



# THE GAM

The Newsletter of the Jacomo Sailing Club  
Founded 1958

*GAM. noun - A social meeting of two (or more) Whale-ships, generally on a cruising-ground; when, after exchanging hails, they exchange visits by boats' crews: the two captains remaining, for the time, on board of one ship, and the two chief mates on the other.*

## Crew By Fred Langford

I put my first boat in the water in 1975 and have sailed every year (except one) since then. However I sailed more last year than I have ever sailed in one year.

I regret to say that the reason I did not sail many times in the past was because I did not have a crew. Thanks to Jacomo Sailing Club that did not happen this year. I really enjoyed sailing at Lake Jacomo in 2015 with all of my crew; Lisa Sheppard, Nicole Adams, Carly Adams, Linda Everett, Rene & Bob Asher, Kevin Regan, Martha Gude, Phil Keegan, Will Hale, Peggy Nile (Peggy even

sailed again after we turned over at Quivira), Dennis Decker and Bill Schmidt. And I still have a list of people I did not get to sail with. The hardest thing I had to do to get a crew was to touch a few numbers on my phone. I give a Big Thank you to everyone who made 2015 a great sailing year for me.

The point of this story is that many people never put their boats in the water because they do not have a crew; many people in the learning process or do not have a boat that would love to sail. I am going to make it a personal project of

mine to help put skippers and crew together in 2016.

It is not too early to start reaching now; both skippers and crew. Send your information to me if you wish and I will build a list and make every effort to put it together. We plan to have more than 40 people go thru our learn to sail program in 2016; this will give us many more great crew. Please contact me if I can help you in any way:  
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Enjoy Sailing in 2016,  
Fred Langford

## Changes in the Race Committee are Coming by Mark Graham

For years our club has enjoyed expertly conducted sail racing thanks to Bernie Kuse. Each week, with a little help from the club, we can count on Bernie to manage the committee boat, know what to do when things go wrong and fix the problems. We have been very spoiled and blessed. It is time however to think ahead and prepare for a time when Bernie is unable to take care of us. We need to move to a standing race committee and this year the Board would like to move

forward with this. This committee would consist of 10 to 12 individuals that would receive extra training from Bernie. Ideally we would have 2 members from this committee "PRO" the committee boat each race day and with help from club members, conduct and manage our races. With a group of this size no one person would need to work more than once a month and hopefully retiring members would not significantly hinder committee functions. Bernie would train the com-

mittee members in all functions of race management and supervise them, no previous knowledge or training is necessary as we will teach you. We know this will take time as proficiency comes with practice and we are going to use this coming racing season to train and have a fully functioning Race Committee ready for the 2017 race season. Anyone with an interest in sailing is eligible to join the committee. If you are a sailing widow and would like to be on the water but not race,

## Upcoming Events:

- > Feb 12th 2nd Sail Friday's @ Chappels
- > March 11th 2nd Sail Friday's at Westport Flea Market
- > Sat April 9th—Season Kickoff Party at Lakewood Oaks Clubhouse

## Sailing Video of the Month:

Extreme Sailing and offshore sailboat racing



Click to Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-PUiUoXC2A>

**DON'T FORGET TO PAY  
YOUR 2016 DUES**

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## Changes in the Race Committee are Coming Cont.

this is the place for you. If you are a sailing student and would like to learn how races are conducted, this is the place for you. If you are a retired racer



and would like to stay involved, this is the place for you. If you would like the camaraderie and respect from being a member of the Race Committee, this is the place for you and we need your help. If you are interested in joining our new Race Committee please contact the Rear Commodore, Mark Graham at [macforever@hotmail.com](mailto:macforever@hotmail.com) or Bernie Kuse at [bernie-carol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernie-carol@sbcglobal.net). Come join the Race Committee and be a part of our clubs future.

## Make your Sails Last

**Blocking Sun - UV**  
radiation breaks down almost every kind of sail cloth. Cover your sails when not in use. Use a type of cover that protects them from the harmful UV rays.

**Avoid Flutter -**  
Do not allow your sails to flutter for extended periods in the wind. This will cause excessive wear on the sails, damage to batten pockets and may result in reduced life/performance of

your sails.  
**Releasing Tension**  
- When leaving your sails on the boom or rollerfurling for long periods of time, you should be sure to release any tension on the sail. This would include for the mainsail the out-haul, cunningham and leech cord and foot lines. A good rule is to also release the vang. For the headsail or jib make sure there is no tension from the halyard.





## 2016 Calendar of Events

Fri Feb 12	2nd Sail Friday's @ Chappels
Fri March 11	2nd Sail Friday's at Westport Flea Market
Sat April 9	Season Kickoff Party at Lakewood Oaks Clubhouse
Sun May 1	Season Opener 5 starts
Sat May 7	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun May 8	Mother's Day no race
Sat May 14	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun May 15	Club Series 3 races
Sat May 21	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun May 22	Club Series 2 races
Sun May 29	Memorial day no race
Sat June 4	Open Sail 1 to 4 pm
Sun June 5	Club Series 2 races
Sun June 12	Club Series 3 races
Sun June 19	Father's day no race
Sun June 26	Bernie Kuse handicap 3 races Breakfast and Social event to follow
Sun July 3	Independence day no race
Sun July 10	Club Series 2 races
Sat July 16	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun July 17	Club Series 2 races
Sat July 23	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun July 24	Club Series 3 races
Sat July 30	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun July 31	Club Series 2 races
Sun August 7	Two of a Kind 2 races Social event to follow
Sat August 13	Sail Training Day 1 to 4 pm
Sun August 14	Club Series 2 races
Sun August 21	JSC Novice Skipper Regatta 3 races Breakfast and Social event to follow
Sun August 28	Club Series 3 races
Sun September 4	Labor Day no race
Sun September 11	Wyant Cup Breakfast and Social event to follow
Sat September 17	Wyant Cup (alt. if Wyant Cup not completed on 9/11)
Sun September 18	Club Series 2 races
Sun September 25	Club Series 2 races
Sun October 2	Club Series 3 races
Sun October 9	John Kling Memorial Transjac 1 race Social event to follow (alt 10/16/16 if reqd.)

**PLEASE VISIT THE JSC WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON ALL OF THESE EVENTS:** <http://www.jacomosailingclub.org/schedule/>

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Jacomo Sailing Club provides advancement of sailing for all. The Board of Directors is dedicated to making the sport of sailing and Lake Jacomo available to everyone in the Kansas City area, regardless of age, economic or physical background. Sailing is a sport of nature, serenity, power and the romance and poetry of the wind on the water.

The mission of the Jacomo Sailing Club is "To promote the sport of sailing and sailboat racing." Since 1958 we have served that mission at Lake Jacomo. We are recognized throughout the Midwest as a leading resource for family and competitive sailing. Our club is strong and growing stronger with increased membership yearly.