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## JPYC Opening Day 2009

Jackson Park Yacht Club celebrated its 113<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, May 24, under sunny spring skies. Members gathered at 10:30 am for a continental breakfast and then collected on the lawn for opening day ceremonies. Honored guests included Mr. Bradley S. Hinken, the Commanding officer of the Coast Guard Station at Calumet Harbor, and Chicago Police Department 3rd District Commander Lillie Crump-Hales (both pictured with Commodore Avellone above). Other honored guests included Harbormaster Joe Williams and Westrec Representative Marlon McClinton (right). Past Commodores Truitt, Gratt, Garner, Dobbs, Hill, and Robertson, all in dress uniform, graced the ceremony. New Senior Members Bill and Iris Bestow were presented (right).



Commodore Mary Avellone welcomed members and asked Former Commodore Stan Hill (pictured below) to give the invocation. This was followed by the presentation of the colors by the Sea Scouts and the singing of the National Anthem led by Marilyn Hoglund.



Bridge Officers placed a wreath in the harbor in memory of members who died in the past year and in honor of the men and women serving our country in the Armed Forces. With particular sadness, we marked the deaths of three club members in the past year, Charlotte J. Jones-Kopence, Edgar John Wolms, and Cedric L. Chernick. See pages 4 and 5 for articles remembering these members.



Members of the Bridge and Board were presented their burgees. Immediate Past Commodore Wanda Robertson presented Commodore Mary Avellone with the Commodore's Burgee (pictured right with Fleet Captain Jan Hansen and Sea Scout Leader Reginald Rush). This was a particularly important day for Commodore Avellone, her first as JPYC Commodore.

Following the blessing of the fleet by Commodore Mary Avellone and Fleet Captain Janet Hansen, and the firing of the cannon by Bart Hoglund, members enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Mario and Lila Gandarilla of the Terrace Grill. Thanks to Ken Harris and Eunice Jackson-Lyle for organizing the event.



Fleet Captain Jan Hansen conducted the fleet review in which a record number of boats participated. Daryl Jones, Club Steward, observed that this was a wonderful day and that he liked the boat parade best.

## Mother's Day Brunch

Photographer Edmond Gueringer

An archway of pink balloons and lights framed the Sea Scout Classical Chamber Orchestra at the recent Mother's Day Brunch on May 10th at Jackson Park Yacht Club. Sea Scout Angela Mayweathers welcomed the Mothers and guests and the fun began. Sea Scouts in dress uniform seated and served guests and prepared a splendid buffet for the mothers.

Sea Scout Leader Johann Hudson pictured below worked with the Sea Scouts polishing, organizing, arranging, ordering, practicing, and cajoling for weeks in advance of the event. Johann complained that throwing a party is easy, but organizing a fundraiser is hard work! Pink balloons filled Johann's house as he learned (with the help of YouTube) how to construct an archway of balloons and lights. Sea



Scouts washed windows, practiced kitchen chores, including cutting fruit and serving food. According to Johann, you learn a lot about others and about yourself in preparing for an event like this.

Guests were seated at tables laid with white table cloths with cloth napkins tucked in napkin holders, silverware, and flower arrangements. The flower arrangements seen below were graciously donated by Cornell Florist, 1645 E 55th Street, Chicago. Two Mother's Day banners commemorating the event decorated the walls above the fireplace and alcove. The Sea Scout Chamber Orchestra, consisting of Rowan Cunningham (cello), Sylvia Glauster (flute), Bennett Hensey (piano), and Sea Scout Celia Hensey (piano) entertained guests throughout the brunch. Celia is pictured playing below.

Chef Reginald Rush seen to the left prepared the delicious food -- spinach, cheese, and veggie quiches, bacon, sausage, pancakes, grits, and Reggie's famous biscuits. Chocolate dipped strawberries crowned the meal. Chef Rush gave the grace, giving thanks for the birth of all mothers, without whom there would be no life. Thank you Chef Rush.

Famous mothers in attendance included Commodore Mary Avellone, Past Commodore Wanda Robertson, and Eunice Jackson-Lyle, second mother for all club members. In fact, three generations of the Robertson family were present, Wanda, her daughter Tamara Stanford, and granddaughter Jeánette Stanford. Several Sea Scout mothers were proudly in attendance as well. All mothers at the brunch, famous and otherwise, enjoyed a wonderful day thanks to the Sea Scouts.

Thank You Sea Scouts!

## Spring Bash a Bash

By Rosemary Snow

From the balcony of the Jackson Park Yacht Club Saturday Night April 18, the calm waters of the harbor showed streaks of yellow from the lights on Lake Shore Drive and patches of red and green from the traffic lights. The air was refreshing after the winter cold and filled with the high-pitched calls of gulls. Inside about 30 people enjoyed the first social pot-luck of the new season, renewing friendships, anticipating the new season and griping about rising storage costs. The Club's members brought jambalaya, pizza, fruit, apple salad, pilaf, fish coleslaw and cake. Ted Graves is pictured to the right enjoying the party. Thanks to the arrangers and those who came and brought food.



## Workers Unite!

By Jim Valek

The JPYC Spring Work Party took place on a beautiful May Saturday. Many long-term JPYC members contributed, as did some newer members. Boyd Jarrell (BJ), Chair of the House Committee, organized the workers.

Projects included painting the front of the building, benches, picnic tables, tremendous work to improve the bathroom facilities, general cleaning including dusting the plentiful sailing trophies in the great hall, window cleaning, planting flowers, and installing new baseboard on the first floor.

Jan H, Wendy and Eunice (pictured in the galley window) shared the galley duties, putting out a delicious spread of grilled sausages, chili, salads, and desserts. Members had a difficult time pulling themselves away from the lunch tables to get back to work.

An incomplete list of workers included: Stan, Wesley, Ray, Jane, Joe, Jerry, Cherie, Dick, Jim, Bill (pictured raking), Jan C. (pictured with trowel and dog Taffy), Robert (seen mowing) and Craig (with hammer below).

Some projects were left unfinished---volunteers are encouraged!! Thanks to all who attended. JPYC gets better each year!



## We Remember



Charlotte Jones-Kopence was a boater and an active member of Jackson Park Yacht Club for nearly 50 years. Charlotte joined JPYC in 1959, and was awarded Senior Membership in 1989. As a member of the Club, she was Editor of the Foghorn 1988-90 and was named Yachtsperson of the Year in 1991. She also served with Sylvia Greim as Club Historian and as Secretary for the Lake Michigan Yachting Association. Charlotte died peacefully on April 29, 2008, at the age of 86. She will be missed and remembered for her many contributions to the Club.

His sloop Wanderer, moored on B Dock, was a favorite hangout for Edgar Wolms. He had a passion for sailing and for his boat. According to Club Steward Daryl Jones, Edgar knew just how he wanted his mast raised and where everything belonged on his boat. For this reason, Daryl always called Edgar by the title "Captain." Al Thompson was a particular friend of Edgar's, taking him and his wife Venetia sailing and for rides on his jet ski. Edgar passed away on January 22, 2009, at the age of 81. The Captain will be missed.



Commodore Cedric Chernick was an important part of the history of Jackson Park Yacht Club. With his wife, Judy, they sailed their 33-foot sailboat, Punch, both for pleasure and competition for many sailing seasons. He won numerous trophies in Club races and in regattas sponsored by Area III of the Lake Michigan Sail Race Federation and the Midwest Open Racing Fleet. Cedric and Judy later replaced sailboat Punch with a powerboat, also named Punch.

Cedric served the Club in many capacities, most importantly as Commodore in 2001-02. The Club benefitted from his firm hand. He believed in rules and order, reports, and tightly run meetings. Many Club members remember when Cedric awarded the Yachtsperson of the Year award to Club Member Alpha Ray Thompson, bringing some closure to a conflict between two important Club members and showing Cedric as the true yachtsperson that he was.

Since his retirement as Commodore, Cedric represented the Club at harbor planning meetings and worked on a revision of the bylaws. Cedric joined the Club in 1974 and became a Senior Member in 2004. He died on April 14, 2009. We remember and miss him.

## One Commodore Remembers Another

By Past Commodore Frank Garner

When I became Commodore in 1997, I attended my first Commodores' Meeting, which was held at the Southern Shores Yacht Club. I was amazed to learn that the three southern harbors were represented by the Commodore of the Southern Shores Yacht Club. When the opportunity presented itself, I introduced myself as the Commodore of the Jackson Park Yacht Club and informed everyone that I would be attending all future meetings to represent the Jackson Park Yacht Club. I did not intend to have Jackson Park Yacht Club represented by another yacht club again!



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## One Commodore Remembers Another *Continued from Page 4*

By Past Commodore Frank Garner

Before the next meeting, I asked Cedric Chernick if he would join me at the Commodores' Meetings, to help me represent the Club. I had hoped that if I could not make a meeting, Cedric would attend and be recognized as a representative of the Club. Cedric agreed, but was by no means the silent partner I had expected. Cedric was a very vocal participant in the meetings, making his opinion well-known. Between the two of us, Jackson Park was very forcefully represented.

I appreciated Cedric's comments because they gave a broader Club view than mine alone would have. Between the two of us, we had a distinct advantage over the other clubs because our views were much more well-rounded and comprehensive. Did I appreciate Cedric's presence? Yes I did! By the time Cedric was Commodore in 2001, he was an old vet at these meetings. Jackson Park Yacht Club was very well represented during those years.



### My Friend Cedric Chernick

By Past Commodore Stan Gratt (pictured to the left delivering these remarks at the Opening Day Ceremony)

Cedric Chernick was my friend. I want to tell about some of the things we did together. We met 30 years ago at a JPYC Board Meeting. Two things became clear: Cedric was a devoted club member who wanted the club to succeed and he felt that Board meetings should be run by the book. In those days, Board meetings were less structured than one would expect at a yacht club. For the next 30 years, Cedric set the standard for the correct way to run our meetings.

Cedric devoted 30 years to Club activities. During this time, he made us more sensitive to the needs of individual club members. Cedric helped pave the way for the diversity we have today.

Cedric was a stickler for Board protocol. At one time, Jim Webb, Bill Hackel, and I were interested in establishing a Junior Fleet dinghy program. Columbia Yacht Club was having a fire sale on their old sailing dinghies. We did not want to miss an opportunity to buy these boats and, without authorization, bought the boats for JPYC. Cedric didn't find out about the purchase until the next Board meeting when he had just returned on a red eye flight from England. I thought I ran into a buzz saw at that meeting. It took many months to make amends for our purchase. However, the fleet of those boats is still available today for our young sailors. The longevity of the fleet has much to do with Cedric's insistence on communication during the fleet's conception. I will miss my friend.

Excerpt from Past Commodore Stanley L. Hill's Opening Day Invocation: We ask Your presence at this our 113<sup>th</sup> opening day of Jackson Park Yacht Club and for the blessing of our fleet. We thank You for the beauty of the earth and the mighty waters that surround the land and lie within it.

## Galley Committee News



By Committee Co-Chairs Deb Farino and Igor Pismensky

The Galley Committee, with the help of several other JPYC members, has been busy preparing the galley for the 2009 season with a deep cleaning of the kitchen, repairs, and maintenance of appliances. New additions to the galley this year include donations of a freezer and a convection microwave oven.

The Galley Breakfast Buffet will begin its weekend schedule on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 2pm. Mario and Lila Gandarilla of the Terrace Grill will be our caterer. We are confident they will provide a delicious variety of dishes like you have come to expect, with some surprises in the mix. We can't wait to try something new!

Details of how the pre-paid system works have been explained in a letter that you can find in the members section of the JPYC website, but here is more info. When you arrive, check in with the Galley hostess who will have a sheet for you to sign noting your type of purchase and payment method. The galley committee will keep track of your pre-paid usage and can let you know when you're almost out. You can use your pre-pays for the buffet on Saturdays and Sundays, continental breakfast, sandwiches/chips to go, and Grill Nights.

There will be a new twist to Grill Nights this year. Theme menus such as Italian and Steak Night will be featured. An announcement will be posted in the Clubhouse to inform you of each theme. Grill night dates are: June 20th, July 25th, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and September 26th. The price of grill night is \$15, of which \$12 can be paid from your prepaid account and \$3 paid in cash at the time of the event. Mario will be cooking, but volunteers to help set up and clean up the dining room are needed. Talk to Igor or Deb to sign up.

We are grateful for all offers of help. We love volunteers!!! We extend a special thank you to Johann Hudson and Ken Harris for their help to ready the galley. Also, thanks to Committee members Wendy and Diane for all of their advice and direction.

## Membership Committee Report

By Chair Cherie Parker seen in the photo at Opening Day

The Membership Committee met Thursday, May 21, to prepare this year's member cards and yearbook addendums. We also discussed ways to increase membership.

We will be hosting two Saturday socials this summer. One is to invite nonmember boaters in our harbor to see what JPYC is all about, encouraging them to consider membership.

We would like members to help by talking to those on your docks (or the dinghy docks) that you know are not members and encouraging them to join. Also, if members have friends that like to boat with you, please encourage them to become Associate Members.



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## Membership Committee Report *Continued from page 6*

By Chair Cherie Parker

The second will be to welcome our 2009 new members. We have several new members already this year. Two new members this month are Joe and Maureen Karr (pictured here at Opening Day), whose boat is Tupence. They live in Oak Forest and have a teenage daughter who may be sailing with them. Joe was observed at the Work Party cleaning one of the dirtiest spots in the Clubhouse – the top of the men's lockers. Thanks, Joe! The other new member is Thompson (Tommy) Browning who lives in Chicago. He is new to the harbor and has a power boat, Private Stock, on A-dock. Welcome.



Membership committee members include: Janet Fogelson, Jon and Kathy Dopkeen, Wanda Robertson, and John Parker. I can't thank them enough for laminating all the member cards for this season, sorting and stapling of yearbook addendums, stuffing of envelopes, discussion of membership recruitment ideas, and creation of a member recruitment flyer. It was a beautiful evening to be out on the deck working and talking. Things got done more quickly than anticipated with all their help.



### Mast Steppin'

Spring is the season for stepping masts, the expertise of JPYC Club Steward Daryl Jones. Daryl has been stepping masts at Jackson Park harbor for five years. According to Daryl, he has learned a lot. At first, he thought it would be easy, but he found that there is a real skill to stepping masts. He has no idea how many masts he steps in a season. He doesn't count.

It takes Daryl 45-60 minutes to step a mast, depending on the seas, size of mast, size of boat, and experience of the crew. The charge to Club members for stepping a mast is \$40; the charge for non-members is \$3.50 a foot. So for a forty foot mast like ours, Club members pay only \$40 while non-members have to pay \$140. This is a real saving for Club members and for non-members alike. To have this done at Crowley's would cost over \$400. So if you are going to have your forty foot mast stepped and un-stepped each year, you save \$750 per year by being a Club member rather than using Crowley's for mast stepping. You ought to think about joining the Club if you haven't already.

**Thanks, Daryl, for all your good work!**

Daryl is available for mast stepping Wednesday through Saturday 10 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am until 3:30 pm. Daryl is not paid by the mast; stepping masts is part of his regular assignment. So tips to Daryl are much deserved and much appreciated.

## Weekends at the Club

By Commodore Mary Avellone

Friday and Saturday nights at the Club are jumping. Friday night is Potluck/Movie Night and Saturday night is the Saturday Socials and occasional Grill Nights. Come join the fun.

Every Friday night (virtually) there are movies and potluck at JPYC. Showings are at about 7:00 in the winter and 8:00 in the summer. Very occasionally there is a TV program, important game, or a great discussion instead of a movie. You never know what you are going to get.

It is now run rather informally -- no one is officially in charge of the movies for Friday. We would welcome such a person or several to be "in charge" so that selections can be posted on the web ahead of time. An informal de facto "committee" has evolved. Currently Pam usually sets up the projector etc, and Ted often brings movies, but there is actually potluck both on the food and the movies.

The movies can be oldies, come from a personal collection, or rentals such as Netflix. It is a great hangout and "cheap date" on a Friday night when you are pooped after a week's work and want to relax among friends. Sometimes there is a terrific rich spontaneous discussion about the movie after the viewing, such as that after "The Reader."

We usually vote on the movie selection, and since we often have adult themes, we adjust what we view based on the audience for the night and if there are children.

Saturday Socials are summer only events. They begin around 5 pm and bring together sailors, cruisers, and partiers for conversation and not a few boating tales. Host and hostess volunteers provide snacks and appetizers. The sunset provides the entertainment. Saturday Socials resume in June --- and extend through the summer. They usually draw a crowd. Volunteers are needed to bring snacks. Sign up on the sheet at the top of the clubhouse stairs. See you there.

### Coming up in June and Early July

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Club Races</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Potluck/Movies</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet Saturday Socials</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Island Party</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Grill Night</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Submission deadline for the July 15 Foghorn</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Blues Fest Lutz Race MORF Roundup</b>

**Thanks to all the JPYC Volunteers who contributed to this issue of the Foghorn: Mary, Steve, Edmond, Johann, Rosemary, Jim V, Frank, Deb, Igor, Stan, Cherie, and Ray. Submit your stories, photos, and news by July 1st for inclusion in the July 15 Foghorn.**

**Jane Leuthold, Foghorn Editor**