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The Skulldugger

Monthly Newsletter of Jolly Roger Sailing Club

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Just Do It - Commodore's Column

Ahoy my Jolly mates.

"Just do it" is not just a Nike slogan, but rather the meaning of my life. It's not often that I back down from an adventure, although Sky Diving and Zip Lining are not on my bucket list. Sailing was on my bucket list, and I never envisioned achieving this goal in my late 50s and taking up racing just prior to my 60th birthday. Life has challenges for a divorcee of almost 28 years, one of which is taking on a sport that generally is accomplished with a significant other or spouse. Most women come to sailing either through experiencing it with family while young, or through the relationship with their spouse, but few find themselves migrating toward sailing as a single woman with a desire to learn something new.

As most of you know, I joined Jolly Roger as a social member before ever enrolling in the learn to sail course. I was looking for a way to make friends and a place to belong, and boy did I ever find what I was looking for. It was only after my brother Ted took the learn to sail course that I became intrigued by the prospect of learning to sail. The following year I was encouraged by my mother to take the sail course, to which I responded I don't think it's for me, but little did I know this small spark light the flame which has led me to the best adventure of my life.

I will never be a great sailor, I'm too old to garner the years of skill and knowledge it takes for that, but I can still be a sailor and enjoy my time on the water as much as the most skilled amongst us. This sailing adventure has taught me so much about sailing, but mostly about who I am and what I am capable of accomplishing. I have forced myself outside my comfort zone to experience the things that life has to offer, and now I've adopted a mission to spread the joy of sailing to others.

Recently, I offered two sailing packages to an auction at the University of Toledo, which turned out to be a very popular item. Soon you will probably see me on the river with two different groups of new sailors teaching them the ropes (lines, as you all would remind me), and offering them the opportunity to experience what a fun sport sailing is. Who knows, maybe we will garner some new members from this, but if not, we will still create lasting memories for those who have chosen to sail with me.

This year I've decided to embark on a new adventure in sailing, by entering the Catalina 22 Race National in June in the Silver Fleet (for cruising sailors and those inexperienced racers like me) and while I have no aspirations of winning, I at least want to look good trying. I have purchased new sails from Waters Sails and will be mounting them soon to SV So That, in the hopes it improves her performance. Time will tell about that. I'm still looking for 2 crew members to join me, so if you're interested and are

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I want to encourage all of you who are not on the Ottawa River for our Thursday night river racing to come out and join a crew. No experience is necessary since most of us are out there for the sheer joy of it, and we won't mind sharing our knowledge and helping you to learn to rig and sail a boat. If you have your own boat, come out and join us as well. If you need crew to help, just say the word and you will find helpful experienced sailors who are willing to ride along. I participate in the Thursday night racing for the camaraderie and stories of adventures we can share after, over dinner. This is one of the truly magical parts of Jolly Roger since it brings together those from all walks of life who share a common love of sailing. Just do it, you won't be disappointed.

Your humble Commodore,

Mary



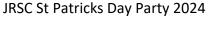
Detroit Beach visit to JRSC



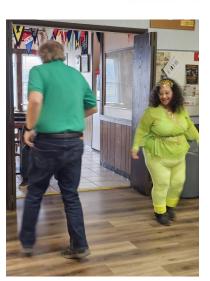
Harbor View YC visit to JRSC



Elba-Mar visit to JRSC

















Vice Commodore Jerry Gates



Hello Jolly Roger family

Can you believe it is April already! If you have not started preparing for launching your boat there is still one more month to do so. I will not be with you at the general membership meeting this month as I will be on a small voyage for spring break.

On the 13th of this month, dust off your best Vaudeville act for the Talent Show. Should you not have an act to share, come cheer on your favorite one as it will be a great time. On the horizon we need volunteers for the 2024 Cattail Regatta. The information was in last months Skulldugger in case you missed it. Please contact Phill to help out on this club sponsored event.

Work hour updates are normally posted before the general meeting, however for this month they will be placed on the bulletin board during the board meeting. There have been a couple of dock parties that I have not received work slips for. If you want the credited hours, be sure I get them. THANKS!

Speaking of preparing for the sailing season, how often were you asked for a tool, or you yourself needed one? If that did happen than the good news that follows is for you! This month's column is about tools you may want aboard as outline by many well-seasoned sailors.

These 10 tools are only the basics as you may have others you may like as well. In conclusion of this column there will be some educational factoids from the sea.

- 1. POCKET MULTI-TOOL Before we get into anything complicated, let start with the basics. You are going to want to have a good, sturdy, and high-quality pocket multi-tool on hand before setting out sailing. A good pocket multi-tool will have many features that might come in handy on a long sailing trip, including: Needle nose and regular pliers, wire cutter with strippers, knife blades, hammer, can/ bottle opener, basic screwdriver, and file for corrosion.
- 2. BLUE LOCTITE THREAD LOCKER Sailboats are notorious for rickety parts and screws that just don't want to hold firm. If you have a loose screw or other rattling parts, a little bit of thread locker will solve the problem immediately. Do notice I listed the blue type and not the red. The reason for those unfamiliar with Loctite, blue can be taken apart easily.
- 3. HEAVY DUTY PAIR OF SCISSORS can prove useful in many situations that might come up during sailing. From cutting line to cutting fiberglass, emergency gaskets, and sandpaper for filing corrosion, you will likely get a lot of use out of your scissors.
- 4. FLASHLIGHT WITH EXTRA BATTERIES AND BLUB no explanation should be needed as you will want to see in the dark.
- 5. BAILING DEVICE should you be lucky enough to have a bilge pump on board they do fail. This is Coast Guard safety device and should be included on big or small vessels.
- 6. PFDs are again a safety requirement on board. One per soul if you please.
- 7. DUCT TAPE you can use duct tape to patch minor cracks and leaks in your boat (although not as a replacement for drain plugs!), and you can also use it to patch tears and holes in your sail. Pretty much anything on your boat that is falling apart can likely be at least temporarily rejuvenated with a liberal coating of duct tape.
- 8. COMBINATION WRENCH SET while many sailors will simply opt for a ratchet set, a combination set is generally more portable than a full ratchet set and contains the opened-ended side of the wrench, as well.
- 9. SCREWDRIVER SET OR MULTI-BIT SCREWDRIVER if you have a multi-tool, you likely have a screwdriver bit on it for emergencies. However, a full set with varying sizes and bits is the best way to go.
- 10. DISTRESS ITEMS. Visual would be a flag, flares, or light emitting beacon. Sound items would include whistle, fog horn, hailer if your radio is so equipped and of course your own voice. The first history factoid I would like to share with you is one taken for granted due to it being as old as time. It is well known that here in the Lake Erie area we use miles more than knots for the speed of our boats and distant locations. Our forefathers of sailing used knots. Have you ever heard of a LOG LINE?

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The log line is an old instrument for measuring the speed of the ship. It consisted of a flat piece of wood which was weighted at the bottom edge to enable it to float upright in the water. The log was attached to a long rope. The log line was wound on a spool so that it could be reeled out after the log was thrown into the water at the aft of the ship. The friction of the water held the log in place as the ship sailed away from the log, the sailors taking the reading would count the number of knots that passed over the rail in a period of half-a-minute. That, my friends, was the first recorded way to calculate speed over water.

Lastly, time pieces. We take them for granted. They are placed on the wall, in the car, on our wrist, and many other locations. Did you know without a time piece it was difficult to tell Latitude and Longitude with accuracy. The first ever clock leads to navigation of the Pacific. Without doubt, the most famous pioneer of the navigation revolution was Captain James Cook

who navigated the expanse of the Pacific thanks to the technical genius of John Harrison. In 1759, Harrison devised the first ever clock to keep the time exactly – in any variation of climate. Keeping exact Greenwich Mean Time, Harrison's clock enabled sailors to determine how many hours there were before or after that time and it was then possible to determine their longitude (degrees East to West position) on the globe.

A SMOOTH SEA NEVER MADE A SKILLED SAILOR!

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm Jerry Gates Knot_a_clew@yahoo.com 313-804-0505 Vice Commodore

Winter Seminar Series at MBC

NATIONAL MUSEUM of the GREAT LAKES

Saturday April 20, 3:30pm



The National Museum of the Great Lakes presents:

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE AND THE WAR OF 1812

Take a look at the history of the <u>Battle</u> and the work that the Great Lakes Historical Society is doing to attempt to identify the <u>battlefield</u> and other War of 1812 Naval historical sites around the Lakes!



** No charge at all **
Welcome MBC, I-LYA/AYC Members,
Guests and Public

Brought to you by MBC Association Monroe Boat Club 7932 N. Harbor Drive Monroe, MI 48161



Tom Marriott 419-467-8046 (cell)

Deb Behrens 419 704-6151 (cell)



Euchre to support junior sailing was a huge, huge success which concluded March 15th.

The second series winners were: 1st place Mick Clayton, 2nd Kathy Barton, 3rd Tim Marriott, 4th Kathy Aussey, and 5th place Jane Smith.

The final night we had 10 tables and a full bar. The big winner for the night with a score of 49 was Patrick Dugan.

Special thanks to my co-chair Deb Behrens who took over the euchre while

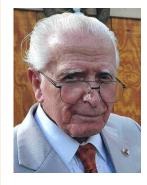
Marcie and I were enjoying time in sunny Florida. A big thanks to Becky Aumillerfor getting the juniors working the 50/50 raffle. Also, to the kitchen crew who put together the great meals, and those who worked the bar to keep the spirits flowing.

Good times were had by all with all the proceeds from the euchre going directly to our junior sailing program. Again, thanks to all who came out to sup-

port our junior sailors.







Jolly Rogers Euchre community has lost one of its long time participants.

Fair winds and Following Seas, Bob.

Robert Michael Burzynski December 12, 1926 ~ March 2, 2024 (age 97) Provided by Sujkowski Funeral Home - Northpointe Robert Michael Burzynski, age 97, of Toledo's Point Place community, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Vibrant Life Senior Living, Temperance, MI surrounded by his loving family. Robert was born on December 12, 1926 in Holland, OH to Michael V. and Rose (Szymanski) Burzynski. He was a graduate of Holland High School and a proud WWII Veteran of the Merchant Marines, serving in 17 countries. He was later drafted into the US Army and served in the Korean War. Robert was employed by the Jeep Corporation for 34 years, working in every department throughout his career and retiring as a supervisor/foreman in 1977. He was a longtime parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Point Place where he was actively involved as an usher, parish council member, and scout master. A Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus St. Lawrence Council, he served as Chancelor, financial secretary, treasurer, recorder, bulletin editor for 35 years, and bereavement committee chairman for 32 years. Robert was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed being a bow & arrow hunter for over 30 years. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and man of faith, he will be greatly missed.



Lynne Fogle Entertainment Chair

734-476-0576 Imfogle@hotmail.com





Singers, musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians and more are encouraged to perform.



The club will provide the main course but please bring a dish to pass.

Please let Lynne Fogle know if you will be performing.

Come out to the club for a hilarious time!

Cinco De Maya/casino night - Saturday May 4th. Mexican dinner will be served and lots of fun with casino games. More info to follow. Please contact Mar Alderman or Laura Jansen if you are able to help. Help is needed with set up, working games and clean up.

Point Place Parade - Saturday June 1st (I realize this is the same day as the Cattail Regatta). Please let Lynne Fogle know if you are interested in participating with the JRSC float. Help is needed pulling a small sailboat, decorating the boat, walking in the parade tossing out candy, and donating candy. This is a great opportunity to let Point Place residents see what we're about.



Notice from Bill Davidge, Bulkhead Chair:

For those of you who store your boat on the bulkhead or the docks, 5 out of 20 bulkhead spaces have been spoken for and 2 of our docks have been paid for.

Don't wait too long to put in your application, or you may not have a place for your boat this season!!!





Iffs thme again for Captain Ron Trivia Night

Join us at the Jolly Roger Sailing Club on Wednesday, April 17th

Dinner - 6:00 pm

Movie - 6:30 pm

Trivia - 8:00 pm

\$10 per person / Prizes!

2024 Cattail Regatta Saturday, June 1, 2024 (All Classes) Sunday, June 2, 2024 (Catalina 22 Class only)

Jolly Roger Sailing Club
5961 Edgewater Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43611

The 2024 JRSC Cattail Regatta (for adult One-Design Classes) will be raced on a windward / leeward course on Maumee Bay (alternative racing on the Ottawa River should weather conditions warrant). All Junior racing will be held on the Ottawa River.

Registration Fee: \$30 per crewed boat (Catalina 22s, Interlakes, etc.) \$20 per boat for Juniors, Lasers & Sunfish

We will have bottled water and snack bags available free of charge for all participating crews. JRSC will be hosting a cook out after the race for \$15 per person (advance RSVP by email is required; please specify Steak or Chicken). Overnight camping for traveling crews is available beginning Friday night at no additional charge.

Although one race will constitute a series, we will attempt to run three or more races (weather conditions permitting). The exact format and starting order will be included in the Sailing Instructions (available at registration).

This regatta will be governed and scored per the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescription of the One-Design rules, and the specific Sailing Instructions of this regatta.

The Cattail Regatta is open to all One-Design Classes with a minimum of three boats per class. Although we anticipate a Catalina 22 Class, Interlake Class, Sunfish Class, Laser Class, Optimist Class (Juniors) and FJ Class (Juniors), all other classes able to sail this venue are welcome.

Schedule of Events:

1155:

Friday, May 31st

1600 – 2300: JRSC parking lot open for arrival and boat storage for traveling crews.

Saturday, June 1st (All Classes)

0800 – 1030: Registration, Rigging, and Launching.

1030: Skipper's Meeting (mandatory).

1200: Start of First Class, Race 1. Races 2-3-4 to Follow. (No starts after 1600.) 1700:

Awards and Dinner.

First Warning Signal.

Sunday, June 2nd (Catalina 22 Class only)

1055: First Warning Signal.

1100: Start of Catalina Class, Multiple Races. (No starts after 1300.)

1400: Awards.

The Cattail Regatta will primarily be sailed on a Windward / Leeward course in Maumee Bay, with the start and finish lines at the center of the course. The length and number of times around the course will depend on wind conditions and the performance capabilities of the Class. (Should weather conditions warrant, racing will be moved to the Ottawa River.) Exact details regarding the Courses, Class Start Times, etc. will be communicated at the mandatory Skipper's Meeting.

Junior Classes (Optimist & FJ) will be sailed on the Ottawa River with the Start / Finish line directly off of the end of the JRSC Docks. Temporary marks will be set up, with distances depending on wind conditions.

Registration will occur on the day of the event. We strongly suggest that you email us in advance if you plan to attend, so that we may have ample food on hand for all participants. Those dining with us after Saturday racing will need to specify steak or chicken.

Regatta T-shirts are available for \$20 each. However, you must email us with your size and number of shirts prior to the event. They can be paid for at registration.

Boat storage for any members of the Catalina 22 Class in anticipation of the Catalina 22 Nationals is available at no additional charge.

For further information about the regatta, please contact Phil Fry at 419-283-1340 or e-mail 2024cattail@gmail.co or visit our website www.jollyrogersailingclub.com

Past Commodore

Phil Fry

419 283-1340 philfry@juno.com



Hello fellow club members,

We are going to need around 40 to 50 volunteers to make the 2024 Cattail Regatta (June 1st and June 2nd) a success. Many of your fellow members have already signed up. Below is a list of the slots we need filled and the members who have already generously donated their time.

If you can help, please email me at 2024cattail@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your support of this great JRSC event.

Fair winds, Phil Fry Jolly Roger Sailing Club Past-Commodore 2023 419 283-1340

2024 CATTAIL REGATTA VOLUNTEERS

FRIDAY NIGHT
PARKING LOT ARRIVAL: (2) Don Carsten
SNACK BAG PURCHASE & PREP: (2) Mary Alderman
SATURDAY
REGISTRATION: (2) Mary Alderman – Hank Wasilausky
TRAFFIC / RIGGING: (2) Don Carsten
EDGEWATER CROSSING: (2) Grant Martin
BULKHEAD / LAUNCH / RECOVERY: (3) Don Carsten
P.R.O. R/C BOAT: (5) Jim Davis – Chris Davis – Tom Thanasiu – Diane Silas – Phil Fry
PRIMARY MARK BOAT: (2) Becky Aumiller – Brian Aumiller
MARK BOAT #1 (WHALER): (2)
MARK BOAT #2 (WHALER): (2)

BARTENDERS: (3)
KITCHEN (PURCHASING & PREP) / GRILLS: (4)
Grant Martin (Grill cleaning)
CLUB CLEANUP: (3) Mary Alderman
AWARDS & MEMBER RECOGNITION (AWARDING OF "FOUNDER'S CUP"):
(3) Commodore Mary Alderman, VC Jerry Gates, PC Phil Fry
2024 CATTAIL REGATTA VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY R/C BOAT: (4) Bill Davidge – Tom Thanasiu – Phil Fry
PRIMARY MARK BOAT: (2) Becky Aumiller – Brian Aumiller
MARK BOAT #1 (WHALER): (2)
MARK BOAT #2 (WHALER): (2)
BULKHEAD / RECOVERY: (3)
CATALINA 22 AWARDS & MEMBER RECOGNITION
(AWARDING OF "BRUCE SONDYS MEMORIAL TROPHY"):

(3) Commodore Mary Alderman, VC Jerry Gates, PC Phil Fry



Jolly Roger Sailing Club Sailing Schedule Spring/Summer '24 (Rev. 1/24/24)

9/19/24 9/26/24

Opening of the Docks at JRSC	5/11/24
Member Boat Launch Days*	5/18-19/24

Thursday Night Ottawa River Racing

5/23/24
5/30/24
6/6/24
6/13/24
6/20/24
6/27/24
7/4/24
7/11/24
7/18/24
7/25/24
8/1/24
8/8/24
8/15/24
8/22/24
8/29/24
9/5/24
9/12/24

2024 Regatta/Race Schedule

Cattail Regatta (Ottawa River/Lake Erie)	6/1/2024
Bruce Sondys Memorial Regatta	6/2/2024
Carson Cup (Hosted by JRSC)	6/16/2024
Pinkley Cup (Hosted ORYC on Ottawa Rive	7/11/2024
Fall Series Regatta (Ottawa River/Lake Erie	8/24/2024
West Sister/Buccaneer Race (Lake Erie)	8/31/2024

Learn to Sail - Adult Sailing Course

Session 1 - Orientation	6/3/2024
Session 1 - Graduation	7/22/2024
Session 2 - Orientation	7/29/2024
Session 2 - Graduation	9/23/2024

Member Boat Pull-Out Days	10/12-13/24
Closing of the Docks at JRSC	10/19/2024*

^{*}Tentative - based on weather

"Ladies Fun Bunch Lunch"

Wednesday,
April 10th, at Noon
Contact Judy Owens
to RSVP and for more info....

419-367-7759 15170magi@gmail.com

Shorty's 5111 Monroe St,

Toledo, OH 43623



"Lunch Bunch"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

AT 11:45AM

CONTACT BILL OWENS FOR MORE INFO AT 419-367-7759



Trapperz

13780 S Dixie Hwy, LaSalle, MI 48145

April 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



UPCOMING EVENTS.....

JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, April 9th, 7pm

JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, April 10th, see newsletter for details

JRSC-Jollys Got Talent, Saturday, April 13th, 5pm

JRSC-Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, April 17th, see newsletter for details

JRSC—Captain Ron Trivia, Wednesday April 17th, see newsletter for details

JRSC-Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 23rd, 7pm

JRSC—Cinco De Maya/Casino Night, Saturday, May 4th

JRSC—Dock Opening, Saturday, May 11th

JRSC—General Meeting, Tuesday, May 14th, 7pm

JRSC—Fun Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, May 15th TBD

JRSC—Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, May 22nd TBD

JRSC—Boat Launch Days, Saturday/Sunday, May 18 & 19th

JRSC—Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 28th, 7pm

JRSC—Cattail Regatta, Saturday-Sunday, June 1-2

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

April 2024

Its time....Foxy is up for sale. She will be available for viewing in the spring. 1995 19' Seaward Fox, with trailer, dodger and bimini. Asking \$5000, without the outboard. 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





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





The club still has an Xcite for sale. Fair condition, \$400. Please see Phil, Jan or Neil for more info.



From the Editor

Diane Silas

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Cut off date for the May 2024 edition will be April 26th.





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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Cornhole League 7pm	5	6
7	8	General Mtg7pm	10 Fun Lunch Bunch	11	12	13 Talent Show 5pm
14	15	16	17 Capt Ron- Trivia 6pm Lunch Bunch	18 Cornhole League 7pm	19	20
21	22	23 Board Mtg 7pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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May 2024

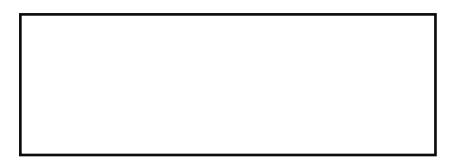


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jun	Non	lue	1	2	3	4 Cinco De
						Maya
5	6	7	8 Fun Bunch Lunch	9	10	11 Dock Opens
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 General Mtg 7 p.m.	15 Lunch Bunch	16	17	18 Launch Day
19 Launch Day	20	21	22	Race Night	24	25
26	27 Memorial	28 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30 Race Night	31	

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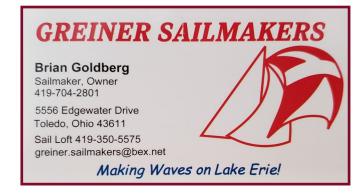
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MEMBER OF I-LYA and AYC









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