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From the Bridge

By Commodore Mary Avellone (Hot Flash)

With a firing of the cannon, the 114th season has begun! Opening Day is one in which we look to the future as we honor those of the past who have made our present possible. At our fireplace now stands a proper Stars and Stripes we can be proud of, and long overdue. I thank Ken Harris, Jan Hansen and others who made the celebration and 12-boat fleet review happen. With an eye toward developing



Commodore Mary Avellone

potential, the board instituted an ad hoc Strategic Initiatives Committee chaired by Paul Thompson III, with Dennis Hansen and Ken Harris. They are charged with developing vision and strategies to insure a vibrant future for JPYC.

We are pleased to announce that two new ladders promised by Westrec were installed—one to the south end of the JPYC dock west of the clubhouse, and one on the west end of the mast stepping area. They protrude out beyond the plane of the dock posts, so take care when approaching to tie up to avoid hitting them. We are working toward addressing that situation with added girth and bumpers to the posts. We also received two life rings which we will install.

As soon as the last Foghorn was published listing the Westrec plans as outlined by Scott Stevenson in January to the bridge, we learned that some of those plans had changed, and some dates have firmed up. At the May members meeting, Scott laid out the current plan for Jackson Park Outer Harbor for the 2011 season. Scott said there is plenty of demand for 30+ feet slips. He reported that not all the mooring cans are taken, and that they were not all taken last year either. This differed from his report last year saying that they were all taken. By next season, he expects to rebuild A dock with a seawall, and rather than adding an E dock, to extend docks B-D by 3-5 slips out, reducing the number of mooring cans by twelve.

There are also explicit plans for the floating head and dredging out Flamingo Beach prior to next season. The dredging would facilitate location of a future sailing program that is being considered by Joey Harris, the Director of the Park District Sailing Program. Scott said he was open to alternate placement of the

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Spring Work Day May 15th

The boating season has begun! The Clubhouse has been reclaimed from the snow and winter storms, spiders have been routed, windows polished, weeds pulled, and the deck repaired.



Cherie Parker

A hard-working group of Club Members, led by House Chairman Jimmy Webb, armed themselves with mops, hammers, sanders, spades, and hoses to tackle what always turns out to be a somewhat messy, but fun, job.



House Chairman Jimmy Webb



Bill Bestow

The workers were fueled by coffee, donuts, and hot dogs, while the weather cooperated by remaining cool and clear. In the harbor, about fifteen boats bobbed in their slips. Steward Daryl Jones kept busy stepping masts. Harbormaster Joe Williams circled by to check-out all the activity. A lone goose observed with curiosity as workers went about their clean-up chores.



Ray Leuthold

Thanks to all the Members who contributed their time and expertise to the clean-up effort, particularly our youngest volunteer, Taylor Thompson. It was a job well done.



Dick Baumann



Taylor Thompson



Sea Scouts bringing in the colors

Fleet Chaplain Harry Ferguson

Marilyn Hoglund and Lisa Miller

Opening Day Ceremonies 2010

Jackson Park Yacht Club celebrated its 114th birthday on Sunday, May 30th under sunny skies. Members gathered at 10:30 am for a continental breakfast and then collected on the lawn for Opening Day Ceremonies. Happy New Year wishes abounded as members greeted each other and discussed plans for the upcoming boating season.

Commodore Mary Avellone welcomed members and asked Fleet Chaplain Harry Ferguson to give the invocation. This was followed by the presentation of the colors by the Sea Scouts and singing of the National Anthem led by Marilyn Hoglund and Lisa Miller.

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, Jackie Miller, Omer Namdar, and Arne Reichert. The American Flag was lowered to half mast in their memory. Past Commodore Stan Gratt 's remembrances of Jackie Miller are found on Page 4.

After the ceremonies, members enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Mario and Lila Gandarilla. Thanks to Ken Harris and others for organizing the event. Fleet Captain Jan Hansen conducted the fleet review in which a record number of boats participated. Pictures of the Fleet Review are on the JPYC website (www.jacksonparkyachtclub.org/).



Opening Day Organizer Ken Harris

Past Commodores

Sea Scouts

Jackie Miller Remembered

Remarks made by Past Commodore Stan Gratt (Icarus) at the Opening Day Ceremony

The loss of Jackie Miller will have a profound effect on this Club. Of course we will miss her as our friend, but in addition she was a JPYC member of the highest category. Jackie represented the best of the kind of person we expect at JPYC. Whenever I saw her I knew she enjoyed every minute at our club. She seemed to sparkle when she was here.

In addition, Jackie had an uncanny ability to see through Club politics. Once when her husband Glenn volunteered to help organize the race committee, he purchased a needed battery powered bullhorn. Keep in mind a battery powered bullhorn was cutting edge technology at the time. The Board of Directors didn't learn of this purchase until the following board meeting when they found out that a bullhorn was purchased without Board approval. The Board pointed out that this purchase violated the basic rules of club in more ways than we could have imagined. Their reply about the unauthorized purchase was louder than even the bullhorn could produce. The next weekend when Jackie was at the Club for breakfast, she told all at the table "My goodness, it was only a \$10 bullhorn!" Then she gave her wonderful smile to convince everyone. The issue was over.

Jackie's graciousness was legendary. Even after she became ill, she still would come down to the Club as much as possible. I think she felt comfort here. What she didn't realize was that her being here was more important to us than it was to her. She was a very good friend to so many. We will miss her.



Jackie Miller



Captain Reggie Rush at the Opening Day Ceremony supervising the Sea Scouts

News from the Sea Scouts

By Sea Scout Leader Johann Hudson (Robert Smalls)

The Sea Scout Ship Neptune hosted an open house on Sunday, May 16, at 1 pm and 3 pm to get members acquainted with them and their boat, Earendil. Children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, ages 12 to 20, were invited to come hear about their program. The Scouts also invited their parents and friends to come meet their leaders and tour Earendil. They recruited three new members to what is the most active scouting program on the lakefront!

In other Sea Scout news, Captain Reggie Rush (Earendil) received an award for Excellence in Service in 2009. Reggie is dedicated and committed to the youth we serve. He has developed a swimming program this year, which is one of the most important skills a Sea Scout could have.

New Members

By Cherie Parker (Dippy K II)

We first met Cliff Dibelka at the Strictly Sail show in January. He later came to the Membership Drive Open house in March. Even though he was not the lucky winner, he decided to join us as a Resident member anyway. He hails to us from Pentwater, MI. He is an experienced sailor, learning to sail at a young age from his father and sister. He single hands his 36.5 Pearson Ketch "Rascal", and plans to head out soon into our great lake for a summer excursion.



Sandy Baskin

Sandra Baskin joins us as an Associate member. Many people already know her as she has frequented the club with Brenda Murzyn. We are glad she has decided to become one of us.

The Board approved Honorary Membership for Joey Harris. He is the Manager of Sailing/Community Recreation for the Chicago Park District, and just happens to live in our neighborhood. We are looking forward to being able to network with Joey and collaborate on ideas to increase interests in boating in our area. Hopefully, this will have some positive effects on our Club membership as well.



Cliff Dibelka



Joey Harris



John and Eileen Murphy

We also met John and Eileen Murphy at Strictly Sail. They were our Membership Drive Open House drawing winners. They own a 30 Catalina named ILEAN moored in Burnham Harbor, but they do not belong to the club there. They are looking forward to coming down for our events and brunches, and they were very excited to be the drawing winners.

The Races Have Begun

By Fleet Captain Janet Hansen (December's Child)

The racing season is off to a good start. Wednesday Night Club Races began June 9. Mario and Lila served their usual send-off supper. Join us every Wednesday night for supper and racing.

The South Lake Series is back! Hammond Yacht Club will host the first race on June 19. JPYC is planning to host on July 11.



Fleet Captain Jan Hansen

What's Cookin'?

By the Galley Committee, Deb Farino (Two Acres) and Igor Pismensky

The JPYC galley opened for the 2010 boating season on June 5th. Mario and Lila Gandarilla have been busy creating new specials to add to the weekend brunch menu and new menus for Grill nights. The menu for our first Grill Night on June 12 is Greek. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00. You may use \$12.00 of your prepaid and \$3.00 cash to purchase your dinner.



Lila and Juan dishing up some of their delicious food.

Days and hours for the Weekend Brunch are Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 2 pm. Brunch is \$12, continental breakfast, breakfast buffet for children under six, and sandwiches-to-go are each \$6.00.

During the season Lila can help you if you would like to check your pre-pay balance, or you can e-mail Deb at bbusserbee@aol.com and she can get that information to you.

A variety of sandwiches will be available on Wednesday Race Night at a cost of \$6.50 for a sandwich, or \$7 with pop or water. Come to the Club around 5:30 pm and have some dinner on the terrace and cheer on your fellow boaters as they head out on the lake to race.

Our House and Galley committees have been working together to get your galley in ship shape. Johann Hudson has installed a pot rack above the work station and Igor Pismensky has rearranged and organized the shelves and cookware. Jimmy Webb and crew replaced the flooring behind the cabinet in the galley. Thanks guys!! We are looking forward to seeing you all this season.

This Old Boat

My husband, Ray Leuthold, and I have stored our sloop Optimality at Crowley's Yacht Yard for the past few winters. Recently, Ray received the following email message from Crowley's: "Hello Ray, I am contacting you to inform you OPTIMALITY will be moved out of the storage building on 12/30/1899." The message went on to provide him with the details of our boat launching. He sent them a reply that the boat wasn't quite that old and wasn't in the storage building anyway, but that we would be ready to launch at the appointed time! We worry what the cost will be for 111 years of storage.



Crowley's Yacht Yard

Stan and Judy Boat Across Florida

Based on an email from Stan and Judy Gratt (*Icarus* and *Judith E*)

JPYC Members Stan and Judy Gratt spent part of the winter in their home in Cape Coral, Florida, escaping Chicago's cold weather but taking their love of boating with them. Last year, they purchased an Albin "pocket cruiser" to cruise the inland waterways of Florida. The *Judith E* is a diesel trawler built to handle the challenges of Florida waters, namely a shallow draft and an 8.5 foot clearance for the fixed bridges near their home. Their goal this year was to boat cross Florida from Cape Coral on the Gulf Coast to Fort Pierce on the Atlantic Coast. Part of their agreement for this new boating undertaking was that Judy would be the Captain. The cruise coincided with their fiftieth wedding anniversary.



Judy and Stan Gratt on *Judith E*

The Gratt's Trans Florida route followed the Caloosahatchee River into Lake Okeechobee, and then through Port Mayaca into the St Lucie Canal to Stuart, Florida. These bodies of water have different water levels and require passing through the Franklin, Port Mayaca, and St. Lucie locks to adjust the boat to the different water levels. Salt water exists until the Franklin lock, and then fresh water exists until the St. Lucie locks, where it turns to salt again nearing the Atlantic Ocean.



Judith E

Lake Okeechobee was a mess with white caps and steady strong winds. The harbor master advised that a lull might occur at noon for a couple of hours and then pick up again. The wind was expected to stay out of the North for three more days. Not wanting to lay over that long, Stan and Judy took the harbormaster's advice and left at 11:45 am. Sure enough, the lake laid down and they had a reasonable passage to Port Mayaca, through the Port Mayaca lock, and then into the quiet of St Lucie canal.

Stan and Judy arrived in Indiantown later that afternoon. They were kept company by an alligator two slips over, sunning itself. Three days later, on they went to Fort Pierce, the turn-around point for their cruise. Their crew for the first leg of the trip was Ed and Lorrie Belson. Ed and Lorrie were Jackson Park Yacht Club members for many years and now live in California.

Congratulations to Captain Judy and her mate on their fifty years of marriage and their completion of a successful Trans Florida boating adventure. We wish them many more years of happy boating together.

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floating head from the proposed location on B dock, including north of A dock, or just north of the dinghy dock. He did not know if there were plans for kiosk parking on Promontory Drive. This is a concern because they are installed at other nearby park venues.

The bridge plans on meeting with Scott soon about the floating head placement, adequate parking, and other issues. We want to make sure there are enough smaller, less expensive spaces for entry level boaters, because the first boat for most of us is one under 30 feet. Please convey your thoughts, ideas, and preferences to the bridge--soon.

I look forward to our 114th year chocked full of boating, service, social events, and most importantly, Corinthian conviviality. The volunteers of the past 113 years made what we experience and see at Jackson Park Yacht Club possible. Whether an associate, resident or senior member, do honor them and insure our future by finding a way to volunteer now. At Jackson Park Yacht Club, *if you are a member, you are a volunteer.*

It was with great sadness that we learned as this issue of the Foghorn was going to press of the death of Sylvia Griem, longtime JPYC member and Club Historian. Our sympathy goes to her husband Mel Griem and her family, who often joined Mel and Sylvia on their sailboat, Felicity. We remember Sylvia fondly.

Summer JPYC Happenings

Wednesdays	Club races
Fridays	Potluck and movie
Saturdays and Sundays	Breakfast Brunch
June 12	Grill Night
June 19	Island Party Dinner at 6pm Band at 7 pm
July 10	Grill Night
July 17	Blues Fest
July 24-28	Mac Race
July 31-Aug 1	Raske Race
August 1	August Foghorn Submissions Due
August 7	Jazz Fest
August 15	August Foghorn

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