

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



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Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club <http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

March 2026

FROM THE HELM

Huge shoutout to Tim Knolls the Director of Docks and Floats and the volunteer crew for the impressive dock progress in just the past week. There's still work left, so head down and pitch in—keep an eye on Tim's emails for details and opportunities to help.

The bar is officially open for the season! Swing by to chat boating, grab a drink, and enjoy each other company

With all the recent winter activity we are finally starting to get a thaw, and what feels like the beginning of spring. I look forward to the spring cleanup as we get ready for this new boating season.

I hope everyone will enjoy the excellent renovations performed to the Club basement and bathrooms that was led by Kevin Broderick. Much effort went into painting and maintaining this space and it is really looking nice!

Our next social event is the St Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 14th. This is always a good time with excellent music and food. Please join us for this festive occasion if you have not already responded to Hope's invitation.

Please make sure you reserve the date for the Commodore's Cocktail Party on April 25th at 6:00 PM. Annette and I are excited to be hosting this special event!

PSA reminder: As everyone preps boats for launch, double-check those hoses and seacocks to avoid any nasty surprises on the water.

The club's in full swing with volunteer energy, social events, safety checks. This is prime time to get involved—whether volunteering on the docks, grabbing a drink at the bar, or RSVPing for the St Patrick's Day party.

Cheers,
Ray Dickenson
Commodore



BOARD REPORTS

DOCKS & FLOATS

First, a big thank you to the 17 Members that showed up today. I truly appreciate your help! We had 21 signed up - a few could not make it.

That said, we got a ton of good work done!

We had a few goals to complete:

- 1) Repair the ends to 2 adjoining docks from the JSP docks. COMPLETE.
- 2) Reinforce one of the JSP docks where the band joist split. INCOMPLETE
- 3) Break Down the JSP dock that split and salvage all the pieces that we could. COMPLETE.

Additionally:

We purchased new lumber and floats to rebuild the JSP dock that split. A team of members reframed an entire new 30'x8' section with new CCA lumber and prepared it for float install and to get re-decked.

For March 14th:

- 1) We will need to flip this section of newly framed dock over so that we can re-deck it. We will need Manpower to safely do this. As of now, I only have 10 volunteers. I would like another 10 for this "heavy lift".
- 2) Re-deck this section with the wood we salvaged today. I will order a few more pieces so we have extra as I know we are short on recycled material.
- 3) Reinforced the JSP dock with the split band joist.
- 4) We need to replace four hoop assemblies (I have them on site).
- 5) Repair and replace deck board on the main dock where we moved a stanchion (currently a hole)
- 6) Install rub rail where able.
- 7) Inspect all stanchions and ensure they are tightly mounted.

The remaining work after that as of now:

- 1) Prepare and install stanchion at slip E-25
- 2) Inspect all hatches that we have access to.
- 3) Touch up stain if weather permits.

I think we can be largely wrapped up by 3-21. Very much looking forward to launching on April 4th!
Thanks for your support.

Tim Knoll
Director, Docks & Floats



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PAST COMMODORE

Education Director (ed. note: Chris is our acting Education Director this year)

Summer sailing program registration is open. We have already received a good number of registrations many of these are new families. If you have any family members or friends that are looking for something for their kids to do this summer this is a great program. There are both ½ day and full day sessions. This year we have added an advanced 420 class for older children. Here is the link <https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/sailing-school/registration/>

Dave Hubbard will be running a class this Friday evening on knots and lines. Come down have a beverage and learn some more useful knots. Children are welcome.

Cruising Director

Reciprocity letters have gone out. We will be updating the club site with clubs that we have offered reciprocity to.

Our first cruise will be on Memorial Day weekend (May 23 – 25) to Huntington Yacht Club. Please make your reservations through Dockwa directly with Huntington Yacht Club.

Branford CT will have their fireworks June 27th. We will be anchoring in the outer harbor as usual. If you are interested in seeing the NYC fireworks Tim Racek found that Chelsea Pier Marina has some openings. It is 8.50 a ft and has a 4-night minimum. Kinsale and Ripple will be there. If you want to join, make your reservations soon on Dockwa.

Our long cruise will be on Narraganset bay the first 2 weeks of August. We are working on scheduling a 12M cruise or race if we can get enough people to fill 2 boats. If you are interested on sailing aboard a 12M America's Cup Yacht, even if you are not going to be on the cruise, please email cruising@portjeffersonyachtclub.com to let us know. We are working on the dates now.

Labor Day weekend (Sept 5-7) we will be heading to Northport Yacht Club. I have 13 moorings reserved. Please do not contact them directly about a mooring. If you are planning to attend, please email cruising@portjeffersonyachtclub.com to let us know. This is always a great way to wrap up the summer cruising program.

Chris Beach

Past Commodore, Education Director, Cruising Director



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RECORDING SECRETARY

WORK HOURS CHANGES!

By Dave Hubbard on behalf of Dawn Willie

First, I'd like to welcome Dawn Willie to the board as our new Recording Secretary. She will be collecting 'Work Hours' from the various directors and members.

'Work Hours' are time you can volunteer for club projects during the year to help defray costs for you and the club.

A few notes and **changes** this year:

Members get a **\$100 an hour credit** against their work hours assessment billed in January 2027.

Up to 10 hours can be accrued per year depending on membership level.:

Launch & Non-Launch (with or without a slip): 10 Hours

Small Vessel & Social: 5 Hours

Emeritus & Honorary: No requirements

It is the **MEMBER's RESPONSIBILITY** to report their hours! Either through a signup sheet at the event, or by emailing the director of the area involved (Grounds, House, Docks, etc...) and the recording secretary at recording-secretary@portjeffersonyachtclub.com .

Remember that **all work MUST be pre-approved** by the appropriate director.

This year, to prevent surprises, we will put all the earned work hours on the club website under 'Members Only'. Look for an email regarding this. You will be able to check on how many hours you have put in. This way we hope to reduce surprises in the next year's billing! We will try and update it monthly so you can check that your efforts are recognized!

FYI

The Board

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SOCIAL



Upcoming Events

JAN 30 6PM-10PM <i>Chili, Hot Dogs and Football Picks</i>	FEB 14 6:30PM-10PM <i>Valentine's Day Party</i>	MARCH 14 6:30PM-10PM <i>St Patrick's Day Party</i>
APRIL 25 COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTY	MAY 17 COMMISSIONING	JUNE 5,6,7 <i>Fish Tournament</i>
JULY 4 BBQ	AUGUST 23 COMMODORES BBQ	SEPT 6 LABOR DAY BBQ

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Hope Kinney
Social Director



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VALENTINE'S DAY!

By Dianna Stackow



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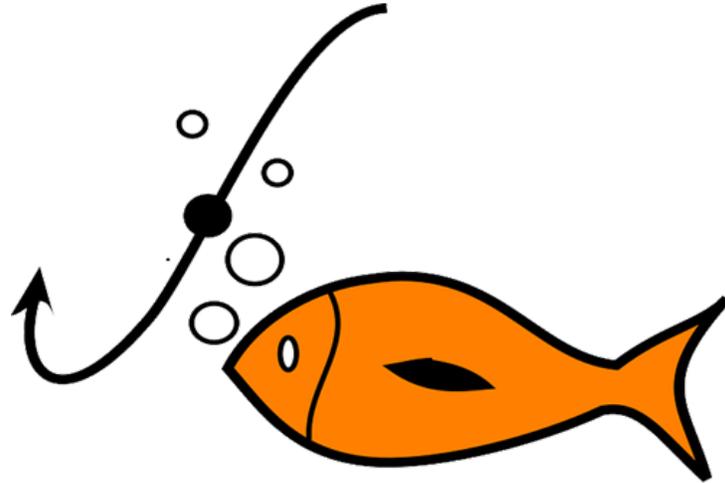
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WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS



**SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL PJYC
FISHING TOURNAMENT
JUNE 5-7, 2026**

Contact Jack Bowman for Info
jjb@mindplusmuscle.com

See the club website under 'Social' for additional info as it becomes available.

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Fore!

From Charlie Masone



His caddy looks cold!

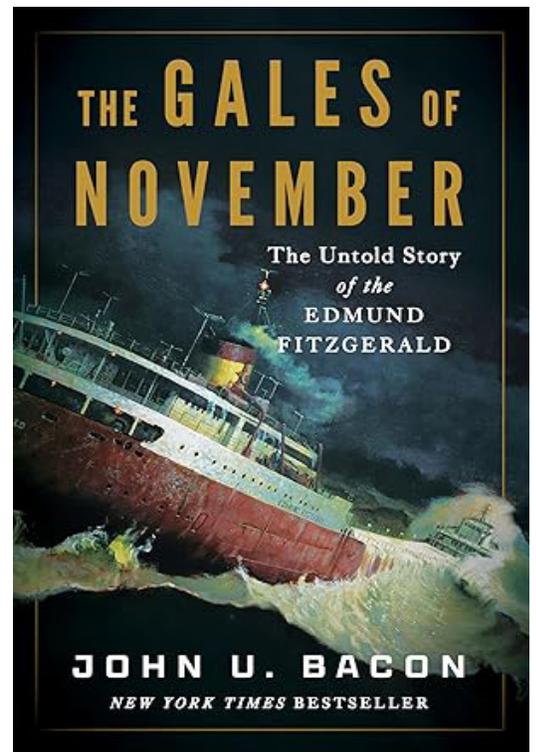
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NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

Book Report
By Dave Hubbard

“The Gales of November”
“The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald”
By John U. Bacon

I thought I knew a bit about the sinking of “The Fitz” on November 10, 1975, but this book goes way beyond the usual list of facts. It is all non-fiction, but the author spends a lot of time explaining shipping on the Great Lakes, and of course iron ore, which The Fitz was carrying. He interviewed hundreds of people, including families, friends, and co-workers of all the crew. It has complete biographies of all the crew in a very personal and caring style. He describes other sinkings on the lakes, and includes interviews with the unfortunately few survivors of those. He interviewed many crew who worked on the Fitz over its lifetime. There are also technical descriptions of its design and construction. He even includes a lot of detail on Gordon Lightfoot’s involvement with the story, which is much more involved than just a song about it. Did you know that Lightfoot actually changed the words over the years to reflect updated information? There are a lot of very personal stories about how the families and friends came together to support each other over the years, and spearheaded memorials, which are held annually. Worth a read for sure. Parts of it are real page turners. Certainly the most comprehensive book on the subject. It was on the NY Times Bestseller list for a few weeks.



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CRUISING!

We need cruise captains for Memorial Day and Branford.

Memorial Day Weekend: May 23-25th.

Huntington Yacht Club.

Make reservations through Dockwa.

Nancy and Chris plan to arrive early and leave on the 24th due to a prior family commitment. Their cancellation policy is 72 hrs. I will reach out to them about this to see if it can be shortened to 24 hrs. if really bad weather is forecast. Last year the weather was perfect, but they had a water and electrical problem which forced us to make alternate plans.

June 13-14

Saugatauk YC or Milford. I am still working on this.

June 27-28

Branford Fireworks.

We would follow the usual plan and anchor in the outer harbor. Nancy and Chris will not be there due to a wedding so someone will need to organize cocktails.

July 3-6

NYC Fireworks are not really a consideration due to both cost and availability. We are instead thinking about a sail during the day before the BBQ at the club in the evening.

July 25-26

Saugatuck YC or Milford. Still working on this.

Note that the Around Long Island Regatta start is on July 23rd

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CRUISING! (CONTINUED)

Long Cruise August 1-14

August 1 - Essex CT for Essex Lions Club Lobster bake (Starts at 1:00)

August 2 - Essex to Stonington CT

August 3 - Stonington to Dutch Harbor

August 4 - Dutch to Bristol RI - Herreshoff Maritime Museum

August 5 - Lay day in Bristol. - Working on a behind the scenes tour for us

August 6 - Bristol - Newport

August 7 - Lay day Newport

August 8 - Lay day Newport

August 9 - Third Beach

August 10 - Block Island

August 11 - Block Island

August 12 - Shelter Island YC

August 13 - Lay day Shelter Island YC

August 14 - Shelter Island to PJYC

Dates and Ports of call are tentative. We may adjust Newport to optimize costs for a 12m charter. Nancy and Chris plan to depart PJYC on July 30 and head to Duck Island Roads and up to Essex on July 31 anyone is welcome to join

Labor Day Weekend Sept 5-7

Northport Yacht Club.

We have mooring reserved. Please do not contact NYC directly for moorings. We will provide a list to them. If you plan to go to Northport YC please email you confirmation so that I have a list.

We would plan to have dinner in their dining room on Sept 6 and return to PJYC on the 7th.

Chris & Nancy

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KAYAKING!

You can sign up for the Kayaking Group being organized by Vicki LaRossa! See the form on the website under 'Members Only' in the 'Useful Links and Forms' box.

No cost, just scheduling maybe a few times a week as people are available!



Our Launcher!

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WHAT'S IT?

February What's It: Define 'Vexillology'. Thanks to John Lane for this one.

There were no takers for this one! It is the the study of all things 'Flags'!
History, design, meanings!

March What's Its: Two this month!

From Tim O'Mara: What is this?



AND, a vexillological one! What does this spell?



Hint: Use my Nautical Flag Generator Tool at:

<https://racetac.com/flagtool.htm>

THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

1983 13 ft Boston Whaler with Trailer

- ◇ 2021 Suzuki 30hp with power tilt & trim
- ◇ Installed and maintained by Moriches Boat & Motor
- ◇ Garmin Depth/Fish Finder
- ◇ Brunton illuminated compass
- ◇ Asking \$7500



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SELL - BUY - SWAP

FX Asymmetrical Spinnaker

Asking \$500 or Best Acceptable Offer

- ◇ Like New!
- ◇ Luff: 42' 6"
- ◇ Leach: 40' 3"
- ◇ Foot: 24' 0"



Doug Dalessio - gs279@hotmail.com

Leather Covered Wheel for Edson Pedestal

Asking \$300



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For Sale

2016 West Marine 8' 3" roll-up PVC inflatable dingy

Very good condition, rarely used, with storage bag,

Towing bridle and maintenance cleaners

NYS registered through 6/26

\$250

Also available:

Older Mariner 2.5 HP gas out board

In running condition with accessories

\$100

Call or write: John Lane

631 751 0850, jlaneok@aol.com

Century 20 Powerboat For Sale

20' Great Condition

Contact Ray Epp: rwepp@optimum.net 1-631-816-8659

(Ray is upsizing to a new boat!)

WANTED - MAINSAIL

For a Pearson 30

Contact Bruce Folz

Email: brucehfolz@gmail.com

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SHIP'S STORE

Men's Button Down Long Sleeve Shirt	\$40 each
Sport Brown Shell Jacket Men's or Wm's	\$60 each
Large Blanket – Blue Heather Fleece	\$40 each
Hats – Cotton - Assorted Colors	\$20 each

Unisex Denim Shirt – Long Sleeve Cotton, button down	\$45 each
Women's Maui Blue Shirt - Short Sleeves Cotton Blend, Button Down	\$35 each
Men's Maui Blue Shirt – Short Sleeves Cotton Blend, Button Down	\$35 each
Unisex Polo Shirt – Quick Dry Steel Grey, Short Sleeves	\$30 each
Women's T-Shirt – V-Neck Cotton, Royal Blue, Short Sleeves	\$20 each
Women's T-Shirt – V- Neck Quick Dry, Royal Blue, Long Sleeves	\$20 each
Men's T-Shirt – Crew Neck Cotton, Royal Blue. Short Sleeves	\$20 each
Men's T-Shirt – Crew Neck Cotton, Royal Blue, Long Sleeves	\$20 each
Stainless Steel Tumbler 20oz	\$30 each 2 for \$55

Beverage Koozies -Royal Blue	2 for \$5 5 for \$10
Tie Tack – Burgee	\$ 5 each
Pendant – Burgee	\$ 5 each
Burgees	
Standard 12" X 18" (under 35 ft boat)	\$30 each
Large 14" X 21" (over 35 ft boat)	\$35 each

COMMUNITY



Making a Difference

Support Our Local Food Banks!

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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