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## From the Bridge

By Commodore Mary Avellone (Hot Flash)

Half of the season is left—is that the glass half full? JPYC is pleased this summer to retain the services of Alex Jackiw until he begins classes at Loyola University. Alex's employment was made possible by the sharp eye of Paul Thompson III, who spotted stimulus funds available to non-profit organizations. Alex is an Eagle Scout and graduate of Brother Rice, where he was on the sailing team. He is prepared to help Daryl, and as an accomplished sailor, he will assist in boating matters such as assisting with set up of the Flying J's for members. If you have other tasks to ask of him, check it out with Vice Commodore Dennis Hansen, his supervisor.



Commodore Mary Avellone

On an entirely different matter, when the US flag is worn, faded or tattered, and no longer fit to fly, the question is, "What to do with it?" The garbage bin is not an option. An internet search yielded guidance and information. Federal law says it must be retired with respect. Traditionally this meant burning. The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, VFW, and American Legion posts have been the usual actors, developing short solemn ceremonies to do so. There are a variety of practices. Usually this meant cutting the stripes first, but not the blue field. Burying is also an option.



Navy Pier at the Start of the Mac

The traditional alternatives worked well when flags were cotton or wool. Now most are either nylon or polyester. The majority of US flags JPYC flies are polyester, which has a woven cotton look and feel, does not fade, and is durable. Burning nylon yields toxic smoke that some locations outlaw. Polyester

does not burn easily, requires lots of accelerant, and may be toxic. I have discovered another option, recycling the material. There is a flag making company in Wisconsin that collects flags for a small fee and arranges to have the material recycled. Jackson Park Yacht Club has ten retired flags. To me this felt like the best option. It is respectful to the environment, to the flag, and to the Country it represents. I hope you agree.

## JPYC Dads on Father's Day

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold (Optimality)



Frank Garner



Daryl Jones



Robell McMiller



John Parker

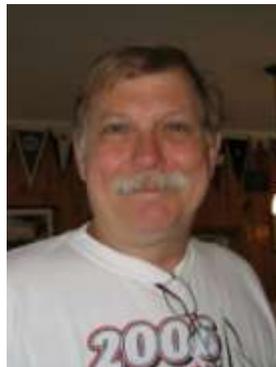
Lots of Dads and their admirers celebrated Father's Day at the Clubhouse with one of Lila and Mario Gandarilla's famous brunches. The menu included a choice of Chocolate Chip Pancakes with whipped cream and powdered sugar (displayed by Mario on the right) or Quesadilla with chorizo and salsa. Several Dads were observed ordering both.



Mario Gandarilla



Ray Leuthold



Jim Lett



Paul Thompson III

What a great Season the galley is having! Your support and positive suggestions have made the Weekend Brunches and Grill nights a huge success! Remember... Grill Night 'Italiano' on August 21st after the popcorn party. Galley Chair, Deb Farino-Stranc

## Club Swings Island Style

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold (Optimality)

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, marked the first JPYC party of the summer. Defying forecasts of thunderstorms, the sky cleared and a beautiful evening rewarded party goers with Island weather Chicago style. Beginning with appetizers hosted by Paul and Wendy Thompson, the Island Party continued with a delicious Island dinner of jerk chicken, catfish, plantains, and red beans and rice.

The Jamaican inspired music of the Dub Dis Reggae Band “all the way live” drew diners down to the lawn for listening and dancing. Thanks to Ken Harris for organizing and to Robell and Eva McMiller for serving and greeting. The Island Party was a great start to the summer season at Jackson Park Yacht Club.



**Ernie Coleman**



**Pam Rice**



**Dub Dis Reggae Band**



**Lives of the Party**



**Saxophone Player**



**Jack and Eunice Jackson-Lyle**



**Frank and Tess Garner**



**Jan Hansen**



**Bill Diana and Linda Petersen**



Gene McCarthy in Pororoa

## Lutz Regatta

By Race Committee Member David Dobbs (Tardis)

The Lutz Regatta was held at SA-3 north and east of the 4-mile crib on July 17, but preparation started two weeks earlier. Fleet Captain Jan Hansen organized the event, contacting Race Committee members and assigning tasks. Brenda Murzyn graciously offered her boat, Capt 'n Cook, as the committee boat. Paul Thompson's powerboat, Au Wana, served as a mark set boat and our whaler filled in as the other mark set boat. Steve Pittman secured the eleven anchors we needed for the race.

We departed for the start at 8 am. After the start of the first race, the wind shifted; we did a course change, and continued the race. For the second race the wind shifted again and increased to 5-6 knots. The whaler set up the windward end, but Au Wana developed engine trouble and the whaler crew had to set up the leeward end of the course. The race started without further ado and went very well. The whaler crew picked up all the marks and headed for home. It was a very successful regatta, around 60 boats from T-10s to a GL 70. Thanks to the hard-working members of the Race Committee who did a great job: Jan Hansen, Dennis Hansen, Erik Schneider, Brenda Murzyn, Steve Pittman, Robell McMiller, Mike Rummery, Scott Meyer, Leslie Travis, Robin Finlay, Sandra Baskin, Michelle Jarrell, Alex Jackiw, and David Dobbs.



Towing Rescue by JPYC Committee Boat

Consider joining our Race Committee. It is a lot of work, but it really is fun, no one yells at you, and you get a hat that says JPYC Race Committee, a hat that is respected in Area III racing. We have two more races to run this year and could use your help: the Bi-State race from St. Joe to Chicago on September 5 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the Tri-State Race from Michigan City to Chicago on September 6. It is thanks to our strong Race Committee that our Club enjoys a good race management reputation.



Downwind Leg



Rounding the Mark

## Blues Fest 2010

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold (Optimality)

Storms were forecasted for Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> threatening to ruin the Club's Annual Blues Fest. But thanks to Social Chairman Ken Harris' good weather charm, the evening turned out warm and balmy, a perfect Chicago night. Mellowed by Wendy Grave's and Jan Hansen's delicious spread of appetizers and a tasty grilled dinner by Mario and Lila Gandarilla, members gathered downstairs ready for an evening of the blues.



Big Time Sarah and her Band

Big Time Sarah with her four piece band entertained the gathered blues enthusiasts. The band warmed up the crowd, motivating a few couples to try their steppin'. Sarah then took over the stage, captivating the crowd with her old time down home blues singing. More dancers joined in and the music continued until eleven.

Big Time Sarah is Sarah Streeter. She was born in Coldwater, Mississippi, and moved north to the Southside of Chicago with her family when she was seven. She began her singing career in a gospel choir, later singing in the Chicago Blues Clubs. She has been singing for 36 years professionally, with performances around the world. Jackson Park Harbor was a Sweet Home for her music. When asked for his comment on the band, Steward Daryl Jones enthusiastically said, "They was bad."

## New Members

The Club welcomed several new members this year, thanks to the hard work of Membership Chair Cherie Parker. At a recent Grill Night in their honor, Cherie baked cupcakes for each of the new members. Shown below holding their cupcakes from left to right are Kevin Pobst with Mindy Null (resident members, *Lindisfarne*), Ava and G. Isaac Stanley (resident members, *Star of the Sea*), Mike Dumnars (associate member), and Sheila White Beckan (associate member).

Among other new members are Nathan Webb (student member), David and Teresa Campbell (associate members), Sean Oconnor (student member), Melody Oates (associate member), and Rodney and Angi Morris (associate members). The Morris family is pictured below at brunch on July 4<sup>th</sup> with their two sons, Christian and Austin, and mother Claire.



New Members at Grill Night



Morris Family July 4th Brunch

## Fast Start to the Mac

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold (Optimality)

Only 16 of the expected 76 guests on the Coast Guard Cutter Hollyhock showed up to watch the start of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Race to Mackinac on July 25. A bad overnight storm flooded major streets and threatened a stormy start to the race. Luck was on our side, and we got to view a fast start with 15-20 knot winds and smooth water. As soon as the contenders crossed the starting line, spinnakers were hoisted and the racers headed north. The 85 foot Beau Geste, representing the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, unfurled her asymmetrical spinnaker as she crossed the starting line and started flying. The Coast Guard Cutter clocked her with their radar at 26 knots. One Coast Guard crew member



Ray and Jane Leuthold on the Hollyhock

commented that the Cutter would not be able to catch Beau Geste at that speed.



T10 Section Start

Other excitement on board the Cutter occurred when two Beneteau 40.7s collided at the start. Rhumb Runner radioed the Coast Guard that they were taking on water. The Coast Guard declined Rhumb Runner's request to follow them to Crowley's, but dispatched a boat with pump and escorted them safely to the Chicago Yacht Club dock.

JPYC hosted seven boats: two in the Cruiser Class, which started Friday, [Mise en Place (Paul Thompson III) and Unknown Lady (David Ward)] and five in the Racer Divisions [Mischief (David Travis), Pororoca (Gene McCarthy), Providence (Gerald Miarecki), Witch-Craft (James Webb and Gary McDonnell), and Zorina (John Aquino)]. Congratulations to all the participants, particularly to the following who earned winner's flags: Gene McCarthy on Pororoca (1st in the GL70 Section), Jerry and Greg Miarecki on Providence (2nd in Section 9), and Paul Thompson III on Mise en Place (5th in the Cruising 1 Section). Many other JPYC members crewed, and Fleet Captain Jan Hansen was on the Mac Race Committee.



Witch-Craft and Providence moored at the finish in a photo kindly provided by Joel Bland

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Foghorn this issue. Articles and photos for the Foghorn are welcome. Please email your submissions to Jane at [jpyc-foghorn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jpyc-foghorn@sbcglobal.net). Binders with copies of the current Foghorn and a Foghorn Archive of the past five years are available in the Clubhouse for viewing there. An online copy of the Foghorn Archive is also available at <http://sites.google.com/site/foghornarchive/>.

## Out of the Fog

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold (Optimality)

A group of Club gossips recommended that the Foghorn feature a gossip column, so here it is. Since gossip often seems to come out of the fog, the column is so-named. In order to protect the innocent, only first initials will be used.



Replica of the Nina in a fog\*

Sea Scout Leader J drew cheers from the crowd assembled on the deck when he announced that he planned an October launch of the Robert Smalls.

While chasing a paper napkin blowing across the Clubhouse lawn, jumping wildly trying to land on the escaping piece of garbage, Foghorn Editor J tripped on her boat shoe lace. L came to her rescue, finally capturing the offending napkin before it could pollute the pristine waters of the harbor. L's husband, D, was overheard commenting, "It takes two over-educated women to catch a napkin."

Skipper K impressed Commodore M and Fleet Captain J when he re-located the sandbar near the reviewing stand during the review of the fleet on Opening Day.

In a rare opportunity to speak with President Obama at a luncheon she was catering, Club Member W discussed health care issues with the President. When he asked her about her views on the economy, W told him, "It stinks." W has never been known to pull a punch.

Commodore M recently fell in the gutter near Trader Joe's, accidentally spraining her ankle. A passing ER doctor from Northwestern ministered to M's ankle and walked her home. Does anyone believe this was an accident?

Mooring your boat in a slip near the Club House has its advantages and disadvantages. One disadvantage is that everyone gets to observe (and comment on) your slip arrivals and departures. Fortunately, no one was on the Clubhouse deck recently to observe R and J back out of their slip without releasing the stern line. Slip neighbor R is lucky he still has a boat. Mayor A, who observes everything, isn't talking.

In response to an email request from Commodore M, the cushions inappropriately stored in the women's locker room were removed. However, it was observed that the flotsam junking up the men's locker room appeared to increase following the email.

The Raske Race from Michigan City to JPYC featured a new rule this year – motors allowed. Skipper D finished first in his motor-sailor Recovery I but C and J actually won the race in Dippy K II based on the accuracy of the predicted and actual arrival times. Figure that.

Did one of the boats get lost on the Race to Mackinac? Ask Commodore M for the details.

\* A replica of the Nina was moored in Jackson Park Harbor following the Colombian Exposition of 1893.



## Corinthian Conviviality?

By Foghorn Editor Jane Leuthold (Optimality)

One of our Commodore's favorite phrases is "Corinthian conviviality." Interestingly, when questioned at a Friday potluck at the Clubhouse, none of the members present knew its meaning. Rosemary Snow said that in the beginning, it was only for men. Ray Leuthold contributed that there is a Corinthian Canal. Corinthian columns, the Corinthian Yacht Club, and the Greek city of Corinth were mentioned, but everyone was at a loss as to the meaning of "Corinthian conviviality."

Commodore Mary Avellone went to work and unearthed the following in defense of her use of the term: "Webster's Third International Unabridged Dictionary (1966) says one meaning of 'Corinthian' is a yachtsman or amateur sailor. So, 'Corinthian conviviality' would mean being in the warm, enjoyable company of fellow yachtspersons or sailors, or good times with a yachting or sailing vibe. It's in the By-Laws."

What do the JPYC By-Laws say? From *Article I Name and Purpose*: The object of the organization is for the social pleasure and entertainment of its members, and its purpose is to foster, develop, and encourage Corinthian yachting on the Great Lakes and inland waters and tributaries thereto, in the United States of America. So thanks, Commodore, for leading us in Corinthian conviviality. Club activities this summer have certainly put the term to practice.

## August/September JPYC Happenings

Wednesdays	Club races
Fridays	Potluck and movie
Saturdays and Sundays through Oct 3	Breakfast Brunch
August 14	Judd Goldman
August 21	Grill Night
August 28	Kids' Day/Bennett Cup
August 29	Extollo Cup
Sept 3-6	Bi-State/Tri-State Races
Sept 11	Commodore's Cup
Sept 25	Grill Night
Oct 1	October Foghorn Submissions Due
October 15	October Foghorn