

# Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



# Bowspritz



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

April 2026

## FROM THE HELM

Huge shoutout to Tim Knolls the Director of Docks and Floats and the volunteer crew for the impressive and SAFELY completed dock launch on April 4. The docks are looking great and the Launches are out there waiting for boating season to start. 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's company. Last Friday we shared a drink and watched the Artemis II re-entry and splash-down, certainly a historic event! Earlier we had a very entertaining time with Music Bingo which I greatly enjoyed and was well received by the large crowd. Another well done event coordinated by Hope.

Spring is supposed to be here, and I see all sorts of activity in the yard and with the boats. I look with anticipation for the boating season to begin. Launch service is starting on April 15!

I hope everyone will enjoy the refurbished floor in the main room of the Yacht Club as Kevin Broderick continues his renovation efforts of the house.

Our next social event is the Commodore's Cocktail Party on April 25th at 6:30 PM. This is always a good time with excellent music and food. Annette and I are excited to be hosting this special event!

Cheers,  
Ray Dickenson  
Commodore



# IN MEMORIUM

## SAM ARONSON

With great sadness we report the passing of our member Sam Aronson on March 18<sup>th</sup> . Sam had been a member since 2021, and owned the big Grand Banks 'Raconteur'. A lifelong fan of boating, he built a couple of small wooden boats over the years.

Sam was a past director of Brookhaven National Laboratories, and has held many other senior leadership positions at labs, associations, and experiments over the years.

We will update the membership when any plans are announced.

Our sincere condolences to Barbara Gottfried, his partner for a number of years, his family, and friends.

The Board of Governors



For more of a complete biography, see his Wikipedia page and the following web page:  
<https://tbrnewsmedia.com/obituary-in-remembrance-of-samuel-aronson/>

# BOARD REPORTS

## DOCKS & FLOATS

With the great help of 26 volunteers contributing 157 labor hours of their time, our club was able to complete the work that we identified and needed to be complete to launch our docks in two work parties vs. the four I had planned! Thank You!

With everyone's effort, all pre-launch work has been completed.

- 2 JSP Docks with damaged ends – repaired
- 1 JSP dock – build with new floats
- Failed JSP dock – disassembled. Waste disposed of, “good wood” recaptured
- Main dock – Decking replaced where stanchion was originally installed incorrectly
- 4 hoop mounts replaced
- Dock rub rail installed on all accessible docks
- Various other “touch up projects”

What remains post launch.

- Install new light stanchion at E-25
- Stain touch-up (too cold)
- Repair and warped hatches
- Replace two pilings (we are on Brandt Marine's list)

The GREAT news is we launched the docks on April 4!

**VIDEO!** See <https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/social/videos/>



Tim Knoll  
Director, Docks & Floats



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## DOCKS & FLOATS



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## FLEET CAPTAIN

### Knots!

Ok, For those who attended the “Line and Knots” session, we covered a lot of knots! See “What’s It” this month where I will review a knot a month. But practice with that line I gave out! You really should know the Reef Knot, Bowline, Clove Hitch, and Rolling (Midshipman’s) Hitch. Plus the basics like a half hitch, and two half hitches. Others are very useful, but with these you are equipped for most anything. Going offshore? Know your emergency knots!



### Racing!

**Register!** ALL Races are up for registration at: <https://racetac.com/regattas.htm>

**Seminars:** We will kickoff a series about racing with an “Intro to Racing” for those interested in getting into racing. Either as skippers, or crew. Let me know if you are interested. And look for an email with dates. We are planning for Wednesday evenings between now and the “Gear Tester” on Tuesday May 26th! All are welcome to any of these to brush up your skills. We will follow that Intro seminar with one on sail trim, and general racing performance improvements. We are thinking of also having one on crew development for skippers. We will be looking for feedback to develop the sessions to be more on target with your needs.

Dave Hubbard  
Fleet Captain



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## PAST COMMODORE

### Education Director Report

Working with Ed Dowd on repairs for chase boats, 420's and Opti's.

Revenue is up \$8837 (38%) Y/Y

We presently have 83 registered sessions for 2026.

Ralph Segalowitz has offered to teach adult sailing this year. The club will be paying for him to get his USCG captain's license. This will make the adult sailing program viable this year. Thank you, Ralph!

I am working on scheduling a behind the scenes tour of the Herreshoff Museum while we are on the long cruise. Also, a tour of IYRS, (International Yacht Restoration School) while we are in Newport. The Clara J was totally rebuilt for Dave Hubbard at IYRS.

If you have any education related items you would be interested, please let me know and I can start working on them.

### Cruising Director

Club Reciprocity letters have gone out.

There has been little interest expressed in the 12M sailing charter in Newport on the long cruise.

Cruise schedule follows on next page.

Chris Beach

Past Commodore, Education Director, Cruising Director



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### **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 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 2-6 A few boats have made reservations at Chelsea Pier Marina.**

### **Long Cruise August 1-14**

Interest has been expressed in heading up a few days early and going to Hamburg Cove. Stay tuned for more information.

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, 8 - Lay days Newport

August 9 - Third Beach

August 10, 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.

Nancy and Chris plan to depart PJYC early heading to Duck Island Roads and Hamburg cove before 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.

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COMMISSIONING

## Port Jefferson Yacht Club

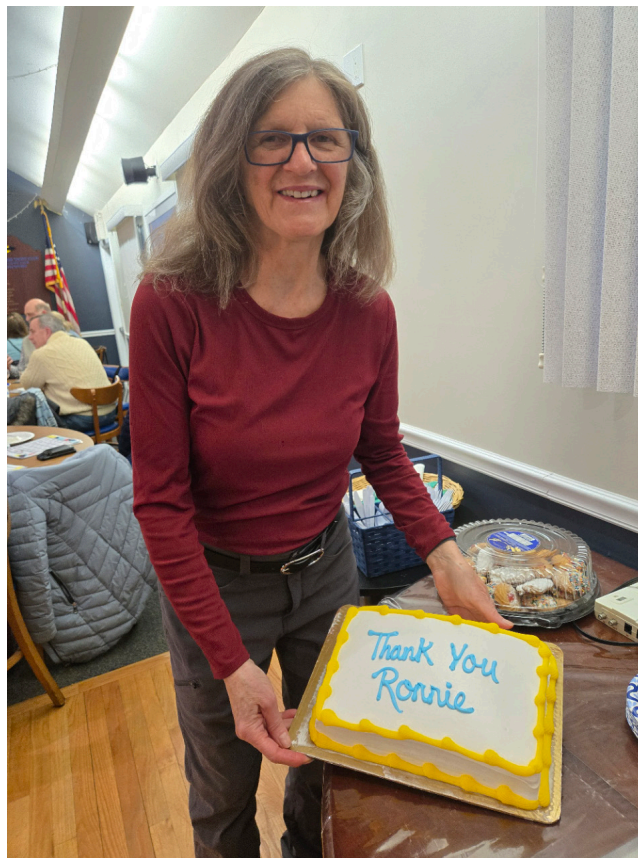


The Board of Governors  
Cordially Invites you to Attend  
Our  
2026 Commissioning Ceremony  
Sunday, May 17th 1:00pm  
RSVP May 1st

# BOARD REPORTS

## SOCIAL

*Congratulations to Ronnie!  
Our Club Bartender is Retired!  
Thanks for all the great drinks!*



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## SOCIAL



*Upcoming Events*

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

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Hope Kinney  
Social Director



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### ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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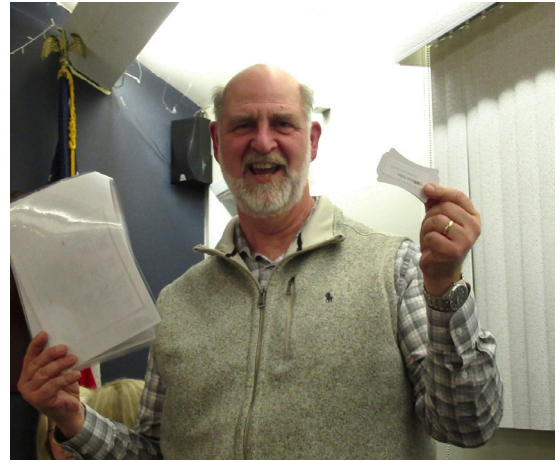
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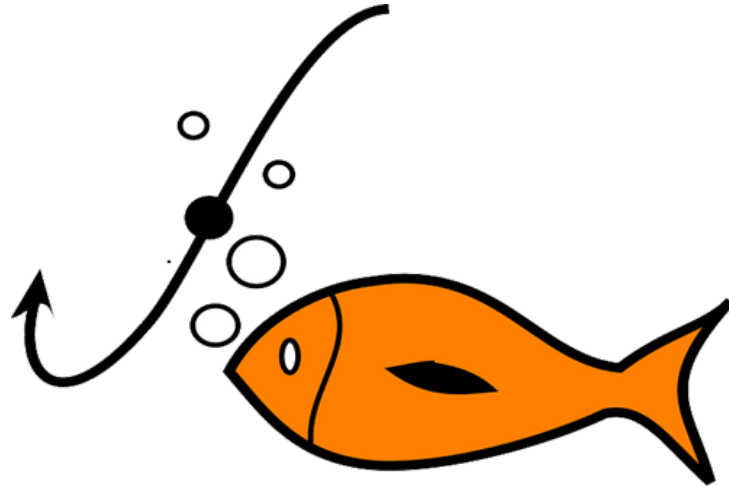
## SOCIAL

### Music Bingo



# 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](mailto:jjb@mindplusmuscle.com)

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

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SAVE THE DATE  
**Sat., May 2, 2026**



THE LANDING OF THE  
*Caleb Brewster*

**Experience the Caleb Brewster Armed Whaleboat Landing!**  
Join us on May 2, 2026, at Harborfront Park for the official kickoff of Port Jefferson's 250th Anniversary celebrations, featuring the historic landing of the *Caleb Brewster* 1776 armed whaleboat replica. Built by LISEC volunteers, at the Bayles Boat Shop in Port Jeff's Harborfront Park, this 24-foot vessel honors Port Jefferson's role as the nerve center for George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. Starting at Noon, Revolutionary War history enthusiasts of all ages can immerse themselves in the past with militia encampments, live colonial music, and colonial children's games. The speaker series and whaleboat landing will begin at 2:00 PM, offering a thrilling historical demonstration to proudly bring our local heritage to life.



GREATER PORT JEFFERSON  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# WHAT'S NEWS

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Looks like our Northeast? With a couple of Cat Boats?  
NOPE! This is **Disneyland Tokyo!** My son Doug was on vacation there for a few weeks and took this shot! It is supposed to represent Cape Cod. The park's mascot is a bear that is supposed to be from Cape Cod. Didn't know they had bears there!

Dave Hubbard

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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!

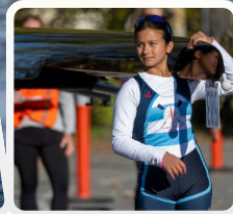


Our Launcher!

# WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

## ROWING!



**INTRO TO ROWING**  
9-11 YEARS OLD

**NEW TEAM**  
**NEW COACHES**  
**NEW LEADERSHIP**

**LEARN TO ROW**  
12-18 YEARS OLD

### MULTIPLE WEEK DISCOUNTS

Week 1 • June 29 - July 3  
Week 2 • July 6 - 10  
Week 3 • July 13 - 17  
Week 4 • July 20 - 24

Week 5 • July 27 - 31  
Week 6 • August 3 - 7  
Week 7 • August 10 - 14  
Week 8 • August 17-21

**HALF DAY**  
**INTRO TO ROWING**  
Ages 9-11  
9:00-12:00  
\$425

**HALF DAY**  
**LEARN TO ROW**  
Grades 6-12  
9:00-12:00  
\$425

**3 DAY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**LEARN TO ROW**  
Tues.- Thur.  
Grades 9-12  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
\$325

**EMAIL OR CALL TO REGISTER • PORTFIDELIS@GMAIL.COM • 855 ROW-7572 EXT.700**

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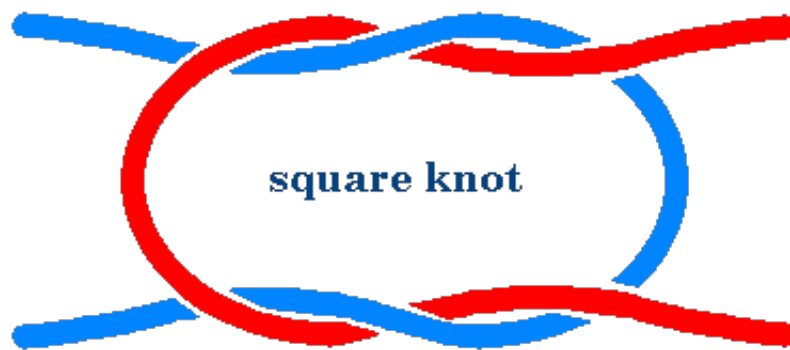
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## WHAT'S IT?

Since we have not had any takers for “What’s It” in a few months, I’m switching things up a bit.

After the “Line and Knots” session at the club, I realized some folks could review some of them. There were a lot of knots covered very quickly!

So here is this month’s knot! For those who attended and got their 6’ length of line, try a little practice! Those not there have to find their own line!



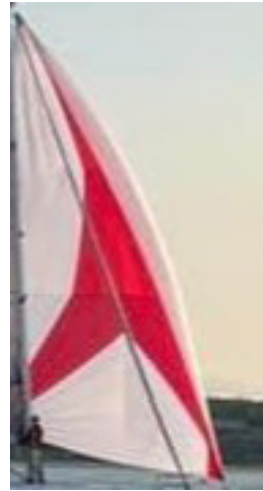
# THE EXCHANGE

**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



Doug Dalessio - gs279@hotmail.com

# **THE EXCHANGE**

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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](mailto:jlaneok@aol.com)

## **Century 20 Powerboat For Sale**

20' Great Condition

Contact Ray Epp: [rwepp@optimum.net](mailto: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](mailto:brucehfolz@gmail.com)

# THE EXCHANGE

**SELL - BUY - SWAP**

## SHIP'S STORE

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

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

<b>Beverage Koozies -Royal Blue</b>	2 for \$5 5 for \$10
<b>Tie Tack – Burgee</b>	\$ 5 each
<b>Pendant – Burgee</b>	\$ 5 each
<b>Burgees</b>	
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](http://licares.org)

Thanks and stay well,

*Judy Suben*





Ads, articles, pics all welcome!  
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