Watch Banquet:**

The JRSC Awards and Change of Watch Banquet is being held at LaRoy's Hall, 12375 S Telegraph Rd, La Salle, Michigan on Saturday November 4th. Invitations will be sent by email the week of September 11th; if you do not receive an evite email by September 18<sup>th</sup> please contact me. We hope everyone can attend the fun evening.

### **Country Hoedown:**

Come enjoy the beautiful Fall weather at our outside HOEDOWN on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. Our featured activity will be Chicken Shit Bingo. Ken Alexander will be playing country tunes with songs to square dance and line dance. What's a country party without barbequed ribs??? We will be having a Rib Cook-Off that evening. If you bring ribs, your bingo entry fee and dinner will be free. Bingo entry fee is \$5.00 and dinner is \$10.00. Please RSVP by **October 3rd** if you are planning on having dinner or bringing ribs. Volunteers are needed for set up, kitchen, and bar; please contact me if you can help. Come on out for some boot scootin fun!!!!

### **Save these Dates:**

Member Recognition Dinner will be Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party with Cookie Exchange will be Saturday, December 9th.

**Stay tuned for more information on both activities.**

## **Classifieds:**

I'm selling my inflatable. Everything goes. Trailer, davit cables, anchor, dolly wheels, 2 life jackets, horn, towline, 2 fuel tanks, cover, foot pump, hand bilge pump, front seat cushion with storage, Lights and anything else I can find in the shed boat wise.

**\$3500.00 takes it all.**



Past Commodore Craig Keating

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PS....please let me know as soon as possible before I list it on Facebook.

# more.....CLASSIFIEDS

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The club still has a two Xcites for sale. Please see Neil Whitehead or Jan Wasilausky for more information.



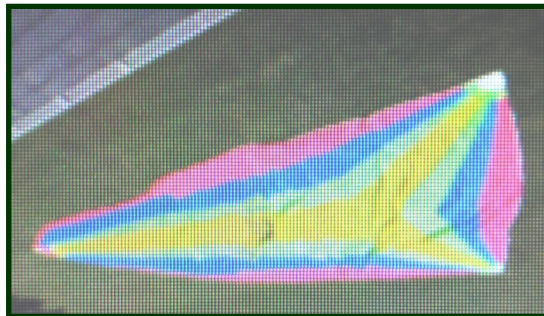
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	
ACTIVE	71
ASSOCIATE	41
SOCIAL	51
JUNIOR	7
HONORARY	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>

### Greiner Symmetrical Spinnaker for Sale: \$350

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Cut off date for the October 2023 edition will be September 25th.



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17	18 Learn to Sail 7 p.m.	19 	20 Lunch Bunch 11:45 a.m.	21 LAST Race Night 6 p.m.	22	23 
24	25 GRADUATION Learn to Sail 7 p.m.	26 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	27	28	29	30

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