

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



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Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

June 2026

FROM THE HELM

Commodore's Address

Port Jefferson Yacht Club Commissioning Day

May 17, 2026

Good afternoon, fellow members, families, friends, and honored guests. What a glorious day to stand here on the docks, looking out over our beautiful harbor, and officially commissioning the 2026 boating season. Today we bless our fleet, raise our burgee high, and declare that another year of sailing, camaraderie, and safe boating on Long Island Sound has officially begun. Fair winds and following seas to every one of you! Let me take just a moment to reflect on who we are and why this club matters so much—not just to us, but to our entire community. The Port Jefferson Yacht Club was founded in late 1959 as the Setauket Yacht Club. Our first By-Laws were signed on October 7 of that year, and our original burgee featured arrowheads in honor of the Setalcott people who once called this land home. We began humbly—holding early meetings in the Oldfield Lighthouse—focused on sailing when the harbor already had a powerboat club. Over the decades we grew: we re-purposed a retired ferry boat as our clubhouse in the late 1970s, built our present clubhouse in 1981, celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2009, and in 2015 proudly took the name Port Jefferson Yacht Club so that visitors and cruisers would finally know exactly **where to find us**. Today we stand on upgraded docks completed in 2022 and expanded again in 2024 - Thank you Alan Johnson!!! - modern slips ready for both our members and visiting boats. Yet while the infrastructure has changed, our hearts have not. We remain a club that welcomes sail and power alike, racers and cruisers, seasoned captains and brand-new boaters. We are, and always have been, deeply rooted in the historic Village of Port Jefferson. That connection to our community is not just geographic—it is personal and purposeful. Our clubhouse sits steps from the village center, and our docks are part of the working harbor that has defined Port Jefferson for generations. We open our doors for village events, welcome guests from near and far, and—most meaningfully—we partner every year with the Village itself in the Village Cup Regatta. For sixteen years now, that regatta has been one of the highlights of our calendar. Club skippers take the wheel while crews from Mather Hospital and the Village of Port Jefferson compete in a spirited, friendly race across the harbor. Every dollar raised is split between two causes close to our hearts: the Lustgarten Foundation's fight against pancreatic cancer and—most especially—Mather Hospital's Palliative Care Program. That program brings comfort, dignity, and relief to patients and families facing serious illness right here in our community.

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BOARD REPORTS

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When we sail in the Village Cup, we are not just racing for a trophy; we are racing for our neighbors, for our friends, and for the highest ideal of what a yacht club can be: a force for good on the water and on land. Of course, none of that work would be possible without the next generation of sailors we are training right here at the PJYC Sailing School. Under the outstanding leadership of our Education Director Chris Beach and the Junior Sailing School Will Bradshaw and his team of instructors, our school has become the longest-running sailing program in Port Jefferson Harbor. From our “Optimist” sailors as young as six learning the fundamentals of safety and fun, to our 420 teens mastering points of sail, navigation, and capsizing recovery, to our adult and family programs—we teach more than boat handling. We teach responsibility, leadership, teamwork, and above all, respect for the water. The PJYC hosts New York State Boating Safety courses and the prestigious Safety-at-Sea seminar that earns offshore certification. Because safe boating is not a slogan here—it is a core value we live every single day on the water. So as we commission our club today, I ask each of you to make three commitments:

- Sail safely. Check your gear, file your float plan, and look out for one another.
- Stay involved. Volunteer for a race committee, or lend a hand at one of our club events.
- Give back. Whether it’s cheering at the Village Cup or supporting our Foundation’s work for Mather’s Palliative Care, your generosity makes a real difference in people’s lives.

To our dedicated Board, to Dockmaster Ron and his launch crew, to the volunteers who keep this club running, and to every member who shows up with a smile and a helping hand—thank you. This club is yours, and it is stronger than ever because of you. Now, captains and crews, it is time. Let us bless the fleet, christen the new season, and send every boat out with the hope of fair winds, safe passages, and the knowledge that you belong to something bigger than yourselves. To the Port Jefferson Yacht Club fleet—may your lines stay clear, your anchors hold, and your memories be many! Commissioning Day 2026 is now open. Let’s go sailing!

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Ray Dickenson
Commodore



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DOCKS & FLOATS

The Marina has been operational for nearly 2 months already! I have received feedback from a few members regarding needed “rolling adjustments” as Alan Johnson would call them. Be it small things, like adding a cleat or fixing a light bulb, or safety concerns like unsecured hatches, please make sure to let me know so that we can address!

I still could use your help on a few projects. If you want some hours, please reach out and I can give you more specifics and get you your hours credit.

1. Remove the rusting screws from the rub rail and replace them with 316 Stainless Steel Screws that I have on order. Some have been done already – anything with rust needs to get replaced.
2. Housekeeping and organization on the platform behind the sailing school building and by the dumpster area. This has already been addressed, but it seems that we have made a mess in that area again. Please do not use this as a dumping ground – various fuel cans and boat fenders have been dumped there.
3. Staining of spindles on the right-side dock leading the dinghy dock. Stain is in the ice chest if anyone wants to handle this.

Lastly, please be aware of heavy weather. A few guidelines:

- Boats on the north end docks should face bow out.
- Weather: IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER SUCH AS SMALL CRAFT ADVISORIES OR ABOVE WITH WINDS FROM THE NW TO NNW, OR WHEN NOTIFIED BY EITHER THE PJYC DOCK OR PJYC LAUNCH DIRECTOR, ALL BOATS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SLIPS AND PLACED ON PJYC TRANSIENT MOORINGS.
- Dock line requirements: 36’ boats and over must use dock line with a minimum tensile strength of 16,000# of strength. Boats less than 36’ must use a minimum strength rating is 7,500#. All dock lines must be ¾” or greater. During wind strength of over 18 knots two spring lines are required. Two spring lines are recommended at all times.

I hope you all are enjoying the start of the season! Please let me know how we can keep improving!

Tim Knoll
Dir. Docks & Floats



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FLEET CAPTAIN

Racing got under way slowly last Tuesday evening. With very light air, the RC set a short 1.5nm course. Hopefully we will have better breezes this season, but at least we did pull off a race!

Congrats to our first 3 boats!

Spiritus, Gypsy Moon, and Meri Tuuli !

I was on the Committee Boat, and saw people looking at their sail trim, so maybe John Baker's seminar helped! It was certainly challenging conditions!

There is a VIDEO of the start, with a bit of the pre-start, and pics of most of the boats. Take a look at the sail trim!

See the video on the club video page: <https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/social/videos/>

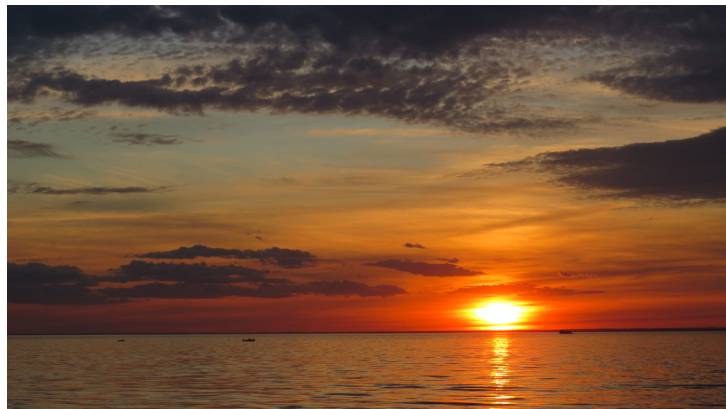


Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain



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SOCIAL

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUMMER SOUND FEST

FRIDAY'S

MAY 22

7:00PM

PDP TRIO

JUNE 12

7:00PM

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

Line dancing and bbq food

JUNE 19

7:00PM

LAIA KAY CHIPKEN TRIO

JULY 10

7:00PM

LAIA KAY CHIPKIN TRIO

AUG 14

7:00PM

MUSIC BY CHIC VOORHIS

PORT JEFFERSON YACHT
CLUB

Hope Kinney
Social Director



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COUNTRY

WESTERN NIGHT

Line dancing
instructions

BBQ & Fun

Wear your cowboy
boots & hats!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST 6:30PM

\$15 PER PERSON

RSVP BY JULY 24TH

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Fishing Tournament!

Lots of Sun but no Fish

Jack Bowman

PJYC Fishing Tournament Chairperson

The 17th annual PJYC FISHING TOURNAMENT was held with Mother Nature providing a mix of sun and wind in just the right proportions to allow 21 stalwart anglers to pursue the winning catch. Unfortunately, Poseidon had other ideas. Over the course of three days the four vessels in involved in a tournament found very few fish with some captains reporting that no fish were caught for the entire day. This resulted in only two fish being weighed in over the course of the entire tournament. The first was a 1.25 pound porgie landed by Ellie Bowman on the Fish 'n Chips. The second was the winning 2 pound Porgie caught by Tom Aronson on the Nelly May. Three anglers were awarded the HIGH HOOK MEDALLION for having caught the most fish of any angle each day. Ellie Bowman, Dianna Stackow, and Tom Aronson had the honor of wearing the medallion in recognition of the being the high hook for each of the three days of the tournament. The winner of the DOG FISH DERBY for the captain who caught the most Sea Robbins during the tournament was Jack Bowman with the anglers aboard Fish'Chips landing six dogfish total.

As has been the case for the previous 16 tournaments the success of this year's event sat squarely on the shoulder of the dedicated effort of the Fishing Tournament Committee of Annette and Ray Dickinson, Justin Siris, Alan Rosenblum and Diana Stackow and Ellie Bowman and the support of Jean and John Doherty from the bar.



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Music at the Club

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CRUISING!

BY CHRIS BEACH

Memorial Day Weekend: May 23-25th.

Due to the weather no boats went to Huntington Yacht Club. 10 Members had a dinner at Ragu in Port Jefferson on Saturday night.

June 27-28

Branford Fireworks.

We will be anchoring in the outer harbor, as usual.

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

Pre-Cruise to Hamburt Cove.

July 28 – Duck Island Roads.

July 29 – Hamburg Cove

July 30 – Hamburg Cove

July 31 – Essex CT. We will have a dinner at the Essex Yacht Club

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. – We will have a behind the scenes tour of the Museum.

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 confirmed, but of course may be changed due to weather conditions.

The Herreshoff Museum has only two transient moorings and their dock space is sold out for the season. Reservations should be made with the town moorings which is a short dingy ride to the museum.

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CRUISING!

BY CHRIS BEACH

Continued

Ripple and Lively Up will depart PJYC early heading to Duck Island Roads and Hamburg cove before Essex on July 28 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 Beach

Crusing & Education

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SWIM ACROSS THE SOUND

BOAT OWNERS NEEDED



CT SHORELINE SWIM

Power and Sail Boats from 20' and up Needed for Various Roles:

- **Escort boats** - Host 1-6 swimmers onboard.
- **Perimeter boats** - Help maintain course of swimmer field. Some boats anchored.
- **Buoy boats** - Place and retrieve buoys before and after event.
- **Specialty boats** - Medical, media and committee boats.
- **Jet Ski & Kayakers** - Help escort swimmers at beginning & end of race.

Saturday, August 1, 2026

2026 Captain's Benefits

Fuel Savings:

- Gas Discounts available for all participating vessels

Tax Advantage:

- Participation expenses may be tax-deductible

Full Hospitality:

- All meals, receptions, and overnight docking is complimentary

Contact Amy.Knorr@hhchealth.org
or 475-319-0358

Register on our website at:
www.swimacrossthesound.org

Important Dates & Complimentary Events

Tuesday, July 28:

- Captain's Dinner & Mandatory Safety Meeting
Vazzano's Four Seasons (5-9 PM)

Friday, July 31:

- Captain's Registration Steelpointe Harbor (3-9 PM)
- Overnight Boat Slip Included at Steelpointe Harbor or Nearby Marina
- Captain's Cocktail Reception Steelpointe Harbor (5:30-7:30 PM)

Saturday, Aug 1 (Race Day):

- Breakfast at Steelpointe Harbor (6:00 AM)
- Race Start at Seaside Park (7:00-8:45 AM)
- Dinner at Captain's Cove (post-race)
- Overnight Boat Slip Included at Captain's Cove or nearby marina



Hartford
HealthCare
St. Vincent's Medical Center

scan to register



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By: Jeanne Compitello



**46 Nations to send ships into New York Harbor for America's 250th Birthday!
For more info on 'Sail4th 250' See:**

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/295689/46-Nations-to-send-ships-into-New-York-Harbor>

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PORT FIDELIS BOAT CLUB

Port Fidelis Boat Club Wins Gold at New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships!

Friends of Port Fidelis Boat Club celebrated an outstanding victory at the New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships, held May 9-10, 2026, with the club's U17 girls crews earning multiple podium finishes against top competition from across the state.

Leading the way for Port Fidelis were championship victories in both the Girls U17/Junior 4x and Girls U17 2x events. The Girls U17/Junior 4x crew of Elizabeth Smith, Delilah Rosenthal-Vincenti, Violet Visconti, and Mia Judex took first place with a commanding race that highlighted the club's depth and determination. Smith and Rosenthal-Vincenti also teamed up to win the Girls U17 2x title.

The results reflect the continued growth and success of Port Fidelis' junior development program, as well as the dedication of its athletes and coaching staff throughout the season.

"Our team worked so hard this season, and that dedication truly showed at States this year as the girls secured two state championship titles in the span of two days. We're incredibly proud of the progress our program has made over the past year and can't wait to see what the future holds for all of our athletes," said Hannah Smith, a Port Fidelis coach.

The New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships brought together the region's top scholastic and club programs, making the accomplishments even more meaningful as Port Fidelis completes its successful spring season.

With momentum building and confidence high, Port Fidelis now looks ahead as the Girls U17 2x prepares to compete later this month at the USRowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, Florida.

Friends of Port Fidelis Boat Club is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to keeping the sport of rowing accessible to youth and adults.

Mary Maggio Smith
Port Fidelis Boat Club

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KAYAKING!

You can sign up for the Kayaking Group being organized by Vicki LaRossa and Anne Meyer! 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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KNOTS!

Practice your knots! You may need one in a pinch without time to think about it!

This Month: The Reef Knot



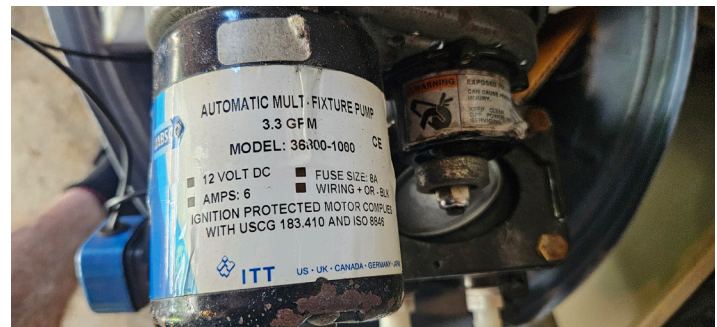
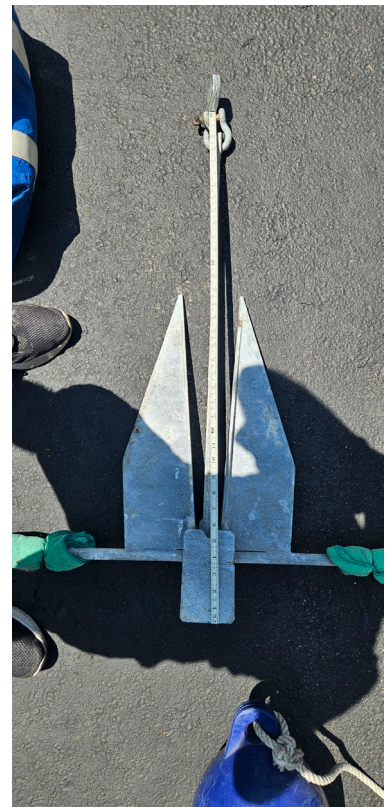
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SELL - BUY - SWAP

Free Stuff!

From Elliott Bennet Guerrero

Contact Ralph Segalowitz - 631-834-4098



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WANTED - MAINSAIL

For a Pearson 30

Contact Bruce Folz

Email: brucehfolz@gmail.com

300# Mooring For Sale

Asking \$350

Tim O'Mara - 516-356-2265

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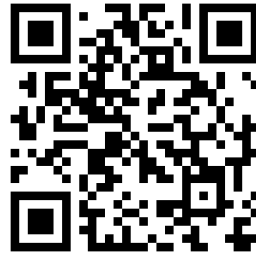
SHIP'S STORE

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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