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From the Bridge

By Commodore Mary Avellone (Hot Flash)

Here we are in mid-March. In just a few weeks boats will begin to fill our harbor. In the last Foghorn issue I promised a more detailed report on the productive JPYC Bridge-Scott Stevenson January meeting. Your ideas are important! Your concerns formed our agenda. Here are the highlights.

We will continue to have use of the slip for the Whaler, the south wall under the gin pole, the west wall between the B & C docks, and the FJ storage area. There are plans for an E dock with a long ramp before the slips begin at the south end of the harbor, eliminating the star dock. Scott supports the idea of a low floating dock attached to the shallow end of E dock which may be built in 2011 or later. It could be a home for the FJ's. Land around the clubhouse that the JPYC uses (club house, ice house, mast storage areas) should be kept neat and clean by us.

Scott said floating bathrooms would be installed 2011 or later. They would probably include four stalls and a harbormaster office and be placed on a 44x22 foot barge in the first east slip on the north side of B dock. Each stall would include a head, sink and shower. One would be wheelchair accessible. It would not be open to the public. The portable outhouse would remain for park patrons. The present



Mockup of Floating Heads

Harbor Master Office would remain. He invited us to see the one installed in Montrose Harbor. It has a ridged metal roof and cupola. It is about 18 feet from the water to the top of the cupola.

There was some discussion about appropriate gating and security for the proposed bathroom barge and for those on B dock. Scott would like to avoid having two gates, and envisions use of a fob had by all boaters in the harbor.



Mary enjoying Grill Night last August

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Dennis and Steve, both slip users, felt that that would not be secure enough for the B dock boaters. This issue has not yet been finalized. If members have constructive ideas, please bring them to the bridge. Scott agreed to install 2 more ladders, one between B & C and one just east of C. He also agreed, though reluctantly, to install a life ring between B & C since the water is quite deep there. He indicated there is no precedence for installing life rings along the Chicago lakefront or harbors, and he was concerned it would walk. The designated touch-and-go wall between A & B docks will have signage indicating it as such.

Scott agreed that there would be "no casting" signage for along the north side of the channel at the harbor entrance, and to attempt to shift the channel further south by dredging to avoid the fishermen's lines. He also agreed to remove some of the mooring spots at the south end of the harbor which are vulnerable to fishermen's snags there.

The harbor entrance will be dredged this year from 8 to 11 feet. Flamingo Beach will not be dredged this year. The underwater hazard by the pump out will be removed. Reflective tape will be placed on the buoys marking the perimeter of the navigable channel.

Scott denied future plans to remove moorings from Jackson Park outer harbor, or to further expand dockage beyond the E dock. He regards yacht clubs as being among his constituents and as such sees himself as supporting their existence to the park district and city. He said there were no plans for yacht club at 31st St. because that was not the role of a public project.

Scott is OK with the plan to schedule a harbor dive by Atlantis Dive Club. We expect Joe Williams to be the harbor master, though this may change. Scott agreed that that Harbor Master staff would be available at our club Opening Day.

We thank you, members, for bringing your concerns to us. The Bridge will be checking with Westrec on the progress of these issues.

In the off season, Steward Daryl Jones has work, but no set hours. In season, his hours are Wednesday to Sunday 10-6. Please honor his off hours. He checks the general voice mailbox daily throughout the year. In season, he also checks the mast stepping mailbox daily. If you need to reach him, leave a message in the appropriate voice mailbox and he will promptly return the call. 773-684-5522

JPYC 2009 Yachtsperson of the Year: Brenda Murzyn

By Commodore Mary Avellone (Hot Flash)

There are a number of reasons the name of 2009 Yachtsperson of the Year may come as a surprise to you. It's a surprise because we do not see her at her work. She often toils into the wee hours. She is not loud, bombastic, or pompous, though she does love a good party. The work she does for JPYC is not exciting, but its ramifications bear on the very existence of our club, as we learned so clearly this past year.



**2008 and 2009 Yachtspersons of Year
Janet Hansen and Brenda Murzyn**

There are also things about our Yachtsperson of the Year that might surprise you. In our club of mostly sailors she is power boater, captain of SeaRay 34, *Captain and Cook*. The biggest surprise of all is that—word has it from reliable sources—she wants to learn to sail.

Brenda graduated from Indiana University and earned her JD degree from Northern Illinois University. She has a busy real estate law practice in Naperville. She took on the treasurer's position about a year ago with a goal of presenting accurate and useful reports to the board, creating greater transparency and accountability. An attorney, not an accountant, she learned QuickBooks from her own office staff and re-categorized the entries, a huge task—all on her own dime (actually much, much more than a dime). She continues to hone the reports making

them something the board actually uses to make meaningful decisions and budgets as they did for the annual financial planning this past fall.

You may still wonder what the big deal about our treasurer was in 2009—how was that year different? Here are a couple of highlights among many. Shortly after her inauguration as treasurer, she was confronted with some serious issues. She responded by repeatedly calling and spent hours--and I do mean hours--on hold waiting and talking to the IRS and State Revenue offices to discern just where the club was with our reporting to them, and with our financial status, often only to find out that the advice received from a previous call was incorrect. To add to the frustration, our computer at that time often took over an hour just to bring up the needed programs. In tackling these huge challenges, Brenda brought grace, wit and diligence to her tasks of delivering bad news to the bridge and board, wasting no time in addressing the issues to rectify them. Her capacity to nimbly size up the situation, inform the bridge, and develop an action plan may well have saved the club from some very serious consequences.

Congratulations to Brenda Muzyn, our 2009 Yachtsperson of the Year.

Strictly Sail Booth



JPYC Burgee

Article and Photos by Cherie Parker (*Dippy K II*)

An important Club activity this winter was our Strictly Sail booth at the Strictly Sail Chicago Boat Show January 28-31. Paul Thompson did a stellar job with a new backdrop and new pictures. We flew the club burgee high atop the area on a flying J mast! It could be seen from just about everywhere in the show. Paul also set up his "steering wheel" as our version of Jackson Park Yacht Club Wheel of Fortune.

We gave out coupons for music-only tickets for our events, discounted mast stepping, candy, and a few brunch coupons. Steve Pittman created a new slide show of our members at various events. In addition, if anyone showed an interest in potential membership, we gave them a shopping bag with our club logo on it. This is leading up to an Open House we are having on March 20th.



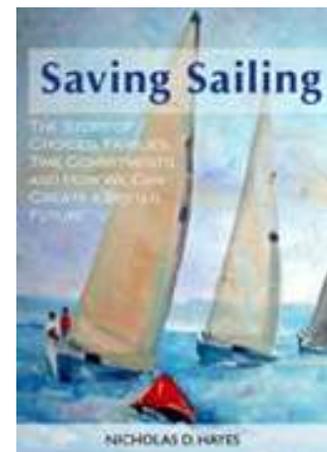
Strictly Sail Booth

The Future of Sailing

By Paul Thompson III (*Mise en Place*)

It is no secret that there has been a significant decline in boating in recent years. Sailing has been especially hard hit. According to Nicholas Hayes in his new book, *Saving Sailing*, participation in sailing is "down more than 40% since 1997 and 70% since 1979." This trend presents our Club with the difficult challenge of attracting and retaining members from a shrinking pool of boaters.

We have invited author Nicholas Hayes to a special event at JPYC on Tuesday April 13th, 6-8 pm, before the Board Meeting, to discuss his work and engage us in a meaningful discussion on the topic. An excerpt from Hayes' book can be found online at <http://www.savingsailing.com/Home/Excerpt.html>.



Galley News

By the Galley Committee, Deb Farino and Igor Pismensky

After a long winter, we are pleased to announce the JPYC galley plans for the 2010 boating season. The good news is that Mario and Lila Gandarilla have agreed to cater the Weekend Brunch and Special Events. Mario promises to serve our favorite food items, but will surprise us with a variety of new specials and dishes for the menu.



Mario in the Galley



New Pot Rack

The Galley officially opens May 29, 2010. Days and hours for the Weekend Brunch are Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 2 pm. Last season the prepaid system was a great success and we will be using it again this year. The Weekend Brunch is \$12, while the continental breakfast, breakfast buffet for children under six, and sandwiches are each \$6. Prepays can be used towards grill nights (\$12 plus \$3). Lila will keep track of your prepaid balance and notify you when your balance is low.

The House and Galley committees are working together to further improve the galley. Johann Hudson has installed a pot rack above the work station; Igor Pismensky has rearranged and organized the shelves and cookware. Both of these changes will make the galley a more efficient work space.

Plans are in the works to replace the floor tiles behind the bar and buffet table in the dining room. We are recruiting the Sea Scouts to help clear the space before Jim Webb and his crew to lay the tile. Everything is moving forward nicely.

Membership Update

By Membership Chair Cherie Parker (*Dippy K II*)

JPYC has two new members: the first are actually past members, Robert and Judy Fouts. Robert is a past JPYC Commodore from 81-82. The Fouts were members for approximately 20 years, leaving in 1998. They now live up in Escanaba, Michigan, and continue their love of boating there. Bob and Judy have rejoined as Non-Resident members. They welcome members up to their area by "land or sea", and hope to make a trip down to get reacquainted with us.



Membership Chair Cherie Parker

Our second new member is Karen Harris. Karen is a resident member, sailing with Diane Jaderberg on *Amore del Mare*. Karen reports that she wants to become active with the Sea Scouts. Diane is changing her membership to Associate Member.

Racing Results 2009

Unknown Lady (David Ward)

3rd Spinnaker HD3

December's Child (Dennis Hansen)

3rd JAM Twilight 3

Ms Ann (Ernie Coleman)

2nd JAM Lunar 1

Sandpiper (Bart Hoglund)

1st JAM Lunar 2

Panacea (Harlan Delsey)

1st JAM Twilight 3

Sloop John B (Lisa Jewell)

3rd JAM Lunar 2, 3rd Spinnaker Twilight 4

Simple Justice (Stan Hill)

3rd JAM HD1, 2nd JAM HD3

Mise en Place (Paul Thompson)

2nd Spinnaker Twilight 1, 3rd Spinnaker Twilight 3

De Da's Toy (Ted Graves)

2nd JAM Twilight 2, 1st JAM Twilight 4

Mischief (David Travis)

3rd Spinnaker Twilight 2, 2nd Spinnaker Lunar 1, 3rd Spinnaker Lunar 2

Tail's Dragon (Boyd Jarrell)

2nd JAM Twilight 3, 2nd JAM Twilight 4, 1st JAM Lunar 1

Witchcraft (Jim Webb)

3rd Spinnaker HD4, 1st Spinnaker Twilight 2, 3rd Spinnaker Lunar 1

Mr. JJ (Gerald Lesak)

3rd JAM HD2, 1st JAM HD3, 1st JAM Twilight 2, 2nd Spinnaker HD4

Night Watch (Jack Lyle)

2nd JAM HD1, 1st JAM HD2, 3rd JAM HD3, 3rd JAM Twilight 2, 3rd JAM Twilight 4, 2nd JAM Lunar 2

Pepperke (Frank Wittosch)

2nd Spinnaker HD3, 1st Spinnaker HD4, 1st Spinnaker Twilight 3, 1st Spinnaker Twilight 4, 1st Spinnaker Lunar 1, 1st Spinnaker Lunar 2

Andale (Dick Baumann)

1st JAM HD1, 2nd JAM HD2, 1st Spinnaker HD3, 1st Spinnaker Twilight 1, 2nd Spinnaker Twilight 2, 2nd Spinnaker Twilight 3, 2nd Spinnaker Twilight 4, 2nd Spinnaker Lunar 2

Congratulations Boats of the Year

JAM Spinnaker Overall	Night Watch Pepperke Andale	Jack Lyle Frank Wittosch Dick Baumann
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Skipper Jack Lyle



Celia Hensley receiving 2009 Sea Scout of the Year Award

Sea Scout of the Year

By Sea Scout Leader Johann Hudson (*Robert Smalls*)

Sea Scout Celia Hensley received the Sea Scout of the Year Award for 2009. Celia received the award for volunteerism and courage.

Hot Flash on Hot Flash: Part II

By Commodore Mary Avellone (Hot Flash)

Part II on Engine Overhaul is the continuing story of our Commodore's three year struggle to get her Tartan 27 yawl, Hot Flash, back to the harbor. Hot Flash is currently on the hard at Rentner Marine, but Mary remains ever-hopeful.



Atomic 4 Engine (Not Mary's)

I began to think that since I had access to my engine, I would overhaul, clean, and paint it. It had been running just fine. Feeling full of myself, emboldened after passing the US Power Squadron course in engine maintenance, and making nightly visits to the Moyer Marine website (indispensable if you have an Atomic 4), I cautiously and very slowly took most of engine apart excluding the head.

Though it had always worked, my starter was not recognizable inside, like a pile of damp rust ready to fail. I exchanged it for a rebuilt one. I rebuilt my mechanical fuel pump, installed a new oil pressure adjuster, choke cable, and several mechanical gauges. I cleaned out the crud from the water jacket, carburetor, and exhaust manifold. I installed several doodads making hand adjustments possible and winterizing easier without removing the thermostat. I installed a Groco water strainer (a story by itself). I cleaned out my distributor and cap. With instruction from former auto mechanic, now English professor, Anne Balay (Sistership), I adjusted the valves of my L-head engine.

When the yard replaced the canted tank with the new level one, they reinstalled the old original vent hose. It was not rated to accept the alcohol now in gasoline. With the new configuration, the vent hose had a dip it so that fuel might sit in the hose. I reran new alcohol-rated hose through a bulkhead so there was no low spot in the run. That meant finding a brass bulkhead fitting and drilling a 1 1/8 hole...another story, as is the one to find double-barbed brass 3/8 inch elbows. I did it!

I removed external engine rust, primed and painted it, and all the parts before putting it back together, taking care to protect from overspray, etc., so the shiny brass freeze plugs can be found.

Several times along the way, to my surprise and theirs, the ever grumbling Rentners started the engine and it ran just fine. Actually they have been very helpful, snorting "What do you want to do that for?!" when I ran an idea past them. I think they took bets on whether it would start.

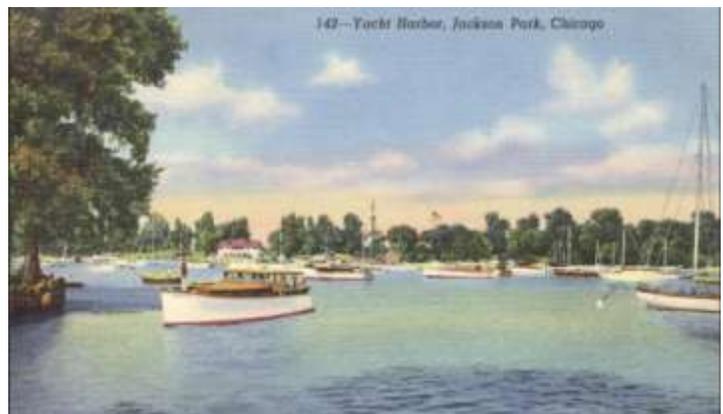
This brings me to the third huge project, even bigger than the first two. Without completing my initial projects, I embarked on yet another. I really need my head examined by a good psychologist! But for that one you will have to wait for the next edition of the Foghorn.

Reminder: make sure to keep your key card from last season to use this season. As long as you renew your membership, that card will be good for the coming year. Key cards are no longer issued every year. Should it be misplaced, there will be a \$10 fee to replace it. Contact Cherie Parker, Membership Chair, if you need a new card.

Thanks to Mary for her many contributions to this issue, thanks to Cherie, Deb, Igor, Paul, and Jan for their writing and photography, and to Mary and Ray for editing assistance. The Foghorn badly needs more reporters, photographers, and writers. Please volunteer by emailing Jane at <http://jpyc-foghorn@sbcglobal.net>. Locate past Foghorn issues at <http://sites.google.com/site/foghornarchive/>.

April-May Happenings

Fridays	Potluck and movie
Saturdays and Sundays	Breakfast Brunch Beginning June 5th
April 13	Nicholas Hayes 6-8 pm Followed by JPYC Board Meeting
April 17	Spring Bash/Game Night and Potluck 6 pm
May 11	Members' Meeting
May 15	Spring Work Party 10 am
May 30	Opening Day Ceremonies
June 1	Foghorn Submissions Due
June 15	June Foghorn



Thanks to Judy Chernick for sharing this historic postcard showing the Clubhouse in the background.