Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



Bowspritz



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COMMODORES' COMMENTS

I hope all are well this warm July. It is good to see many members traveling to other ports. Seems like we are returning to a bit of normal life and routines. So, since my last article what has been going on around the Club? Ray Epp has resigned after 20 years of faithful service as our Dinghy Rack Manager. Alan Johnson and Jessica our launch driver worked on updating the dinghy rack assignment list. Thank you! If you have any questions regarding the rental of the dinghy rack, please stop down at the dockhouse and speak with Jessica.

Club To Do List – Spoke with Alan Johnson who suggested overall to do list to keep members working on hours and beautifying club. Weeding is underway, parking lot is coming together. The concrete platform at the JSP building needs some attention. If you need hours I would suggest getting them done now before the year runs out.

2020 Budget revisions – Commodore, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Past Commodore and Treasurer had a meeting and identified areas of concern for revenue. Meeting was also held with David Diamond and James Finke regarding JSP projections. We are cautiously optimistic about this year. Covid certainly did impact some operations of the club, however membership, mooring rental and the Junior Sail Program are doing well.

We have a whole lot of summer left and boating in the fall is always great. Hope to see everyone out on the water.

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CLUB HOUSE, DOCK AND LAUNCH RULES IN RESPONSE TO COVID - 19

- 1. At this time there is no use of the upper club house
- 2. Bar is closed until further notice
- 3. Rentals will begin once the curfew is lifted for such activities by New York State
- 4. Masks to be worn at all times while on club premises
- 5. Launches have been marked to show appropriate social distancing
- 6. Launch drivers have ultimate say in who may use launch. Number of passengers is at their discretion. Please show proper respect to launch drivers at all times.
- 7. Launches to be completely disinfected at a minimum of once per day. Handrails and other touch points will be wiped down after each trip with appropriate disinfecting wipes.
- 8. If the JSP Rest Room is used by anyone there are disinfecting wipes that must be used to clean all surfaces before leaving the rest room. Use of JSP Rest Room for member and guest is at the discretion of the Launch Drivers.

Making a Difference

To support our local community food bank, please make a donation to the following:

Long Island Cares
10 Davids Drive,
Hauppague, NY 11788

Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben



Rear Commodore's Comments

Summer is finally here and we are in prime boating season with the warm weather. Many members are off on their summer cruises. Things are starting to return to normal, it feels good to eat dinner at restaurant again –most have set aside space for outdoor dining.

John Doherty organized a sunset sail a couple of weeks ago and we had a great turnout with a spectacular sunset. The plan was to schedule another sunset sail followed by a soft reopening of the bar afterward. However, mother nature has had other plans. We will try again next weekend. The plan is to have window service for the bar, seating on the deck and at a fire pit, s'mores, tables and chairs setup in the parking lot. We've tried twice so far, hopefully mother nature will cooperate for this weekend. Watch your email for more details.

The racing season has been great so far this season and very competitive. Currently there is a 2 way tie for first place in both divisions and a 2 way tie for second place. The winners will be decided tonight. So far this season, all racing has been double handed which has been quite a challenge but I find it a lot of fun. Although the racing is competitive, above all else these are friendly races give it a try a couple of times and you'll be hooked. Race committee has had some challenges this year with Jeremiah's mechanical issues. If you are interested in helping with race committee, please reach out to Dave Hubbard. Anyone with a powerboat or sailboat that would like spend an evening watching sailboats silhouetted against the sunset is welcome.

Finally, I'd like to wish a bon voyage to Ken Darby and Kathy Garofalo. We'll all miss Ken's epic stories of his adventures, mishaps and cruises. Ken set sail for South Carolina a couple of weeks ago. With Ken's departure, we are looking for a new cruise director, no experience needed. Until we do get a new cruise director, if any member would like to organize a cruise to one of their favorite destinations, let me know. A short, impromptu cruise to a nearby port sometimes turns out to be the most fun and a great chance to get to know the other members. One idea that has been floated, was a day cruise to flax pond, just west of Old Field Point. There is a tidal inlet that is great for tubing, it's fun for both kids and adults.

I wish everyone a healthy and safe July and I hope to meet everyone out on the water or at the club in the coming weeks.

.Tim Rachek

For Sale Power Winch Handle by Milwalkee Tools. Complete kit with charger and chuck.. used only one season, (selling boat), Originally \$450, Ask-

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THE END OF AN ERA

By Amy Connor

When I was eight years old my parents made a decision that changed the course of not only my life, but my entire family's. That was the year they bought their first sailboat, a 19-foot Herman (yes, that was the name of the company) they named Zelda after my father's nickname for my mother. From that moment we were a sailing family. We spent Saturdays and Sundays on the water, we joined a local yacht club, and Mark and I were enrolled in sailing classes where we learned not only the basics of sailing and the tactics of racing, but a love of sailing that defined us both.

A few years later we upgraded to a Pearson 26 with berths for sleeping, and two weeks every summer found us living on the boat as we cruised Long Island Sound, Martha's Vineyard and Block Island. My childhood and teen years were filled with places like Cuttyhunk, Mystic Seaport, and Shelter Island; and my memory is stuffed with lobster bakes, singing pastry sellers, swimming around a raft of seven or eight boats, the easy camaraderie of fellow sailors, and innumerable ice cream vendors in every seaside village along the northeastern coast. The smell of my youth is salt water, the sound is the clinking of halyards against the mast as I fell asleep, and my frown lines are from squinting as the sun reflected off the water into my eyes.

As my parents graduated us to larger boats, I raced my own small sailboats and proudly became the first female captain to win the regatta during the Joseph Conrad Summer Sailing Camp at Mystic Seaport. I dreamed of racing from New York to Bermuda, of living on a sailboat. I thought it would go on forever.

But my summers of endless sailing came to an end as my acting career kept me traveling, and my time on my parent's boats dwindled to a few weekends a year. My last long trip came in 1998 when Gene, who had never sailed before, and I joined my parents for a week on the boat. I got to show him many of my favorite places, but we also discovered that he gets seasick. No more sailing for us. By the time my children were born I was down to just one day a year, the annual Village Cup race that allowed me to once more pull out my topsiders, smell the salt air, and feel the thrill of running the starting line or jockeying for position as we rounded the mark.

But despite my infrequent waterbound days, I knew what every sailor knows. Once sailing is a part of you, it never leaves.

Today my parents said goodbye to their last sailboat as she sailed out of Port Jefferson Harbor for the final time on her way to a new home. I was able to be there when they launched her and motored her out to the mooring for her new owner, and I can't say I was surprised at how emotional it was as I watched one of the biggest parts of my life leave the dock.

So goodbye old friend. Thank you for the adventures and the friends. Thank you for the joy and the excitement. Thank you for the smell of the sea and the sound of the halyards. I will miss you, but you'll always be a part of who I am.

Written by Amy Fortgang Connor.....her farewell to Shalom

MOORING FOR SALE

300 lbs. with all pertinent attachments and pick up stick... This mooring will accomodate up to 30 ft boat. Professionally maintained by Murphy's Marine and presently stored at his loca-

tion..

Asking \$325.

Call Ray Epp at 631 816 8659

Items for Sale

35 pound CQR anchor. Good condition. Asking \$150, 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. Call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or benenttguerrero@gmail.com

Rave Sports Nighthawk 3-Person Towable Tube. Used fewer than 10 times. Very good condition. No leaks. Includes a tow rope. Asking \$150, 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-16rspunghthwkxxxxwsr/16rspunghthwkxxxxwsr). 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.

If interested call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or benenttguerrero@gmail.com

(Unsolicited) Comments from a Former Member

I would like to commend Vic for the wonderful job he is doing on the Bowsprits, and the club in general for the active programs that are offered. Although I now live in Deerfield Beach Florida, I remain a SYC member at heart. I'm still sailing (OPBs), but miss the camaraderie at the club. My sailing club has no clubhouse for great socials, but does after race parties at homes of participants.

Keeping abreast of your progress, especially into new areas of financial endeavors is rewarding. My years at SYC we're most rewarding (1976.?- 2013) Having started the Harbor Cup and been the chairman for the first 3 years were exciting for me and a first attempt at putting the club out front for Port Jefferson. The Village Cup Regatta has increased the clubs positive exposure in the community, provided valuable funding regarding pancreatic cancer, and given many non-sailors the opportunity to experience the activity we all enjoy.

The new Bowsprit format is wonderful, especially the photographs of activities and seeing old friends.

Five years ago I founded and am the President of Friends Of Deerfield Island Park. We are a non- profit and have recently been given a 26 ft. Islander sloop and hope to start a youth sailing program. Yours certainly appears to be doing well. It was always a gem. Congratulations.

The PortJefferson Yacht Club will always be a recommendation for other sailors. Keep up the good work.

Ira Wechterman

President, Friends of Deerfield Island Park, Inc.



The Lions at the New York Public Library Being Safe



KAYAK WANTED

I am a PJYC member looking to purchase a single or tandem kayak please contact me

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FOR SALE: 2017 CATALINA 315

Length Overall: 9.49 m 31' - 11" **Length of Hull:** 9.45 m 31' - 0" **Length at Waterline:** 8.08 m 26' - 6"

Beam: 3.35m 11' - 7"

Mast Height Above Waterline: 14.70 m 48' - 3"

Draft: Wing Keel 1.32 m 4' - 4"

Ballast: Wing Keel 1,996 kg 4,400 lbs

Approx. Basic Weight: Wing Keel 4,808 kg 10,600 lbs

Engine: 3 Cylinder Diesel 16 kw 21 HP **Total Water Capacity:** 155 ltr 41 gal

Fuel Capacity: 102 ltr 27 gal

Holding Tank Capacity: 64 ltr 17 gal

Options Include:

Radar Furling

Mast (Selden) with vertical battens

Removable Bow sprit/UPS Asymm reaching sail

with Code X Furler and sheets

Raymarine eS97 Whisker Pole Microwave

Folding Leather Wrap Wheel P70/Evolution

Wheel Pilot P 70 Display

Horizon VHF w/Ram in cockpit

Fusion MS-RA205 Marine Stereo system

Fitted Teak Cockpit grate

Sail Area:

100% Foretriangle 47 sq. m. 506 sq. ft. Standard 135% Genoa 54.72 sq. m. 589 sq. ft.







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