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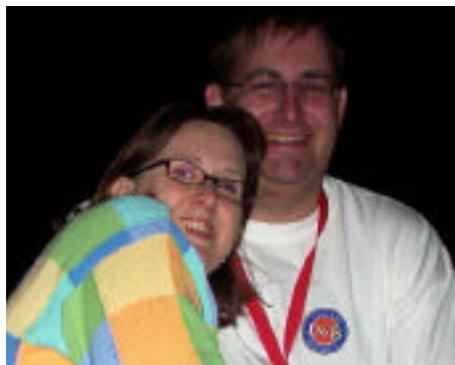
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JPYC's Annual Jazz Fest was well attended this year. The jazz group, featuring Art Guntrie was enjoyed by everyone who braved the cool evening to listen to this outstanding group and vocalist. The evening began with an excellent meal and continued into the night. Members and guests brought out coats, blankets and did what they had to be comfortable, enjoying the music. The final take--it was successful and guests are looking forward to next year.



From the Bridge

Ahoy Members!

JPYC and The Lake Michigan Federation have again joined forces to have a clean the beach day, on Saturday Sept 18. Bill Diana is our coordinator and he tells me that this year we are doing 63rd St. beach, beginning at 9am and finishing at noon, with a cookout at the club afterwards. If the weather is favorable you might consider offering a short sail to some of the volunteers, it's a good way to introduce someone to sailing and JPYC hospitality.

I believe the menu will be of the Wednesday evening variety, burgers, chicken breast sandwiches, for the usual cost.

So meet at the 63rd St. beach, plenty of parking, at 9 sharp. Usually the alderman shows up, so it would be nice to have good JPYC contingent.

—Regards, David Dobbs

The Economics of Sailing at Jackson Park

It is sometimes said that a sailboat is a hole in the water into which you throw money. Not necessarily so. Sailing can be an economical and fun summer pastime. To help determine the bottom-line cost of maintaining a sailboat in Jackson Park Harbor, we need some assumptions. First, we assume sailors are fun loving people, interested either in racing or parties or both. Their first essential expenditure is membership in the Jackson Park Yacht Club at \$500 per year.

Second, we assume the yacht under analysis is a 30-foot sailboat moored in a slip at Jackson Park for six months of the year and stored on land for the other six months. The assumed value of the boat is \$30,000. Annual boat depreciation and interest foregone on the owner's investment are two major expenditures for the sailor. Assuming a 6% annual depreciation/foregone interest rate, these costs come to \$1,800 per year.

Slip rental cost is around \$2,300 for the summer if the sailor is a Chicago resident, \$2,800 for out-of-city residents. Winter storage costs vary greatly ranging from around \$900 to over \$1,200 depending on whether the boat is stored inside or outside, mast down or mast up. Shrink-wrap runs another \$600 or you may choose to cover the boat with your own tarp. Yacht club members can have their masts stepped at the Club for \$40 each way and stored for the winter for \$35.

Annual maintenance includes winterizing the engine and water system, changing the fuel filter, and charging the batteries. Sailboat bottoms need to be painted and sails cleaned and repaired every few years. You can hire these chores done for around \$600 per year, or do them yourself for the cost of materials.

Since the wind is free, your only transportation cost comes if you run the engine. One cruiser this summer reported that for a 30-day cruise, his boat consumed 25.5 gallons of diesel during 92 hours of engine operation, for a total cost of \$51.19. Not bad for a 662 mile trip.

What is the bottom-line cost for a year of sailing at Jackson Park? The total annual cost ranges from five to seven thousand dollars, depending on how much of the work you do yourself and how you store your boat in the winter. The enjoyment you get from the experience? Priceless.

Jane Leuthold

Sailor and once-upon-a-time economist

Heading for Cleaner Water (Continued)

* The 1990 Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments strengthen the links between the Federal and Coastal Zone Management and water-quality programs to enhance management of land-use activities that degrade coastal waters and habitats.

* The 1987 Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act (MARPOL) prohibits disposal of plastics at sea, and sets garbage-dumping restrictions. Vessels 26 feet or longer must display a placard detailing these.



Heading for Cleaner Water

Sailors everywhere need to be aware of their responsibilities as users of the planet's waterways and oceans, and being apprised of the laws governing waste disposal makes for a good start. The year 1998 was designated the International Year of the Ocean, a program that prompted the reauthorization of existing legislation and laid the groundwork for new regulations and programs. Here's a partial list:

* The reauthorization of the 1990 Clean Vessel Act/Pumpout Grant Program stipulates that state funding be provided for private or municipal marinas to build Pumpout Stations and Dump Stations. In Connecticut, funding for this program comes from consumer purchases of fishing supplies and motorboat fuel. Participating marinas may be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of their costs, but may charge no more than \$5.00 for Pumpout Service.

* According to the Vessel Sewage Discharge Program, a state can have all or portions of its waters designated as "no-discharge zones" for vessel sewage to protect aquatic habitats where pumpout facilities are available, to preserve special aquatic habitats or species; and to safeguard human health by protecting drinking water intake zones.

* The Clean Water Act was adopted to protect human health and the aquatic environment from disease-causing microorganisms, which may be present in sewage from boats

* The Beaches Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act of 2000 established protective health criteria for marine recreational waters. It includes comprehensive state beach water monitoring and notification programs.



Calendar

Fall Work Party - TBA

JPYC Annual Halloween Party

Chicago Police Marine Unit 312-742-5495 OR 5496

A n n o u n c e m e n t s :

JPYCers,

The Chicago Police Marine Unit is sponsoring a fundraiser for the family of Officer Vince Zajac, to take place on Sept 19th. Donation is \$50.00 per person.

It's a cruise on the Mystic Blue from Navy Pier at 5pm, returning at 9. Dinner drinks and music, for a good cause. Phone number to call is 312-742-5494,5,6 Please tell them you're from JPYC, I'll see you there.

Regards,

David Dobbs, Commodore



Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 9-12

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Song to Help Disabled Sailing

London UK

Some of the proceeds from sales of a CD featuring a song about sailing are to help raise awareness of disabled sailing.

Sailing is one of the sports featured in the Paralympic Games which take place in Athens this September, and to mark the occasion, UK singer/songwriter Peter Brodie has released a CD with 10 tracks including 'Summer Breeze', a ballad about going sailing. For every copy of the CD sold during 2004, Brodie is donating one US Dollar to the International Foundation for Disabled Sailing (IFDS).

IFDS is the body responsible for disabled sailing around the world, including sailing for people with physical disabilities, blindness, deafness and learning difficulties, and covers all aspects of sailing including recreation, training and racing. The money will go towards ongoing international projects, such as developing and updating resources to provide accessible venues for disabled sailors worldwide. IFDS is responsible for sailing at the Paralympics.

An A4 colour poster with details of this project is available to download at www.peterbrodie.com/downloads/poster.pdf for you to put up in your club-house or at events.

The song can be heard at www.peterbrodie.com together with details of how to order the CD, which is available from a US online CD store.

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JPYC Gets New Computer

The club will be purchasing a new computer for the office. It will allow us to run all of the programs we need and would last us for quite a long time. Frank Witosch will acquire the Dell and has found us a fantastic deal.

Fall Work Party

Saturday, October 23, 2004

Plan to attend and help put the club to bed for the winter. We will begin at 9:30 am. We will focus on the gutters. Jimmy Webb has received costs on the porch awning. The awning is in need of work and alterations which will be ready in the spring. Kitchen cleaning will also be done. The kitchen will be painted this year.

Nominating Committee

Frank Garner is heading the JPYC nominating committee this year.

**Saturday
October 30, 2004**

**Stay-tuned
for the
Annual JPYC
Halloween
Party**