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JPYC Summer Now in Full Swing

By Deb Farino, Igor Pismensky, and Jane Leuthold

Whether your summer starts with JPYC Opening Day (May 24), the Summer Solstice (June 21), or on the Fourth of July, summer has now officially started at JPYC. Members have been enjoying breakfast buffets on the weekends, Friday potlucks and movies, Wednesday club races, Saturday Socials, the Island Party and Blues Fest, and a special Fourth of July Grill Night.

The Saturday/ Sunday Breakfast Buffet is in full swing and is quite successful. Thanks to all who are regularly supporting the galley and for all of your positive e-mails and comments on how much you're enjoying Chef Mario's weekend specials and the other tasty dishes that he and his staff prepare. If you haven't been able to enjoy the galley yet, make a point of setting aside some time for a great meal. Remember, you can use your pre-paid account to pay for the breakfast buffet. Parking is available on Promontory Drive for your guests and relatives to join you on the terrace for a delicious meal. A special thanks to Eunice for lending Lila, Mario's wife and partner in the Grill, a hand on Father's Day. As always, Eunice keeps JPYC a warm and inviting place to spend time with her gracious personality. Lila is pictured to the right with some of their delicious pastries.



A rainy Fourth of July did not dampen the member-organized barbeque. Johann and Yassin raised a large tent in front of the Club and strung a mizzen sail from the deck, both of which provided rain protection for the large crowd that brought meat to grill and a side dish to share. Among the highlights were Johann's marinated Cornish game hens and Pam's special pork spareribs. The party moved upstairs where the good food and conversation made for a fun-filled night. The Club, decked out with its mizzen sail awning is pictured on the left.

The JPYC Island Party featuring "de" Hurricane Band took place on Saturday June 13th. The revelers were treated to jerk chicken and catfish, garden salad, steamed cabbage, plantains, fresh fruit, and dessert. As this Foghorn goes to press, Club members and their guests are looking forward to the Blues Fest on Saturday July 11. Dinner, which follows a social hour, includes a choice of steak, salmon, chicken breast or burger, dessert, and beverage. The music of Snatch will serenade the harbor and hopefully inspire some dancing.

A Grill Night is scheduled for Saturday July 25th after the Saturday social around 6:30. The \$15.00 payment is accepted in cash or credit card, or as a \$12.00 prepay plus \$3.00 cash. The menu will include a choice of steak, chicken, or fish, green salad, side dishes, rolls and butter and dessert. Hope you can join us!!

Which is the JPYC Burgee?

By Commodore Mary Avellone



In recent years I have noticed print and paint images of our burgee that were not quite our burgee design. Lately the sightings have appeared more frequently. The faux flag has been elongated, or with the white chevron not quite in the right place, too thick or thin, or some other slight difference from the design of our burgee. This might be due to artistic license, oversight, printing limitations, or not knowing. This issue first arose for me with the embroidered appliqués on some of the clothing items a couple years ago--with the reversal of white and blue parts of the image. Oops! I think now these just might be valuable collectors' items, like misprinted stamps.

I came to discern some of the small differences in burgee design when I sought to identify all ours from other clubs several years ago. I initially misidentified a few. So, I did a little research about the JPYC burgee. (It is hard to stop an old academic). I found a highly technical description of the club burgee in the Club Bylaws posted on <www.jacksonparkyachtclub.org>:

“Article X CLUB FLAGS AND UNIFORMS

Sec. 1 The burgee of the Club shall be a pointed flag, blue field, the hoist being two thirds of the fly. The device shall be a chevron in width one-fifth that of the signal, the two arms of which rest on the sinister and dexter bases of the field (the inner sides or points of the arms rest at extreme hoist). The center of the width of the chevron at point shall be one third the length of the signal from its head.”

A bit cumbersome isn't it? I have not yet deciphered all the flag-makers' language in our Bylaws, but several things are clear. The burgee is not a long narrow one. It has a 2-3 proportion from base to height of triangle. The inner points of the chevron arms rest at the hoist, the part attached to a halyard, on the extreme edge of the blue field. The chevron width cannot be too skinny or too fat—just right. Its point ends a little more than 1/3 the length of the burgee.

For fun, I found some yacht club burgees bearing some resemblance to ours. Can you pick out which one is for JPYC? One in particular, James Island YC in South Carolina, is quite similar to ours. At times I have seen what is displayed as ours look like JIYC's, not JPYC's. Let's try to reproduce an accurate image of our burgee, not to be mistaken for another club's! Is the Foghorn burgee right?

See Page 6 for the answer to the burgee quiz.

The Galley Committee needs volunteers to help set up, grill, and clean up for Grill Night on Saturday, July 25th. There is a signup sheet on the Club stairway bulletin board. Just leave your name and what you are available to help with and we will contact you. Thank you in advance.

June Cruising on Lake Michigan

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold

We always cruise Lake Michigan in June. This year we left from Jackson Park Harbor, crossed to New Buffalo, and sailed up the coast of Michigan as far as Frankfort. We returned by the same route, a cruise of approximately 500 miles and 24 days. To the left is the lighthouse at Big Sable.



Why do we cruise in June? Some of the advantages of June cruising include:

1. You will be the only cruiser on the Lake. No Mac racers, Catalina groupies, or families with school kids to clog the harbors and fill the slips. There is no reason to make a restaurant or slip reservation in June. You will be all alone on the Lake and in the ports.
2. You will have the opportunity to break-in the new dock hands, to teach them how to fend off your boat, how to fill the fuel tank, work the pump-out, and secure the lines. You will also find them eager to help, not yet alienated by other boaters determined to "break them in."
3. You will have lots of days in port so you can accomplish all those boat chores. June weather is blustery and unpredictable, reducing the number of sailing days. Our burgee flies in Grand Haven in the picture to the right.



4. You will learn how to motor against the wind. When you leave JPYC in early June, you will be nose into the northerlies of early June, and when you head back to home port in late June, you will be nose into the southerlies of that time of month.
5. You will get to wear your long johns, since air temperature is not far above the 40 degree water temperature. We wore parkas much of the time in the northern part of the Lake. Ray in his parka is shown above.

Living so close to nature and the Lake when you cruise is a transforming experience. The views of the great sand dunes, the light houses, and the people you meet are memorable in whichever month you choose. And you learn a lot about yourself when you cruise. I began writing as we went; I even wrote a poem. So we encourage you to cruise, however much time you have and in whatever month that is available to you.

Select your own month and have a great time cruising on our beautiful Lake Michigan. It is special in any month. The light house at St Joe (above left) at sunrise on the morning of our crossing home tells it all. Pam, Robel, and Ava welcome us home (left).



The Harbor that Never Sleeps

By Art Smith (Shalom)



May 30th was a beautiful day. My daughter, Heather, and I had motored Shalom down the Calumet River without having to dodge around a tow barge. That was a first! Everything on the boat was working fine and the wind was out of the West so there was flat water going into Jackson Harbor. You couldn't have asked for more beautiful conditions of wind, sun, and water.

We secured Shalom and called it a day. That evening, I made one of my regular evening visits to the harbor. When I pulled into the parking lot, I noticed a sailboat sitting in the channel just beyond A dock. There seemed

to be two or three crew members rocking the boat. They were aground. Evidently our summer flamingo wasn't in place marking the shallow water. (We know where it was! See above.) I watched for a few minutes figuring they would get off the shallows by themselves.

Shalom was resting nicely at her mooring. Everything else in the harbor was secure. I noticed the security guard going over to A dock. I thought to myself that maybe she would do something for the sailboat stuck in the shallows. How silly of me. She was off A dock in a moment and on with her rounds. I finally realized that no one was going to do anything so I headed for the Clubhouse.

Upstairs the usual cast of characters was there, including Mayor Alpha Ray Thompson. I asked AI if he wanted to rescue some sailors. Together we went out on the porch to look things over. The crash boat was not in the water yet, and neither of us had a power boat to pull the boat off the sandbar. In a flash, AI had the solution: "All they have to do is take a line with their dingy to that closest buoy. Then they can pull themselves off and use their motor."

AI and I walked out to A dock and shouted instructions across the water. After a few minutes, one of the crew got into the dingy and began to row toward the buoy. Suddenly his dingy stopped. They did not have enough line. We shouted again to use whatever they had, maybe even the main sheet. Finally someone found enough extra line and the dingy rower got to the buoy. The crew started to pull and the boat slowly pointed toward the buoy and deeper water. Just then a convenient East wind puffed up.

Again AI shouted, "Pull up your sail. Pull that line and gun the motor." One, two, three, and they were off the sandbar and heading out of the harbor. With nary a wave or a shout, they were heading for home. Next time those folks come back, they might want to say thank you to the night watchers and the helpers in Jackson Harbor - the Harbor that never sleeps.

Another Burgee for our Collection

By Commodore Mary Avellone

To the right is a photo of the burgee I received from Prince William Sound Yacht Club, Cordova Alaska, the home port of s/v Clair de Lune and our visitors Judi and Ed Clair. The burgee represents an orca whale "sailing" the waters of Prince William Sound. The actual burgee will be added to our collection in the club.



Security ... Security ...

By Security Committee Co-Chairs Paul Thompson and Ernest Coleman

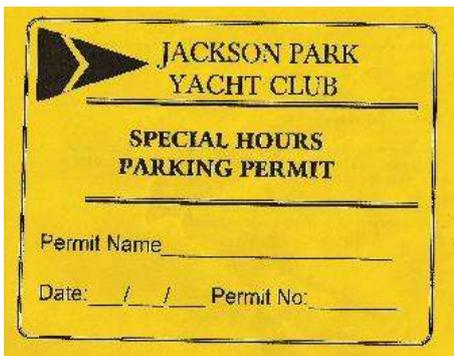
It is a familiar phrase, spoken just before the guys in uniform come rushing in. Unfortunately, we don't quite have guards always at the ready! Security is a function in which all club members and boaters must participate. While we do have uniform security guards on patrol from 9pm to 5am daily, that leaves most of the day unpatrolled. This means we need to be on the lookout for suspicious and dangerous situations. Here are other ways we can all work to keep our harbor safe.

Remember:

- If you open it... close it. If you see it openclose it.
- Don't let unfamiliar people into the club or onto the docks.
- Make sure your parking gate key is visible and hanging from your rearview mirror.
- We have successfully made arrangements with the 3rd District Chicago Police Department to allow guest parking on Promontory Drive after the 11 pm parking curfew. If you need to park on the street after 11 pm, please call the Club Steward or a Security Committee Member (in advance), Ernest Coleman (312) 259-3773 (pictured below) or Paul Thompson (773) 371-817, to obtain your pass, which looks like the one below.
- Lockers that haven't been paid for will have the locks cut off of them.
- For the sake of boaters who fold their sails on the front lawn, please do not let your dog into that area.
- Incident forms are available from the steward or members of the security team to report any suspicious, dangerous, or questionable acts or conditions.
- You may also call Tom Snooks (Westrec) 312.617.7937 and do not hesitate to call 911 for serious matters.

There has already been one incident where a man posing as Westrec employee executed a scam to get money from one of our members. Fortunately, twenty dollars was all that was lost. This is a testament to... "If it seems fishy.....It is!"

The security committee would like to welcome all boaters to the 2009 boating season and remind you to be alert to incidents that might be dangerous to yourself and other boaters. Remember keeping our harbor safe and secure is up to all of us. So consider yourself Deputized.



Sea Scout Volunteers Race Night

By Sea Scout Leader Edmond Gueringer

Accepting the invitation from the JPYC Race Committee for Sea Scout volunteers to help staff the Race Committee Boat on Wednesdays, Scouts Daren McCormick and Keith Davis had unexpected added adventure during the June 24 race. These two Scouts joined Janet Hansen our Race Committee Chairperson on the Club's Whaler. Daren (red shirt), Janet, and Keith are shown in the picture to the right. Janet treated the Scouts to a high speed cruise during the race before repositioning to mark the finish.

While out on the water they were visually hailed by a boat in distress and stopped to give aid. The powerboat, which had lost power, refused Jan's offer of a tow to Jackson Harbor but was given information on who they could call for assistance to get them back to Diversey.



Janet welcomed the young men's help saying "They were wonderful." Afterwards, these intrepid Scouts, walked home a few blocks south near the O'Keefe School, which they attend. The young men, thrilled by their adventure, are looking forward to volunteering again very soon.

Coming up in Late July and Early August

Wednesdays	Club Races
Fridays	Potluck/Movies
Saturdays	Breakfast Buffet Saturday Socials
Sundays	Breakfast Buffet
July 25	Grill Night
Aug 1	Submission Deadline for August Foghorn
Aug 1-2	30 th Annual Raske Race
Aug 8	Jazz Fest
Aug 15-16	Judd Goldman
Aug 15	August Foghorn

Thanks to all the JPYC Volunteers who contributed to this issue of the Foghorn: Mary, Steve, Art, Paul, Ernest, Edmond, Deb, Igor, and Ray. Submit your stories, photos, and news by Aug 1 for inclusion in the Aug 15 Foghorn.

Jane Leuthold, Foghorn Editor

Answers to the Burgee Quiz on Page 2: Jamestown Island Yacht Club (left), Jackson Park Yacht Club (center), and Stonington Harbor Yacht Club (right)

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