

## Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



# Bowspritz



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

April 2021

## FROM THE HELM

Spring begins its yearly rebirth and I hope this message finds you well. Americans will be getting extra time to prepare their taxes this year. The IRS says it is delaying the traditional tax filing deadline from April 15<sup>th</sup> until May 17<sup>th</sup>. The IRS may have delayed our filing date but there were no delays allowed at the PJYC Lower Lot. April 1, 2021 had no room for joking at the PJYC Waterfront. Alan Johnson and his team of woodworkers were able to get our docks repaired and ready for this past Saturday launching. There were a few new docks this year that needed work done on them in addition to the nine that make up the West and East main docks. A new configuration of eight docks will be used for the JSP Sailing Program. This new large 3X3-3X3-2X2 floating platform will provide a great safe storage and launching site for the program boats. Thanks to all that donated their time to get these docks and floats ready and safely into the water. This is no easy effort, and I am amazed each year as these eight-ton platforms sail through the air.

Besides the docks being lifted, our 8X8 Dock House also went for a ride on Saturday. A new foundation for this building was constructed over the last three weekends and the Dock House was lifted by the crane and positioned on its new legs. This Dock House will be worked on inside and out to provide a better operations office for the staff. Thanks to the foundation diggers and Vinny Murphy for keeping everything "on the level". There is still painting, and a few things needed to get the Dock House finished so if you need some work hours please reach out to Ed Dowd.

The club has filled two (2) 20-yard dumpsters this spring. The first one was used to remove a float that served the club for many years. The Stony Brook University Sailing Team provided many helping hands in Mid-March to fill that first dumpster. Geoff Loffredo and the Sailing Work Party of Adam, Keith, Ryan, Kristin, Will, Mallory, Makayla, Morgan, Nick, and Jessica all helped with that cleanup. Thank you SBU Sailing! A Second 20-yard dumpster is currently filled and will be removed this week and replaced with one more. A final season grounds clean-up notice will be sent out to fill this last container. Please respond and lend a helping hand so we have a neat property that all members and our guests can be proud of.

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# FROM THE HELM

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Finally, this past Wednesday was the first meeting of the 2021 Village Cup Committee. Using a ZOOM Platform, Chuck Chiaramonte brought the band back together. Reviewing the proof for this year's brochure and brainstorming new ideas we are excited to be working together for this charity event again. However, this disease has hit close to the PJYC Family once again. Ron Rivellese Past Commodore from 2003 lost his life to Pancreatic Cancer last month. With heartfelt prayers we all send our deepest condolences to the Rivellese family. Let us all work toward a successful Village Cup in Ron's memory and the others that have passed over the years from this cancer.

Jeffrey W. Hausner

Commodore 2021



**A Better View from the Dock House!**

# *In Memoriam*

## *Ron Rivellese*

*March 10, 1957—March 16, 2021*

We are saddened to mark the passing of a past Commodore of SYC/PJYC. Ron was our Commodore in 2003 and was active in the racing program, as well as other positions.

He passed away peacefully after a 4 year fight with Pancreatic Cancer on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

A full obituary can be found here:

<https://branchfh.com/obits/ron-rivellese/>



# BOARD REPORTS

## UPDATES FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### VICE COMMODORE

It has been a busy month at the club this past month. Laurina Nielsen put together a very successful Saint Patrick's day party in the club parking lot. Mother nature even cooperated by melting most of the snow and giving us a nice day. Food was served, the fire pits were going and the bar was even open for outdoor service. It was great to see some familiar faces as well as some new ones. As you may know we have had many new members join this year.

Unfortunately, due to delays in the permitting process, it looks like our dock expansion will have to wait until next year but that didn't stop Alan Johnson and his crew of volunteers from prepping the docks to accept the finger piers and electric when we are ready to move forward. Many members helped with the work detail but some members seem to always go above and beyond. Chris Scaturro brought his own employees and equipment down to the club, after working a full day, to move the docks so that Alan and crew could gain access to get the work done. Thank you to Chris and all who volunteered most going well above their required ten hours.

The club house will be getting a bit of a facelift soon. The board has decided to replace the awning. In an effort to keep the cost down we hope to repaint the existing framework. Kevin Broderick will be sending out a request for help in that regard. We hope to start the work after the Commodores Cocktail party (April 24<sup>th</sup>) and have it completed in time for the Commissioning (May 23<sup>rd</sup>). In addition to the awning Kevin has been busy with repairs to the decking, varnishing of the hand rails and he and Patty single handedly completed the deep clean of the club house.

We are lucky to have such a great group of dedicated people who step up and get the job done but the directors can't be expected to do it all themselves. We need volunteers to heed the call when the directors ask for help. In the coming month, there's a lot to be done. Kevin Broderick will be looking for help with the awning, Mitch Slochower will be looking for help with the grounds and other directors will be asking for help as well. We are a volunteer club, regular members are expected to contribute at least 10 work hours and beginning this year, small boat members are asked to contribute 2 hours. I ask that all members make an effort to help out when a director puts out a request for help. Working with your fellow members keeps your dues low and is a great way to get to know people in the club.

Tim Rachek

# RACING

Race Season preparations are moving ahead. The Coast Guard has approved all our races, as we submit 'Marine Event Permit' applications each year. While not strictly needed, they avoid any conflict should a fishing boat or some other interloper complain. We have the course reserved!

## **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  
davechub@gmail.com



**Getting Ready to go Racing!**



# DOCKS & FLOATS

## THE DOCKS ARE LAUNCHED!

Even with all the work that had to be completed, the members pulled together and we got the VAST majority of the work done. We had 26 member volunteers on the docks this spring with 6 members completing their minimum work assessment hours. We logged 223 hours working this spring. We worked on 15 of the 17 floating docks. It was a feat I did not think we could complete. The crane arrived at 8 am and lowered his boom at 12:20.

Water on the east dock is turned off because of multiple leaks in the piping leading to the dock. I am looking for a volunteer for the plumbing. If someone has used PEX piping that knowledge would be handy. We have the PEX tools.

The applications for the finger piers are working their way thru the permitting process.

Please call (C 631 495-0985) or e-mail me at [alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com) if you are available for the plumbing.



# FOUNDINGS

**The SBU Sailing Team put in their work hours to help clear out a ton of junk!**



Thanks to: *Adam, Keith, Ryan, Kristin, Will, Mallory, Makayla, Morgan, Nick, and Jessica*  
And to Alan Johnson and Mitch who supervised.

If you can help with Grounds, contact:

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

# Cruising

Covid continues to present uncertainty for this season. So far things are looking positive with Northport Yacht Club and Branford. I am continuing to reach out to them for updates.

We will continue with the Friday sunset cruises starting on May 21<sup>st</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 meet up at "G" Monitor Ch 72.

We have a number of overnight cruises planned. If you would like to be cruise captain for any of these, please let me know.

## 2021 Cruises

Date	Location	Cruise Captain
May 29-30	Northport Yacht Club	Beach/Goroff
June 12	Milford CT - TBD	
June 26	Branford CT – Fireworks	
July 3 - 14	Long Cruise (Bristol RI)	Beach/Goroff
July 24	Bridgeport - TBD	
August 14	"Cruise to nowhere" – Conscience Bay BBQ	
August 28	Clinton CT - TBD	
September 4-5	Centerport Yacht Club	Babits

## Holiday Weekend Cruises

We have a number of moorings being held for us at both Northport Yacht Club (Memorial Day Weekend) and Centerport Yacht Club (Labor Day Weekend). If you are planning to join either of these it is critical that you confirm by email with the boat name, length and draft so we can confirm with the clubs. Members coming by car also need to confirm for the dinner on Sunday. Below are the lists I have for Northport YC and Centerport YC's. If you are not on the list and plan to attend please let me know ASAP. If I have you on either list and you should not be, please let me know.

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## Northport Yacht Club – Memorial Day Weekend

Last Name	First Name(s)	Boat	Length	Draft	Dinner?	Notes
Diamond	Ellen & David	Adamas	38			
Bari	Angela & Robert	Ark	45			
Schiavone	Kathy & Phil	Grand Prix	37			
Chiaramonte	Peggy & Charles	Harvest Moon	44			
Babits	Heather & Ken	Raison D'Etire	36			
Beach/Goroff	Christopher & Nancy	Ripple	35	4'9"	2	
Johnson	Alan & Gretchen	Skol	40			
Nielsen	Laurina & Ed	Smoke & Mirrors	40			
Suben	Judy & Victor				2	By Car
Fortang	Joan & Mort				2	By Car

## Centerport Yacht Club – Labor Day Weekend

Last Name	First Name(s)	Boat	Length	Draft	Dinner?	Notes
Diamond	Ellen & David	Adamas	38			
Bari	Angela & Robert	Ark	45			
Chiaramonte	Peggy & Charles	Harvest Moon	44			
Babits	Heather & Ken	Raison D'Etire	36			
Beach/Goroff	Christopher & Nancy	Ripple	35	4'9"	2	
Johnson	Alan & Gretchen	Skol	40			
Suben	Judy & Victor				2	By Car
Fortang	Joan & Mort				2	By Car

## Long Cruise

We will be cruising to the Hefeshoff Museum for the long cruise with a nice stay on Shelter Island on the way back. Feel free to join the long cruise for any of the nights. I have tried to structure it so that the first weekend, July 3 and 4 could be a long weekend as well as July 10 and 11 in shelter island. July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> we plan to be at the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol RI. It is their golden Jubilee! I am working on getting a special tour. Each leg has roughly 4-6 hrs of sailing time. Newport to Shelter Island is the exception which is long. If you are interested in any parts of the long cruise, please email me so I can facilitate moorings etc. Here are the tentative stops.

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## Tentative Long Cruise ports and dates

Date	Port
July 3	Duck Island Roads
July 4	Stonington CT
July 5	Pt. Judith RI
July 6	East Greenwich Yacht Club
July 7, 8	Bristol RI – Herreshoff Museum
July 9	Newport RI
July 10,11	Shelter Island – Long leg
July 12	Hamburg Cove, CT
July 13	Branford CT
July 14	PJYC

As with any cruising schedule, we will be flexible and continue to work on the details. If you would like to be a cruise captain please let me know. I will be sending out emails with more details as things get closer. Fair Winds.

Chris

[cruising@portjeffersonyachtclub.com](mailto:cruising@portjeffersonyachtclub.com)



# SOCIAL!



*Please join us for the  
Commodore's Cocktail Party  
2021*

*Date: April 24, 2021*

*Time: 6:00 PM*

*Hosted by: Jeff Hausner and Chrissy Brancaccio*

*Place: PJYC Clubhouse*

*Kindly RSVP by Wednesday April 14th [jwhausner@gmail.com](mailto:jwhausner@gmail.com)*

# SOCIAL!

## Some social words

So far, we have managed to have 3 outdoor gatherings this year despite the Covid Pandemic.

We had a Super Bowl Gathering, the St Patrick's Day Gathering and then just another last weekend.



It is so nice to see everyone again.

We have all been very conscious of the CDC guidelines and are realizing that many of us have had at least one vaccine injection already and lots of us have had our 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine also. We are hoping to open the bar again at the end of April. We have rearranged some of the furniture and will be working on having the club house cleaned.

Plans are in the making for a wonderful Commodores Cocktail Party and we hope many of you will feel comfortable in joining us.



Keep checking your emails for upcoming events.

Laurina Nielsen

Social Director 2021



**SOCIAL!**



**Fishing Tournament!**

**June 4-6, 2021**

Contact Ellie Bowman for Details

# SOCIAL CALENDAR!

## Upcoming Events

- April** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Cocktail Party – At the club!
- May** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Race Skippers Meeting  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Gear Tester' Race!  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Commissioning—At the club!
- June** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>—First Tuesday Night Race!  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> thru 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** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> — Village Cup!
- 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**

[laurina\\_n@hotmail.com](mailto:laurina_n@hotmail.com)

# HELP WANTED

## Get Your Work Hours!

- ◆ **Small Vessel Members—Get your two hours in!**
- ◆ **Grounds— April 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, or 24**

**To help spread mulch!**

**Contact Mitch Slochower**



# WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

## Special Shout Out!

**We would like to thank the driver of this vehicle!**



The Board would like to recognize **Chris Scaturro** (Mad Hatter)! One of the unsung members of the club, he was here driving the bobcat after 9 PM one night, moving the docks to allow for workers to gain access!

By: Alan Johnson and Jeff Hausner



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## PJYC in the News!

**The Village Times Herald mentioned our Sailing School in an article in the April 1 edition.**



**You can find it on Page A5 at this link:**

[https://issuu.com/tbrmedia/docs/vt\\_040121w](https://issuu.com/tbrmedia/docs/vt_040121w)

**Congrats to the School Leadership and Staff!**

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## WHAT'S IT?

March's "Where's it?" is Huntington Harbor Light!  
Thanks to Bob Bari.



April "What's It?":

This one comes from our own club! Can you identify what this is from?

Extra credit if you know the brand!



# 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.

**Call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or [bennettquerrero@gmail.com](mailto:bennettquerrero@gmail.com)**

# 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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