

Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com June 2022

## FROM THE HELM

With our 2022 Commissioning behind us, the 2022 boating season has officially begun and there has been a lot happening at the club. The annual Fishing tournament was held earlier this month with a wonderful after party and awards ceremony. We thought for sure our party had caught the biggest fluke but we lost out in the end to Connie Siris who took the trophy. There's always next year.

The race season has started up again and there has been no shortage of wind. The past two Tuesdays made for some pretty challenging conditions. Kinsale was so eager to race last week that we started a full minute early. – I think my kids are getting me a new radio and watch for Father's day. The Harbor Cup is coming up on the 18th and there's still time to register.

The cruising season has started, unfortunately too many boats dropped out of the Northport cruise and that was cancelled but I heard that there was a great trip to Milford last weekend. Our boat, Kinsale, was launched early this year so we had the chance to cruise along with a few other member boats this past Memorial Day weekend to New York City. The weather for Memorial day weekend is very unreliable, so rather than go to Northport, we decided to sail further west this year to Liberty Landing in Jersey City. We thought that even if the weather does not cooperate, there are always plenty of things to do in the City. I don't know about you but whenever we cruise, we wish we had a power boat instead of a sailboat since we have to motor most of the time anyway. This time though, Mother Nature gave us a steady 15 knot wind out of the south that let us sail the entire way on one tack and the water was fairly flat to boot. By the time we approached our first night's destination, Manhasset bay, the wind had picked up to 20 knots with gusts even higher so we dropped sails and motored into the bay. We picked up our moorings off of Port Washington for the first night in 20+ knots and were all settled in before the skies open up and the rain came in. On day two we took Harvest Moon's advice and headed out early, to give us more time to beat the approaching cold front. With a 4-5 knot current pushing us down the east river and a great view of the City, we were in Liberty Landing in no time and all tucked in as the skies again open up with wind and rain. Luckily, after those short storms the weather was beautiful for the rest of the weekend. If you have never been there, you should try it, Liberty has two restaurants on site or you can take the ferry over to Manhattan (weekdays only). Smoke and Mirrors took a different route and stayed at One15 Marina in Brooklyn Heights. I think we might try that next time since there's subway service to Manhattan or you can walk about a mile to the start of the Brooklyn bridge.

### UPDATES FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### Commodore

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I know Chris Beach has a full schedule of cruises coming up. The next one is Branford towards the end of the month or the cruise to nowhere, Flax Pond, in July and then of course there is the long cruise in August. Even if you can't join us for the full two weeks of the long cruise, you are welcome to meet up with us anywhere along the way. Just reach out to Chris for the details.



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### VICE COMMODORE

#### A Cruise Back in Time

This last weekend, Pesaro sailed by the fishing tournament fleet on its way to the Thimble Islands.

We cruise there several times a year to enjoy this unique chain of 25 small rocky, wooded islands, a short dinghy ride from Stony Creek, CT. They were popular as a summer resort area in the late 19th century but today are a quiet summer community with the only access being by boat. You can still see some of the islands with how they looked over 100 years ago with beautiful summer cottages complete with ginger bread trimmings.

The name of each Thimble is just as enchanting as the islands themselves with the largest being Horse Island, owned by Yale University, Money Island which has 32 houses, to other unusual names such as Bear Island, Pot Island, Hen Island, Potato Island and of

course Kidd Island where legend has it Captain Kidd buried his treasure. Unfortunately, all the islands are private so you can't go ashore and dig for treasurer.

But what you can do is anchor just off Money Island and watch the "day tripper" boats that come to the Thimbles to swim and enjoy the long summer days, children racing lasers from the Money Island community as well as feeling like a local when the tour boats from Stony Creek come by and point you out. As the sun goes down most of the other boats disappear leaving a few sailboats for the night and you can dream about which island you would like to live on. As you can see from the photo the sunsets are amazing.

I have heard from other PJYC cruisers that the Thimbles have a reputation for submerged rocks, poor

holding and the potential for snagging underwater power cables. Yes you have to drive around a few rocky reefs when approaching, but these are clearly marked and with a chart plotter are easily avoided. In the 10 years we have been cruising to the islands we have always anchored in about 10 feet of water and have never had any issues.

So this summer when heading out into the Sound give a thought for this amazing, magical destination that looks like a giant threw a handful of rocks into the water. It's only a little further east for you Branford cruisers but when you arrive you will feel as though you have left the world behind.

Andrew



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## **DOCKS & FLOATS**

Well the summer is here and we had a great May. Deposits for the Docks are up 67% over 2021 (through 6/2) and Memorial Day weekend we had a sellout on the docks. Slip members advising us that there slip is available is working smoothly. The ferry wake and the motion it causes to the slips is under control and seems to be acceptable. Jeff H. has installed an additional camera on the docks and we have very good coverage of both docks and have added signage to the property that we have 24 hour video cameras. We have had some weather out of the NNW and NW and the docks are riding nicely and the boats in the slips seem to be safe. We have not had winds in the 20 range yet so we will continue to watch.

The work on the docks is almost complete and we will be posting work hours as projects become available. Ed Nielsen has taken it upon himself to create the new signage on the docks. We now have two large signs indicating the East and West docks. In addition, every slip has a slip number visible as members and transients approach the slips from the water and also when walking down the docks

We do have three member use slips available for member use on the West dock. They are slips 13, 15 and 17. Please read the dock rules in the PJYC handbook available on the members' only portion of our web site. The password has changed so use the new one on your membership card. A quick reminder that Monday to Friday time on the dock is limited to 5 hours and Saturday and Sunday to one hour. If all are in use, call the dock house on VHF 68 and ask if any transient slips are available. If you take a transient slip, we need you to be on your vessel if we need the slip for a transient.

I want to thank the memberships turn out for working on the docks. Without your help the finger pier project would have been 50% more expensive and I am sure it would not have been financially or economically possible.

We have changed the header on our Dockwa reservation page to Port Jefferson Yacht Club and Marina to better reflect our recent improvements.

Alan Johnson Director of Docks and Floats

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## GROUNDS

A lot of progress by our volunteers, PJYC Sailing School, and SBU Crew and Sailing teams. The PJYC Sailing Center is looking great inside and out, thanks to our new members Mariko and Ramon, as well as Mitch, David, and the PJYC Sailing School team. And Karin painted the new water facility covers a handsome navy blue. Flowers decorate our clubhouse and docks, thanks to Kay and others who must excuse me for not having their names.

Boy, I cannot believe how fast weeds grow! I left for about 3 weeks of business travel, and I came back to a jungle of weeds! I am working on that.

One major project will be to plant cat's pajamas perennials along the edge/wall of the upper parking lot. However, prerequisite to planting perennials is extending our sprinkler system, since it will be critical to get the new perennials ample water in the first few months after planting. So, I will be soliciting members for a project to extend our sprinkler system.

Finished jobs are:

- Per Alan Johnson, the SBU Rowing sanded and sealed the railings going to the docks.
- PJYC Sailing Center South wall, holes patched, power washed, and painted white (Thank you to our new members Mariko and Ramon! And thank you Mitch!). A new boiler drain valve allows a water hose to be connected on the south wall.
- PJYC Sailing Center Remove items, powerwash and paint floor, epoxy grit paint, replace items. (Thank you Mitch, David Diamond and the JSP team!)
- PJYC Sailing Center Sign restored to "PJYC Sailing Center."
- PJYC Sailing Center Leveled and fixed cast stone benches with construction adhesive. (Thank you Alan Johnson and Ron DiGregorio, those benches are heavy!)
- PJYC Sailing Center New hose and hose box.
- Lot, lower Stain new fence near platform. SBU Sailing stained new fence near platform.
- Lot, lower The new covers for water facilities were painted a handsome navy blue (Thank you Ka-rin!)
- Planting The hanging baskets are beautiful. (Thank you Kay Rachek, et al!)

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## FLEET CAPTAIN

## Nautical Things

Kevin B. asked me a good question: Where do I get these Coast Guard notices?

Answer: I subscribe to them via email.

The Coast Guard runs a website called the "Navigation Center". It can be found online here: <u>https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/</u>

I find the most useful item there are the 'LNMs' on the menu bar. These are the 'Local Notices to Mariners'. Organized by major CG District. We are in District 1. You can click our district area on the map. At the top of our district page is an option and a link to sign up for emails whenever they issue an update, which is about once a week.

The site has other interesting info. So if you are interested in the latest Iceberg Report, you can get it here also!

#### Local Notices to Mariners by CG District

#### **Racing:**

We have two races under our belts. Both with strong winds and a bit crazy conditions! 13 boats are participating this Spring, and another one is likely to sign up. That is the most we have had in a few years!

See you out there, Dave Hubbard Fleet Captain





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## FLEET CAPTAIN



This Saturday, June 18th, is the 2022 Sailstice! An organization that encourages water activities. Find out more at Summersailstice.com. Our event will be the "Harbor Cup Regatta" on Saturday at 1 PM. Come on out and race, or watch!

Dave

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### CRUISING

We are just back from our first cruise of the season. We had four boats in Milford, Adamas, Ark, Smoke & Mirrors and Ripple. The weather for Sunday looked a bit dicey causing Meri Tulli and Red Sky to cancel. Wind was light sailing over but we were able to sail most of the way before the wind totally died out. We enjoyed drinks and snacks in the newly renovated covered

picnic area. Carolyn Mohanty had made reservations for us at Bistro Baque. We enjoyed their tasting menu with many appetizer courses a fish course, meat course and desert. The food was fantastic, as was the company.

Adamus headed out early Sunday followed later by Ripple and Smoke & Mirrors. Ark decided to enjoy an extra day in Milford. The weather held out with only a few sprinkles on the way back, but no wind to speak of until we were back in PJ Harbor.

June 25th Branford CT. This is the night of the annual Branford fireworks show for July 4th. We will be anchoring between Big Mermaid



and Branford Pt. The harbor fills up so plan to get there early. I am looking for a volunteer to host drinks and snacks aboard their boat. There should be plenty of dinghy's there to ferry people about.

July 23rd Crise to Nowhere: Flax Pond. Day trip, with music at the club in the evening.

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August 5th – August 19th. Long cruise to Edgartown (Martha's Vineyard) The first stop will be in Essex CT, where we are joining MSSA (who will be returning from their long cruise) for the annual lobster bake. I am keeping in touch with the Lions Club to know when tickets will go on sale. We will be in Edgartown for the 10th through the 13th. Friday the 12th begins the 12 meter regatta. Thanks to Doug Davies for pointing this out. Practice begins on Thursday the 11th. We should definitely get out to join the spectator fleet. Between Essex and Edgartown, we plan to stops at Shelter Island, Block Island and Cuttyhunk. Returning from Edgartown, we plan stops in Marion, MA. Cuttyhunk, Jamestown/Newport, Block?, Stonington, and Westbrook.

August 27th Milford Landing as a joint cruise with MSSA. Make your reservations on Dockwa.

If you are interested in short or weekend cruise between July 5th and July 17th lets talk about any ideas.

Questions or comments about the cruising schedule?

Email cruising@portjeffersonyachtclub.com or call me 516-652-7830.

Fair winds,

Chris Beach

# WORK HOURS

There are always misc things that need tending to. Contact one of the directors if you have a specific area of interest,

# FISHING!

# Fair Skies and Calm Seas The 2022 Fishing Tournament!

The 13th Annual PJYC Fishing Tournament was greeted by Mother Nature's best mix of fair skies and calm seas. Thirty-six participants aboard eight vessels contended to land the biggest keepers across four species of fish. Angling aboard the Reel Insanity, Jeff Coward landed a 1.39 lb. Porgy to take first place. Connie Siris was able to bring in the winning 2.56 lb. Fluke while fishing on Big Byte. The largest Bluefish weighed in during the tournament, a 3.41 lb. chopper, was caught by Ed Nielsen while angling on Majic. There were no Stripped Bass weighed in.

This year the success of this event was the result of the dedicated effort and hard work of the Fishing Tournament Committee, Alan and Connie Siris, Patty and Kevin Broderick, Dianna Stackow and Alan Rosenblum, Jeff and Rich Coward, Jean and John Doherty and Ellie Bowman.

A big PJTC Thank You also goes out to Tim Rachek, Alan Johnson and Ed Dowd for their help in coordinating the docking needs during the Tournament.















# FISHING







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# **Social Words**

The first social event of Music on the Deck with Chic Voorhis scheduled for May 6th was canceled since quite a few members were recovering from a Covid outbreak.

The commissioning went well. I purchased two tents that were used to spread the crowd out a bit with having two serving stations and additional shade since it was quite hot that day.

The events scheduled for June are the

- Fishing tournament 6/3 6/5
- · Harbor Cup which also has its own budget line,
- A cruise to Milford under the direction of Chris Beach.

Lastly, I am working with Hope Kinny and Carolyn Mohanty on a Dinner theater on Friday June 17th. We are planning a mystery that takes place in the 1920's and there is a proposed murder that must be solved. I am hoping it will be a safe and successful event. We plan to serve a dinner and have some member participation (to include some volunteer "actors.

Although I have a game night scheduled for 7/1 perhaps music by Chic or Gary can be substituted. I also have a BBQ scheduled for the Monday of the 4th of July weekend.

Stay safe and happy summer!

Laurina Nielsen

Social Director 2022



# **Social Words**



# WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

## Fire Extinguishers on Your Boat

By Bob Bari

As many of us know, there are new federal requirements for fire extinguishers on recreational boats. These requirements are presented on the Coast Guard website, Boat US, and elsewhere on the web. You can easily check whether you comply with the new regs. Just google my first sentence.

While checking out my Kidde brand fire extinguishers on Kidde's web site, I noticed they had a recall in 2017 on certain of their extinguishers. Upon further investigation, I discovered that all four of my extinguishers were subject to the recall. I called Kidde at the phone number that they provided and six days later I had a Fed Ex delivery of four replacement fire extinguishers.

Ed Nielsen deserves an acknowledgement here, because he alerted the club of the recall back when it was new.

So, there are two messages here:

Check on the Coast Guard website to determine if your extinguishers comply.

If you have Kidde extinguishers, check to see if they are subject to the recall of 2017.



# COMMUNITY We Want You! For the 2022 Village Cup!



We need 28' or longer sailboats to host guests for the Village Cup Regatta!

### Saturday, September 10th, 2022

The Village Cup is a charity event sponsored by the Port Jefferson Yacht Club to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer research and palliative care. So far the club has raised over \$700,000. for these charities. This event has proven to be a great means by which we acquaint our neighbors in the Village with the Port Jefferson Yacht Club.

The Village Cup Regatta is designed to be a short sailboat race for racers and non-racers.

In this race each boat has a small crew contingent of experienced sailors and a small contingent of guests who represent either Mather Hospital or the Village of Port Jefferson. We will be able to provide experienced crew to all boats that need them.

See the web page: <a href="https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/community/village-cup/">https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/community/village-cup/</a>

To sign up your boat and/or get more information, please contact: Charles Chiaramonte chuckc09@optonline.net (516) 810-6695

# WHAT'S NEWS

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# WHAT'S IT?

April's What's It:

OK Folks... It is a "Cowboy Bowline"!

If you look closely, you will see that the 'rabbit' goes clockwise around the tree, instead of the standard bowline which goes counter-clockwise! Clifford Ashley states that this is inferior to the standard version.



Next What's It? You tell me! I'm looking for suggestions! Send me something!

### (SELL, BUY, SWAP)

# **BOAT FOR SALE**

## Vanguard 420 Laser

Year: 2009

LOA: 13' 9"

Sails: Three full sets and 2 spinnakers. Racing set in excellent condition.

Includes Trailer, Beach Cart, and two covers (for with and without mast up).

Asking: \$5000





Contact: Cliff Petroske - cliffordpetroske@gmail.com

### (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

### (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 tank	s – 28 g	al & 2	3 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

#### BERTHS

**Double – 3 (includes dining table)** 

AC Shore Power Receptacle Electrical cable for shore power Bimini and Dodger refurbished in 2020 Uniden Oceanus DSC VHF radio with handheld wireless remote Simrad WP30 Autopilot 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 Maintenance Logs

### Asking: \$24,500 (Price reduced!!) Contact: Vic Suben 631-513-1679 or vsuben@gmail.com

See next page for more pics...

### (SELL, BUY, SWAP)

### Surprise



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

# COMMUNITY



### The Village Cup will be September 10th this year!

### **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



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#### 2022

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# Ads, articles, pics all welcome!

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