

# Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



# Bowspritz



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

March 2021

## FROM THE HELM

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. While this saying was most likely started as a reference to astronomy, referencing the position of the constellations Leo (a lion) and Aries (a ram, or lamb) in the night sky, this proverb has stood the test of time. Thomas Fuller compiled many of these “wise sentences and witty sayings in a text that dates to 1732. There is no doubt that the lion was roaring down the harbor on Tuesday when I went up to the club for an afternoon meeting. Those white caps were rolling down our mooring field like a freight train.

March is such a busy month. Daylight Saving Time starts on 3/14, St. Patrick's Day on 3/17. The first day of spring – yes spring on 3/20 followed by Passover on 3/27 and Palm Sunday on 3/28. Besides all those dates and events your Directors are planning a social event and a few work parties to kick off the required prep work need to get this facility into shape for the 2021 season. Details are in the reports that follow.

The 2021 Finger Pier Construction Project has had many positive steps taken. We have two funding banks that at this time have given us positive verbal commitments. While many of the important puzzle pieces are in place the biggest one has delayed our momentum. We just received another delay on the permit process. Most of the letters end with “due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Regulatory Program staff are working from home”. While we knew this could delay the project, we were optimistic that the process would move forward. As they say, timing is everything, and at this point we may need to wait till these permits are finalized.

One of the most important functions of the Board of Governors is that this group of members have a fiduciary responsible to protect the PJYC for the current and future members. I could not be prouder to be a part of this team. This project, while a huge undertaking, has been looked at from the construction side and finance side over and over. Your Rear Commodore has created numerous spread sheets to really provide the BOG a great picture of the cost vs revenue to carry it forward. Be confident that if this project does not come together this season it will in 2022. We will not make any risky moves and will always look to protect the PJYC.



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Looking toward this season we would like you all to help with the “beautification” of the PJYC. We will be replacing the awning. When asked, please volunteer to help with the spring cleanup and other events centered on making this a nice place to visit and enjoy.

In closing, around this time last year the COVID EVENT turned our lives upside down. Many were lost and families had no answers. There are so many things I could add but I would rather not, you all know the story. We are moving toward a safer time. More and more people are getting the vaccine. So, let us look toward the Spring, only two weeks away and begin the new wonderful boating season.

Best,

Jeffrey W. Hausner

Commodore 2021



# BOARD REPORTS

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

## FROM THE EDITOR

In order to be more flexible, and reduce email spam, we have created 4 email addresses for some of our directors. You may use these if you are not sure of the person's private email. These forward automatically to whomever is holding the position in a given year:

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FYI

Dave Hubbard

Editor-In-Chief

# RACING

**New BOAT!** Pintail has been sold! We are still looking for a new RC boat. If we don't find one, we will ask for volunteer boats.

**FULL CREWS!** With vaccines looking likely for everyone, I am anticipating we will be back to full crews and spin divisions this year! If anyone has concerns, contact me.

**HELP WANTED!** I am looking for some volunteers who would like to spend some time on the water to help with our race committee! No experience needed. Spend some nice evenings on the water with a beer and spectacular sunsets!

**New RULES!** There is a new set of "Racing Rules of Sailing" (Aka the "RRS") for 2021 thru 2024. No big changes, but many clarifications. I will review these during the pre-season Skippers Meeting.

## **Schedule:**

Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>—Skippers Meeting via Zoom at 6 PM

Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>—Gear Tester Race

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>—First Tuesday Night Race!

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>—Harbor Cup

Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>—Ladies Day Race

Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>—Village Cup

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>—True North Distance Race

Regards,  
Dave Hubbard  
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# DOCKS & FLOATS

It is that time of year again and I feel like a politician asking for your vote. By the time you read this we will have had our first work party and the club needs you to volunteer more than ever to complete the work of getting our docks ready to get back in the water. The crane is arriving on April 10 at 8 a.m.

We have 17 floating docks in the club and 15 of them need work. We have three new to us JSP docks that need MAJOR work and Education has asked that we rearrange the docks for better storage of the 420's and prams so we will also be modifying the existing docks.

The West dock needs work to allow the new finger piers to be attached. This work is best done out of the water and we will be running new water lines and altering the docks to accommodate the future electric to power the new and larger electrical stations. The permits for the finger piers are working their way thru the maze of approvals. Myself and Phil Schaivone and Ed Nielsen will be working almost every week day as well as Saturdays on the docks and we would like to see as many members that can work during the week day to help. We have the tools but we need your labor.

Please call (C 631 495-0985)

or e-mail me at: [alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com) if you are available.



# FOUNDINGS

With the disappearance of that cold white stuff, I was able to take an extended assessment of the club's property. The projects I hope we can accomplish can begin this month. With some cooperation from the weather, the dock work and COVID, I'd like to schedule work parties on April 3, 10 and/or 17. I plan to have the necessary materials on site in the next couple of weeks, so if anyone is available to do some work on a Tuesday, Thursday mornings or Fridays starting 3/23 that would be great. I will plan on being at the club starting 3/23 weather permitting.

## AND THE PROJECTS FOR 2021 ARE:

1. Weeding, laying landscaping cloth and distributing mulch along fence line in upper lot.
2. Erecting a fence in lower lot on the platform.
3. Installing new doorjamb in dock house.
4. Repairing planting bed next to JSP building.
5. Staining dinghy racks.
6. Replace 4 hanging baskets.



## The routine projects are:

1. Flower planting
2. Weeding lower lot.
3. Pruning

Early during the pandemic last year there were 14 members who earned their work hour credits. Hopefully we can see the same enthusiasm this year.

Mitch Slochower [mslochowerlcsw@gmail.com](mailto:mslochowerlcsw@gmail.com), 631 848-7738

# SOCIAL!

## Some Social Words



St. Patrick's Day Gathering



Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>

Rain date Sunday March 14 (same time)

Time: 1PM – 3PM (or until we get too cold)

We have decided to cancel the St. Patrick's zoom meeting since it looks like we can have a gathering.

Of course, stay posted because if this year has taught us anything – we must be flexible!

Any questions just call, text or email.

I am looking forward to seeing you this coming weekend!

Laurina

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# SOCIAL CALENDAR!

## Upcoming Events

- March** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Party at the Club! (See previous page)
- April** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - Dock Launching. 8 AM!  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Cocktail Party – likely outdoors
- May** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Race Skippers Meeting  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Commissioning
- June** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>—First Tuesday Night Race!  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> Fishing tournament  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Harbor Cup
- July** 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Cruise to Nowhere
- August** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Commodores BBQ – possible raft -up
- September** Village Cup Saturday on 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> will consult Cup Committee
- October** TBA
- November** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance
- December** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting

**Of course everything is just proposed and subject to chance but after 2020 we are all pros at rolling with the punches.**

**So Stay Safe, Think Positive and Test Negative. I look forward to seeing you all this year.**

**Laurina**

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# Cruising

We had a great cruising zoom meeting with 7 boats attending. Several more that could not attend have checked in. We discussed plans for destinations for the upcoming season.

- We will continue with the Friday evening sunset cruises; They were well attended last year and offer the opportunity for sailing and comradery.
- Our first cruise will be to Northport Yacht Club for Memorial Day weekend. We currently have 8-10 moorings reserved for Saturday and Sunday and a dinner planned for Sunday evening. Their board has not yet made the determination that they will be accepting transients. A decision is expected in the next two weeks; we have Centerport Yacht Club as a backup (Thank you, Ken Babbits).
- Branford CT Fireworks for June 26<sup>th</sup> is planned. No final determination has been made by the town regarding fireworks yet so I am still watching this.
- Labor Day weekend Northport, Centerport Yacht Club.
- The long cruise is not yet flushed out. Bristol RI to visit the Herreshoff museum is a proposal. The first two weeks in July were proposed as traditionally good weather weeks. I will schedule another zoom call to work through the details.

Unfortunately, Covid is still in play for at least the start of the season, so plans remain fluid. I am optimistic that we will be able to have a great and safe 2021 season.



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# **HELP WANTED**

## **Get Your Work Hours!**

- ♦ **Dock Launching—April 10th—8 AM**

**Contact Alan Johnson**

- ♦ **Grounds—March 23 Tuesdays & Thursdays, and April 3, 10, 17**

**Contact Mitch Slochower**

# WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

## What's It?

### February's Winner was Phil Schiavone!

These are 'Deck Prisms', also called 'Deck Lights'. This shot is of the set from 'Coronet', an 1885 131' schooner being fully restored at IYRS in Newport RI. They also came in rectangular shapes and were mounted inverted in the deck to let light below.



Here are deck and below deck shots from inside the Mystic Seaport whaler 'Charles W. Morgan'. The inside light is not from the cellphone. You can read by it. Several other members also got it, but Phil was first in!



### March's What's It?

Bob Bari submitted a few lighthouse pics. So this month it's not what is it, but which one is it?



# THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

## **35 lb CQR Anchor & Rave Towable Tube (Reduced!)**

**Anchor:** Asking \$100, which is much less expensive than a new one (over \$500). If you need a short piece of chain with it, I have some 3/8 chain I can include for free..

**Rave Sports Nighthawk 3-Person Towable Tube:** Used fewer than 10 times. Very good condition. No leaks. Includes a tow rope. Asking \$100, which is much less expensive than a new one, e.g. \$300 at Dick's Sporting Goods (<https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/p/rave-sports-nighthawk-3-person-towable-tube-16rspunghthwkxxxwsr/16rspunghthwkxxxwsr>). This is a 3 rider, double decker, wing style tube and features a skim-fast bottom for a fast ride that offers great maneuverability. Foam handles with neoprene knuckle guards help you hang on tight as the Nighthawk whips back and forth across the water. An anti-chafe guard offers added protection. Holds 3 riders. Double decker swept wing style tube. Durable Nylon top cover. Heavy duty PVC bladder. Skim-fast bottom for a slick and fast ride. Anti-chafe guard. 6 foam-filled handles with neoprene knuckle guards. Quick connect tow point. Inflated dimensions: 73.5" x 77" x 25.5". Deflated dimensions: 77" x 80". Max combined rider weight: 510 lbs.

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# Pintail

**SOLD!**





# 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](http://licares.org)**

Thanks and stay well,

*Judy Suben*



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