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The Skulldugger

Monthly Newsletter of Jolly Roger Sailing Club



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Ahoy my jolly mates. As I write this it is November 30th and we've all had our fill of Thanksgiving feasts and are now looking forward to Christmas, Hanukah, New Years and the other holidays celebrated this time of year. Hard to believe that we are just 5 short months from launching our boats for the 2024 season. I'm sure looking forward to May, as I know all of you are as well.

In the interim we have a number of exciting events coming up over the winter. Euchre will be starting in January as in previous years, but this year we are also introducing a new cornhole league that will meet for the first time on December 7th, where we will have fun play and figure out how we want the league to proceed. The second meeting will be on December 21st and league play will begin on January 4th and meet the first and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Pasta dinners being served at 6:00 p.m. and game play will begin at 7:00 p.m. There is no fee to play so I hope to see many of you there to join in the fun. Also, let's not forget the great events that our entertainment committee has planned for us which include the Ugly Sweater/White Elephant/Cookie Exchange being held on December 16th. Please watch the JRSC website, FB page, and Skulldugger for the most up to date event information.

In this part of the country sailing is limited to the warmer seasons but I had the pleasure to travel to San Diego the weekend of Veteran's Day to take part in a companion sail for the Star of India (<https://sdmaritime.org/visit/the-ships/star-of-india/>). She is a steel hulled sailing vessel that was built in 1863 and is the oldest active sailing vessel in the world. As part of her 160th anniversary The San Diego Maritime Museum organizes a companion sail where we buy passage on one of 3 tall ships/schooners for an all-day sail alongside the Star of India, and what an opportunity this was. I chose to sail on the San Salvador (<https://sdmaritime.org/visit/the-ships/san-salvador/>), a 1542 replica of the Spanish galleon sailed by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the first ship to reach America's west coast. She was built by skilled craftsman assisted by scores of volunteers from the San Diego Maritime Museum and launched in 2015. I encourage you to read about ships at the URLs provided.

What was it like to sail on a spanish galleon? Magnificent. She had so many lines that I almost felt embarrassed to admit that I sail a Catalina 22 with 2 halyards and 2 jib sheets. She was manned by a crew of 13 and I was 1 of 40 guests, so we had 53 people on this vessel, but somehow the crew handled her riggings like a finely tuned symphony under the command of an able-bodied first mate who was probably half their age. As she set her sails one by one I was awed by the beauty of her architecture and ability to harness the wind. Truly a once in a lifetime experience.

Now for the question of how did she sail, let me just say that I never get sea sick but the ride was an exercise in fighting back the nausea. It was an amazing sail, on a perfect, warm, southern California day and the seas were fair with minor swells and 2-3 ft waves, so not what I would have anticipated would cause sea sickness, but what I didn't count on was how high the ship sat on the water and the relatively short length, which meant a ride full of slow rolling sways back and forth and up and down at the same time. I certainly have great sympathy for all the early sailors who were on these relatively small ships, for many months at a time on seas a whole lot more challenging than the calm of this day. What an amazing experience and I absolutely would do it again, but next time I'd take Dramamine.

Until next month I bid you fair seas and following winds,

Your faithful Commodore,
Mary

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**Vice Commodore
Jerry Gates**



Hello Jolly Roger family

To the ones who attended the change of watch I trust you had a good time. Kudos to Lynn, Stan, and those who assisted them in putting the hall in order for this event.

For this month's column I would like to tell you a sailor's story. You may not know who Jonathan Martin is, but I would like to tell you a bit about him. He has circumnavigated around New Zealand, crossed the Caribbean Sea twice, Crossed the Pacific Ocean solo handed. In 2016 he made the Atlantic Crossing, also solo handed.

I know I will never try any of his accomplishments in what years I have left on this earth. His story however is a very interesting one, He took diversity and made it his own. Sailing is only one of the many challenges we face in the course of our lives. If you are like me, I sometimes meet a challenge head on. Other times I need to think about it and may give up on that idea altogether.

Jonathan, however, got into sailing during a short course like many of our new club members who have taken the Jolly Roger sailing course. He then bought a run-down boat and took three years to renovate it for launching in 2010. Looking at the above accomplishments Jonathan made, they were done in just 6 years. That in itself is an unbelievable accomplishment for some to even understand or think about.

We as sailors have different learning curves, but all of us have similar goals. The biggest goal of course is to harness the wind, and make it safely back to port. Jonathan had another interesting sport which was a skydiving instructor. During a new years eve jump in 2012 he had an accident that left him a paraplegic. I am not sure how I would handle such a traumatic situation as that. Johnthan, when asked about the accident says it was a gift. He knew that if he lived through the accident he would go back to sailing.

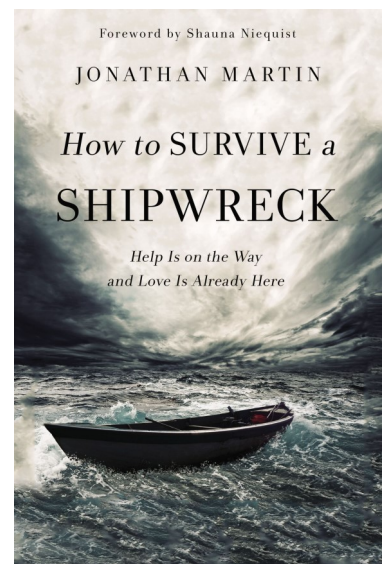
Johnthan is still sailing today and carving out new adventures for himself. He is supposed to have written a book and I believe this to be the title if you are interested." How to survive a shipwreck: Help is on the way and love is already here."

A final thought no matter how big a struggle may enter your life, if you are persistent enough, have the mindset, and keep on trying your accomplishments will astound you.

In closing I am searching for the right salutation as Fair Winds and Flowing Seas have already been used. I shall keep trying some until the right one is found.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm

Jerry Gates



DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP

Past Commodore

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If you missed it, here are outgoing Commodore Phil Fry's remarks from the Change of Watch:

I'd really like to make this event all about me...believe me I really, really want to... But this evening isn't about this Commodore or any Commodore. Tonight is about you...the membership of the Jolly Roger Sailing Club. It is your hard work...your caring...and your camaraderie that drives us forward. This club isn't great because of one of us...Jolly Roger is great because of all of us. And that is what we celebrate tonight.

When I talk to new members about why they joined JRSC, the consistent answer I get is that everyone here is so friendly. (Of course, most of them haven't spent much time with Ted yet.) New members tell me that Jolly Roger is exactly the type of club that they were looking for. This year Jolly Roger showed signs of health that were well beyond what any of us anticipated. We had continued financial stability and growth. We saw an influx of younger new members. (I am happy to report that the average age of the membership has finally dropped below 80.)

We had fantastic turnouts at both social events and work parties. I was blown away by some of the events at the club...by the advanced planning, the level of attendance, and by the hard work of our volunteers to make them successful.

In 2023 the bar and the kitchen had great profit margins. The Ship's Store had a fantastic year. (Lady Mary has admonished me to quit bringing home new tee shirts.) I am thankful for the continued leadership in these and other departments.

In the spring we worked our tails off to get the JRSC docks ready. Although there is still a lot to do, we continue to have docks to be proud of. Again, all due to your hard work. And have you looked at the back yard recently?

We saw members take epic journeys...happily flying the JRSC burgee for hundreds of miles across the Great Lakes. And we saw our fun and exciting Club Cruise return.

We ran three great regattas: Cattail, Fall Series, and Buccaneer. And both Wednesday Night and Thursday Night racing were back in full swing. And thanks to our volunteers, the kitchen was open every Thursday night after racing.

Despite lower water levels, in 2023 we had more sailboats on our docks. And the clubhouse itself has never looked better.

Ambitious members started a podcast. And we attracted interest in our events via FaceBook, Twitter (which is called "X" now), Instagram, YouTube and a beautiful new Website...all driven by the newly formed Social Media Committee. Our club newsletter had some of the finest inspirational writing seen in many years (okay, enough about me).

On top of all of this, we taught over 60 new people how to sail.

I was very encouraged this year to see newer members step up into leadership positions within the club. The next generation of Jolly Roger is in good hands. These are all signs of a thriving club. Made possible only by dozens-upon-dozens of volunteers donating hundreds-upon-hundreds of hours of their time to make JRSC a better place.

The days ahead are bright. We are already looking forward to another fantastic year of racing, cruising, teaching adults & juniors how to sail, and spending time together with our friends at Jolly Roger.

Because of you...ALL OF YOU...Jolly Roger will continue to be at its heart a great small club.

So now is the time for my Watch to end. It is time for me to turn over the helm to another. It is all well and good that we continue this tradition...charting a course from one Commodore to another...from one generation to the next. I know that all of you will give your new Commodore the same level of dedication that you gave me. I always felt your friendship and support...every single day.

Outside of my family, the relationships that I have shared with the members of the Jolly Roger Sailing Club have been the most important of my life.

For that, Lady Mary and I are eternally grateful. Thank you.



Saturday, January 27th @ 1:00 pm
Part of Winterfest 2024



**Join us as the chilly chili chefs from JRSC
challenge Riverview Yacht Club and
Toledo Yacht Club in our
Annual Chili Cook Off**

\$5.00 Tasting Fee

(No charge for members bringing Chili)

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share



**PRIZES FOR THE
BEST CHILI !**





Awards:

The Cannon Award:

Jack Decker Cruising Award: Clayton Greenbaum

Gibbs Memorial Award:

The Anderson Trophy:

Fun Boat Award: Loria

The Weather Rail Award: Bill & Judy Owens

Commodores Award: Jim Bradley

Commodores Trohpy (Jr): Henry Wolfe

Past Commodores Award (Jr): Gracy Faust

Ernest Dieball Trophy (Jr): Thomas Aiken

Edward Warner Trohpy (Jr): Josh Shiffler

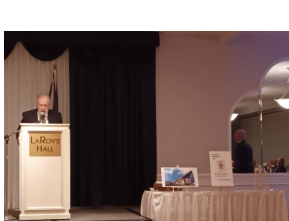
Dorothy I Warner Trohpy (Jr): Clair Hinz

Mark Weiss Memorial Award (Jr): Richard Burgess

Griener Mentorship Award (Jr): Don Carston

Sailing Puppy Award: Patrone

I will publish the three missing awards next month



**2023
CHANGE
OF WATCH**



Help Wanted: Kitchen Manager

Job Description: 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 clean up and kitchen prep.
4. Points out posted kitchen rules
5. Shows record book and instructs how to record proceeds, turn in net cash to bar.
6. Review supplies periodically to keep kitchen stocked, buy supplies, minimum list in blue folder
7. Periodically inspect kitchen for cleanliness
8. Provides a monthly report to the JRSC board on kitchen.

Please see Mary or Phil for more information.



UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 16 at 5:00 pm

**COME IN YOUR UGLIEST HOLIDAY
ATTIRE AND ENJOY HOLIDAY
BEVERAGES, GAMES, AND MUSIC**

Bring a \$20 Gift
for the
**White Elephant
Gift Exchange**

Cookie Exchange:

Bring 4 dozen of
one type of
cookie packaged
by the dozen!



**Turkey, Potatoes and Stuffing
Provided by the club - Click [here](#) to
sign up for a dish to pass**

The club is adopting a family from
Edgewater Elementary School
See the Sign-up Genius for needed items



**PRIZES AWARDED FOR
UGLIEST SWEATER/OUTFIT**



WINTER EUCHRE 2024

Tom Marriott

419-467-8046 (cell)



Deb Behrens

419 704-6151 (cell)



Just a heads up to mark your calendar, Winter Euchre to Support Junior Sailing is just a few weeks away.

The starting date is Friday January 5th , and every Friday for ten consecutive weeks. Weather permitting.

Your sign in time for Euchre will be 7:10 pm with a starting time promptly at 7:30 pm. The format will be the same as the 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!



Thank You!



2023 Membership Appreciation Dinner

**“Ladies Fun Bunch
Lunch”**

**Wednesday,
December 13th, at Noon
Contact Judy Owens
to RSVP and for more info....**

**419-367-7759
15170magi@gmail.com**

Hang Over Easy (in Levi Commons)

3157 Hollister Ln, Perrysburg, OH

hope to see you there!



“Lunch Bunch”

Vince Hebert

**419-340-3618
vcatvince@hotmail.com**

Oregon Inn

6067 Bayshore Rd, Oregon OH

Wednesday December 20th at 11:45am

Invite people even not members of the club. Don't worry being on time, Just keep coming. Things come up. We won't eat all the food.



Until then.....Capt. Vince

December 2023

*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!*

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- JRSC—Cornhole League Meeting, Thursday, December 7th, 6pm
- JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, December 12th, 7pm
- JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, December 13th, see newsletter for more info
- JRSC—Ugly Sweater Contest/Cookie Exchange, Saturday, December 16th, 5pm
- JRSC—Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, December 20th, see newsletter for more info
- JRSC—Cornhole Second Meeting, Thursday, December 21st
- JRSC—Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 26th, 7pm
- JRSC—Cornhole League Starts, Thursday, January 4th, 6pm (1st and 3rd Thursday)
- JRSC—Euchre Starts, Friday January 5th, Every Friday
- JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, January 9th, 7pm
- JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, January 10th
- JRSC—Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, January 17th
- JRSC—Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 16th, 7pm
- JRSC—Chilli Cookoff, Saturday January 27th, 1pm
- AYC—Annual Meeting, February 16-18, 2024, Romulus, MI

Ya Skurvy Dogs!



Its time....Foxy is up for sale. She will have a cleanup, and will be available for sea trials. 1995 19' Seaward Fox, with trailer, dodger and bimini. Asking \$5000, firm, without the out-board. For new sailors, I will be willing to show you the ropes on this fun, simple to sail, vessel.



Also for sale is a 1976 S2 7.0 This was a barn find, but my dream boat came up, so this one needs to go. She is a bit dirty, but is intact. Her sails have been gone over by Greiner and there are fresh bearings on her trailer. Standing headroom and 23' of length, plus a shoal draft, make her a good fit for the dock system at JRSC. Asking \$2500 obo. Please see Diane Silas for more info or call 517-581-9245

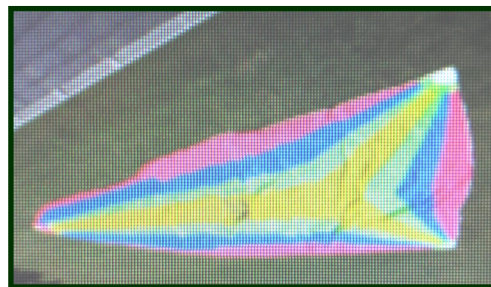


CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	
ACTIVE	74
ASSOCIATE	41
SOCIAL	57
JUNIOR	7
HONORARY	7
TOTAL	179

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.

Text or Call:
Neil Whitehead
419 376 6463



Spinnaker

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



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Cut off date for the January 2024 edition will be December 26th.






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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7  Cornhole League 7pm	8	9
10	11	12 General Mtg 7pm	13 Fun Lunch Bunch	14	15	16 Ugly Sweater/ Cookie Exchange
17	18	19	20 Lunch Bunch	21 Cornhole League 7pm	22	23
24	25 	26 Board Mtg 7pm	27	28	29	30
31 Happy New Year 						

Skulldigger deadline: December 27th.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4 Cornhole League 7pm	5 Euchre 7pm	6
7	8	9 General Mtg 7 p.m.	10 Fun Bunch Lunch	11	12 Euchre 7pm	13
14	15	16	17 Lunch Bunch	18 Cornhole League 7pm	19 Euchre 7pm	20
21	22	23 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25	26 Euchre 7pm	27 Chilli Cookoff 1pm
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Skulldigger deadline: January 26th



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