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From the Bridge

By Commodore Mary Avellone

Spring is finally here and soon boats will begin their yearly pilgrimage to the harbor for the season. Your newly elected Board and Bridge have been working very hard over the winter to assure in these uncertain times the sustainability of the amenities and services you have grown to expect from our club.

We warmly welcome new Directors Deb Farino, Ken Harris, Igor Pismensky, Paul Thompson, Jr., as well as new Membership Secretary Cherie Parker, new Vice Commodore Dennis Hansen, new Rear Commodore Steve Pittman, and new Treasurer Brenda Murzyn. We thank Immediate Past Commodore Wanda Robertson, Recording Secretary Vonnie Nelson, and Directors Boyd Jarrell and Ernie Coleman for their continuing service to the Club.



I will mention just a few highlights. The Security Chairs (Ernie Coleman and Paul) have been working with Membership (Cherie) to update the security key card system's database. The Entertainment Chair (Ken) has developed a packed season of events with an eye toward making them pay for themselves. House (Boyd Jarrell) is working on a plan of continual upkeep, completing finishing touches on prior projects, and is checking on the continuing health of our gin pole. The Galley Chairs (Igor and Deb) have arranged for the Terrace Grill to do our weekend breakfast/lunch and some Grill Night features.

Treasurer Brenda, the Bridge, and the Board are working on strategies for getting and keeping ourselves in good financial shape including financial reports for committee chairs and some belt tightening/expense reduction shifts (such as the outsourcing of the Galley service). Fortunately we do not expect any major expensive repairs soon.

You are now reading the first issue of the Foghorn edited by our new Foghorn Editor, Jane Leuthold. The IT committee of David Dobbs and David Ward has a new office computer to install. Jan Hansen, our Race Committee chair and Fleet Captain is set to go with the J-105 Match Races, Lutz Regatta, Tri- and Bi-State return legs, our very own Wednesday night Beer Can Races, and a Fall Frostbite series. The Sea Scout Ship Neptune under the leadership of Johann Hudson has arranged a fabulous Mother's Day Brunch, a limited count fundraiser event, to be served by our uniformed Sea Scouts. Get your reservations now!

I feel very confident in your Board and committee chairs and I am proud and pleased to work with each of them. Do make it your business to involve yourself with at least one of the committees, beyond a single event. We are only as good as the level of volunteering. If you are a member, you are a volunteer.

I look forward to the season and greeting each of you as you complete your spring pilgrimage to your summer berth and to our Jackson Park Yacht Club.

Sea Scouts Have Busy Winter

By Dick Snow

Our Sea Scouts turned out to man the Chicago Sea Scout booth at the Strictly Sail Boat Show and also worked on assembling a wooden dory from a kit manufacturing company. Seven scouts from the elementary school crew and five scouts from the high school crew worked on the boat with supervision from Dick Snow, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Kelly, and Betty Holcomb. It turned out to be a wonderful experience and a lesson in teamwork.

In January our Sea Scouts presented a pancake brunch at the First Unitarian Church. A record 51 people participated. The scouts netted \$400. Thank you to the devoted leaders who organized the event, Johann Hudson and Mrs. Alicia Scott. The money helped pay for 8 scouts to go on the Chicago Council's ski trip to Wisconsin on M.L. King Day. Only one of the scouts had ever skied before. They were escorted by leaders Dick Snow and Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Kelly, both teachers at the O'Keeffe elementary school, which our younger scouts attend.

This just in from Cap'n Johann: Our Sea Scout Ship's 2007 first place winner Venetian Night entry "Riverview" was selected by

High School Sea Scouts applying epoxy



the City of Chicago's Dept. of Tourism to headline their Venetian Night webpage. This special honor would never have been possible without you the members of Jackson Park Yacht Club. You have the best scouting program in the city!

Don't forget us when making your **Mother's Day** plans. We promise our brunch to be one first class event.



Sea Scouts at first ski lesson.

SEA SCOUT SHIP 5212 INVITES YOU TO A
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
AT BEAUTIFUL
JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB
6400 SOUTH PROMONTORY DRIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

BRUNCH SERVED 9 A.M. UNTIL 11 A.M.
ENTERTAINMENT 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON

ONLY \$24.00 PER PERSON

Menu
Prepared by our own
Chef Reginakl Rush
(aka Captain Reggie)

Spinach, Cheese & Veggie Quiche
Eggs Cooked to Order
Bacon
Turkey Sausage
American Fries
Grits
Pancakes
Fruit Cups
Hot Biscuits
Whole Wheat Toast
Coffee
Milk
Orange Juice & Apple Juice

Your payment confirms reservation.
Cash and checks only. Make check payable to Sea Scout Ship 5212
For tickets contact Daryl (773) 684-5522 or Johann (312) 497-5831
THIS EVENT WILL BE SOLD OUT SOON!

**Thanks Sea Scout leaders !
You're the best!**

Check out the Sea Scouts at:
<http://www.venetiannightchicago.us/>

Frostbite Regatta

By David Dobbs with pictures by Steve Pittman

November 16th was a notch above freezing and mostly cloudy with 15 knot plus winds shifting between west and northwest. The good news was we had flat water in Jackson Park Outer Harbor, just the thing for a small boat regatta.

There were 4 teams entered – Belmont Y.C., Burnham Park Y.C., Columbia Y.C. and the event host Jackson Park Y.C. The regatta was sailed in FJ Club boats, 14 foot centerboard dinghies, provided by JPYC. The regatta got under way just after 11 am. During the practice time, Belmont team decided that the wind was a little beyond what they were comfortable with and retired.



The first race was a learning experience with the teams getting a feel for the boats and wind conditions. After that it was trying to sail fast without going over. Only one boat went over and the 3 teams were sailing fast. I had never seen a sailing dinghy leave a wake, but they did! Jackson Park was represented by two teams Dennis Hansen & Stan Hill and Peter & Brian Hastings.

Time was called for lunch and the racers and thirty or so spectators headed inside to warm up. The JPYC catering volunteers provided a buffet feast of chili, brats, hot dogs, salads, soup, and more. This was after they had provided coffee, Danish and more for breakfast.

Back on the racecourse after lunch, Burnham and Columbia were tied, and Jackson Park was within striking distance for a big comeback. It didn't happen! As gracious hosts do, we let our guests win. Columbia was first, Burnham second and Jackson Park third. (Now, if you believe that any racing sailor would let another win, I have a bridge over the Chicago River I'd like to sell you.)

Jackson Park YC really enjoyed hosting the Frostbite Regatta, and we look forward to the next time we host the Frostbite.



Annual Winter Formal and Awards Ceremony

Pictures by Steve Pittman, Text by Steve, Mary, and Jane



Saturday, January 10th had been snowy and the night wind was bitter cold. But inside the Willowbrook Ballroom, hors d'oeuvres were being passed and the liquid poured. A little more than 50 brave souls gathered to cheer the winners, great and grate, and enjoy dinner featuring sautéed breast of chicken and grilled filet mignon tips. With the awards handed out, folks graced the dance floor with the stroll, slide and a few other moves that are nameless (and should no doubt remain that way).

For their service to the Club, several members were recognized at the Annual Awards Ceremony. Wanda Robertson received a Weems and Plath paperweight clock and burgee as Past Commodore. Retiring Board members, who served their full terms, Stan Hill, David Ward, Eric Jensen, Pam Rice, and Ted Graves, each received a Weems and Plath clock paperweight. Additionally, Mike Rummy, Yassim Namdar, and Matt Clifford received special recognition for their many hours of behind-the-walls work; both were awarded a paperweight clock.



A special honor went to Fleet Captain Jan Hansen who was selected as JPYC Yachtsperson of the Year. As Fleet Captain and Race Committee chair, she has added energy and pride to the racing program and represented JPYC with a reputation as a go-to person in the Chicago area racing community for her organization, knowledge and ability to deal with sometimes oversized egos with both grace and firmness. In addition to the Wednesday night series, she made the J105 regatta grow, added a Bi-State leg to the Tri-State weekend series, hosted the Lutz Regatta, coordinated the CYA Frostbite Regatta, and initiated a refuse recycling program and the auction-fundraiser dinner part of the J105 Match Series. Jan is shown here in a dress of Burgees flags made by Leslie Travis. Thanks and congratulations, Jan.

Boat of the Year Awards went to Andale in the Spinnaker Fleet (skipped by Richard Baumann) and to Mr JJ in the Jib and Main Fleet (skipped by Gerald Lesak). Each received a Ship's Bell Trophy and a plaque with their racing results listed. Other participants in the racing program also received plaques listing their results. See page 5 for the race results.

The Grate Sailor Award went to Paul Thompson for inadvertently putting water in his fuel tank. Sorry about that, Paul.



Finally, Johann Hudson, David Dobbs, and Harlan Delsy received special recognition by the Race Committee for their tireless work readying the Flying J's for the Frostbite Regatta. They were each awarded a Weems and Plath paper weight clock with the burgee.

Racing Results JAM Section**Tesara**3rd Twilight #4**Tail's Dragon**2nd Twilight #2**Zorina**2nd Twilight #3**Simple Justice**1st Hot Dog #2, 3rd Lunar #1**Night Watch**2nd Hot Dog #1, 2nd Hot Dog #3**Unknown Lady**1st Hot Dog #4, 2nd Lunar #1,3rd Lunar #2, 2nd Lunar #3**Mise en place**3rd Hot Dog #1, 2nd Hot Dog #2,3rd Hot Dog #3, 3rd Hot Dog #4,3rd Twilight #1, 1st Twilight #2,3rd Twilight #3, 2nd Twilight #4,2nd Lunar #2**DeDa's Toy**1st Hot Dog #3, 2nd Hot Dog #4,2nd Twilight #1, 3rd Twilight #2,1st Lunar #1, 1st Lunar #2,3rd Lunar #3**Mr JJ**1st Hot Dog #1, 3rd Hot Dog #2,1st Twilight #1, 1st Twilight #3,1st Twilight #4, 1st Lunar #3

The Grounds Committee Experience

By Jan and Bob Craven

Bob and I have been the "JPYC Groundskeeper's" for two years, and are now planning for our third season. Feedback from club members has always been positive and encouraging. Many state that they also love to garden and appreciate our attention to the beautification of the club. We both enjoy nature, the "creative outlet", and digging and weeding are really fun and therapeutic!

I receive comments, inspiration, and questions about the plantings almost every time I am in the vicinity of the urns, pots or baskets. Comments range from, "I liked last year's pink ones better" to "Can you eat the cabbage plants?", and always, "Will these come back?" The focus on the plants is easy maintenance and aesthetic appeal, with a heavy emphasis on survival. We really appreciate the members (you know who you are...) that report that they "poured a few coffee-pots of water" on the deck's hanging baskets, saving them from certain death. Bravo!! Keep it up. Members, feel free to grab a vessel or hose and save them, too!!

The technical report is the north wall bushes have thrived and continue to climb; the east side wall perennials are being "tamed" and updated. The "east lawn bush row will eventually buffer and camouflage the mast storage area.

We are looking forward to an upcoming season of fun-filled flowers, vines, and grasses.

Information Technology Committee

By David Dobbs

The IT Committee consists of a small group of members and is chaired by David Ward. We are responsible for the club's computers, Wi-Fi system, the building security system, and the club's website.

Our project this year is to install a weather station and to link it to the website. That way any member could check the site and find out what the real conditions are in our part of the lake. We are also considering installing web-cams and linking them to our website.

Wireless internet is available in the Clubhouse and harbor to members for a one-time fee of \$25. They need to supply us with their machine's MAC address. We only allow valid members access to our network.

Anyone interested in joining the committee or with a question can contact David Ward or send an e-mail to jpyc@sbcglobal.net.

Race Results Spinnaker Section**Mischief**3rd Twilight #1, 2nd Twilight #2**Providence**2nd Hot Dog #2, 1st Hot Dog #3,3rd Lunar #2**Pepperke**2nd Hot Dog #3, 2nd Twilight #1,3rd Twilight #2, 1st Twilight #3,2nd Twilight #4, 1st Lunar #1,1st Lunar #2, 1st Lunar #3**Andale**1st Hot Dog #1, 1st Hot Dog #2,3rd Hot Dog #3, 1st Hot Dog #4,1st Twilight #1, 1st Twilight #2,1st Twilight #4, 2nd Lunar #1,2nd Lunar #2, 2nd Lunar #3

Selling Your Boat?

By Cherie Parker, Membership Chair

Turn it into a fund raising opportunity for the Club. If a member wishes to sell their boat and chooses to enlist Mariner Network to help them sell their boat, the company will then give our club 10% of their commission from selling it. There is a place on the contract for the member to put our Club and the Mariner Network takes care of the rest. They even have an office in our area, just up the river where many members dry dock their boats. I've spoken with one of the owners inquiring about this and he was very pleasant. Their website is:
<http://www.themarinernetwork.com/>.

Galley News

From Deb Farino and the Galley Committee

The Galley Committee has been meeting together to prepare our galley for the 2009 boating season. We are working with The Terrace Grill to provide food for our Saturday/Sunday Buffets, Grill Nights and various other club events. Dates for Grill Nights and details on how to utilize the pre-paid food assessment will follow in the June Foghorn.

We want to expand on the enhancements to the Galley in 2008 and give you a well run, enjoyable galley experience that you have come to expect. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to help accomplish what has been done so far. Remember, the Spring Work Party is May 16th. See You There!!!!

New Member

By Cherie Parker, Membership Chair

Our first new JPYC member of the year is Robert Maloney. Bob has actually been in our harbor for a couple of years and has now become one of us. He has a 34 ft. Hunter, "Knot-a-Clew" out on a mooring. Introduce yourself to Bob and welcome him to the Club.

Coming up in April and May

April 18	Spring Bash
May 3	St. Jude Breakfast
May 10	Mother's Day Brunch
May 12	Members Meeting
May 15	Submission Deadline for June Foghorn
May 16	Spring Work Party
May 24	Opening Day Ceremonies
May 30	Galley Opens and Popcorn Parties Begin

Thanks to all the JPYC Volunteers who contributed to this issue of the Foghorn: Mary, Steve, Dick S, Johann, David D, Jan H, Jan and Bob C, Pam, Deb, Cherie, Ray, and Ken. It takes a village! Submit your stories, photos, and news by May 15th for inclusion in the June Foghorn.

Jane Leuthold, Foghorn Editor