Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



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Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com

August 2023

FROM THE HELM

Well the "dog days" are upon us but still plenty of activities going on at PJYC. Toward the end of July, the usual suspects took part in the 46th Around Long Island Regatta aboard the "new" Harvest Moon, a beautiful Jeanneau 490 captained by Chuck Chiaramonte. The crew this year was John Doherty, Gary Passavia, Ed Nielson, Ralph Segalowitz, Tim O'Mara and of course yours truly. For the first time ever we entered the "spinnaker division" with high hopes of a good placing amongst the rocket ship racers.

We had a great start and were soon out in the Atlantic and heading east towards Montauk. The wind was its usual South West and with the spinnaker up and Ralph at the helm, we were flying along hitting a top speed of 14.8 knots. That's not just a "wow" but a double "wow". Maybe we would finish the race early Saturday morning we all thought - until the first of two disasters struck.

Without any warning we heard a loud "bang" and watched as the trusty yellow spinnaker fell into the ocean, torn beyond repair. Ed



and John did an amazing job fishing it out of the briny and we were soon back under way, but of course we had no hope of reaching 14.8 knots ever again. Yes we had the usual doldrums during the night with a westerly wind making it slow going towards Montauk, but many other boats fared worse and were still behind us. Rounding Montauk is always fun as the wind picks up in Gardeners Bay and we just flew across this amazing stretch of water before being flushed through the "Gut" and into the "Sound".

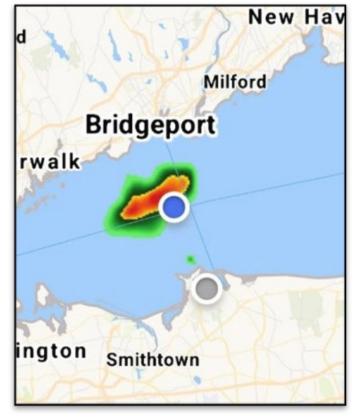
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Day turned into night again and we were soon past Middle Ground thinking about our finish in a few hours' time. Ed, John and I were on the midnight to 4am watch during which time we caught and past our arch nemesis, "Golden Eye". Around 3.30am we saw some

very black clouds ahead that stretched from one side of the Sound to the other. Now, if you are cruising you would probably take your sails down and head towards shore. But the racing boys have no such option. Nevertheless, we are all experienced and can handle a bit of rain and a few gusts. At exactly 4am, the wind just disappeared and Harvest Moon seemed to be in a vacuum. A few seconds later a deluging tropical rain started and visibility fell to zero, followed shortly by a wall of wind that hit us at 60 knots. The boat violently healed over and all we could do was hang on to avoid being thrown into the water. Harvest Moon spun through 180 degrees and gybed with a loud crash. Ed managed to release the main but the jib was still tight in but now back winded. Within a couple of minutes it was all over, but as night slowly



turned into day we saw that the radar dome that is half way up the mast, was hanging by its broken bracket. Chuck decided that the risk of tearing the jib during a tack was too great, so the decision was made to "DNF" and head into Huntington for repairs. So that was it. Our race was over for another year but we all decided it was still great fun and as boats started to finish in our division, we excitedly rationalized that we would have not placed dead last, despite losing the spinnaker.

Great job team Harvest Moon!

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On August 20th we are holding our annual Commodores BBQ. For the last few years we have held this event while rafted up in Port Jefferson harbor. Although a great time is had by all, I am cognizant of the fact that we have a heady combination of hundreds of gallons of diesel fuel, several tons of glass fiber, propane tanks and an open flame while being tossed about every time the ferry passes. So this year we are moving it back to the club house so every member can join us for this mid-summers bash. I will be at the grill

for the afternoon so no one star reviews on DockWa please! Our Social Director, Laurina, will be sending out invites in due course.

With the ALIR only in the recent past and the annual Village Cup Regatta coming up on September 9th it reminds me of a "racing rules" incident while I was cruising with my dad many moons ago. I was at the helm while my dad was down below making a "cup of tea". I could see a sail boat approaching from the stern going must faster. I looked at their sails and concluded they were on port and I was on starboard - check. They were the overtaking boat as well as me being the leeward boat – check again. Nothing to worry about! A few minutes later they smashed into our stern rail causing some minor damage but they apologized and we all went on our merry way. I told my dad we were the right of way boat and it wasn't my fault. Next morning he handed me a piece of folded paper. I opened it and read the following:

Here lies the body of William Gray
He died defending his right of way
He was right, completely right all along
But he is dead the same as if he was wrong



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Calm before the Storm with Ed & Ralph

COMMUNITY



Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Caribbean while helping the Port Jefferson Village Cup Fundraiser for the Lustgarten Foundation and Mather Hospital's Palliative Care Unit! The sailing vessel Hylander, a 46" monohull, is crewed by owners Don and Diane Mackenzie as Captain and Chef.

\$100: 1 CHANCE \$200: 3 CHANCES

- Arrival dates, your choice, beginning February 4 to February 25, 2024 (San Juan, Puerto Rico)*
- Private sleeping cabin and head (bathroom)
- Daily custom menus for breakfast, lunch, & 3 dinners on board
- Depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico or Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas, USVI*

WINNER ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 (or until minimum chances sold)***

- *Ground and Air Transportation NOT included
- **Alcohol purchased on own, some beer and wine provided
- ***You do not need to be present to win

TO PURCHASE YOUR CHANCE TO WIN:

- -Call or Text Dianna @ 631-512-1068
- -OR visit https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/community/village-cup/



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VICE COMMODORE

A VERY EXITING RACE

"The sea was angry that day my friends" (Seinfeld Reference)

Out of 9 boats that were entered, only 3 non spinnaker boats started in the "Tuesday August 8th Race". The winds were sustained at 21 to 25 knots with lots of gusts at 30 to 31 and the waves were 2-4 feet. When we were heading out, other boats were heading back. There was only Ed Nielsen's "Smoke and Mirrors", Tim Rachek's "Kinsale" and my boat "Topaz" left to compete.

Kinsale was uncatchable and was destined to take first. The battle ended up being between "Topaz" & "Smoke and Mirrors" for the then covetable, second place. For the first 2 marks, Smoke and Mirrors was in front until he got overpowered and lost his jib. We then were able to pass him. Ed reefed his jib and regained the lead on a starboard tack. We tacked early to get to the next mark on a port tack. We caught up with him, but then eventually we had to give him right of way. As I was trying to duck behind him, I was getting overpowered by a 30 knot gust, I wrestled the wheel hard to the right. The steering cable snapped at that moment, and Topaz had no steerage. We missed crashing into Ed by one boat length. My crew jumped into action. I called out for my Son Justin to find the emergency tiller and Tim O'Mara started steering with the sails until we got the boat back under control. The winds were high, and the seas were rough, and it was almost dark, and we were still contemplating continuing the race. There was only one more mark to round and then to the finish line. Slowly the adrenaline left our brains and we realized that we better just concentrate on getting back in the harbor safely. The rest of the crew, Mitch Slochower, and Dan Segal fought to get the sails down while Justin and myself took turns wrestling with the tiller. We called the committee boat to drop out and they were kind enough to babysit us until SeaTow came to bring us in.

The moral of the story – Know where the emergency tiller is.

Alan Siris, Vice Commodore PJYC



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DOCKS & FLOATS

Docks and Dockwa are doing very well. Total transient deposits through the August 2 deposit are at 53% of 2023 budget and docks are 50% ahead of last year. If we hold this rate and perform as we have done the last two years, Docks should generate about \$62,000 and total transient revenue should be about \$125,000. If you look at the reservations we are getting many first timers to our YC. I believe the boaters are reading our excellent reviews in Dockwa. In the last four weekends on Saturday night the total unfilled mooring and docks have been four empty overnight reservations out 96.

All transient guests are required to have a reservation backed up with a credit card before they are assigned a mooring or dock space. This prevents confusion as we have only one protocol and we do not have to chase guests for payments and overstays are easily collected.

We have received from the Law Department the License for the new land signed and the ACORE/DEC joint application is also signed. I have received a hard copy and will email after they are scanned to anyone needing a copy. Copies are being sent to our expediters. The Town delivered thru the expediter forms to be completed, some notarized that I am working through. No surprises, I will have them finished this week.

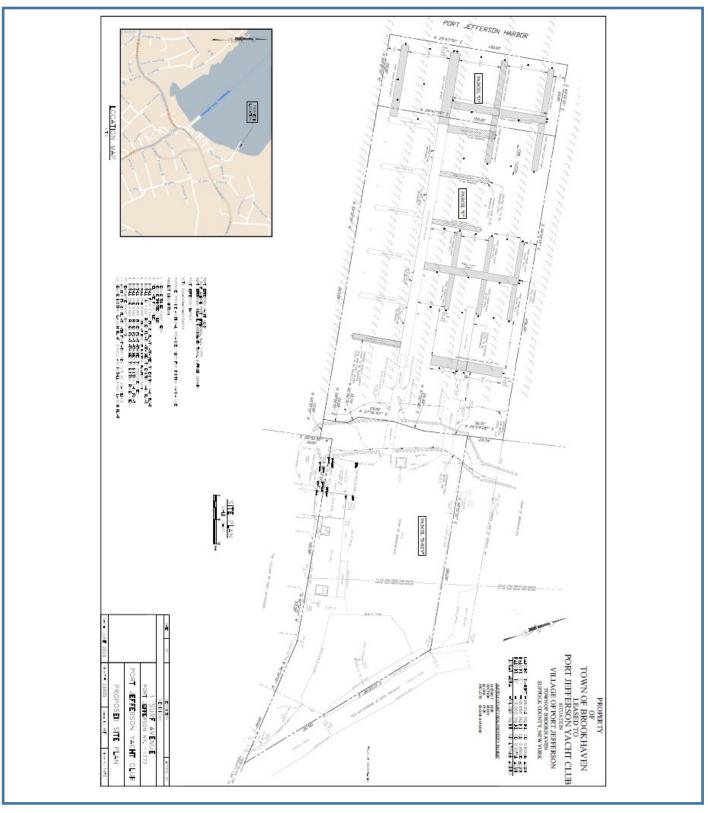
I have had several chances to talk to our mooring transient guests and reading their comments, one theme comes to my attention that we can easily correct. Guests had difficulty seeing the numbers on our mooring balls especially at night. I went out in the launch and confirmed that if you are not on the side the mooring balls are numbers on the number is impossible to see. The number is only on one side of the mooring ball. To remedy this I suggest we put PJYC on one side and the mooring number on the other three quadrants of the ball so that a number will always be visible. I also suggest that we insist on reflective paint by the vendor.

We still have work assessment hours available requiring light carpentry. Tools will be provided if needed and a short course in the project. Call if you can spare the time or need the hours.

Alan Johnson

Director of Docks and Floats

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EDUCATION

The summer season for junior sailors started the last week of June and will continue through the middle of August. The kids love it. There is space available so talk to parents you know and tell them they should have their kids in the program.

David Diamond
Director of Education









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FLEET CAPTAIN

As usual, the season's weather has thrown a bit of everything at us. One race cancelled due to no wind, one due to T-storms, and last week's intense race! August 8th had SCAs up, and, for a change, the weather followed the forecasts. We started in 20 kts from the west, so seas were up around 2 feet. But it built to sustained 25kts with healthy gusts above 30kts! Seas built to 3 feet, with one or two likely above that. Needless to say I did not take Clara J out in that, with 18 inches of freeboard and without a self bailing cockpit! But I crewed on Smoke&Mirrors. It was good 'exercise'! Topaz broke her steering gear and had to be towed in by SeaTow. Several other boats had to drop out as well. Fingers crossed for more reasonable conditions the rest of the season!

And in 'From the Helm' you will have read that Harvest Moon gave the ALIR (Around Long Island Race) the good old college try!
But also got taken out by severe weather!

Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain
davechub@gmail.com





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Pics by Charlie Masone

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More ALIR Pics!

From the Crew





Distance racing is 99% boredom, and 1% sheer terror!

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More ALIR Pics! From the Crew





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Social words

I hope all that attended the 4th of July BBQ and the Dinner and Music on the deck on July 15th present by Chic Voorhis and friend, John, enjoyed themselves.

Last weekend July 29th a Yacht club from Connecticut visited. They rented the club house, stayed on our transient moorings and had dinner and music.

Our deck has new and improved additions. If you haven't seen this new improvement, you should come and enjoy them too.

The next event scheduled is the Commodore's BBQ on August 20th – attached flyer.

I always appreciate the help I get to put these events together for all to enjoy but I would love to see some new members volunteer to run new and different events – perhaps you have some ideas that you would like to see happen – I'm open to letting someone run the show – so to speak.



Laurina Nielsen Social Director



See the Website calendar page for all upcoming events!

https://portjeffersonyachtclub.com/calendar/

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SOCIAL



To all Members

Please come and join

Commodore Mathews

on August 20th

For a Commodore's BBQ

The location will be our Club Deck at 3PM We'll have the best hamburgers (beef and meatless) Amazing hot dogs

Tasty veggies and salads
wine beer and soft drinks included also!
and totally outrageous desserts
So just bring your happy faces and good conversation



HELP WANTED!

GET YOUR WORK HOURS!

Remember you get a credit toward your membership fee if you help pitch in around the club! Not only does it help us out, and reduce costs, but it also can be a fun mini social event!

Available items:

- Docks and Floats—Contact Alan Johnson
 - Dock Electrical Hatches—Need to be shortened from 10' to 5' - Can be done in multiple projects over time by multiple people.
 - Replace hand rails on east fixed dock.
 - · Replace east dock balusters to look like west dock.
 - All tools and materials will be provided.
 - Ladder on East Dock.
- Grounds—Contact Jason Sanabia
 - Secure balusters for ramp leading to SBU Crew boats.
 - Gate repairs, for example near the East Dock.
 - White paint the wall of platform adjacent to the PJYC Sailing Center.
 - We need to remove more leaves behind our Clubhouse.



WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS



PETS!



Assistant Commodore 'Arlo' Wants Your Pet Pics and Stories!

INCLUDE NAME, GENDER, AND A SHORT STORY ABOUT YOUR PET'S BOATING ADVENTURES!



ARLO



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WHAT'S IT?

July's Whatsit: John Baker got it!

It is a 'faking' board (spelled correctly) for a 'Lyle Gun'. These guns were used to shoot an initial life-saving line to a wreck. That line would be used to haul over a heavier line for rescuing crew. The lighter line would be wrapped on this frame so it would spool out cleanly.



August's What's It: Courtesy of Charlie Masone.



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FOR SALE

Endurance (1980 Pearson 10M Sloop; Hull#: PEA52229M801)

Length, Beam, Draft, Displacement: 33'0.5", 11", 5'11", 12,441lbs

Description: Beautiful classic Pearson sailboat that has been loved by our family for over 20 years and kept in

Port Jefferson Harbor. We purchased the boat in 2001 and in 2012 replaced the original Volvo Penta diesel engine with a Yanmar 3GM 30FC Diesel Engine with a Sail Drive with 2 blade folding prop (probably the only 10M with a sail drive). It is currently in the water in Port Jefferson Harbor.

Structure: Hull and decking is fiberglass reinforced plastic (Decking has nonskid), and bottom is painted with blue anti-fouling paint. In 2020 fiberglass work on keel was completed by Port Jeff Marine (at the Boat Place). Stainless steel bow rail and stern rail, fold down swim ladder, and stainless steel stanchions with double lifelines.

Cockpit: Open cockpit with wheel on pedestal steering, two self-tailing winches, vinyl cockpit cushions.

Interior: Weather boards (recently refinished) for companionway-step down to standing head room interior. Quarter berth and navigation station on port side

with lots of storage. Starboard galley with alcohol stove, icebox cooler compartment (that drains into bilge), sink and storage.

Port settee pulls out to full side sleeping berth, and starboard settee pulls out to twin berth (and includes an upper twin berth that can also be used for storage). Forward v-berth cabin. All berths have fabric cushions. Wood flooring has been refinished and there is a pull-down table mounted on the bulkhead.

Forward enclosed head with shower. Replaced head (Raritan) and all hoses in 2014. Two hanging locker closetc.

For ventilation, there are two opening deck hatches and two Dorade vents.

Installed new fabricated anodized mast step in 2004.

Sails: Mainsail with full batten and dutchman system (good condition; with Doyle sailcover purchased in 2003). Harken roller furler for jib (#1 Genoa and #2 Genoa). Spinnaker (very little use) and whisker spinnaker pole

Other: Dodger (purchased in 2003) and bimini, both rarely used and in excellent condition.

For more information or to set up a time to see the boat (currently in PJ Harbor on a mooring at PJYC), please contact Leighann Kelly: 631-379-1355 (call or text), LKL1008@gmail.com



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FOR SALE

Loos Model B Tension Gauge

Excellent Condition

Personalized with best rig tensions for an Ericson 32-3!

Charlie Masone: 1-631-578-2857







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FOR SALE

NEW 50 AMP ADAPTER TO TWO 30 AMP \$150 (\$255 AT DEFENDER)

Contact Chuck Chiaramonte: charles@selectinvprop.com



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FOR SALE

2019 6 HP Mercury 4-stroke outboard motor, long shaft.

Contact Vicki LaRossa: 30avril@optonline.net







(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

FOR SALE

Two red Carbonica Glass Fibre Steering wheels-Sport version: 1Meter Diameter/39.5" Diameter

Excellent, like new condition.

Standard Aluminum Hub

works with:

Edson 1" Cone (25mm spindle)

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Previously used on a Hanse 458

Retail for \$1,000.00 each. For sale for \$500.00 each/pair, \$600/single wheel

Please contact: stefanobasilico@mac.com or

646-732-8661







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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

Hats - Cotton

Tan or White \$15 each
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Beverage Koozies

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Tie Tack – Burgee \$ 5 each

Pendant – Burgee \$ 5 each

Burgees

\$30 each Large 14" X 21" (over 35 ft boat) \$35 each \$35 each



NEW!

TUMBLERS

PJYC Stainless Steel 20 oz

Double Walled, with Lid \$30 each or

2 for \$55



COMMUNITY



The Mount Sinai Sailing Association Presents The 42nd Annual American Cancer Society Regatta



Every cancer. Every life.

Saturday, September 16th

For More Info and entry forms, see:

https://mssa.org/index.php/2023-acs-regatta

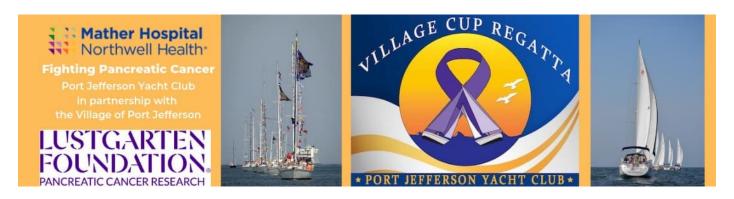
Or Contact the event chairs: Mike and Alison DeNicola

Mike: 1-631-445-3738—MJDen.Pa@gmail.com

Alison: 1-631-445-3732—alison.denicola@gmail.com

August 15th T-Shirt Deadline!

COMMUNITY



Can we raise \$144,000 this year to make ONE MILLION total raised?!!

Reach out to any sponsors you might know!

Making a Difference

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

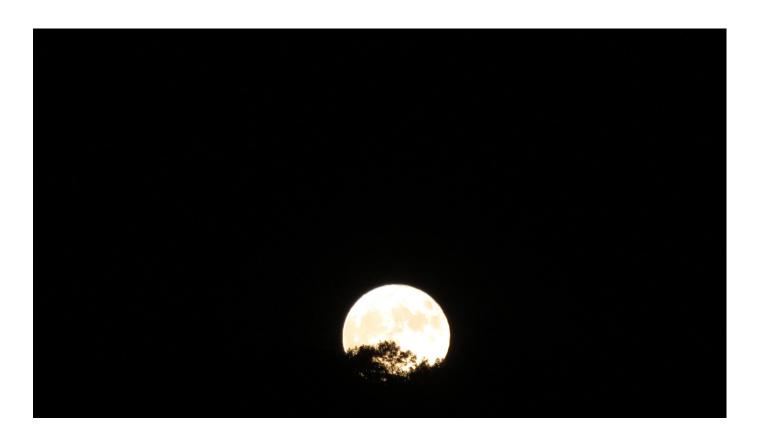
Long Island Cares

10 Davids Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 licares.org



Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben



After the Race
Supermoon Rising over PJ Harbor

Ads, articles, pics all welcome! Email to: bowspritz@portjeffersonyachtclub.com

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