

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



Bowspritz



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

January 2022

FROM THE HELM

How time flies, it seems like it was only yesterday, back in 2019 that I agreed to take on the role as Commodore. At the time I thought, what the heck, 2022 is pretty far off and at least I can get out of being Treasurer. In 2020 and 2021, I thought, well at least we won't be dealing with this pandemic stuff anymore when I'm Commodore. I was wrong on both counts, time flies and we're still dealing with this pandemic.

It's 2022 and a new year with an old problem. When will it go away? At this time last year, we were optimistic that the new vaccines would put an end to all this, now maybe mother nature herself will put an end to it with a much more virulent and hopefully much less lethal variant. Time will tell. Although it pains us to do it, we decided to postpone social and close the bar for January and until we get a better understanding of where we are heading. I say postpone not cancel because when things do change, we intend to make up for lost time. Our social director, Laurina, has big plans for 2022 and I'm confident that we'll be open again soon.

We had our first board meeting last Monday night and welcomed new board members Debra Baker (Judge Advocate), Jason Sanabia (Grounds) and Alan Siris (Rear Commodore) and we had some lively discussion of plans for the new year. We spent much time discussing the dock expansion. The board approved the 10 new slip members, the 2022 slip rate, and the dock rules. Rich Spitzenberger has the financing lined up. Alan Johnson is moving forward with the contractors and if all goes according to plan, I'm confident it will, everything will in place in April, in time for the new season. This project will give a whole new look to the waterfront of the club while at the same time retaining just as much space for launch members and transients who wish to use the docks for short stays.

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If you missed Chris Beach's cruise zoom meeting last Friday, read his article about the new cruise plans. There were plenty of ideas floated with proposals for several new cruising destinations including New York City, Essex, Mystic, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. The last two or three of those destinations would likely be part of a longer 2-week cruise in early August.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year and hope to see all of you at the club soon.

Tim Rachek

Commodore



EDITOR'S NOTE

It has been a year since I took over as the editor of Bowspritz! I only have 17 years to go to tie Vic Suben's record! Whoo hoo! Almost there!

I would like to thank all of you who submitted content for me to use. Without that input this would have been a much less interesting and colorful publication.

PLEASE continue to send articles, pictures, references to content, etc. Are you sailing someplace interesting (and maybe warm) this winter? Send me a few pics and maybe a few words!

You can email bowspritz@portjeffersonyachtclub.com .

Thanks for your support!

Dave Hubbard



Clara J Tucked in for the winter

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VICE COMMODORE

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season while looking forward to the coming sailing season.

This time of the year I try and immerse myself in various sailing blogs and follow the adventures of other intrepid explorers. One story I follow is about a self-styled “Old Man” who at the start of the pandemic in 2020 decided to just go sailing in order to avoid the various lockdowns coming into effect. His boat is a 1973 Rival 32, so nothing fancy but he shows what can be achieved if you just set your mind to it and cast off those mooring lines. He did a 10 minute radio interview after his first pandemic trip that I encourage you to listen to as he explains in a very matter of fact way how he loaded “enough beer to last 90 days” on board and followed an old smuggling route in order to avoid being caught on radar. The link is below:

[48 hours of fame – Old Man Sailing](#)

On a more practical note, I emailed our membership late in the 2021 season about registering your kayak/dinghy for winter storage in the lower parking lot. Currently, over a dozen boats remain on the storage racks but so far only a few have registered and paid the \$50 fee. We operate very much on the honor system so would appreciate that you either pay by credit card via DockWa or just send a check to the club’s PO Box. Of course you can always take your small boat home as well. Many Thanks.

See you all soon.

Andrew Mathews

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE

A few months ago, I had the opportunity to crew with Mitch Slochower, Tim O'Mara, and my son Justin, on Chuck Chiamonte's boat, Harvest Moon. We had met a most difficult challenge during the "MSSA" American Cancer Society Regatta.

The experience was heavy, but the winds were light. There was a point when the tide started pushing us backwards. Chuck gave the order to throw out the anchor so it would stop us from losing any more ground. He took stock of the situation. We had to persevere till the winds would pick back up or the tide would change. While we waited, he decided to feed and replenish his crew. He called, "Lunch" ! When the winds came back, he picked up our anchor, and we sailed on to the finish line.

As I took my seat on "The Board" for the first time at the annual meeting and listened to our leadership, I couldn't help but appreciate the metaphor. The tide had been against our Club. The pandemic had taken our winds. In addition, before we signed our new lease, we were hesitant to invest in our future. However, because of the Board's wisdom, they knew we needed to drop our anchor and stop the tide from pushing us backwards. It was the time to reinvest in ourselves. It was the time to replenish our club.

Their efforts are now driving the wind. We have readied our sails once again. We have fed our crew and picked up our anchor. This spring, may we will all head to the finish line together.

Alan Siris

Rear Commodore

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WITH A BROKEN WING

Happy New Year. Looking forward to a wonderful 2022.

The Rachek family has been very busy from October through December. In October, I finally got to go to Ireland and see my family who I had not seen in two years. As the plane touched down, and I saw those green fields, it was a very emotional moment. Reuniting with everyone was wonderful.

I went to visit Kinsale, a little village outside Cork that our boat is called after, and tried to do a burgee exchange with their yacht club but, unfortunately, they were closed when I was there. Instead had lunch at a great little pub called the Bullman overlooks the water and has a wonderful view of all the sailboats. It's a really old bar with open fireplaces and excellent food.

While I was in Ireland, my son Christopher got engaged to his long-term girlfriend Lindsey and, of course, their puppy who is getting quite big was along for the proposal. We are very excited for them and I finally have another girl in the house.

In December, we flew down to Florida for Jack's graduation from Embry Riddle. We had a wonderful graduation and got to go sailing with Jack on the Halifax River in Daytona. Nice to be on the water in December in 80-degree weather watching Dolphins.



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From there we went to St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States and famous for its nights of lights at Christmas time. It was so beautiful. I don't think I have ever seen any place so beautifully decorated in my lifetime. They even decorated the boats with lights. There were horse and carriage rides with lots of Santa Clauses. Certainly a lot of holiday spirit and some great restaurants.

When we got back to New York, Omicron was in full swing and we had to cancel a lot of the traditions that we have during the holidays. But luckily we had all the boys and Lindsey here for Christmas.

The day after Christmas I fell down the stairs and fractured my arm so I am in a sling for six weeks. It's my right hand which is my dominant hand, but, no worries, Tim tells me daily that he is my right-hand man. Luckily Jack and Andrew are both home and are helping out. Tim is becoming a master chef.

Dave Hubbard has created a much more functional online roster for us, so please go on to our website and check it out and if any of your information needs updating, please let Dave know. He has been a wonderful help to me in the last week, keeping the roster updated. I am very grateful to him.

We just had a Zoom meeting organized by Chris Beech to discuss the upcoming cruising season. Lots of trips in the planning stages so we are looking forward to partaking in those.



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Stay safe and healthy!

Corresponding Secretary

Kay Rachek



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DOCKS & FLOATS

If you are not aware, we have the Brookhaven Building Permit for the finger piers. Docks are being launched April 2, 2022 and all are welcome to start your work assignments of 2022. Finger Piers will be delivered to the PJ ramp on the week of April 4 and pilings are due in the week of April 9 providing we get deposits in to insure a build out this season. When I get a firm date, members will start installing the finger piers the week of April 4, we will be looking for work commitments to move the docks and start installation. We should be up and running on April 15. An order is being placed for the new electrical stanchion because they are custom made and need a lead time. The dock space assignments have been made based primarily on the beam of the members boats. Very little has to be done to the main docks this spring. We will be removing all the existing stanchions and the wire under the dock and installing the new stanchions and wire before April 2 dock launch date. The balance of our work will be rebuilding the three new floating docks acquired last summer to a raft configuration of three wide. We have a lot of experience after last year in modifying docks so that should go smoothly. We will be installing seven cradles for member's boats and adding cleats to use the rafts for additional transient rentals. The three new rafts will be configured to use four tubs each. The use of four tubs under each raft will require the purchase of two tubs that were missing when we acquired the floats. I plan on ordering two additional birds of prey kites and poles to keep birds off all our floating rafts. I believe we have a Dockwa person to help with reservations at the dock house.

See the next page for the tentative slip assignments and dock usage plan as of January 2022:

Alan Johnson

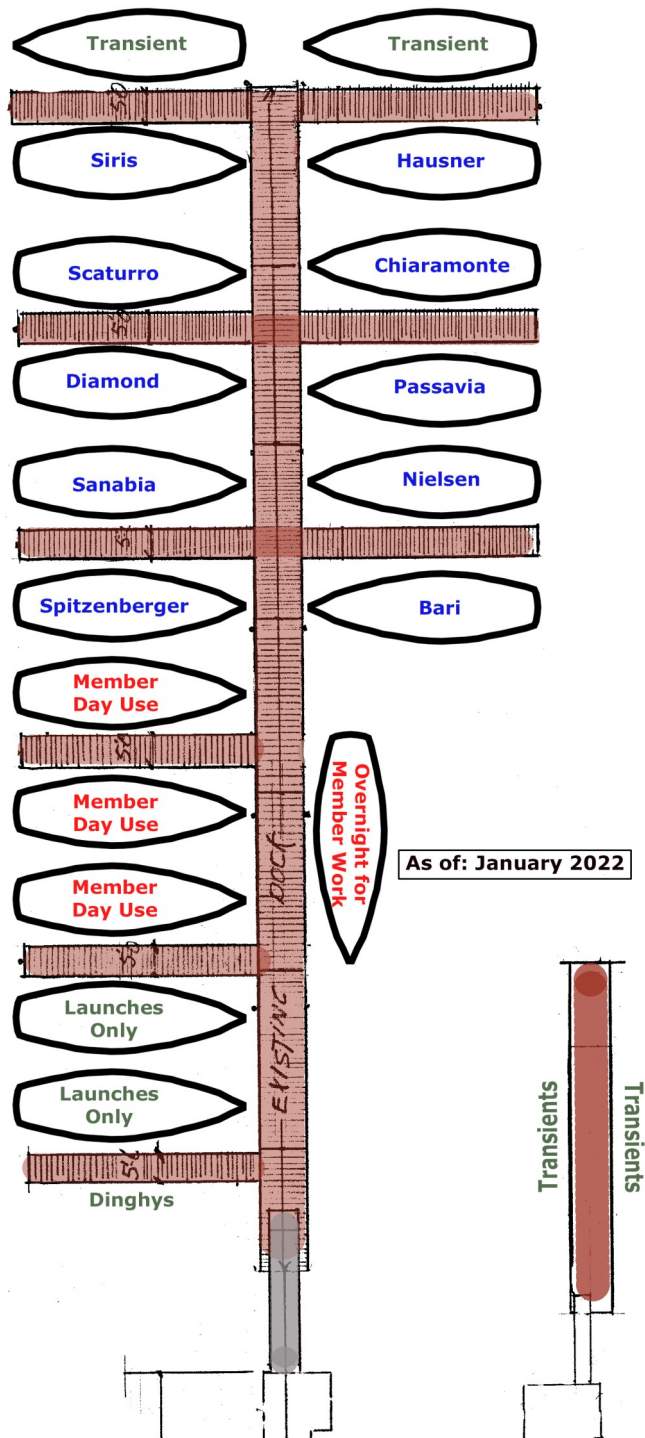
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We have been awarded Marinas.com's "Elite Fleet" award for 2021! This is a step up from our previous "Boaters' Choice" awards! Congrats to our Docks and Launch directors and staff, as well as our Buildings and Grounds folks that all help to contribute to this success! The text below is from Marinas.com:



The boaters have spoken!

We are pleased to inform you that your marina is a 2021 Elite Fleet Boaters' Choice Award Winner. Qualifying for the Elite Fleet tier of the Boaters Choice marinas means your marina is the best of the best, representing the top 0.2% highest-rated marinas in the United States. Thank you for your care and dedication throughout an exceptional year – take a moment to celebrate this well-deserved win.

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GROUNDS

Greetings from your new Director of Grounds.

Snow removal is highest priority. I believe we are ready and will stay closely aligned with other Directors as to the needs of the Club. I do not expect snow removal in January because the Club is postponing social events and closing the bar for the month of January in the context of rising COVID-19 cases (as our Commodore Tim Rachek has already communicated to Club members on January 4).

Many thanks to Mitch Slochower for his past service as Director of Grounds, as well as for supporting me as I move into the role as Director of Grounds.

And thanks to our members who have helped Mitch, and who will help me, make our Club grounds appealing to all members and visitors from land and sea.

Towards this end, I have had discussions with past and present Directors, as well as Club members, and will continue to do so in the future. By way of these discussions, I will generate a task list for March/April 2022, and subsequently prioritize with our budget in mind.

Jason E. Sanabia

Director of Grounds

WORK HOURS

Here in the depths of winter, there are not a lot of work hours available. But just a reminder that regular members can volunteer 10 hours and Small Vessel members 4 hours. We need that help to keep costs down for the club, and to save members money! Contact any of the directors if you have a specific interest. See the website 'About' menu for a list of directors.

SOCIAL!

Social Words



Some Social Words

I am planning on a robust social program this year, but Covid may have other plans. So, what I will do is keep your safety in mind and roll with the punches.

It looks like January 2022 is going to be somewhat quiet, but I am going to create another super bowl pool soon. It was fun and successful last year. Pay attention to your emails from me and I will work out the details which will be like last year.

I have also included a tentative social calendrer for this year, but it is exactly that ... **TENTATIVE.** As 2022 unfolds I will send flyers for the events that are happening.

Happy New Year to all and stay healthy

Laurina

See next pages for event info and tentative 2022 schedule.

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SOCIAL!

This event has been postponed due to the Covid outbreak and will be held on April 9th 2022

To all who have made reservations I will contact you directly Laurina



If you haven't noticed, Long Island's Wine Industry has come a long way from its early beginnings. 30 years ago, budding wineries were told to plant Chardonnay and Merlot, two reliable crops that were easy to grow in our cool, maritime climate. While the region is now well known for those grapes, through improvements in biodynamic farming techniques, root stock selection, and a passion for experimentation and advancement, farmers and wine makers are zeroing in on new varietals that will redefine Long Island's high-quality wine for the next generation. At this event, we will taste 5 fantastic Long Island wines from several wineries, hand by Keith, that are not Merlot or Chardonnay.

WINE TASTING

SATURDAY, JAN 8

5:30 – 7:00

PJYC

LIMIT 20 PEOPLE

\$30 per person



YOUR HOST

An IT Professional by trade, Keith Homan is a fresh and enthusiastic Sommelier who spends weekends serving at a local Long Island winery. Though most of his travels and experience with wine and wineries has been on the West Coast of the US, he too is rediscovering how far Long Island has come with building quality red and white wines.

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SOCIAL!

2022 Super Bowl Pool!

Coming Soon

[Watch For Flyers and Information](#)



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SOCIAL!

Tentative Social Calendar for 2022



January Super Bowl Pool – independent Box Pick

February 11th Bar reopens

February 18 Valentine's Potluck Dinner

March 4th Game night

March 18th St Patrick's day Party

April 1st April Fools Night

April 9th Wine tasting

April Saturday April 23rd Commodores Cocktail Party

May 6th Games or Music

May 22nd Commissioning

May 28th-May 30 Cruising--Memorial Day Cruise to Northport

June 4 and 5th Fishing Tournament

June 11th Milford Cruise

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Tentative Social Calendar for 2022

June 17th Music night and Potluck Dinner

June 18th Harbor Cup

June 25 Cruising – Fireworks Cruise Branford Conn

July 1st Game night

July 4th Monday BBQ on the Deck

July 15th Music

July 23rd Cruising – Cruise to Nowhere (Flax Pond) - Followed by music on the Deck

July 23 Music on the deck

August 6th Cruising Lobster Bake at Essex Connecticut

August Sunday August 21st Commodores BBQ

September 2nd Game night

September Saturday 10th Village Cup

September Sunday 11th Lobster Bake

September 17th MSSA Regatta

September 30th Game night

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October 7th Game Night

October 14th Night at the Races

October 28th Music

November 11th Veterans Day Dinner

November 18th Annual Dinner / Awards Night

December 4th Annual meeting

WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

SBU Sailing Fall 2021 Update

By: Geoff Loffredo

(Editor's Note: PJYC Hosts the SBU Racing Team)

The Stony Brook University Sailing team had a very successful Fall 2021 season. Many new members joined the team and many more came to at least one practice to try out sailing. We held practices four days a week and competed in seven regattas throughout the season. One of those regattas was the Stony Brook Fall Open which we held at PJYC the weekend of October 16-17th. We had teams from Webb Institute, Syracuse University, US Merchant Marine Academy, and US Military Academy attending. SBU finished in 2nd place overall. At the end of the season, we finished ranked 20th within our conference (out of 56 teams)! We also held an Alumni Pot Luck Dinner at PJYC. It was well attended by many recent alumni and was a lot of fun. Overall, it was a beautiful season of Fall sailing and we really appreciate having PJYC as such a great host venue!



Race Start at SBU Fall Regatta

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Alumni Pot Luck Dinner

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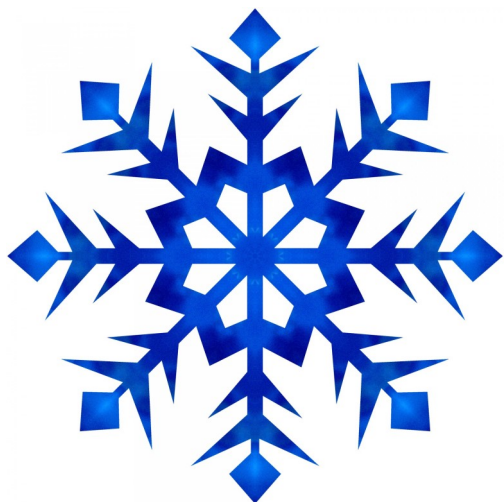
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PJYC WINTER BAR HOURS

BAR CLOSED IN JANUARY

Canasta!

Tuesday Nights

Bar is Open as a Self-Serve Honor System

Bring your own Snacks

6:30

Text Dianna 631-512-1068 for more info

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WHAT'S IT?

January's What's It: Name the knot!



THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

BOAT FOR SALE

“Whimsy”



1970 Yankee Dolphin 24

Tiller steering. Main, jib (new in 2017), new standing rigging in 2017. New head and tank in 2017. Awlgrip top deck in 2021. Other upgrades.

Engine– Yamaha 9.9hp in a well. Pushbutton start. New Battery in 2021.

Garmin Nav Unit, VHF, etc...

Available to view at the Boat Place in PJ.

Listing with more pics:

<https://www.boattrader.com/boat/1970-yankee-dolphin24-8074072/>

Contact: Kate Kevill kkevill@me.com

THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)



Surprise
1987 Catalina 34

DIMENSIONS

LOA 34'
LWL 29'11"
BEAM 11'9"
DRAFT 5'7"
DISPLACEMENT 11,950 LBS.
BALLAST 5,000 LBS.

ENGINE

Universal M25XP – 23 HP
Engine Fuel - Diesel
Engine Hours ~ 1,500

TANKS

Water – 2 tanks – 28 gal & 23 gal.

3 Cabins – Forward (V-Berth), Main Cabin, Aft
All sails in good condition – Main Sail – Doyle Stack
Pack with full length battens
Lazy jacks
Two Genoas – 150 LP and 116 LP.
Furlex Roller Furler System
All Controls led to cockpit
1 Electrical, 4 Manual Winch Handles
Electrical system was rewired in 2014 and Blue
Seas circuit breaker panel was substituted for
original fuse panel.
Garmin Chartplotter & Garmin handheld GPS
Data Marine Wind Speed, Wind Direction, Knot
Meter and Depth Gages
AC Shore Power Receptacle
Maintenance Logs

BERTHS

Double – 3 (includes dining table)

Electrical cable for shore power
Bimini and Dodger refurbished in 2020
Uniden Oceanus DSC VHF radio with handheld wire-
less remote
Simrad WP30 Autopilot
Zodiac 8' inflatable dinghy Cart for moving dinghy
Evinrude 3HP 2 cycle outboard engine in working
order
Sony AM/FM radio with CD player
Custom made companionway screens
Full set of cockpit cushions – new in 2019
Some tools
Catalina 34 Owner's Manual
Universal Engine Owner's Manual

Contact: Vic Suben 631-513-1679 or vsuben@optonline.net

See next page for more pics...

THE EXCHANGE

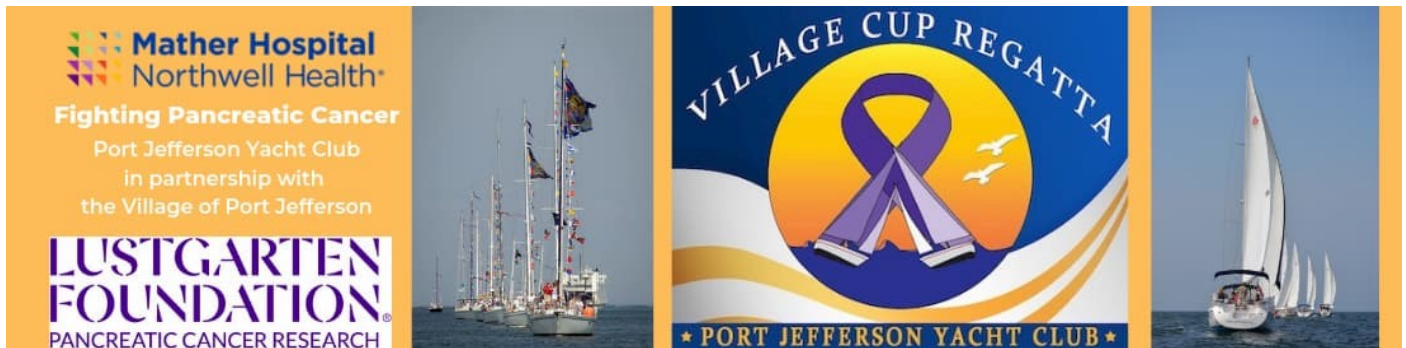
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Surprise



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COMMUNITY



Making a Difference

To support our local community food bank, please make a donation to the following:

Long Island Cares

10 Davids Drive

Hauppauge, NY 11788

licares.org

Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben





Ads, articles, pics all welcome!

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