

# Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



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Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

August 2022

## FROM THE HELM

My how time flies, it's August already but there are still plenty of great things happening at the club. Currently, about eight boat's have embarked on the "long cruise". The long cruise is a 2-week cruise with planned stops in Essex, Stonington, Jamestown, Cuttyhunk, Edgartown among others. I write to you halfway between Block Island and Martha's Vineyard with about 23kts of wind and 4-5 foot rollers chasing us with the occasional 6 foot bonus waves. Out of an abundance of caution, we are motoring since the wind is too much out of the west and the conditions pretty rough.

Coming up this month, we will be having Tacos and Margherita night on the 20th and the Commodore's raft up on August 28th. If there are any "boatless" members who would like to attend, please contact me or Laurina Nielsen and we will try to find you a host. Likewise, any boaters planning on joining the raft up who can accommodate guests, please contact Laurina or me. And in September, back by popular demand, will be the lobster bake on the 18th.

Also in September, on the 10th, is the Village Cup Regatta, the club's annual fundraiser for pancreatic cancer and the Mather Palliative care center. This is one of my favorite events. It pits teams from Mather and the Port Jefferson Village against each other in a friendly competition. Club members supply the boats and extra crew. Over the years the, the club has raised over 750 thousand dollars. This year, donations are a little behind. Please pledge a donation if you can, or enter your boat in the race or both. Information is available on the club website.



And for those who wished us fair winds and following seas, can you wish for a little less of the wind and following seas. Have a great August and I hope to see you at the club soon.

Tim

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### VICE COMMODORE

#### ALIR Race Report - What is it really like?

This past weekend, a group of adventurous PJYC sailors set off on the 45th Around Long Island Regatta aboard Smoke and Mirrors along with our intrepid Captain Ed Nielsen, ALIR veteran John Doherty, Charlie Masone and his son Neil, past PJYC member, Keith Puls and of course your Vice Commodore, another ALIR veteran. Going into the race our expectations were modest at best. In prior years, Harvest Moon had set a high bar and I think all we hoped for was to just finish this 207 mile race. As it turned out after 46 hours, 7 minutes of mostly sailing forward (although sometimes in circles) we crossed the finish line in Seacliff, 2nd in our division and 2nd overall in the non-spinnaker class. What a fantastic result for what Captain Ed describes as his self-styled Chinese junk compared to all the other boy racer boats that take part.



But what is it really like to sail in this regatta? On Monday morning I tried to explain to my work colleagues in NYC what the race was all about. They looked at my tanned face (aka sunburnt) and I think all they heard was that I was on vacation for a few days, sailing a yacht and having a relaxing time. Let me tell you, this is far from the truth.

The ALIR is a long, grueling race with many highs and many lows. The first leg from the start line at Ellis Island, under the Verrazzano Bridge and out into the Atlantic Ocean is probably one of the highs. The



winds are usually great for sailing, you have the adrenalin running from the start and of course lots to see with the Manhattan sky line in the background. Even sailing down the south shore past Long Beach is not so bad although with the usual ten foot Atlantic rollers adding to the boats motion, any crew members that will become seasick will start to feel ill at this point. After a few more miles all they want to do is die and go home, but of course they can't.

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As most of us yachties know, after the sun goes down, the south westerly breeze start to lighten and eventually around midnight you enter into the first of two doldrums that you will encounter during the race. This year the wind also went west which meant we had to slowly gybe downwind in order to reach Montauk. For those of you that have not sailed at night, it's hard to maintain boat speed when you are peering into the inky blackness with absolutely no reference points. Dawn of course lifts everyone's spirits with the anticipation of rounding Montauk. But it's usually many more hours before that happens with the continuing light winds making the crew discuss ad nauseam light weather tactics and how to make the boat go faster than the 1 knot you are actually doing. By the way, Sods Law says that no matter what you do to make the boat go faster, it ALWAYS goes slower. During one of those moments, we were alongside the eventual winner of the non-spinnaker division, Veronique and had a brief conversation with them before John and Captain Ed decided to put "the pole" up while Veronique smoothly sailed by.....

Rounding Montauk brings you into Gardiners Bay at which point the winds pick up and if you are lucky you can sweep across this delightful stretch of water and pray that you make it before the tide turns at Plum Gut. I will give you a clue - it never does. Friday afternoon was no exception and you could see the boats ahead stacked up at the entrance to Plum Gut as the tide put a halt of any chance of making forward progress. At this point Captain Ed made probably what was his best decision of the race. He said "let's go through the Gull Island passage". Now this adds about another 10 miles to the race and I must admit I thought our race was over, especially as the clouds were darkening and you could feel the rain approaching.

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Friday afternoon turned into Friday night as we plodded up the Sound having to tack against the tide every so often to avoid hitting Connecticut. At 11pm I came on watch with Keith and John at which point doldrums number two descended. This the time the wind was absolute zero. Smoke and Mirrors turned sideways onto the current and stayed like that for at least an hour during which time the rain started to fall. This was one of the lows. You are tired, your body aches from sitting on a hard deck for hours on end and the bloody boat is not moving. The 1 knot we achieved in the first doldrums now sounded great. Luckily our watch was soon over and we went below and literally passed out on any available surface we could find in order to sleep. BTW – Captains orders, no spooning.

On Saturday morning the gloom cleared and we found ourselves somewhere between Port Jefferson and Huntington. While asleep a miracle had happened. The wind was actually blowing. It was a summer morning on Long Island Sound – the wind never blows at this time. Our luck held all the way to Seacliff although the last few miles were agonizingly slow. We could see Veronique in the distance but no matter what futzing we did with the sails we could not catch up. Instead we found a smaller, spinnaker class boat that was just behind us and decided the best we could do was to beat them. We did by a boat length, but of course we were not technically racing them.



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So what is it really like to do this race? Well you have to be so passionate about sailing that you accept without questioning that.

- When you are down below the boat WILL try and kill you. A gust will come and throw you to the other side in a flash. If you want to move around you really need to be an octopus.
- Dressing and taking boat shoes off is impossible. Lift one foot off the floor and a gust WILL hit. Best to stay fully clothed for the trip, boats shoes and all.
- Sleep comes in a very short supply. After the first night you are exhausted and if sitting on the deck you will certainly turn into a bobbing head doll. On the plus side, when you do go down below you will pass out immediately.
- You will get sunburnt. Shade is at a premium and every crew member seeks it out even if it means being curled up like a cat to find that one spot.
- Food is hard to prepare so be happy with whatever the captain serves up. Although I must admit on this trip we had hot chili, courtesy of Keith, Captain Ed heated up some chicken parm that was delish and John was the sandwich king.



At the end of the race we usually agree that we will never take part ever again. But at the awards ceremony the next day a funny thing happened. It was suggested that next year we should enter the Newport to Bermuda race. Without hesitation and with drinks in hand we all decided that this would be our next adventure.

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**Congratulations to Smoke & Mirrors!**

**Second in their Division**

**Second in overall Non-Spin!**

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### DOCKS & FLOATS

This summer has been thankfully incident free. Dockwa continues to function and it allows us to really fill the mooring and docks. Reservations combined for mooring and docks are up 15% over the same period as last year and last year we ended 65% ahead of 2020. Docks are up 28%. We have completed, with member hours, the fire extinguisher cabinets and life ring holders and have painted a caution area on the floor of the JSP building in front of the electrical switching gear. We have plans to upgrade the finger piers with additional cleats next spring when the docks are out of the water and we are making plans to eliminate the chains and rollers around the piling and replace them with hoops. We hope to replace one piling that is really worn and relocate some of the piling along side the main dock to a more appropriate locations. The slip holders have been very cooperative in keeping us informed when they will be out of the slips so what we can rent them to transients to maximize our income. The last two weekends were almost complete sell out and if the weather holds we are on track to break last years record transient income.

Projects on the docks are for the most part completed for this summer. The next planned project will be on November 5 when the docks are taken out of the water. We have a favorable a.m. high tide and we will be starting at 8 a.m. This is a big project and we have always had great participation in the past and this year is going to be a challenge. We have never tried to move this amount of docks at one time in our history. The spring we had two starts. The first was when we launched and assembled our main docks and the floating docks, a total of 19 docks. The dock contractor then launched an additional 18 docks that were assembled into the finger piers. We will be removing a total of 37 docks and storing them this year. Without member help this will not be possible. Please mark your calendars and reserve Nov. 5.

Alan Johnson Director of Docks and Floats

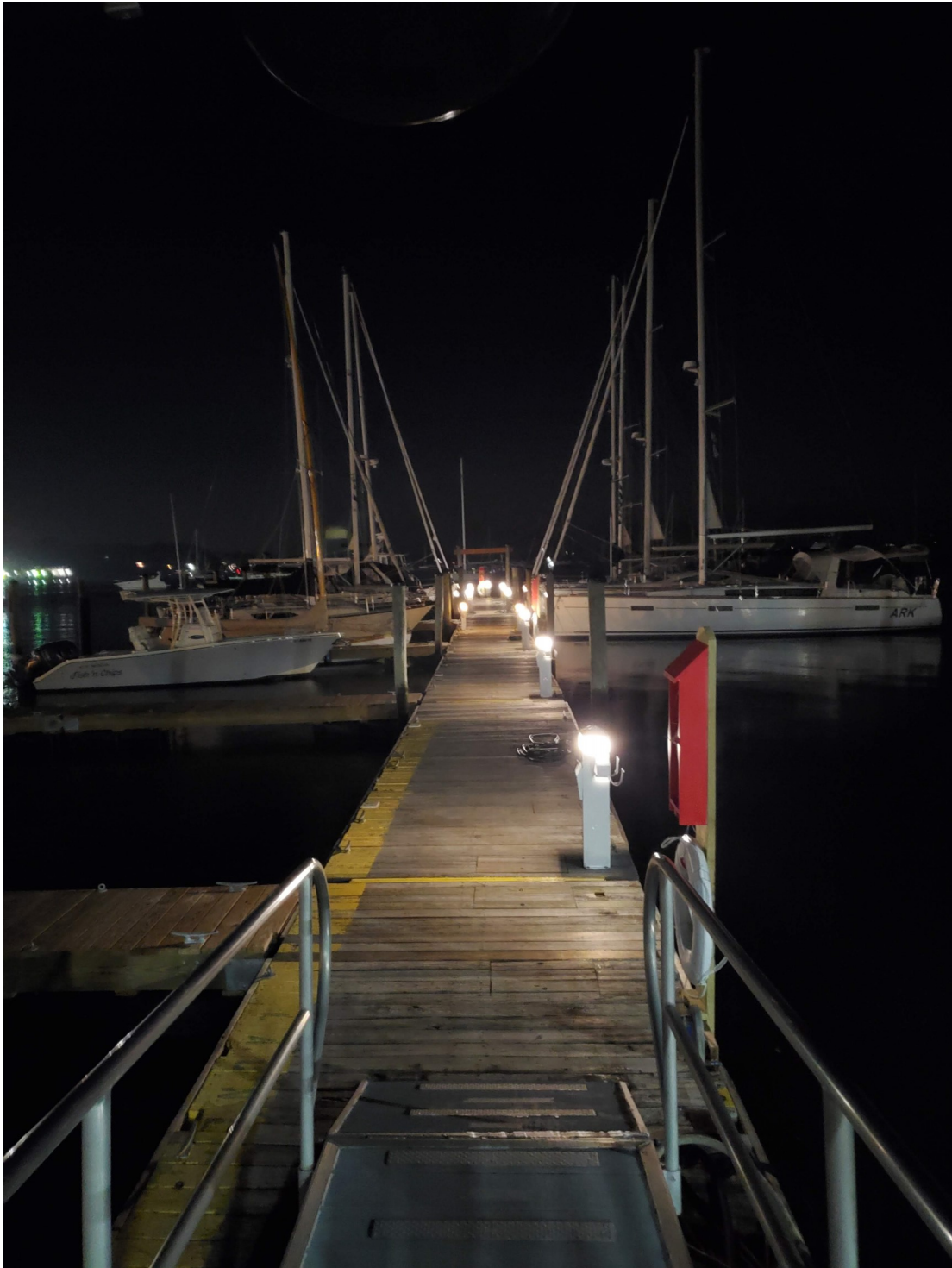


Photo by Joan Fortgang

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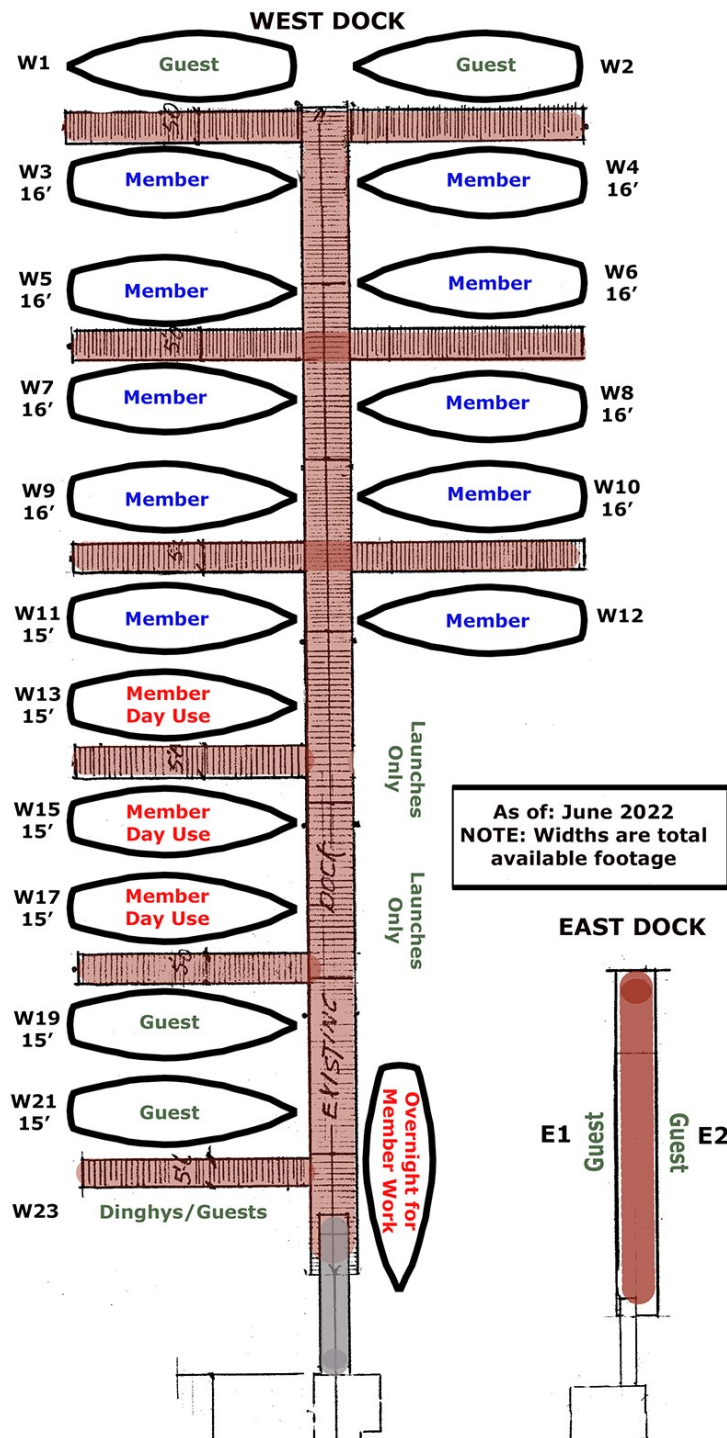




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## EDUCATION

### PJYC Sponsoring Local Event

Most of you are familiar with, and some of you support, the Bayless Boat Shop on the road to our club. This weekend those folks are running the 11th Quick & Dirty Boat Building Competition and the PJYC Sailing School is sponsoring one of the boats. The two-member team—Ryan and Jason from the school—must build the boat at Harborfront Park with materials supplied to the participants by the Boat Shop. This is done on Saturday and on Sunday they race the boat around a course in the harbor near the park. Awards are given for the race and for the best boat design. After the race the winner of a raffle for the beautiful wooden canoe built in the shop will be announced. T-shirts with the PJYC Sailing School listed with other sponsors can be bought.

Many of us will be on the club cruise that weekend and not able to watch and enjoy but those of you who are around should not miss out on this always-fun event. See News & Events for more information:

<https://www.lisec.org/news-events>

LISEC



David Diamond

Director of PJYC Education



One of my favorites from last year—Editor

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## LAUNCHES

As most of you know, our launches are active many hours, every day of the season. They take a beating. Not only do we have to keep up with a lot of maintenance, but also Coast Guard inspections! I'm sure very few of you know how specific a CG inspection is. What would seem minor to you on your own boat is something the CG might give us 30 days to rectify or we have to take a launch out of service. The latest big job is to replace the ENTIRE DECK fiberglass on the 'Dan Perry'. You may have noticed (or smelled!) the work being done. But it will have one solid deck and engine hatch cover when done!



Photo by Deb Baker

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## FLEET CAPTAIN

We are having challenging competition! The weather has been generally cooperative, although as usual it has thrown us a few surprises, like an almost 180 degree shift in about 15 minutes last week!

Why do we do it? Partly for the competition, partly as a way to improve our skills, partly for the camaraderie, and yes, partly for the beer!

For me, any race that I learn something is a good race. (Which is most races!)

But of course, at the end of the day, any time on the water is good time!

(OK, I also do it for the sunsets!!!!)



By Clata J Crew Member Chart Guthrie

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## FLEET CAPTAIN



# SOCIAL!

*A Wedding!*



**Congratulations to our own Tim & Jane on tying the knot!**

# SOCIAL!





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Recapping some social events

On June 17th we had a Murder Mystery dinner Theatre. This was very successful with about 30 members attending. Most of us sat out on the deck and enjoyed the party, thanks to Hope Kinney who did a major part of the planning and running of the event, thanks also to Carolyn Mohanty who has excellent organizational skills

On June 18th Once again Sean Heffernon with the assistance of Dave Hubbard and myself pulled off a very successful Harbor Cup Race and after party.

On June 25th some club cruisers went to the Fireworks at Branford. These fireworks are always wonderful and about 11 boats were there from the club. Thanks to Gary and Cindy Passivia who hosted a cocktail party on Sei Via Mare after which we all retired to our own boats to watch the fireworks.

On July 2nd we had a BBQ on the Deck. Burgers and dogs and salad and dessert were supplied with members bringing sides. It was well attended by about 25-30 guests.

On July 9th Gary Passivia and his PDP trio entertained a deck full of members with Music on the Deck. No food served but the bar was open Gary donates his time so thank you Gary!

On July 23rd we had the Cruise to Nowhere (Flax Pond) / Music on the Deck

It was a hot a sticky day with only 2 boats showing up – Smoke and Mirrors and Red Sky. But a nice walk over the flax pond bridge and some boggy boarding was enjoyed anyway.

Later that night Chick Voohris and his band entertained another full deck with Gary Passavia accompanying him. It was delightful. Chic and once again Gary donate their time and musical skills so thanks to both of you for a wonderful evening.

As you may have noticed I keep revising the social events. This is not done intentionally to confuse everyone but rather to basically “make rolling adjustments” that seem to me to be in the best interest of all our club members. So, stay posted and lets enjoy the rest of the summer.

Laurina Nielsen

Social Chair 2022



# SOCIAL!



# WORK HOURS

Don't Forget to Complete Your

# WORK HOURS



# WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

## Downsizing

(Or, maybe, 'Rightsizing'!)

With several club members getting into more serious sailing, e.g. buying bigger boats, (Chiaramonte, Siris, and Kevill), I thought it might be interesting to note how one member is going the other way. That is, I have sold my 32 ft sloop and have resorted to using a 13 ft aluminum canoe outfitted with leeboards, a kick-up rudder and a sprit rigged sail which I launch from a neighbor's reedy bank on Setauket Harbor.



By John Lane

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## WHAT'S IT?

**July What's It:**

**NO WINNERS!** I bet most of you were wrong! This is an 'Octant'!

**These generally pre-dated the sextant, but had less of an arc. One eighth of a circle to be exact. (Thus 'Oct') A Sextant has one sixth of a circle.**



# **THE EXCHANGE**

**(SELL, BUY, SWAP)**

## **For Sale**



**Sailboat Jack stands**

**7 jack stands are available**

**Asking \$100.00 each**

**Contact:**

**Vic Suben**

**[vsuben@gmail.com](mailto:vsuben@gmail.com)**

**631-513-1679**

**New stands of this size cost about  
\$250.00 each**

# THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

## Free 6 volt deep cycle golf cart batteries

These batteries are one year old and have been replaced with lithium. FREE for the pick up.

Alan Johnson. 631-495-0985



# THE EXCHANGE

(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](mailto:cliffordpetroske@gmail.com)**



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## Gear for Sale

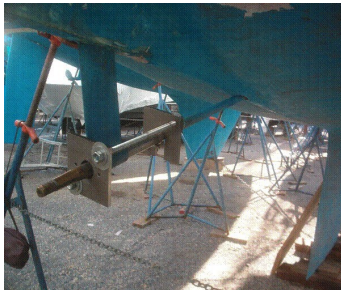
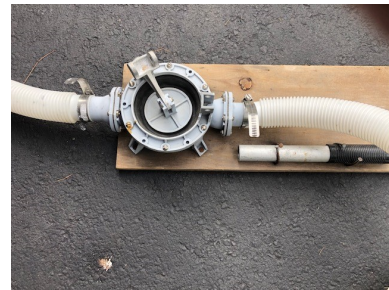


**Marine Grade Primary Wire in 12,14,16 gauge**

**All spools for \$25.00 or best offer.**

**Gusher Emergency Portable Bilge Pump**

**\$15.00 or best offer**



**Custom made tool for pulling props and changing cutless bearings on 1 inch diameter prop shaft**

**\$20.00 or best offer**

**25 lb Danforth Anchor & Rode**

**\$15.00 or best offer**



**Contact: Vic Suben 631-513-1679 or [vsuben@optonline.net](mailto:vsuben@optonline.net)**

# 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: <https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/community/village-cup/>

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

Charles Chiaramonte

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# COMMUNITY



**MSSA 41st Annual  
American Cancer  
Society  
Regatta**



**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

## **Race for a Cause**

Cruising, Non-Spinnaker, and Spinnaker Divisions

YRALIS Qualifying Race

Race Location - Waters North of Mt. Sinai Harbor  
With Limited Guest Moorings Available

After Race Party at the Mount Sinai Yacht Club

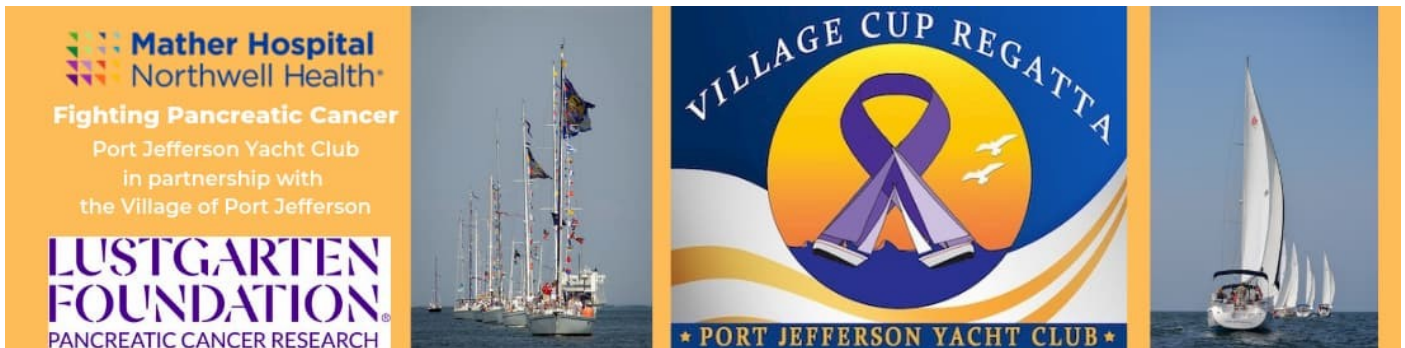
The NOR is available on the MSSA website at  
<http://www.MSSA.org>

Please also join us for our Virtual Regatta at  
<http://acsengage.org/MSSA>

For more information contact Doug 631-751-6528



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**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](http://licares.org)**

Thanks and stay well,

*Judy Suben*



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