

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



Bowspritz

Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>



October 2026

FROM THE HELM

Ahoy, PJYC Members!

As the leaves turn and the 2026 boating season draws to a close, our clubhouse deck still offers those spectacular sunsets that make Port Jefferson such a special place. Whether you're squeezing in one more fall sail, getting your boat ready for winter, or simply enjoying a cold drink at the Tell-Tales Bar, it's wonderful to see so many familiar faces around the club.

Highlights So Far

The Village Cup raised over \$56,000 for pancreatic cancer research through the Lustgarten Foundation, a truly remarkable result. Thank you again to Dave Hubbard, the Village Cup Committee, and every member who raced, volunteered, or sponsored. Congratulations as well to our division winners, Warlock, Salty Song and Gypsy Moon!

When the nor'easter blew through, Ed Dowd, Ron D, Joe Gatz and Joe Shanley stayed at the club to look after the docks and boats, and everything came through just fine. Thanks also to Ed and to Pete Murphy, a good friend of the club, for recovering the racing marks the storm knocked loose. That is what club spirit looks like!

Not every boat was so lucky. Easy Breeze lost her mast in the storm, a sobering reminder of how quickly conditions can turn, even in the harbor mooring field. Our thoughts are with her owners, and we look forward to seeing her back under sail next season.

A big thank-you to Hope for the excellent job she did on the Luau. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our fall season!



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BOARD REPORTS

FROM THE HELM

Looking Ahead

- 1) October 15: remove everything attached to the docks and the dinghy rack (paid winter dinghy storage excepted).
- 2) October 31, 8 AM: power and water come off the docks. We need 6 to 8 volunteers.
- 3) November 7, 7 AM: dock pull (November 8 is the backup). All of these count toward your work hours!
- 4) The fun doesn't stop: the Tell-Tales Bar is open Fridays 6:30 to 10:30, game nights are Tuesdays at 7 and Wednesdays at 6 (Mahjong and poker), and Learn-to-Play Mahjong is Thursdays at 6, except the second Thursday.

A heartfelt thank-you to our Board, Directors, Dockmaster, launch drivers, the Social Committee and all our volunteers for a wonderful season.

Fair winds, calm seas (well... mostly), and I look forward to seeing you on the water or on the deck!

Ray Dickens
Commodore



Pic by Ralph Segalowitz



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FLEET CAPTAIN

The Nor'easter

We got mostly lucky as the wind stayed NE, with the Belle Terre bluffs sheltering much of the harbor, although as Ray mentioned, one boat did suffer a dismasting! I'd like to recognize our docks and launch crews who kept us safe in spite of the really high tides. I have only seen tides like that once or twice before, and we had some kind of advisory, SCA, Gale, or Storm, up for the better part of a week! The launch staff remained on standby, and did do at least one assist of a boat that had a mooring pendant snap. Joe Gatz (driver) told me he saw 50kts, which skimmed the tops off the waves! Also, our members who were at risk in the slips were able to move out to moorings. Good communication and monitoring by all! We also lost several racing marks, a couple of which may be recovered. The mid-sound buoy 44039 showed peak waves of a bit over 10' ! And by the time they reached us and came up the shoals, they were likely higher. It's amazing we did not lose more.

Racing Awards

Due to some schedule conflicts and email issues, we are postponing the racing and fishing awards to a time to be determined. We will let you know. Keep your eyes open for both eVites and regular emails. Be careful with eVites, as real ones will not ask you for any personal info. There are spam ones which some users have seen. This can also cause real ones to end up in your spam folder. Congrats to all racers for another good and active season! Both with PJYC and at other events around the sound!



Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain



Stony Brook School Regatta



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Village Cup Pictures

Pictures are up from the Village Cup! See the web page at VillageCup.org and click the '2026 Pictures' button. Thanks to Deb Baker for these team pics!



Mather Team!



Village Team!

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DOCKS & FLOATS

As our season winds down, it is time to start planning our dock removal. It is important that we get the lot ready for the dock removal.

- If you have any items on the dinghy rack and did not pay for winter storage, remove your items by 10-15. We will remove and dispose of items in the way.
- If you paid for winter storage, please make sure your items do not stick out past the edge of the rack.
- We need to make sure we keep the area 40 feet south of the dinghy docks clear as we will be stacking docks here.



There are two work days where we need volunteers.

Saturday, October 31. We will be disconnecting power and water. I already have 8 volunteers. That should be enough to complete the work that day.

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Saturday, November 7. We will have an early start – plan 7AM. I currently have 11 volunteers. We need another 20 or so people to fill the roles.

The Roles we need to fill:

Role	Need
Bolting Crew	8
Crane Director	1
Float Crew	8
In Water Crew	2
Lines and Shackle Runners	3
Lot Crew	6
Safety Coordinator	1

Alan Johnson will serve as our Safety Coordinator.

Chris Scatturo will serve as our Crane Director.

I will assign volunteers based on past experience. Thanks in advance!

Tim Knoll

Director of Docks & Floats



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More Nor'easter Pics



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FREE BOATS!

The PJYC Board has decided to retire a few older school 'Club 420s'. They are available at no cost to members on a first come first served basis. **HOWEVER**, the deal is you must remove them from the club property! They are 'As Is', but fully equipped. No trailer.

See Ed Dowd if you are interested!



REMINDER!

WORK HOURS

With the end of the season comes opportunities to get in your work hours and save some money on your membership! Members can put in from 5 to 10 hours (depending on membership type) helping with projects around the club! See a director and watch for available time.

If you want to know what hours you have already, see the 'Members Only' page on the website for the 'Work Hours Report' in the left hand box at the top.

Reach out to the director in charge of some area to help out!

For starters, Tim Knoll will need help preparing the docks for removal, as well as help actually pulling them out in November.



WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

KNOTS!

Practice your knots! You may need one in a pinch without time to think about it!

This Month: The Clove Hitch
Useful Around a Post, Piling, or Rail



Throw one or two half-hitches on the standing end for more security.

THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

SAILBOAT FOR SALE

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"TOPAZ" \$22,000

1979 C&C: HULL# ZCC36121M79G

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THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

Asymetric Spinnaker

0.75 oz

Luff: 37'3" Leach: 32'3" Foot: 21'

Launching Bag

\$250

Doug Dalessio - gs279@hotmail.com



THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

WANTED - MAINSAIL

For a Pearson 30

Contact Bruce Folz

Email: brucehfolz@gmail.com

THE EXCHANGE

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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)	\$35 each
Large 14" X 21" (over 35 ft boat)	\$35 each (yes, same price)

COMMUNITY



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





Sunrise - Bug Light - Gardiner's Island

Ads, articles, pics all welcome!

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