



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.

Upcoming Events:

- > March 13th @ 5:30—
Second Sail Fridays
- > April 11th @ 9 am—RC
Launch Day
- > April 18th—Spring Fling
- > April 26th —Season
Opener
- > April 25th—Sail Train-
ing Day

Sailing Video of the Month:

Ice Boat Racing at Lake Lotawana



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YOUR 2015 DUES**

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1st Second Sail Fridays a Huge Success! By Bob Boles

It looks like the first Second Sail Friday was a huge success. I was very happy to see how many came out and partook in a Friday Evening with other fellow sailors. For me it was great to see folks from the lake from last year and I got a chance to meet a bunch of new people as well.

I do not know if I was able to meet and greet everyone that came, but I sure did enjoy talking with the ones I did. I hope everyone that came had a good time also.

Charlie Hopers turned out to be a great place to meet. The room that they let us use was very nice and I thought that the service was good also. If everyone got the same experience I am glad as I will use them again for future Second Sail Friday. For the next one I will be picking some place new. For those that missed the information in my first email, if you have any favorite places let me know as I will try and spread the love around.

For those who could not make the first Second Sail Friday I hope you can make the next one.

The next one will be on March 13 at 5:30 at "The Well Bar and Grill" - 7421 Broadway St, Kansas City, MO 64114.

Once again so happy that so many could make it out.

2015 KC Boat & Sports Show By Ron Schauble

The sailing clubs had a display in the recent boat show in Bartle Hall for the first time in years. This was a very last minute event. A request for a small booth had been made to the show management in early December. Two weeks before the show they said we could have 600 sq ft, a very large area. Several clubs combined under



the name "Sail KC" to put boats in the display and to set up and staff the booth. There were always four people in the display, usually two from the JSC and two from the Jacomo

Cruisers. Both groups worked very well together promoting the sport. Friday night we had a member of the KU Sailing Team in the booth to build support for high school and college sailing. We asked interested people to complete a short questionnaire. We gathered over 100 of these in the four days of the show. These have been given to the five participating clubs for follow up. Many pro-

2015 KC Boat & Sports Show Cont.

spects came up to us and said "I want to sail!!" A very high percentage said they had sailed in the past and wanted to get back into it. We will certainly give them every opportunity. Look for these people at future club events. Many will want to go for a sail as soon as the boats are in the water, without waiting for a club "Open Sail Day" or Lake "Marina Day". Our enthusiasm will put these people in their own boats and on the lake.



sale. Fred's enthusiasm was so high we think he could have also sold them a vehicle to tow their new boat. Special thanks to Chris Coope, Larry Ballew and Shez Tucker of the Cruising Fleet for their help in set up and take down of the display. We had to set up the 35' mast of the Star without a crane, just push it up by hand. Karen Hawkins of the JSC loaned us one of her very professional show display which really raised the quality of our area. We had photos showing both racing and cruising boats and activities posted on Karen's display board. Lots of enthusiastic pointing, "I want one of these!" and "I want to do this!" We felt like we were bringing water to desert travelers.

Thanks to Blair Dryden of the Clinton Lake club for bringing his very nice Laser and putting it on display. Many people said they wanted a Laser. Thanks too to Sara Melling of the Shawnee Mission Lake club for loaning us her Sweet 16, and to Ted Lischer of Clinton Lake and Lake Perry for bringing Sara's boat to the show Wednesday morning. There were at least 6 people that were ready to buy a Sweet 16 right there during the show. Fred Langford, Sweet 16 skipper from the JSC, immediately provided those prospects with information on Sweet 16's for

This event was a big success for the participating clubs and a lot of fun for those staffing the display. Thanks to all the people who helped with the staffing. Your enthusiasm is why we had so many sign up for more information.

other club sponsored activity. He also served as Fleet Captain for the Portsmouth Handicap fleet several years.

Remembering John R Kling by Alan Fransen

On Jan 10 JSC lost one of our long-time members and great sailor. John Kling was a JSC member for over 35 years. He actively supported the club both on the water and off. John served as Commodore in 1987 then again in both 2011 and 2012 as well as serving in various other officer and board of directors positions over the years. You could always count on John to volunteer his Sonar for training events, "open sail" days, and most any



John and wife Jean began sailing in their new Sweet 16 in about 1979. That first year, there were five new Sweet 16 sailors (Berger, Fransen, Houser, Kling, Madigan) so they had their own "back of the pack" race for much of the first year which turned out to be a good and fun learning experience. By the next season John quickly became competitive with the rest of the local fleet and became a contender in

regional/national regattas. In 1990, John moved up to his 23ft Sonar "Good Vibrations" where he became a frequent JSC trophy winner through 2013. He won the Wyant Cup (club championship) in 2009, McClymont TRANSJAC Trophy four times, and many other JSC seasonal series honors.

John frequently traveled to out of town regattas (Wisconsin, Florida, Oklahoma, Kansas), some at national level competition..... most with memorable sea stories.

Why Become a Non-Profit? By Hal Wood

So, what’s all this talk about the Jacomo Sailing Club becoming a 501(c)3, non-profit organization?

First, JSC has always been a “not-for-profit” or (c)7 organization. These strange numerical designations are references to statutes of the Internal Revenue Service. Both designations make organizations exempt from many forms of taxation. So why bother to switch?

The main difference between “not-for”(c)7 and “non”(c)3 is that the latter allows the organization to accept tax-deductible donations and grants from individuals, businesses, and other non-profit foundations or trusts. This opens up a whole new world of financial support.

As a result, a small sub-group (Dave French, Karen Hawkins, Alan Fransen, Pat Carr, Todd Pesek, and Hal Wood) met last fall to plan how to take advantage of

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this new situation. A marketing packet and a list of possible donors was developed, and since then, 30 charitable foundations and a growing number of businesses have received a packet. It takes time and experience to develop these relationships, but Walmart broke the ice with a \$250 donation and three of the Foundations have favorably responded that they will consider donations in time. Packets will continue to go out.

Most of the income from solicitations will be used to fund the training programs and purchase much-

needed equipment. Those efforts will, in turn, grow the club and benefit everyone. Your dues are still needed to fund operations, and are therefore not tax deductible, but the need for dues increases or assessments may be prevented.

Another benefit is our relationship with Jackson County. They cannot support or promote organizations in business to make a profit. Even though JSC never was, this adds a layer of trust and regulation that protects them from accusations of favoritism or misuse of public funds.

You can help in this effort! If you, or people that you know, have some excess funds, boats, or equipment to donate for a tax deduction, here’s what you do: Contact Todd Pesek, who is the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. His email address is tpesek@aol.com. He and the Committee will consider the donation and issue receipts if the donation is acceptable. It’s that simple!

Lake Jacomo Permit Information

All facility/shelter reservations, boat/motor, dock/dry storage and special activity permits may be obtained at the Fleming Park Permits and Reservations Office: 22807 Woods Chapel Road, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

January 2 - March 31 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	April 1 - September 30 Seven days a week 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	October 1 - December 31 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Boat and motor permits are required for the use of all Jackson County lakes and waterways. All Kayaks, Canoes, inflatable rafts, pedal boats, windsurfers, stand up-paddle boards (SUP’s), sailboards and all similar type of watercraft are required to display a Jackson County Boat Permit as described below. All watercraft must be at least 8 feet in length. Annual and one-day ramp permits are available.

In order to purchase annual boat and motor permits, you need proof of ownership of all boats/motors to be registered (titles or pink slips with registration numbers and motor horsepower listed), evidence of a current Missouri Certificate of Number (Missouri watercraft card or renewal application).

Personal property tax receipt (Jackson County residents only) with the boats/motors listed if owned on January 1, of that year.

Please contact the Permit Office at (816) 503-4800 for more information on out-of-state registrations.

Changes to the Race Schedule

The Jacomo Sailing Club Board of Directors voted to change the number of series we provide trophies for from two series and an overall to one series starting this year.

Instead of a Premier Series and a Commodore Series plus an overall championship awards,

all will be combined into one series called the "Club Series". There will still be the traditional two longer races on some weekends and three shorter races once per month as published in the NOR. The individual fleets will have the opportunity to determine how

many races can be "thrown out" to determine the season champion.

The club encourages fleets to provide and pay for any additional trophies they wish. Fleets should also consider special items for novice sailors to encourage them to participate.

Volunteer for the Club

This is one of the most important things you can do to help this club. Many of the activities require resources of our club to make your sailing and racing enjoyable.

Our SAIL KC program is one of the important activities that need your help. We are looking for on the water trainers with boats to help all the adult class participants get in the required on the water training. We will have students who will need a 3 to 4-hour sessions on the water. As of now we have some volunteers but we need to spread out this workload to more members. Even if you can only do one weekend day or weekday afternoon this will greatly aid our training program. Finding ways of training new sailors is vital to continuing Jacomo Sailing Club. Passing on what we know is the greatest asset we can give to those new to sailing. So if you are willing to give back to the club with your time, use of your boat or both contact Hal Wood or your fleet captain to find out your fleets scheduled training day now!

We have several new sailors looking for sailing experience. We need willing skippers to help these young sailors learn and experience sailing. If you have time no matter how much or would be willing to take one of these as a crew for a Sunday race, please contact Todd Pesek.

Public Relations/ Communications Committee and Entertainment Committee activities need help in setting up open sail days, picnics, parties and general get-togethers. Contact the Committee chairs Todd Pesek and Bob Boles. If you have ideas on promoting the club, entertainment ideas or just want to share your experience of sailing please contact us.

One of the main stays of our racing and on the water programs is the equipment committee. They maintain all club equipment and any help you can provide will help improve our sailing experience. Over the past several years we have made major improvements to our equipment via boats and motors. It is volunteers that make your Sundays enjoyable. If you have ideas on how to improve our equipment or items that you think would better

serve our Race Committee let us know.

The backbone of our racing activities is the Race Committee. We have several volunteers who give their time to put on races each Sunday. We also have volunteers for our special event races and fleet regattas. It is an excellent way to learn about sailing by serving on the RC. We welcome any non-sailing member to participate in the RC, contact the Race Committee chair if you would like to help. Each club member with a Racing Membership is required to serve two race days on the committee boat.

JSC needs you to help so we can keep our membership costs in line and affordable. Club members are requested to provide eight (8) hours of support for volunteer work outside of RC duty. Your contribution through volunteer work in the club is needed now. Every hour you can spend will help JSC provide sailing to all that want it. I do not believe that eight hours a year is too much to ask of the membership. The benefit to the club and the sailing public is great. Do not shy away from this because of a lack of experience, we can train you in any area where help is needed. So make a little or a lot of time available to those who need your help.

2015 Calendar of Events

Fri March 13 5:30-9:30 PM - March Second Sail Friday The Well Bar - Grill and Rooftop
 Sat April 11 9:00 AM-2:30 PM - RC Launch and Tune-Up. Times tentative. Please contact Ed Seacord at eeseacord@Hotmail.com if you are planning to help.
 Sat April 18 7:30 AM-Sun April 19 1:30 PM - Lotawana No Frills Regatta - C Scow
 Thu April 23 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sail KC Adult Spring - 1st Classroom Session
 Sat April 25 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Sail Training Day Spring Session 1
 Sun April 26 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Season Opener
 Mon April 27 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sail KC Adult Spring - 2nd Classroom Session
 Thu April 30 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Sail KC Adult Spring - 3rd Classroom Session
 Sat May 2 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Sail Training Day Spring Session 2
 Sun May 3 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 3 races
 Sun May 10 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Sail Training Day Spring Session 3
 Sun May 17 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Sun May 31 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 June: 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 20 - 1:30 – 5:00 pm - Sail KC June Youth Classes: Ages 15-18
 Sat June 6 1:00-4:00 PM — Spring Open Sail Day
 Sun June 7 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 3 races
 Fri June 12 7:45 AM - Sun June 14 2:45 PM - C Scow National Championship - Minnetonka Yacht Club is proud to host the
 Sun June 14 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Sun June 28—Noon—4:45 PM—Bernie Kuse Portsmouth Handicap Championship - 3 races
 July: 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 25 - 1:30 – 5:00 pm - Sail KC June Youth Classes: Ages 15-18
 Thu July 9 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sail KC Adult Summer - 1st Classroom Session
 Sat July 11—1 PM—4 PM—Sail Training Day Summer Session 1
 Sun July 12 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Mon July 13 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sail KC Adult Summer - 2nd Classroom Session
 Tue July 14 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sail KC Adult Summer - 3rd Classroom Session
 Sat July 18 8:30 AM - Sun July 19 6:30 PM - Sunflower Games, Lake Shawnee Yacht Club
 Sat July 18 1:00-4:00 PM—Sail Training Day Summer Session 2
 Sun July 19 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 3 races
 Fri July 24 9:45 AM - Sun July 26 2:45 PM - Windmill Class National Championships
 Sun July 26 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Sun August 2 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Two of a Kind - 2 races
 August: 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 22 - 1:30 – 5:00 pm - Sail KC June Youth Classes: Ages 15-18
 Sun August 9 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Sun August 16 12:00 PM - 4:45 PM - JSC Novice Regatta
 Wed August 19 7:45 AM - Sun August 23 2:45 PM - C Scow ILYA Championship - Lake Geneva Yacht Club, WI
 Sun August 23 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 3 races
 Sun August 30 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Sat September 12 9:30 AM - Sun September 13 4:45 PM - Wyant Cup - Times are estimated
 Sun September 20 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 3 races
 Sat September 26 7:45 AM - Sun September 27 2:45 PM - Lotawana Fall Regatta
 Sun September 27 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - Club series - 2 races
 Sun October 4 1:30 PM - 4:45 PM - John Kling Memorial TRANSJAC
 Sun October 4 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM - TRANSJAC chili cook-off

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



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Deadline for the April GAM is April 1st.

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.