

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



Bowspritz

Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>



November 2025

FROM THE HELM

It was a pretty interesting week weather-wise. Lots of wind. The Saturday forecast was looking dicey early in the week and then a near perfect day for hauling out our docks. Alan Johnson led a great team of members to safely get the docks out of the water and into the parking lot. Thanks to everyone who participated. I am always super impressed to see the amount of work our members put in. You make PJYC what it is. Thank you.

After going most of the season with reduced parking in the upper lot, we now have a meeting scheduled with the Town and the Village on November 17th. I am hoping that we will be back to full strength on parking for next season.

Nancy and I were pleased to attend the Long Island Museum Gala on November 1st. This year, club members Sam Aronson and Barbara Gottfried were honored. Barbara served on their board from 2015-2024. After she stepped down Sam joined their board. Our members are amazing leaders in our community. Congratulations to Barbara and Sam for this honor.

December 14th at 1:00 PM will be our annual membership meeting. All launch and non-launch members are eligible to vote. Please join us.



Chris Beach
Commodore



BOARD REPORTS

ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE

The Annual Membership Meeting

Will Be Held Sunday, December 14th 1:00 PM

At the PJYC Clubhouse

Per the club bylaws:

We need at least 25% of the voting membership in attendance to conduct business. Please attend or arrange for a ‘Proxy’ to be delivered by another member who will attend. Proxies do not count toward the 25% quorum.

We will vote on the 2026 Board and Directors, as well as the dues, work hours, and any other business requiring membership votes per the bylaws.

The bylaws are available on the “Members Only” page of the club website.

You should have already received the slate of officers and directors up for election via email. If you did not, contact the nominating committee chair, Annette Dickensen.



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DOCKS AND FLOATS

November 8 arrived with the best weather in two weeks. The sun was shining and winds were in the single digit from the West, ideal conditions to pull the docks. The crane arrived on time, our member arrived on time and went to their assigned work crews and everything was humming until we went to pull a JSP float. With lifting straps attached and the lift started, it started to separate into two pieces, horizontally.. The galvanized fasteners had rusted through. It was set back into the water and re-rigged for a later lift. The dock is a total loss and will need to be replaced.

Coffee and lunch were provided and the rest of the day went smoothly. We did not make the 6 hours and leave at 3:30 but we did finish at 3:45, a very respectable time. The docks were stacked in the lower lot and the JSP dock was segregated so we can duplicate it in the spring. The club did budget money to repair the JSP docks in the 2026 budget but this will take up most of the budget and the time we have to repair docks. Looking forward to next year, the work parties will start the first Saturday in March, weather permitting, and continue each Saturday until the docks are launched on April 4, weather permitting.

A little dock history:. When I joined this club in 1988 we had two docks, our West dock was 200' long and our East dock was 60'. We started replacing the main dock that year and over the next couple of years it was completely replaced and we have continued to make repairs and upgrade it to what we have today. In 2017 I approached the Board and told them I had an idea that we could maybe make some additional income renting out dock space to transients. The idea was approved as a one year experiment. With no advertising except for Dockwa and an investment of about \$750 in electric we grossed about \$8600 that season and we continued to increase every year to about \$23,000 with no changes to the docks. This went so well that we started to talk about PHASE 1, an expansion of our docks to ten member slips, two anytime member slips, five transient slips and a dedicated launch slip, a total of 18 slips. Income and club interest was so good that we started talking about PHASE 2, the marina we have today with an income of about \$145,000/year. When the loans are paid off that made this expansion possible, our club will be well positioned for the future.

I have been the Director of Docks and Floats for 8 years and this is my last year and I hope you will continue to support my replacement, Tim Knoll, subject to his election at the annual meeting, and you will continue to volunteer. I want to thank the members who have helped make this club what it is today and all the help I have received during this time. Without your help, we could not have achieved what we did.

Alan Johnson, Dir. Docks and Floats

alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com



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DOCKS & FLOATS



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FLEET CAPTAIN

The Off Season

Well, my boat is put to bed, although she will have a little work done. It has been 11 years since her restoration, and as with all of our boats, time and seas take their toll. So this season she needs attention to some cracking frames. They will be fixed by scarfing in some new white oak, and some planking will be re caulked. Such is life with boats of all kinds. See “What’s It” this month where I share some work that my brother’s Sabre 42 needed just recently! See if you can identify the part that many of you have on your boats! (And if you don’t know, you should!)

Ideas for the Off Season

I have been working with John Baker to come up with some ideas until we splash again. Two areas of particular interest are: Developing Racing Crew, and Increasing participation generally in the racing program. John has a few ideas we are kicking around for some events at the bar. The “pursuit” series in September got a number of folks out who do not generally race with us. We hope to encourage that next year! So any ideas you folks have are welcome. Share them with myself and John!

Docks

I just want to personally thank Alan Johnson for his great leadership as the Director of Docks & Floats for the past 8 years. We came a long way during his tenure, and the improvements help all of us, not just the slip holders! At the annual meeting we will elect a new director for that slot, and I will be voting for Tim Knoll for the position. Good luck Tim! And enjoy your retirement Alan!

Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain



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SOCIAL

Some Social Words

This year's PJYC Lobster Bake was held on October 5th. It was well organized thanks to the help of Vicki La Rossa, Bob Broncatello and The Port Jefferson Lobster House. We seem to have this well-orchestrated, and we can get the food to the club while it is still hot and distributed to the members without too much confusion. It was a beautiful day with weather that permitted us to still be outside and enjoy our amazing view from our deck.

We ended October with a fun filled Halloween party on Friday October 31st. Members brought food to share, we had a costume and food contest and even sang Happy Birthday to Kim Mohanty. Thanks to Dianna Stackow and Connie Siris the clubhouse was decorated for the festival.

On Sunday November 2nd the Stony Brook Crew Team had their annual breakfast brunch.

Events to Come:

On Sunday November 16th we will host our Annual Awards Brunch.

On Friday November 21st we will have our Friendsgiving dinner with members bringing dishes to add to the festivities. So come on down and let me know you are coming and what you plan to bring.

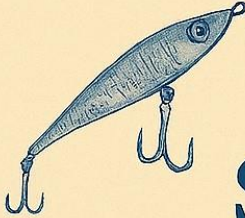
Don't forget the Annual meeting on Sunday 12/14 this year. It's always good to know how hard your Board of Directors work to keep this club running.

Laurina Nielsen
Social Chair 2025

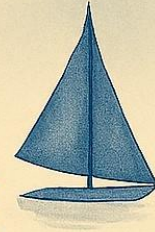


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YOU'RE INVITED!



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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Halloween

By Connie Siris



WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

End of the Season

Pics by Ed Dowd



WHAT'S NEWS

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Fun With A.I.

By Dave Hubbard

I thought I would send my nautical uncle a birthday card that I would make up. So I thought I would try some AI tools and see if they knew the standard signal flags! Well, AI has a ways to go before it understand boats apparently! Here are the results from a few for “Happy Birthday”!



Google Gemini: Eh?



Microsoft Copilot: Not even close, and no “Birthday”



ChatGPT: Got the first letter right! But also no “Birthday”. Mostly real flags, but not right.

So, I decided to play around, and wrote a flag generator. A project I’ve been thinking about for a while. Try it! Go to: <https://www.racetac.com/flagtool.htm>

WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

WHAT'S IT?

For this month, can you identify what the stuff on the left used to be? And what the thing on the right is? Many of you should know this!



THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

1998 Tartan 3500 #86
\$110,000



Ripple is an extremely well maintained 1998 Tartan 3500 with many upgrades.

- Leisure Furl Boom - refurbished 2024
- Full batten Doyle Stratis Main
- Doyle Stratis 155% Genoa
- Kato Marine Davits
- 450 Watts Solar Panels
- 400 Ah Victron Lithium Batteries
- 2 kW Victron Multi Plus II Inverter
- Complete B&G electronics upgrade
- Folding Wheel
- New full camper canvas 2025
- Mast repainted 2024
- Keel dropped and rebbed 2024
- Highfield Dinghy 6 hp Tohatsu Outboard
- Fresh water Jabsco Quiet Head
- All new Antal rope clutches
- Fairclough cover
- Asymmetrical Spinnaker w/sock
- 130% Genoa

Contact: Chris Beach (516) 652-7830, chrisbeach59@gmail.com

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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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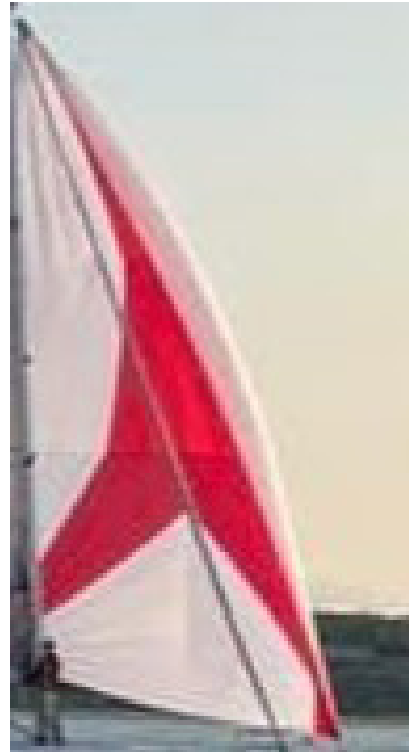
SELL - BUY - SWAP

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



THE EXCHANGE

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

THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

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!

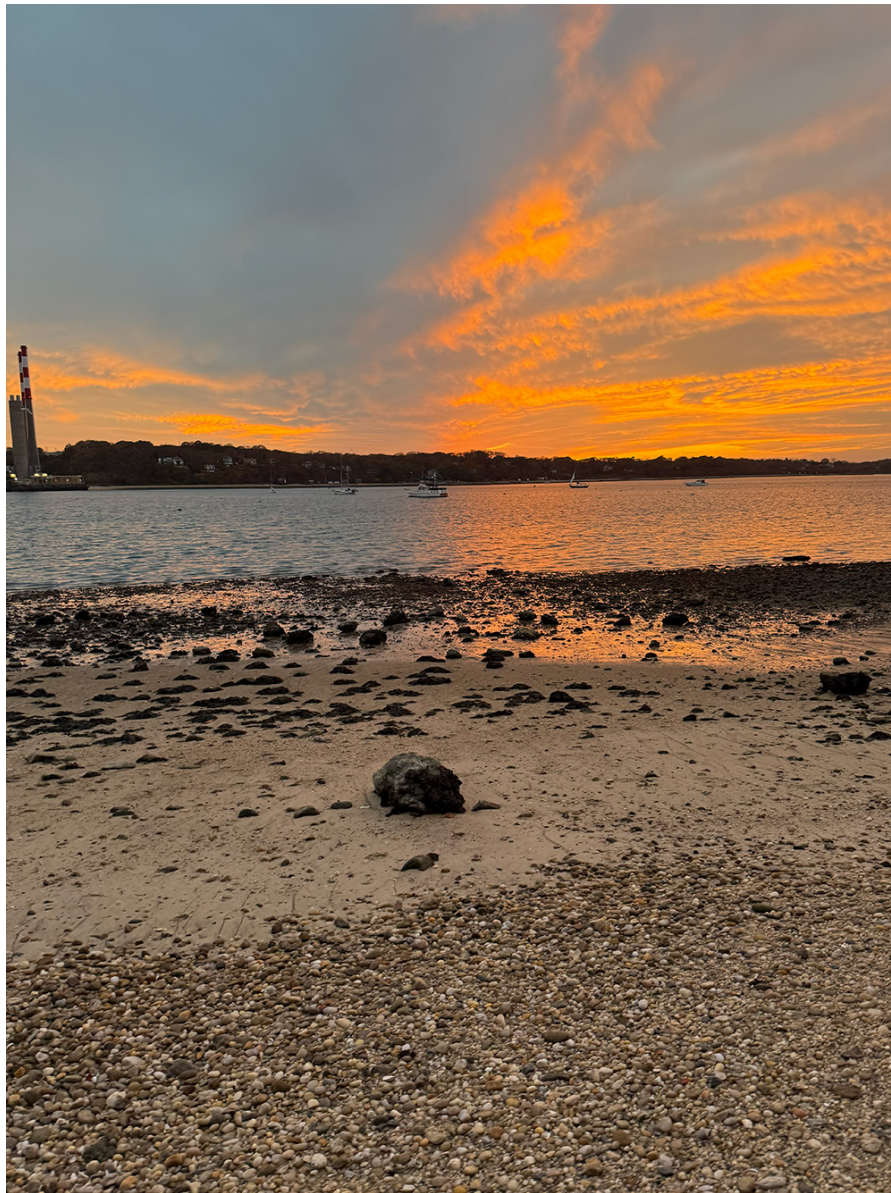
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Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben





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