



Bowspritz

Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>



September 2025

FROM THE HELM

As we approached Labor Day Weekend, I asked Nancy “Where did the summer go? How did it get to be almost September?” Her reply, “Well, we were out sailing for 3 weeks.” Me: “Oh, right.”

We did have some of the best weather and sailing conditions possible for the long cruise. We did have some excitement along the way. On the way from Nantucket, our VHF blew a fuse. After replacing the fuse AIS was working and VHF transmit was not. We took a ride to Vinyard Haven from Edgartown to get a temporary replacement radio. It did not seem prudent to be planning to go around the outside of the cape with no VHF. Thanks to Tim Raycek for the loan of a handheld as well. After, Edgartown, we split from the club cruise to head to Stage Harbor in Chatham. We had a wonderful dinner with Nancy’s cousin. While the harbor is small and not too deep with a narrow channel entrance it was really a beautiful place. The harbor master was super friendly and very helpful. On the way into the harbor our depth sounder also decided to die. Perfect timing. I was thankful for the forward scan sonar as we headed out the next day to go around the bottom of Monomoy Island before turning to go around the outside of the cape. Two different tidal currents meet up there, it was a bit bouncy as we passed through that area. Conditions were about as good as we could have asked for, other than a bit more wind, which did fill in a bit during the day. We stayed about a mile offshore; I would recommend at least 3 miles. The lobster pots were shall we say plentiful. Maybe we would have seen some whales if we were further offshore.

We had two great days in Plymouth. We took a whale watching trip and got to see humpback and fin whales as well as an ocean sunfish, which was quite an odd-looking fish. The Plymouth marina was great; we had a replacement radio and replacement transducer shipped to them. Installation of the replacement radio and transducer went smoothly.



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BOARD REPORTS

FROM THE HELM CONTINUED

We headed off across Cape Cod Bay, with no whales in sight and headed into Plymouth. It is a long way in, and I kept thinking how did they get the Mayflower into here without running aground. Answer, they didn't. They anchored offshore. We missed seeing the Mayflower II out sailing, it had been out the week before. Apparently, it was quite a production to get it out. We saw Plymouth rock, which was a bit underwhelming. Nancy's daughter Grace joined us for the second night in Plymouth from Boston. Plymouth Yacht Club was very hospitable.

We proceeded from Plymouth through the Cape Cod Canal to get to Marion. After a short stay in Marion, we headed out early for a long hard beat to get to Dutch Harbor in Jamestown. We took Bystander, my uncle's boat to the New York Yacht Club for dinner with my aunt and uncle. Our next stop was to be Stonington, but we decided after the trip from Marion to Jamestown that an unscheduled lay day was in order. We headed out early the following morning to get to Stonington.

Hurricane Erin was approaching and we knew we had to go early or decide to stay till Saturday. We dropped our mooring at 0605. We had winds from behind about 10-15 knots and seas about 1-2 as predicted. As the day progressed the winds increased as did the seas. We sailed with just the main and got to Port Jeff Harbor at 1500. By this time the seas were up to 4-6 feet, and we had some gusts over 30. We took the main down still outside, it was that or another gybe and conditions had become more exciting since our last gybe. We were thankful for the roller furling boom. We never had to leave the protection of the cockpit.

We made it back for the commodore's BBQ. It was very well attended. I think we had about 90 or so people in attendance. The weather could not have been better. Thank you to Nancy for organizing such a wonderful day.

With our feet on shore for just long enough for things to stop swaying, Ripple and Nine other boats headed off to the Northport Yacht Club on our traditional Labor Day Cruise. We sailed most of the way there, which may shock some of you. We all enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the Northport Yacht Club dining room. We dropped the mooring on Monday morning, hoisted the main and sailed all the way back into Port Jeff harbor. A great way to end the "official" sailing season.

This year's Village Cup was a great success. Thank you, Dave Hubbard, for taking over the reins from Chuck Chiaramonte after 15 years. Regrettably, we could not participate as I got a bad cold from Nancy.

There is still time for more sailing, fishing or just boating before our boats must be hauled for the winter. Enjoy it.

Chris Beach

Commodore



EDITOR'S NOTE

Folks,

Microsoft announced they are discontinuing support for their 'Publisher' tool next year. Which is what I used for creating Bowspritz.

So, I have recreated it using Adobe 'InDesign' which appears to be the new standard for desktop publishing.

Since I had to recreate the whole thing this month, please let me know if you see any problems!

Apologies in advance for any mistakes or omissions!

Thanks,
Dave

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DOCKS AND FLOATS

The docks are performing as we designed them. The staining of the docks will add years to the useful life of the docks. The electrical distribution on the docks to the stanchions has worked without a glitch for three years. We had several failures of the lights on the top of the stanchions and all the lights that were fluorescent have been replaced with LED's and we have replaced the defective flood lights on the West ramp and we are working on the East ramp lighting. Rub rail installation is complete on members' only docks, transient docks and about 60% of the members' slips by the slip holders.

I just rechecked the tides for removing the docks onto the lower lot. I had hoped to remove the docks on the first Saturday in November but the high tide is not useable but November 8 we have a 1 p.m. high tide. Please mark you calendars. The crane will be arriving at 9:30 and we will start stacking the docks at 10 AM. On Nov. 1 we will have a work party to breakdown the water in the docks and disconnect the electric cables from the stanchions and the SS cabinet on the fixed dock preparing for the following weekend. We will be using the same system as before. Members that are interested please contact me in advance and you will be assigned to a group with a specific task. If you have done this before, you will probably be assigned to the same group. We have six hours with the crane before we start paying overtime so timing and coordination is very important. You must be pre-assigned to a group, so please do not arrive looking to help and put in your hours unless you have been pre-assigned to a group.

Alan Johnson, Dir. Docks and Floats

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VILLAGE CUP



Thank You!

We had a very succesful event!

\$78,000 !

Pics on the club website under 'Community'!



Congratulations Chuck!

15 years and over

ONE MILLION raised!

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FLEET CAPTAIN

Safety-At-Sea

The Course is Fully Booked!

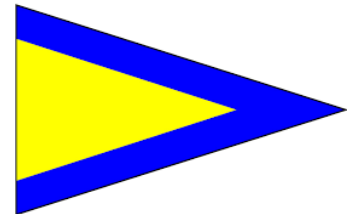
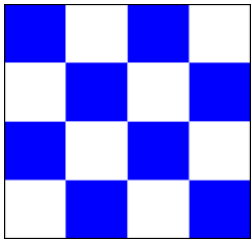
Thank you everyone who donated used flares etc...!

Village Cup Flags

Thank you to all Skippers!

Thanks to those who have returned the
Banners, Streamers, and Flags.

There is a bin in the School building for
them. Please return any you have there.



Local Boat in the News

“Sound’s Great”

Skippered by MSSA Skipper Barry Lenoble, won their division in the
Around Long Island Regatta, with our own Rich Spitzenberger assisting
at the helm!

See the article by Barry in the September ‘WindCheck’ magazine!
(We have copies in the lower Lounge of the club)

Or Click Here.

<https://www.windcheckmagazine.com/article/sounds-great-wins-2025-around-long-is-land-regatta/>



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SOCIAL

There was a 4th of July 4th BBQ celebration on July 5th with about 50 members attending. As well as another BBQ on Saturday July 12th. It's always nice to have a summer celebration which all members can enjoy.

There were also a few club house rentals that added to the club revenue.

In August there was our usual racing, game nights and cruising which members enjoy. On August 22 we were entertained with music presented by Chic Voorhis along with a Pizza party

Our Commodore and Nancy presented a plentiful Commodore's BBQ on 8/24. Thank you, Chris and Nancy.

We had a Labor Day BBQ with a bring your own side which always proves that we are all great cooks.

The Village Cup of course is always one of our crowning achievements – thank you Dave Hubbard!

I am working on our annual Lobster Bake from the Lobster House and have decided on an October 5th (Sunday) date.

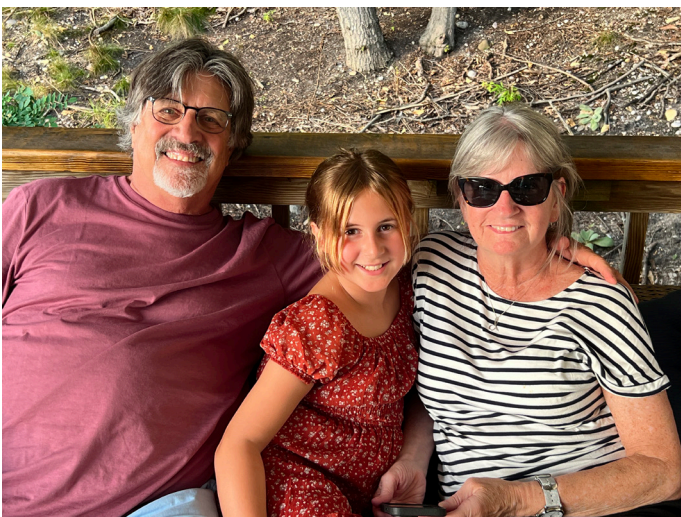
Now it's time to enjoy the fleeting moments of summer.

Laurina Nielsen
Social Chair 2025



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Commodore's BBQ
By Deb B.

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Long Cruise
By Deb B.

WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

Cruising!



Our official cruising program for 2025 has concluded. After a successful Long Cruise in August (read about Ripple's adventures in the Commodore's report), we had a lovely Labor Day Weekend cruise to Northport Yacht Club, sailing out on Saturday and returning on Monday. Nine boats made the trip: Adamas, Anelique, Harvest Moon, Lively Up, Miya, Ripple, Rhumba, Skol, and Smoke and Mirrors. We were also joined at Sunday dinner by Mort and Joan Fortgang, Ann Meyers, and Raph and Cathy Segalowitz.

The cruising program has had great participation all season, and we look forward to having more club members join us next year. We are already discussing possible destinations for next year, so please send your ideas along. What better way to spend your time during the winter months!

Best,
Nancy and Chris
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Continued - Pics by Chris Beach



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THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

1983 13 ft Boston Whaler with Trailer

- ◇ 2021 Suzuki 30hp with power tilt & trim
- ◇ Installed and maintained by Moriches Boat & Motor
- ◇ Garmin Depth/Fish Finder
- ◇ Brunton illuminated compass
- ◇ Asking \$7500



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SELL - BUY - SWAP

Century 20 Powerboat For Sale

20' Great Condition

Contact Ray Epp: rwepp@optimum.net 1-631-816-8659

(Ray is upsizing to a new boat!)

For Sale

Selling a 500 LB Mooring with Chain and Ball

Asking \$600

Contact Michael DeNicola

Cell (631) 445-3738

Email MJDen.PA@gmail.com

FREE Bird Sticks

3 - 36" spiders.

Contact Kevin Broderick

Email: kmbrods@gmail.com

WANTED - MAINSAIL

For a Pearson 30

Contact Bruce Folz

Email: brucehfolz@gmail.com

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SHIP'S STORE

Men's Button Down Long Sleeve Shirt	\$40 each
Sport Brown Shell Jacket Men's or Wm's	\$60 each
Large Blanket – Blue Heather Fleece	\$40 each
Hats – Cotton - Assorted Colors	\$20 each

Unisex Denim Shirt – Long Sleeve Cotton, button down	\$45 each
Women's Maui Blue Shirt - Short Sleeves Cotton Blend, Button Down	\$35 each
Men's Maui Blue Shirt – Short Sleeves Cotton Blend, Button Down	\$35 each
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
Stainless Steel Tumbler 20oz	\$30 each 2 for \$55

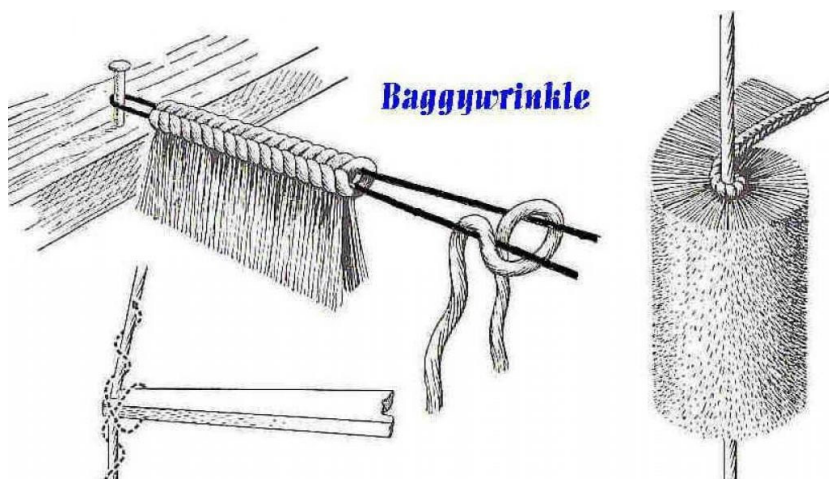
Beverage Koozies -Royal Blue	2 for \$5 5 for \$10
Tie Tack – Burgee	\$ 5 each
Pendant – Burgee	\$ 5 each
Burgees Standard 12" X 18" (under 35 ft boat)	\$30 each
Large 14" X 21" (over 35 ft boat)	\$35 each

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WHAT'S IT?

So nobody got 'Baggywrinkle'! It is lots of pieces of string woven through or around a line, shroud, etc., which provided abrasion resistance for sails that brush up against them.



For this month: Identify the rock that Chris Beach took a picture of!



COMMUNITY



Keep Spreading The Word Until Next Year!

<https://VillageCup.org>



Making a Difference

Support Our Local Food Banks!

Long Island Cares
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Hauppauge, NY 11788

licares.org

Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben





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