Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club



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August 2021

FROM THE HELM

August is a big month for our cruising members. It also shows in our transient business at the docks. You will read later into this newsletter how busy it has been. Back in July a group of boaters from the Noroton Yacht Club in CT came over for a stay at our club. I was able to sit with the Club Manager Wim Jessup for a drink. They really enjoyed our club and provided a VERY generous donation to the coming Village Cup Event. – Thank you again Noroton YC!

The Village Cup Regatta will be held this coming September 11th, 2021. Please get involved in anyway possible and help support this yearly event so close to all our hearts. We are so lucky to have Chuck Chiaramonte at the helm for this event. This will mark the 12th year PJYC and the Village of Port Jefferson have worked together on this fund raiser.

And at the helm Chuck was when they crossed the finish line during the Around Long Island Regatta. Chuck and his crew did our club proud by taking 1st place in his division and 2nd place overall for the ALIR. Congrats to our Harvest Moon and her merry band of sailors!

I would like to thank our Social Director Laurina Nielsen and Gary Passavia and his band for a fantastic evening at the PJYC Club House on July 24th.

Ronnie our bar tender said this was one of the largest nights for the

bar. Thank you all that attended.

I decided to postpone the Commodore's August BBQ this year. We are working on an early fall end of season Lobster Bake. We really want to extend the season and thought this would be a cool and new idea for the membership.

In closing, please get out and use your boats. Use your club.

Though the day light is slipping a bit the water is warm and the sunsets are fantastic. See you soon and please don't forget the Village Cup on September 11th.



Best.

Jeffrey W. Hausner—Commodore 2021

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

VICE COMMODORE

What do you say when your 25 year-old son asks you if you would like to go on a four-day 60 mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian trail with him his two 25 year-old friends and your 19 year-old son? Well of course you say: "Sure!" You forget about the fact that you have no equipment, you will be carrying everything you need for the four days on your back, there will be no showers, that fresh water is where you find it and your age, well let's just say I am not 25 anymore.

We set out from my son's apartment in the city early on a sunny morning in June, through new Jersey with the city skyline to our left and the famous Bada Bing to our right, headed for the Delaware water gap. We parked and as we hiked up out of the Delaware water gap along the trail head, the first couple of miles were all uphill. Thankfully, the weather was cool and our legs were fresh so it was not that hard at the start. We hiked along a ridgeline that paralleled the Delaware river and offered beautiful views of the valley below.

The plan was to finish day one alongside a picturesque pond at about the 17-mile mark. Up to this point, Christopher's planning had been perfect, however his choice of campsite for day one missed the mark. The only flat ground along the pond was on the site of an abandoned 4-H camp. The grounds were all overgrown, the buildings, at least those which were had not been burned to the ground had broken windows and graffiti. Painted on signs and buildings were welcoming messages like NO ESCAPE. The place looked like the set for some slasher movie. With about 45 minutes left until sunset, we filled our water bottles and moved along deciding it wasn't worth the nightmares. Now, we had ventured quite a way off the marked trail to find this place but we calculated that if we just headed east through the woods we "should" reconnect with the trail shortly. With the sunlight fading, Freddy Krueger behind us, no marked trail and no campsite for the night things were not looking good. We continued a bit through the woods and found the AT and then within a few minutes found one of the very few flat spots suitable for a campsite. Freeze dried food and filtered pond water never tasted so good.

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VICE COMMODORE

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Days two and three were a bit harder, our legs not so fresh, the blisters, and the ups and downs a lot more extreme. The trail was strewn with rocks which made our footing very difficult, each step needed to be planned. I trudged along, taking in the views, the beaver ponds, the hawks (I still think they were vultures) and meeting some interesting people along the way. One man, never got his name, looked to be about 80 years old, give or take, with a beard that looked to be about the same age. We later named him Harry. Harry told us that he had started in Key West, Florida in December. He hiked along trails in Florida and Georgia, "stealth camping" along the way so as not to be confused with the homeless. He was bound for New Foundland. Recently, one of my son's friends heard from another hiker that he was last seen in Maine a few weeks ago.

The campsites for night two was also found with minutes of sunlight to spare. We heard what we thought might be grunting sounds from bears throughout the night. I thought the sounds were getting closer. In the morning I googled "bear sounds" and discovered that black bears do not make any sounds and that google maps showed that we were camped on a ridge about a half mile from a farm. I still say it was a bear.

Day four, the final day, we've already done 50 miles and all that's left is an easy 10-mile hike. The trail started flat but I knew that was just a tease. By mile 3 we were walking along beautiful rolling hills of grass fields and trails through more flat ground. Then at about mile 4 we came out of the woods and walked through a town crossing a bridge to walk along some gravel paths and a flat marshy area. Mile 7, it's still a cake walk and I'm thinking 3 more miles- I can do that, that's nothing. Then Andrew said it, he pointed north to some mountains in the direction we were headed and asked "Do we need to go over those?" and over those we went. These were very steep switchbacks, my legs were jelly and the only thing that kept me going was my GPS watch showing that we were getting ever closer to that 10-mile mark.

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Then we hit the 10-mile mark where Christopher informed me that the 10 miles was just an estimate and we had another 2 miles to go - approximately. I refused to go any further and calmly explained to him the concept of under promise and over deliver – I think he got the message and with a life lesson learned, we continued on.

We finally arrived at the end of the trail and the car. Christopher's girlfriend and her roommate had moved the car to our finish point. We opened the back of the car to find a congratulatory note along with snacks and cooler full of water and beer. Thank you Lindsey - what a girl. The trip was grueling; at times I didn't think I would make it. We were sweaty, smelly, blistered, sore and exhausted but we all say the same thing- It was a fantastic experience. Thank you Christopher, Andrew, Marco and Ritchie for including me in your adventure, next year it's the Around Long Island Race.

Tim Rachek



UPDATES FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

DOCKS & FLOATS

Very slow month with nothing breaking of any substance. We installed depths at the middle of each dock on each side of the West dock. It looks very professional, thank you Peter Johnson. We have also installed piling caps on almost al pilings, thanks to Rick Vlahov. No permit yet. We are waiting for the USACOE to sign off on our application. We have sent then three requests to respond with the last request on 7/29/21. On August 1 we received a notice from the USACOE asking for some measurements to be added to the drawing. They apparently cannot use a scale ruler. They are still working remotely and can only be reached by email. With the added docks we have ordered a new nylon sling to replace the steel cable. It should speed up removal and launching of the docks even with the added docks

Looking over Dockwa reservation I had some time to look at net deposits from last season and compare them to this season. May of 2021 over May of 2020, up 811%, June 2021 over June 2020, up 144%, July 2021 over 2020, up 16%. Year to date we are up 76% over 2020. While May of 2020 was affected by Covid, May of 2021 over May of 2019 we are up 53%. We have had a couple of weekend days where docks did sell out



for a day with waiting lists. We have been able to get every one in that requested a mooring by using member mooring and the floating docks as of 7/30. On 7/31-8/1 we had waiting lists for both docks and mooring that we could not accommodate. Projecting revenue out for the balance of the season, if we just did what we did last year from now to the end of the season and added it to our year to date total we will total about \$76,000 a 51% increase over 2020. If we continue to grow as we have this season, projected income will be about \$99,000, a 76% increase over 2020. If weather holds I am optimist we will be some where in the middle, maybe at \$86,000, a 53% increase over 2020.

Alan Johnson, Dir. Docks and Floats

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DOCKS & FLOATS



Does PJYC have a great view or what?!

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Summer Sailing

Summer is going way too fast for me but it's been so much fun. The Rachek boys were all home together for the first time this weekend. So happy to have everyone at the table together again.

Andrew had an incredible experience teaching sailing in Newport Beach, California. At the end of camp, the sailing instructors get to go on a trip together paid for by the yacht club. They chose to go camping at Sequoia National Park for three days. Judging from the pictures I saw, it was amazing.

My son Jack has one more week of his internship in Philadelphia and has had a great hands-on experience with the production side of engineering. He got to race on Gypsy Moon this weekend in Shelter Island and they took second place in their division. He had a wonderful time doing what he loves, sailing. Jack said Shelter Island has a beautiful yacht club so another yacht club to put on my list of places to visit.

My oldest son Christopher just adopted a dog so we have a fur grandpuppy that we got to dogsit this weekend. Bauer is nine weeks old and has quite a lot of energy but so much fun. Tim bought him a little lifejacket to get him ready for sailing which he enjoyed wearing.

So the whole family including Bauer are headed to Block Island this weekend. We are hoping for good weather and fair winds for our trip. If any of you are going to be out there this weekend, let's meet for mudslides at the Oar. Which, by the way, my girlfriend came out with us for sunset last Friday night and made a copycat batch of mudslides and they were so good.

We had so much fun with the sail to nowhere trip to Flax Pond organized by Chris Beech. Riding the current over there never gets old and it's just such a beautiful place to sit on the beach. Glad so many boats made the trip. Thank you, Chris and Nancy. The barbeque back at the club later was wonderful, great job grilling by members Kathy and Gerry Kurz. The music was beautiful by Gary Pasavia and his band. It was very well attended and I hope we have a lot more evenings like this. Another great job by our social director Laurina.

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The Village Cup is coming up on September 11th. For those of you who are not familiar with it, it is a wonderful fundraising event for pancreatic cancer. Early in the day, we have what we refer to as a friendly race. The teams are Port Jefferson Village against Mather Hospital. The mayor attends and Ralph Macchio (karate kid) is the celebrity ambassador. If you have a boat and would like to take guests out for the race, please let Chuck know.

After the race, there is a big party at the Red ShipBuilding building, where there are basket raffles, food, drink and an overall great time to be had by everyone. This is such a big event for our club and we are all very proud of how much money we have raised for this cause. Our commodore this year, Jeff Hausner, lost his dad to this horrible cancer. So please help fight pancreatic cancer, donate money, create a basket to donate, if you are not creative, that's me, give items to Dianna Stackow who will create a beautiful basket for you. Those gift cards that you have no use for, gifts that you will never use, donate them. We have flyers up at the club so please do whatever you can to help with this cause. Contact Chuck or Jeff if you need more information.

I know many of our members love to walk, run and another great event coming up is the Tunnel to Towers 5k. It will take place on September 26th in Manhattan. It's the 20th Anniversary of 911, a day none of us will ever forget. We have done this 5k and it is a remarkable experience and at the end of the run, there is free food, drink, and music. If you would like to join us under our group, our group name is "Longhill and Beyond." Longhill is the neighborhood where we live but we have friends from all areas who are joining us. I hope you join us for this 5K. To sign up go to t2t.org. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the sunsets from the deck, have fun with the activities at the club, spend time on your boat and have a wonderful rest of summer.

Corresponding Secretary

Kay Rachek

RACING

The Spring Series wrapped up with us only needing to drop one race due to T-Storms (See July Issue).

Congrats to the winners! Red Sky (Ralph Segalowitz) took the Spinnaker Division, and Crocodile (John Sugrue) took the non-Spin division. Some close racing with just a few seconds separating boats in a few races!

The Summer Series has begun, and we did have to drop one race due to NO wind. Like really nothing! Zip, zero, zilch. We did make 0.4 kts with the flood though!





But we still had a spectacular sunset, and Clara J had some visitors!





RACING

Coming up, I'm giving a shout out to the Mount Sinai Sailing Association (MSSA), for their annual American Cancer Society regatta on September 18th.



Details and registration forms can be found on our club website under the 'Community' menu item: https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/community/2021-mssa-acs-regatta/

Also, we will try again to have our "True North" distance race on September 25th! Last year we canceled due to too much wind and high seas!

And finally, congratulations to Harvest Moon (Chuck Chiaramonte) and crew for WINNING their "Around Long Island Race" (ALIR) division, and taking second in the fleet overall!

Great job guys!

Some pics follow on the next page...



Regards,
Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain
davechub@gmail.com

RACING

A couple of shots from the ALIR Race:







Cruising

We had more than twelve boats for the "Cruise to Nowhere" on July 24th. The weather was perfect for the beach, little wind for sailing though. We had kayakers exploring Flax pond, swimmers and current riders on the outgoing tide from the pond. Everyone enjoyed snacks and drinks on the beach before heading back for great evening of food and music at the club.

Upcoming cruise events:



August 14	Bridgeport CT	
August 28	Pequonnock Yacht Club – New Haven	
September 4-5	Centerport Yacht Club	

We have no cruise captain for Bridgeport and Nancy and I will be out of town for a family event.

If you have not already made your reservations with Centerport Yacht Club, please do so right away. You must register directly with the club. Please contact Ken Babits, our cruise captain for the Labor Day cruise. Thank you Ken!

Chris Beach

Cruising







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Cruising





Pics by the Dohertys

SOCIAL

Social Words

Summer is in full swing and the usual the events that happen in July have happened.

Ed and I cruised with Chris and Nancy and had a fun time despite the tropical storm and almost, once again losing our dingy. We toured the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Rhode Island and had cocktails in the Spring Hotel in Block Island and then meet up with the Johnsons, Diamonds and Segalowitz for dinner in Shelter Island.

Back at the clubhouse a 4th of July BBQ was held thanks to Dianna and friends. As usual it was a party!

Later in July we had visitors to our club from the Noroton Yacht Club and the Cape Dory association. It is always good to be a good neighbor and our reputation remains intact.

On July 24th we had music provided by Gary Passavia and his band along with a tasty BBQ. New members, Kathy and Gerry Kurz, were our BBQ masters and Annette Dickenson and family were so helpful in getting all the food out – thanks to all of you because as they say "it takes a Village".

We are looking forward to a Bingo Night and a Lobster Bake – all assuming we can stay safe and healthy!



Laurina

Social Chair 2021

SOCIAL





Gary and his Band

Mudslides



Noroton YC Members Visiting

SOCIAL



Noroton YC Raft Up in PJ





Boat Dog of the Month!

WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS



PJYC SUMMER BAR HOURS

FRIDAY NIGHTS 7pm - 11:30pm

SATURDAY NIGHTS 6pm - 10:30pm

Come enjoy our beautiful harbor & sunsets on the deck. Bring dinner, if you wish, and spend the evening with your PJYC friends. See you there!

Canasta!

Tuesday Nights

Bar is Open as a Self-Serve Honor System
Bring your own Snacks

6:30

Text Dianna 631-512-1068 for more info

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WHAT'S IT?

For this month, Name this lighthouse!



(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

Sam Aronson still has many of these items for the club, or any member who needs them. Contact Sam at : samuel.h.aronson@gmail.com



(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

BOAT FOR SALE

"Windsong"



1988 Ericson, Model 32-200-(aft head)

Mainsail- 2007 in Doyle Cradlecover Genoa-135% Jib-2007-102%

New Dodger- 2021

Engine- Universal-23HP

Anchors- two with chain and rope rodes

Mooring- 350 lb

Available to view in Port Jefferson harbor

Price upon request

Call John Lane, 631-751-0850 or ilaneok@aol.com

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

Rave Towable Tube (Reduced!)

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-

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.

Call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or <u>bennettguer-rero@gmail.com</u>

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

For Sale

*Bosun Chair \$100

*Top Climber \$200

*Stay Sail— Banner Bay \$200

Dinghy Lift Strap \$ 50

Mobri Radar \$30

*Wichard Boom Brake \$200

*Code Flags \$ 15

(* Never Used)

Contact Tom Koch—516-242-7212

COMMUNITY

We Want You! For the 2021 Village Cup!



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

September 11th, 2021

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 \$600,000. 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: https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/community/village-cup/

To sign up your boat and/or get more information, please contact:

Charles Chiaramonte chuckc09@optonline.net (516) 810-6695

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

Thanks and stay well,

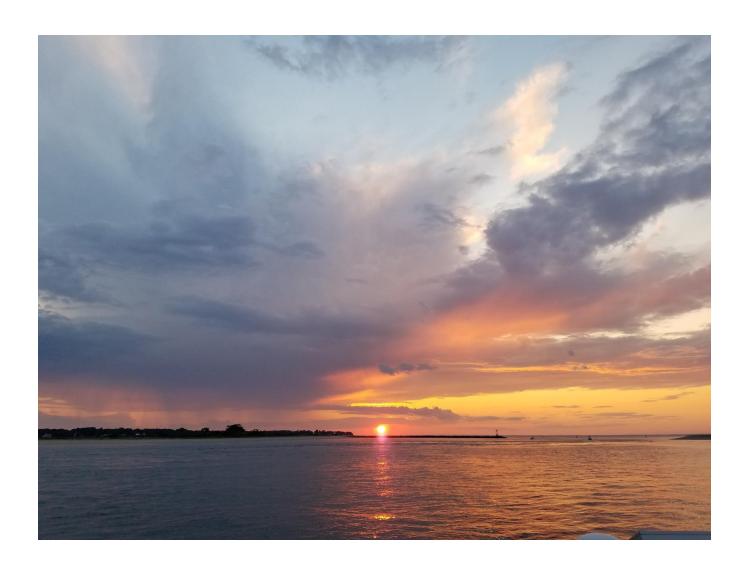
Judy Suben





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