



JCF Newsletter - February 2018

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Ahoy Mates!

Spring Can't Come Soon Enough at Lake Jacomo



Sailors,

Winter may be finally coming to an end!

I am excited for the upcoming sailing season and honored to serve the fleet as Commodore. As we plan for the upcoming season, the executive committee would like your input. If you have any ideas that would help improve JCFYC, please let us know.

As of right now, we have some great activities to be looking out for. Zach Ritter, Vice Commodore, is helping put together some monthly educational clinics which will start in March. These will be offered after the meetings. Larry will be handling the first class on the topic of mooring lines. We are also planning a boat name changing ceremony to be held in April or May. Stay tuned! Details to follow soon.

SOMETHING NEW Please *check in* with Mercedes Lentz, Treasurer for your nametag at each monthly meeting.

HOSTS NEEDED There are opportunities on the calendar for hosting a club party. Email Ann Helder, Secretary, to save your date.

Happy Sailing!

Nate King
Commodore



2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Host	Location
March 24	13:00	March Meeting/ Burning of the Socks	Fleet	Sailboat Cove
April 1		Launch Day		
April 14	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
April 21	13:00	April Meeting/ Party & Swap Meet	Mercedes & Jason Lentz	Sailboat Cove
May 12	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
May 12	13:00	Spring Race	TBD	Sailboat Cove
May 17	17:30	May Meeting/ Party	TBD	Sailboat Cove
June 9	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
June 16	17:30	June Meeting/ Pig Roast & Luau	TBD	Sailboat Cove
July 14	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
July 21	17:30	July Meeting/ Party	TBD	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

Boat Spring Checklist

by Beth Leonard, for Boat U.S. — Published: April/May 2013

It's almost time for summer fun! Working your way through this checklist will help make sure your boat's ready to go when you are.



Getting Started

- If necessary, reinstall batteries. Top up lead acid batteries with distilled water. Fully charge batteries. Clean, tighten electrical connections, especially terminals of battery cables. Coat battery terminals with insulating film of grease, or apply protective battery terminal spray.
- Open and close seacocks; handles should move freely. Hoses should be double-clamped with stainless-steel hose clamps. Replace any that look rusted.
- Inspect the raw-water intake strainer to be sure it has not cracked, and is clean and free of corrosion. Make sure the strainer's top fits snugly.
- Check running lights. Clean/tighten connections or replace bulbs to assure that all are operating properly.
- Check VHF and GPS antenna connections by disconnecting and spraying with moisture-displacing lubricant, then reconnect and test.
- Look for indications of leaking at trim cylinders and hoses as well as at hydraulic steering pumps and rams. Replace the O-ring or gasket if leaking.
- Make sure the stuffing box or shaft seal is completely dry when the boat is at the dock.
- Inspect portlights, hatches, and deck fittings for dirty or displaced caulking, water trails, dirt, and green corrosion, any of which signals a leak that needs to be caulked.
- Test bilge pump and high-water switches and alarms.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, LPG and gasoline fume detector.
- Check flares (expiration date) and fire extinguishers (charge), and replace/ recharge as necessary.
- Check and service safety gear such as life jackets, and MOB gear.

Boats Ashore

- Inspect props for dinging, pitting, and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft — if it's loose, the cutlass bearing may need to be replaced.
- Replace plastic fittings near the waterline with bronze or Marelon.
- Inspect the anodes on the shaft, outdrive, and trim tabs. Replace any that are close to half-deteriorated.
- Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
- After the boat is launched, be sure to inspect around the rudder and all thru-hulls for leaks, and check the stuffing box while underway to make sure there is a steady drip.

Outdrives and Outboards

- Check outdrive bellows for cracks and tears (look especially in the folds).
- Check hydraulic trim fluid. If you didn't change it last fall, change it now.
- Check lower-unit lube level. Creamy oil indicates water (and a bad seal). Many manufacturers recommend changing the oil every year.

Engines and Related Systems

- Flexible gasoline lines should say "USCG Approved, J1527." Replace any that don't.
- Are fuel hoses supple, with no cracks, bulges, or soft spots? Do the lines smell like gasoline (wipe the lines with a clean rag and then smell the rag)? Did you also use a rag to detect odors at connections?
- Cooling hoses should fit snugly and be solidly clamped.
- Replace any hose clamps that show signs of corrosion.
- Replace fuel filters.
- Clean or replace the air filter.
- Change engine oil unless done in the fall (preferable). Check fluid levels: transmission, hydraulic steering fluid, and coolant.
- Check belts for tension and wear.
- Check raw-water and freshwater pumps for seepage, which indicates a gasket needs to be replaced.
- Replace raw-water impellers if they are more than a year old.
- Examine exhaust manifolds for signs of corrosion and water seepage that indicate blockage. If you suspect a problem, remove the manifold.
- Replacing the (inexpensive) gaskets at the heat exchanger every year helps prevent corrosion at the housing and also lets you look for gunk that can clog the stacks.
- Test bilge blower and inspect hose.
- Inspect outer jacket of cables for cracks and swelling, either of which indicates the cable must be replaced. Use waterproof grease at the ends.

Sailboat Rigging

- Inspect swage fittings for rust and cracks. Running rigging should be supple and free of chafe.
- Run a rag over stays and shrouds to find "fishhooks" that indicate the wire needs to be replaced.
- Ensure that spreaders bisect the shrouds. Ends should be protected to prevent chafe.
- Remove tape at turnbuckles and lubricate threads (preferably with Teflon).
- Run a water hose over chainplates to check for leaks. Look for rust streaks inside and out. If necessary, remove them and recaulk.



ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

If you have an idea or suggestion you would like to present to the club, make your voice heard!
Your fellow club members and officers would love to hear from you.

Jacomo Cruiser Fleet Yacht Club Officers

Nate King	Commodore
Zach Ritter	Vice Commodore
Ann Helder	Secretary
Mercedes Lentz	Treasurer
