

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



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Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

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October 2025

FROM THE HELM

We have had some beautiful weather for October on the sound. I am hoping it will continue, and everyone get their last licks in before docks and moorings are pulled from the harbor. Thank you to all the directors, launch drivers and dockhands who helped make this a great season.

I am hoping to have an update on the upper parking lot situation. We will be meeting in the coming weeks with the town and village. I remain cautiously optimistic that parking on the wall side will become fully available for our use by the start of next season.

We had a recent incident with spilled diesel on the west ramp and into the water. One member and one contractor slipped on the ramp as a result. If you have a spill, please clean it up immediately, and advise the launch staff of the situation to avoid injuries. If this happens again, we may have to ban all fuel cans from the docks for safety reasons.

Chris Beach

Commodore



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DOCKS AND FLOATS

As our season winds down, we need to prepare for the removal of our docks. We will have two work parties, the first on 11/1 with a 9 am start to disconnect the water, electrical cables and store them in the docks and disconnect and remove the wi fi. This will be a fairly short work party. The second work party will be on 11/8 with a 10 am start. The crane is confirmed and will be setting up at 9:30 and the first dock will be lifted at 10 am. We have a 1 pm high tide. We expect to be done by 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please send an email to me at alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com with the dates you can make. We need a sizable crew to remove the docks in 6 hours and we will be using the same procedures as the spring. If you have already responded there is no need to repeat. All members will be assigned to a crew with specific responsibilities. If you have not responded, please do not arrive expecting work assessment hours. As I am writing this I only have ½ of the number of volunteers to get our docks out on 11/8 within 6 hours. Anything over 6 hours we will be charged a premium overtime rate by the crane company. We have just enough volunteers for the work party on 11/1.

Members are reminded to remove any dock bumpers you have supplied and are not the ones provided by the club. We will be completing the club supplied rub rails as part of our spring projects.

Dinghy Rack

All dinghies, kayaks, SUP and engines must be off the rack unless you have a winter storage contract. Space is limited and overall length is 12'. See Ed Dowd for a contract and the \$150 storage fee is collected through Dockwa. Anything winter stored cannot be past the front edge of the rack. We store the JSP docks VERY close to the rack. Anything left on the racks without a contract will be removed for later disposal.

Alan Johnson, Dir. Docks and Floats
alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com



VILLAGE CUP

Village Cup Regatta: A Legacy of Gratitude, Community, and New Leadership **By Chuck Chiaramonte**

This year's Village Cup Regatta was unforgettable—not just for the beautiful day on the water or the generosity of our community, but for a moment that caught me completely off guard. I was honored with a plaque recognizing my 15 years of leadership, and while I was deeply touched, I found myself speechless. So now, with a bit more composure, I'd like to say what I wish I had said then. When we launched the Village Cup in 2010, my hope was simple: to create an event that would bring our community together and give back in a meaningful way. Over the years, thanks to the dedication of our committee and the support of our members, we've raised over \$1.1 million for pancreatic cancer research and palliative medicine at Mather Hospital. That's a legacy we all share. I want to recognize the extraordinary committee members who helped build this event from the ground up:

- Gary Passavia – A founding member and the driving force behind bringing Mather Hospital into the fold. As our Foundation President, Gary has consistently led the way in fundraising, year after year. His commitment and generosity have been nothing short of inspiring.
- Karl Janhsen – Also a founding member, Karl played a key role in establishing our Foundation and has served as its Treasurer with diligence and care. His steady hand and thoughtful contributions have been vital to our success.
- Dianna Stackow – From the very beginning, Dianna has been a powerhouse of energy and dedication. She's spent countless hours securing donations from local merchants, managing our merchandise sales, and motivating our members when we were just getting started. No one has worked harder, and her passion continues to shine through every aspect of the event.
- Alan Siris – Alan asked to be part of the committee when we first formed, and his deeply felt desire to give back has always inspired me. He created the beautiful and moving Memorial Parade of Boats, a signature element of the Village Cup that honors loved ones and reminds us why we sail.
- Mort Fortgang – Another original member, Mort has been instrumental in running the race and overseeing all boat ratings. His precision and dedication have ensured fairness and excellence on the water, year after year.
- Jeff Hausner – A long-time member whose fundraising efforts have been vital to our success. Jeff is a living reminder of why the Village Cup exists. The passing of his father, Bill Hausner, was part of the inspiration behind choosing pancreatic cancer as our charitable cause. His presence and commitment continue to give this event its heart.
- Ed Dowd – Ed served as Commodore and asked to remain on the committee after his term ended. Having lost a parent to pancreatic cancer, Ed brought personal passion and purpose to his role. He's been a major fundraiser and a deeply valued member of our team.

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Village Cup Regatta: A Legacy of Gratitude, Community, and New Leadership (Continued)

- **Chris Beach** – This year's Commodore, Chris has been actively involved in the committee and brought great energy and leadership to the event.
- **Nancy Goroff** – A new member and Chris's wife, Nancy has already proven to be a valuable contributor. Together, they've brought fresh enthusiasm and support to the Village Cup.

And of course, a special round of applause goes to Dave Hubbard, who stepped into the role of Chairman this year. Already responsible for running the race itself—a major undertaking—Dave took on the additional responsibilities of chairmanship with grace and excellence. His leadership ensured the Village Cup continued to thrive, and I couldn't be more confident in the future of the event under his guidance.

For all sixteen years of the Village Cup, the incoming Commodore has served on the committee, and their involvement has been essential to our success. But beyond the committee, I want to emphasize something deeply important: a good idea is just that—an idea. It takes dedicated people to make it a reality.

I am continually amazed by the total, enthusiastic support of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club members. Without their generosity, spirit, and participation, the Village Cup would not be what it is today. They are the ones who deserve the deepest thanks—more so than I.

Though I've passed the helm, I remain on the committee and deeply connected to this cause and to all of you who helped bring it to life. Thank you for the recognition, and thank you for 15 unforgettable years.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Chuck Chiaramonte



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BORROWED HEARTBEATS

**“But there for the grace of God go I”.
When we dodge the cancer bullet, this is what we cry.
For those who have the gift of time, we must carry on and climb a hill.
So, we borrow heartbeats from those, who have passed and those who are ill.**

**Anyone can get sick. It happens all the time.
It strikes so fast, no reason, no rhyme.
It finds the kindest ones, the strong, the brave,
then hands them months, and not the life they crave.**

**But not some of us. Somehow, we skated passed.
No cancer for us. No sudden shadow cast.
We missed it by a moment, or a sneeze.
We don’t still live today, because we said please.**

**So now we’re here. Still laughing, eating pie.
Still answering, we’re fine, it’s not time to sigh.”
No hospital wristband, no flowers of fear.
Just clean testing, and birthdays, every year.**

**And still, we think: Why them? Why not just me?
We’re not more good, more strong, more cancer-free.
We’re here by chance. Some senseless, fluke delay.
A dire disease just wandered, the other way.**

**So when we have this luck, and we’re still able to give a wave.
Think of the many we’re able to help, and save.
When we look inside and feel the warmth of being whole,
we hold their borrowed heartbeats, in our soul.**

By Alan Siris, Past Commodore PJYC



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FLEET CAPTAIN

Safety-At-Sea

We had a great course! See pictures on next page. We will try and hold it again next year, so think about it if you are planning to cruise!

Awards!

See Laurina's Invite under the Social section!

Crew?

If you are interested in crewing, even to just try a race, let us know! John Baker and others have some ideas to develop crew resources so we can keep racing! It's always a great time on the water! Stay tuned!

For a lot of great pics from the Village Cup, See the Village Cup page on our website under 'Community'!

Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain



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SOCIAL

Social events this season have provided valuable opportunities for members to connect and enjoy time together. Participation has been strong, and feedback has been very positive, indicating a growing sense of camaraderie within our group.

Dave Hubbard ran a safety at sea course with the Salty Dogs on September 21st. I ordered some bagels and spread and brought in some cakes. Dave ran the show with the Salty Dog folks, and it was a big success.

On October 5th we had our lobster bake which was nicely attended by 39 members.

I forgot to take some photos, but it was a beautiful day and great food from the Lobster House, so it appeared well received.

I will be working with Dave Hubbard and Jack Bowman to run an Awards Brunch very soon and am also planning some game nights and a Friendsgiving dinner sometime around the holidays.

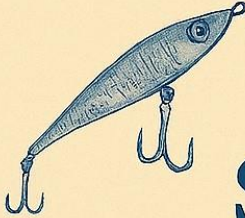
Keep a look out for my flyers.

Laurina Nielsen
Social Chair 2025

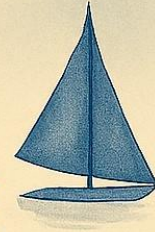


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YOU'RE INVITED!



SAILING & FISHING AWARDS BRUNCH

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:30 AM

PJYC

- Enjoy a delicious brunch buffet
- Celebrate achievements in sailing and fishing

\$25.00 per person – all are welcome

RSVP to Laurina at
laurina_n@hotmail.com by November 10th

Mail checks to Laurina,
10 Ingram Court, Smithtown, NY 11787
made out to PJYC



*Let's toast to smooth sails, big catches, and
unforgettable memories on the water!*

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Ireland Trip!

By Deb Baker



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WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

School Building Mural!

By Vicki LaRossa

Talented artist Eleanor Dexter has completed the stunning mural on the JSP building wall by the lower patio, marking the finishing touch on this year's patio project led by committee members Vicki LaRossa and Anne Meyer. In addition to the mural, the patio now features a new barbecue, ceiling fan, seating, a bamboo fence, and many beautiful plants and flowers, creating a vibrant and welcoming space to gather, eat, and relax. The mural is already receiving many compliments from members and visitors alike, adding a warm and inviting spirit for boaters approaching the club from the harbor. We encourage you to stop by and check it out!



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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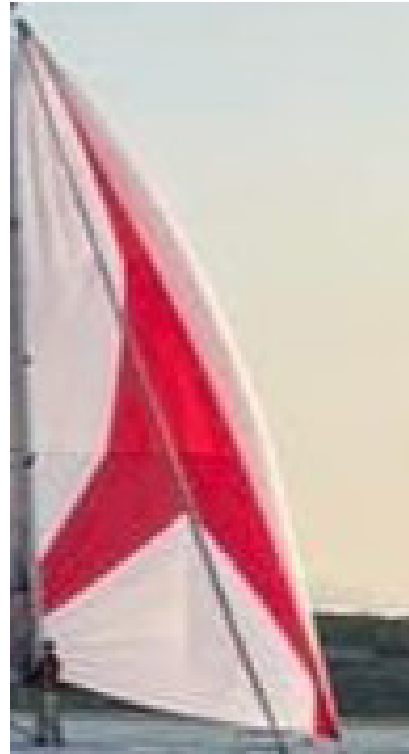
SELL - BUY - SWAP

FX Asymmetrical Spinnaker

Asking \$500 or Best Acceptable Offer

- ♦ Like New!
- ♦ Luff: 42' 6"
- ♦ Leach: 40' 3"
- ♦ Foot: 24' 0"

Doug Dalessio - gs279@hotmail.com



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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

COMMUNITY



Keep Spreading The Word Until Next Year!

<https://VillageCup.org>



Making a Difference

Support Our Local Food Banks!

Long Island Cares
10 Davids Drive
Hauppauge, NY 11788

licares.org

Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben





Ads, articles, pics all welcome!
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