



JYC Newsletter - May 2018

A Word from Nate...

Ahoy sailors,

Warm weather is finally here! Thank you so much to everybody who came out last Saturday to help with cove cleanup. We really appreciate you.

We've got a couple of events coming up that I wanted to remind you of:

- [Spring Regatta is next Saturday, May 26th](#)
- [National Marina Day is June 9th](#)

As we start to get more boats on the water, let's remember to be courteous and thoughtful of our fellow boaters on the dock, even the motor boaters.

- **Be Safe & Follow the Rules** - We ask that all members follow and abide by the rules, regulations, and laws set forth by Jackson County Parks + Rec., the state of Missouri, and all applicable US Regulations.
- **Be Courteous and Respectful of All Members** - Treat your fellow Fleet members with respect and try to get along. If a problem arises, please try to calmly discuss the issue with the members involved and/or an Executive Committee Member. We are all family and can get along.
- **Limit Your Time at the Dock** - We have limited dock space. When possible limit your time at the dock. When necessary to remain at the dock for charging batteries or sleeping, be accommodating to other lake patrons. Make space for incoming and outgoing boats and raft up if needed.
- **Keep it Neat** - [Stow your lines, cords and hoses](#) neatly and don't have them cross the dock if you can avoid it. They are tripping hazards, especially at night. Don't stow gear on the dock. It's a tripping hazard and an obstruction to those trying to move carts, coolers and other supplies down the dock.
- **Keep it Clean** - Jacomo Yacht Club is responsible for maintaining Sailboat Cove and keeping it clean. Please make sure your trash is placed in the provided trash receptacles and recycling bins. Don't leave food or garbage out in the cockpit or on the dock: it attracts raccoons, birds and flies.
- **Slow and Steady in the Cove** - Keep your speed down when entering Sailboat Cove. Not disturbing your new neighbors will keep them happy.
- **Music at the Dock** - Keep music at a reasonable volume, especially after dark and be respectful of your neighbors.



- **Protecting Your Boat = Protecting All Boats** - Proper mooring and docking tackle and practices are not only essential in keeping your boat safe, but in keeping all boats in the cove safe. Improper or worn mooring and dock lines can break during severe weather freeing your boat to play an expensive game of pinball as it bounces off all the other boats.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Many of us have handheld VHF radios on our boats, but if you're like me, most of us never have it on.. VHF radios are a great way to communicate with other sailors while on the water. Let's make an effort to have our VHF's on and within reach while out sailing. If you don't have a VHF, one can be picked up pretty inexpensively. Below are a couple of links to some good handheld VHF radios. I recommend a floating one!

[Cobra MR-HH125](#)

[Icom IC-M73](#)

[Uniden MHS126](#)

HAPPY SAILING EVERYONE!

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Racing

By Chris Coope, Rear Commodore

Welcome to the 2018 sailing season. This year we hope to have a few more opportunities to put on races. Racing is fun, it's a great way to improve your own sailing skills in a slightly more competitive environment.

There are a few additional skills to learn which with a little practice become second nature. The hardest to master are the 'Rule of the Road'. However, if you make a mistake or an error, an honor system enables you to continue racing by taking a penalty 360 degree or 720 degree turn - this usually returns the sailing advantage to the other vessel.

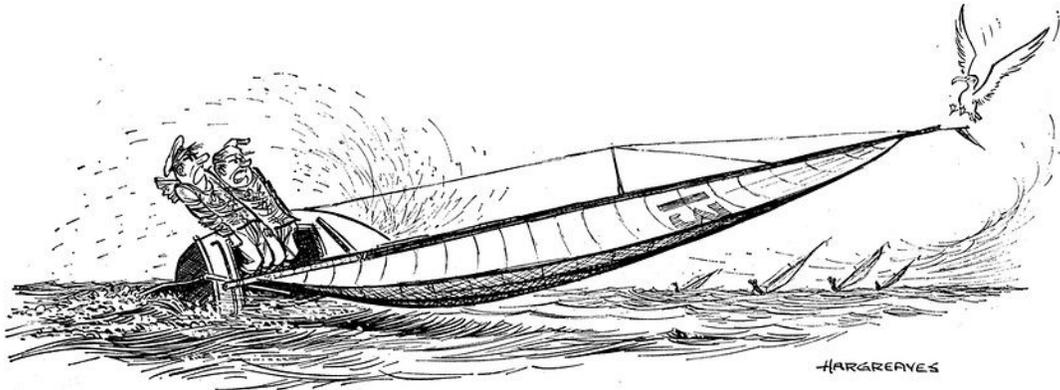
As each boat sails at a different speeds to one another a complex system of allowances has been established for virtually every boat built. We tend to use the PERF rating, without spinnaker use. Keen sailors keep their boats hulls clean and their sails fresh.

Out on the course the main racing differences are -

The start

Probably the most daunting part is the start. All the boats congregate at the start waiting for the starting gun or horn. It's also the time when the race committee is observing all the racing boats together.

The secret to a good start is practicing how to arrive at the start line just a few seconds after the gun, on a heading that will give you the shortest and quickest route to the first mark – taking in to consideration any anticipated wind shifts, other boats and your optimum speed.



Following a set course

When you have not raced a lot the idea of following a set course, that requires you to tack more often, and anticipate the route becomes a challenge. You can I suspect see how this will improve your overall sailing skills quite quickly.

There is a wish to ‘pinch’ more and hope that your vessel will keep sailing fast enough. It is a good idea to be aware of this and try instead to maintain a good boat speed, even if you will need an extra tack to reach the mark.

Rounding a mark is also a skill that takes a little time to learn. Often new racers forget that once you have rounded the mark you are heading in a different direction and often that is 90 degrees or more from where you have come from. This means that you either over sail the mark before tacking or you approach from a softer angle.

This leads on to how the racing team works together.

Working as a team

Most larger boats that race need an ideal crew of three or more, a helmsman, a foresail handler and a mainsail handler. If you have another crew member, they should act as a scout to watch and comment on the other boats in the race, track your heading, watch and communicate the wind shifts so the helmsman can focus on sailing the course.

The Course

There are a number of set courses, which have been set up over the years by the various sailing associations, your actual course is set based on wind speed and direction and the time it will take the slowest boats to complete the race.

We plan to make our races fun and educational, with opportunities for those that would like to learn specific skills to do so.



2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to RSVP for the party this Saturday.
 Yummy fried chicken and potato salad
 provided by our gracious host, John and CJ Tesar.



HOSTS NEEDED There are still lots of opportunities on the calendar for hosting a club party. Email **Cindi Coope** (cindicoope@gmail.com) our party organizer, to save your date.

Date	Time	Event	Host	Location
May 19	17:30	May Meeting/ Party	John & CJ Tesar	Sailboat Cove
June 9	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
June 16	17:30	June Meeting/ Pig Roast & Luau	Executive Committee, JP Helder & Gypsy Zach	Sailboat Cove
July 14	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
July 21	17:30	July Meeting/ Party	JP & Ann Helder	Sailboat Cove
August 4-5	TBD	50th Anniversary Regatta	JSC	More info coming!
August 11	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
August 18	19:00	Overnight Raft Up	TBD	Sailboat Cove
August 19	9:00	August Breakfast Meeting	TBD	Sailboat Cove
September 8	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
September 8	13:00	Fall Classic	TBD	Sailboat Cove
September 15	17:30	September Meeting/ Party	TBD	Sailboat Cove
October 13	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
October 20	17:30	October Meeting/ Chili Cook-Off	TBD	Sailboat Cove
November 10	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
November 17	14:00	November Meeting/ Donning of the Socks	Josh & Shannon, Nate King ,and Matt & Monica Ward	Sailboat Cove
November 30		Last day to pull your boat		
December 8	17:30	Holiday Party	Fleet	TBD

