

# BOWSPRITZ

Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Comments



*Ed and I are spending this Labor Day weekend in Milford Connecticut. It is an easy sail over here and a pleasant place to stay. As you probably all know by now we, like many club members, have cruised these Long Island waters for quite a few years now. Of course, we like some places more than others. Some places offer some dining and some do not. Some places are a short walk into a town and some you might have to use Uber to get us there. Some places have beautiful clean facilities and some do not. So of course, there are places we return to, and then there are some places we will be more than likely to skip.*

*As I mentioned in my article last month, last year I presented a Power Point presentation, with help from other board members, to propose renting out some dock space. Last month I wrote that I have not heard any complaints from any members about being inconvenienced. Well this month is somewhat different. I recently heard a member say "Are we running a yacht club or a marina" So to that member and to all the others who have not openly stated their discontent my apologies. I tell the other board members that I believe the "Buck Stops Here". So if we fall short of the expectations of the membership the commodore is the guy/gal who goes under the bus. So here I am under the bus. I believe we became somewhat greedy about the positive revenue and lost sight of the original plan to only have 4 -5 slip rentals. We lacked supervision and communication with our dock staff and that has got to get better. We are trying and as I said to one staff member "we have to try harder." Change and growth does not come without some discomfort but change is inevitable and if it does not happen we will go the way of the dinosaur. I am determined to see that this club does not become a dinosaur. If you have not realized by now I am somewhat resilient and if you disagree with me please come talk to me. One of my favorite sayings is "if we are always in total agreement all the time it is because only one person is thinking (Ed is the guy who hears that frequently).*

*On another note this season seems to be winding down but not without seeing our club once again host the wonderful Village Cup Regatta. I have not been on Smoke and Mirrors in the past for this event because Captain Ed has always had*

*very capable crew and has pardoned me from the sailing/racing part of the event. However, this year even though he still has that capable crew I thought I would join in on board - after all I am the Commodore. So I am looking forward to another exciting and successful event. We have some new members competing this year and have more club member boats than ever before. I hope to see even more of you at the reception even if you are not racing - it is a lot of fun.*

*As always, I hope you are all having fun and I look forward to seeing you at the bar.*

*Laurina*



## **REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Although we did not have a race for the Village Cup on September 8, it was a wonderful weekend where we could sail with old friends and meet some new ones. Many of the captains sailed Port Jefferson Harbor for a few hours before the reception. We heard many compliments and "looking forward to next year" from the participants. Charles Chiaramonte, the Chairman of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club Foundation, Inc. did another outstanding job with his committee. Thank you goes to all the captains and crews who got the participants out on the water for the day. In total the Foundation has raised over \$500,000 in the nine years of hosting this event. We are all looking forward to next year!

The bar has been doing well this year. Our Labor Day Party was well attended. Friday nights are also well attended so come on down and enjoy the sunsets. Too soon it will be getting colder.

Our fiscal year ends on November 30. Seems like a long way away but it will be here before you know it. If you need hours make sure you complete them before our year ends. Speak with any one of the board members who oversees house, grounds, docks, launches, social to see where there is a need for hours.

Club house rentals have been going well this year. Janet and Kevin Mularkey are doing a great job in keeping rentals running smoothly. Contact them if you have a date you need to secure.

It's only September, plenty of days to still enjoy the water so try to get out there! Hope to see you either at the club or on the water.

Karl Janhsen



# Grounds Report



So, what's exciting about the grounds. You guessed it not much. Having said that some significant events have occurred since my last report.

By this time, we will have had our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Village Cup regatta. A splendid event it was. There was not much racing due to 3 to 6-foot waves on the sound. Smoke & Mirrors won the trophy for venturing the farthest from the harbor, having reached Mt Sinai harbor before turning around. The cancellation of the race due to the rough seas was offset by the great sailing (survivor mode) and the comradery of the crews and their guests. On Smoke & Mirrors each of the guests was afforded a turn at the helm. It has been a while since I have observed such joy brought to an adult. I think I got more out of them having a good time than they did.



Getting back to grounds. Many of you may not have observed the lack of punishment your cars are taking recently when entering the lower parking lot. This is due to some hard work by our members. Ellie Bowman, who tried in vain to get the Town, Village or anyone else who might do it to fill the pot holes at the front gate. She exhausted all avenues only to be told that it was our responsibility. We of course still thought that there was a government agency responsible for these holes until Alan Johnson (construction Alan) looked at the survey and found that indeed it was our leased land.

Therefore, we are responsible. Well, that is when we had to call in the Big Gun. Enterprise Paving (asphalt Alan) stepped up to the plate and fixed the problem by sending in his crew.

I am taking this opportunity to personally thank Ellie, construction Alan and above all asphalt Alan and his crew at Enterprise Paving for a job well done.

With the pot holes fixed and a little weed whacking, the lower lot looked outstanding considering we are still licking our wounds from the over wash last February. Speaking of that disaster, we have a permit from the DEC that is in the process of being approved. As we like to say the wheels are turning if ever so slowly.

It was a sad time, but it was also a time of relief to see Heart of Gold, (Sean Heffernan's ) donated boat given to a new owner. Sean's heart was in the right place, and the club tried, but found we could not use the boat. She was still in good shape so we made the decision to find her a new home . We were fortunate to find somebody who will give her a new life and again sail her on the Sound.

While it is not a problem at this time of the year, the summer is when non-members (movie-goers, concert-goers, shoppers and just lazy walkers) decide to park in our lower lot. A myriad of solutions have been proposed, most of them involving signs that say everything from get out, you will be towed, or we are coming to your house to park in your driveway or lawn. I am actually thinking of that last one. Follow the guy home and park on his lawn. "just Genius" Anyway, I thought of a much simpler solution which does not involve any of the aforementioned aggressive tactics. If we simply eliminate the parking spots closest to the gate, it will thwart the interloper's ability to park. No, we are not eliminating the parking lot, just the spaces. So, if members just park closer to the gate, thereby eliminating those spaces, non-members will not be able to park there. The idea is to fill up the end of the parking lot closest to the gate first and the water side last.

I am looking forward to the fall and winter events. With two months to go we will soon be battening down the hatches readying the club grounds for winter.

Ed Nielsen, Grounds



**PJYC**  
**2018 Social Calendar**



<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday, 15th</b>	<b>Italian Bistro Night</b>
	<b>Friday, 21st</b>	<b>Pizza Party</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Saturday, 27th</b>	<b>Halloween Party</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday, 10th</b>	<b>Dinner Dance</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Sunday, 9th</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
	<b>Saturday, 15th</b>	<b>Family Holiday Party</b>

The Tell-Tales Bar is open every Friday night year round at 7pm.

Tuesday – Canasta (text 631-512-1068 to confirm in case of unscheduled cancelation).

Wednesday – Poker except the second Wednesday of the month (text 631-512-1554 to confirm in case of unscheduled cancelation).

Please contact Karen Jahnsen at 631-473-5734 or [syckarenj@aol.com](mailto:syckarenj@aol.com) if you are interested in hosting or helping with any of the events below or if you would like to host an event not listed.

**Shop Swap or Take For Free**

**This is a new feature in the Bowspritz!**

If you have something that you are considering either giving away or trading it for something else, then you can send a description of the item to me, and I will include it in this column of the Bowspritz.

Vic Suben  
vsuben@optonline.net



# *Save the Date*

*Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
PJYC Dinner Dance  
St. Georges Golf & Country Club*



# **Save the Date**

**for the PJYC Family Holiday Party!**

**Saturday 12/15/2018 from 7-9pm at  
the clubhouse**

**For families with children/  
grandchildren of all ages (that  
means older kiddos too- preteens/  
teens!)? Please come help decorate**

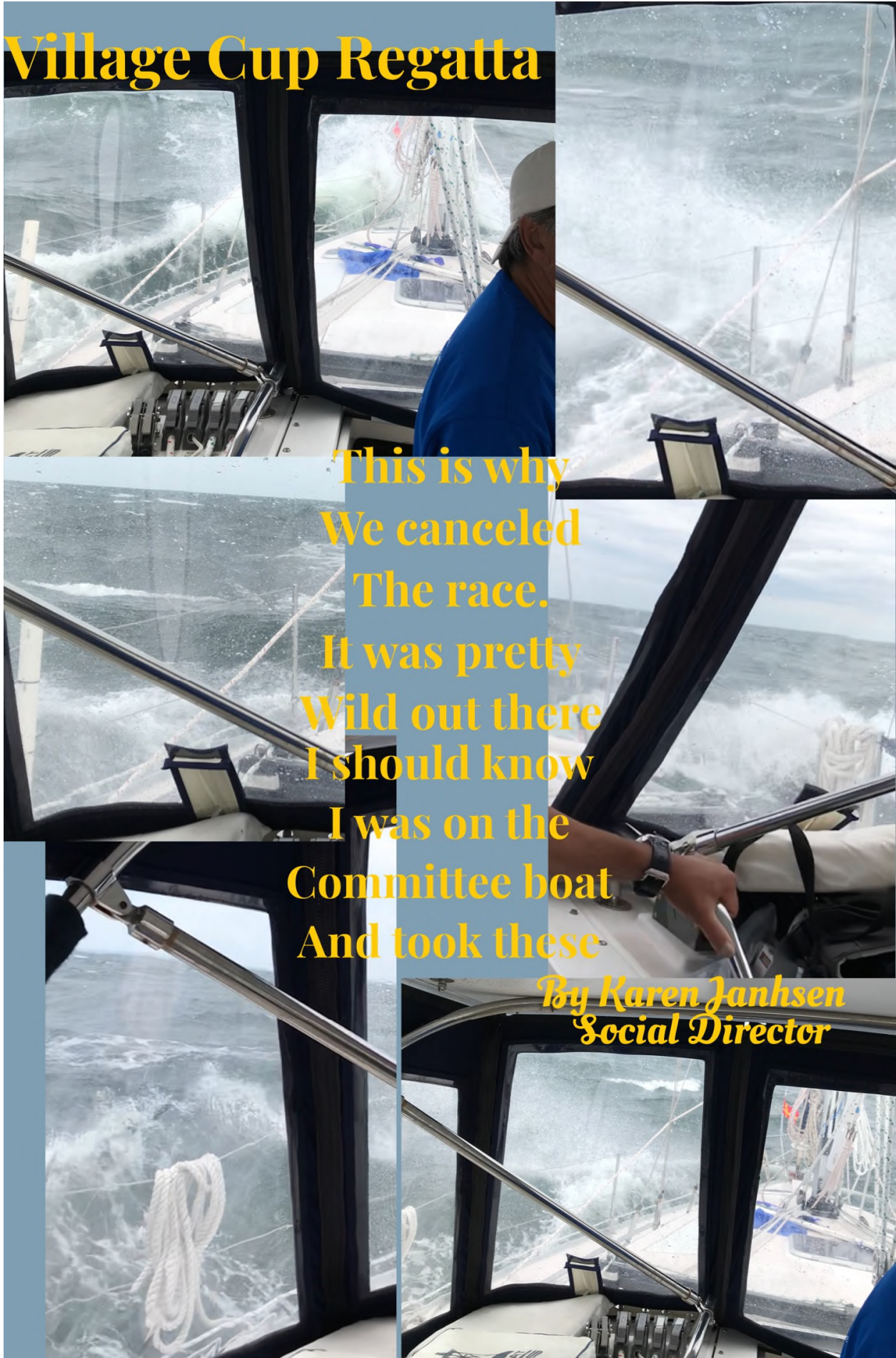
# Labor Day Barbecue

Courtesy of the bar we had our Labor Day Barbecue Saturday September 1. It was hosted by Jean and John Doherty. Thank you guys! We had a great turn out with over 45 people that attended. Thank you to all those who brought down a dish to share and as always to the Tell-Tales Bar. Henry great job. I also would like to thank everyone that helped to set up and clean up.



*By Karen Janhsen  
Social Director*

# Village Cup Regatta



This is why  
We canceled  
The race.  
It was pretty  
Wild out there  
I should know  
I was on the  
Committee boat  
And took these

*By Karen Janhsen  
Social Director*



# This Is A Sailboat And Those Are Sails

We are undeniably using up what little remains of Earth's petroleum, and because of that, it's getting expensive. To reduce fuel costs, shipping companies are turning back to sailboats. Yes, seriously. Sailboats. But they don't look like any sails you've seen before.



The Maersk Pelican with its rotor sails installed. Photo: Maersk

You know sails – most of the time big rectangle things, sometimes big triangle things, almost always (but not always-always) made out of cloth. But while those things in the picture don't look like your normal sails, that's what they are. They just don't work like any sail you've ever seen before.

Most sails you've seen rely on the wind directly acting against them to provide propulsion. But these new types of sails, known as “rotor sails” rely on a physics principle called the Magnus Effect. Here, I'll let the people with delightfully thick Finnish accents from Norsepower, the company that makes them, explain it:

Okay, so that video is more concentrated on how much money shipping companies can save with rotor sails over how it actually works. But you don't need a rotor sail to see the Magnus Effect with your own eyes. All you really need is a basketball.

The spinning of an object – be it a Rotor Sail or a basketball – drags air around it as it spins. That creates an area of lower pressure on one side of the object, which pulls the object forward.

(If you know anything about how airplane wings work, or even traditional sails made in the past couple of centuries or so, they work on similar principles of utilizing reduced pressure to induce movement. In the case of airplane wings, the movement is upward, in the case of sails, the movement is forward.)

By spinning, the rotor sails pull the ship they're attached to forward, using nothing but wind power. With enough wind propulsion, ships can ease up on their engines, saving fuel. Ideally, the engines could be turned off entirely.

And while all of this is seemingly magical and great, it's easy to dismiss the rotor sail as one of those fanciful technologies that you read about somewhere as a "concept" that never actually gets used. Sure, the Finns can put it on one ship, but that's usually it.

Not the case here, however. That's because the world's largest shipping company, Maersk, is installing it on one of its ships, the *Pelican* the *Wall Street Journal* reports:

Danish giant Maersk Tankers said Thursday it has installed 100-foot-tall rotating cylinders on one of its product tankers, adding devices that are effectively high-tech sails that could cut the vessel's fuel bill by up to 10%. If the system proves out during testing, Maersk could use the technology on dozens of ships in its 164-tanker fleet.

The WSJ notes that Maersk spends over \$3 billion a year on fuel, so a 10 percent reduction fleet-wide could result in massive savings, more than enough to cover the cost of up to €2 million of installing rotor-sails on a ship.

And they're not just being put on tankers, either, *World Maritime News* says:

With the installation on the Maersk *Pelican*, there are now three vessels in daily commercial operation using Norsepower's Rotor Sails.

These also include M/V *Estraden*, a Bore vessel offering a Ro-Ro and general cargo service between the UK and the Belgium, *Viking Grace*, a Viking Line cruise-ferry travelling between Finland and Sweden.

You always thought that in the future, we'd all be riding around on jet-powered ekranoplans.

Nah.

We're going back to sailboats.

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## **Upcoming Events**

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