

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



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Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

December 2024

FROM THE HELM

As we head into the holiday season, I am grateful for all the members and our board of governors who make our club so special.

Thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me to be your commodore for the next year. Thank you to Alan Siris, now past commodore, for your guidance and helping me with the transition to commodore. Thank you, Andrew Matthews, our previous past commodore, for his steady hand on the tiller during his post-pandemic time as commodore.

Thanks to Ellie Bowman, who has been our secretary for the last 14 years. You consistently made sure our meeting minutes were properly recorded and published, ensuring transparency for our club members. Your knowledge of our bylaws has kept us on track all these years.

Thank you to our newly elected governors: Tim O'Mara, rear commodore, and Christine Wheeler, recording secretary. I am looking forward to working with you.

Thank you to our returning club officers and directors, Ray Dickenson, Dave Hubbard, Vicki LaRossa, Rich Spitzenberger, Betsy Dowd, Ed Dowd, Alan Johnson, Kevin Broderick, Anne Meyer, Laurina Nielson, and Ed Torre.

We now have our beautiful new giant TV screen, and we are thinking about opening the club for some movie nights and maybe the Super Bowl. If you have ideas or want to help, please contact Laurina or me.

As the holidays approach, Nancy and I want to wish you all a happy holiday and happy new year.

Thank you,

Chris Beach

Commodore



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PAST COMMODORE

2024 Annual Membership Meeting “Farewell Report”

There’s an expression. You can’t really know where you are going, until you know where you have been.

“Our Membership”, has made key decisions, that have shaped our past, informed our present, and will reveal our future.

First, let’s appreciate some of our Club’s past decisions. After all, this is what gives us the strength to advance forward.

In the year 1959, sixty-five years ago, a few friends that boated in Port Jefferson Harbor, decided to start a Yacht Club. The Club has flourished for many happy years. We are the beneficiaries of that key decision.

In the year 1982, the membership made another key decision and built this very Club-house. Angela and Bob Bari told me that this decision was pivotal. They could finally stop using the rust bucket of an old Ferry Boat as a Clubhouse.

In 1996 our Club welcomed power boaters into the fold, boosting the membership, the treasury, club participation, and our enthusiasm. These very boaters have spent many hours making this club a better place. Without that decision, many of us would not even be here.

In 2006, Ed Nielsen started the “seawall project” to help prevent the harbor from tearing up our shoreline. This was a crucial infrastructure project to get underway.

In 2015, under John Chiarelli & Ralph Segalowitz , the Setauket Yacht Club changed its name to the Port Jefferson–Setauket Yacht Club, thus forming a closer union with the Village of Port Jefferson. This enabled us to create the Port Jefferson Yacht Club Foundation, the most successful Yacht Club Charity on the Long Island Sound, and our “Culture of Community Service” was carved in stone.

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In 2019 we faced the great Pandemic. Our Commodore's, Karl Janhsen, Jeff Hausner, Tim Rachek, and Andrew Mathews asked us to hunker down. Instead of shutting the Club down permanently, we hosted events outside, with Gary Passavia and Chick Voorhis, playing our fears away with music. We sat out under the stars at our fire pits & heat lamps in the parking lot. We received our drinks on the deck through the sliding glass doors, with our friends. Our Club was our lifeboat, and we needed it for our survival. Decisions were made to do this.

In 2022, our new 30-year lease was signed, thanks to John Chiarelli, Jeff Hausner and Karl Janhsen. This changed our perspective on investing in our Clubhouse and Docks, and fixed our course to full-ahead.

These were just some of the key decisions of our past.

Now, let us be proud of the present, 2024.

I am pleased to report that we have a list of accomplishments, because of the decisions we made.

First. Safety is first. We have no lawsuits, and we have no injuries this year. We have created and enforced safety programs that have resulted in a new standard of excellence for our membership, students, and employees. This was achieved because Ed Dowd, Ed Torre, Alan Johnson and the entire membership decided to take safety seriously and decided to follow through with it.

I am pleased to report that we have finally completed the Seawall Project protecting our shoreline. We hopefully have stopped the breaches by adding 60 more tons of rock at the seashore. We needed to protect ourselves from the threat of potential devastating weather events. The Club budgeted for it and decided to do it.

I am pleased to report that the PJYC Yacht Club Foundation reached our 15-year goal of raising \$1,000,000 for Pancreatic Cancer Care and Research. This was because Chuck Chiaromonte, our Committee Chairman along with his committee, and the entire membership, decided to do it.

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I am pleased to report that the Port Jefferson Yacht Club, completed the final phase of the Dock Building Project this past Spring. We have created a revenue stream that has made our financial stability into the future possible. This is also because our Director of Docks and the membership were committed and decided to do it.

I am pleased to report that our decision to utilize the Dockwa App for our dock & mooring reservations, has proven to be successful. Ed Dowd our Director of Docks, and Ron Di-Gregorio our Dockmaster, along with their launch staff & drivers, have welcomed over 1,000 transient guest day reservations, this year alone. They have also facilitated another 1,000 “member trips” to and from their personal moorings. This was an incredible feat, by any standard. Not to mention, the accumulation of dozens and dozens of 5 Star Reviews in the process, and therefore, securing our marketability.

Every year, Kevin Broderick, our House Director, not only fixes everything in the Clubhouse, but he also makes improvements. This year as part of his budget, we installed a New 85-inch Big Screen TV. It can be used for Nautical Courses, Presentations, Movies, Home Movies, game nights, and we also hope it will generate more income from our Club Rentals. We believe it will provide a better venue for Janet & Kevin Malarkey to champion. Thank you to the “TV” Committee, Chris Beach, Andrew Mathews, Tim O’Mara, & Dianna Stackow, for their work on the purchase and installation of the new TV & “Sonas Sound” System.

I’d like to thank and call attention to some of our unsung heroes this year. They have all volunteered for hours above and beyond anyone’s expectations. First, I’d like to thank our incredible Board of Governors. As they read their individual reports to the membership, you will understand the efforts they have put in for all of us.

Then there are the rank and file of unsung heroes, Ed Nielsen, John Baker, Ronnie Kreitzer, Annette Dickenson, Tim Knolls, Phil Schiavone, Chris Scaturro, Dianna Stackow, Alan Rosenblum, Jack Bowman, John & Jean Doherty, Ralph & Kathy Segalowitz, Kay & Tim Rachek and my ultimate unsung hero, Mrs. Commodore for 2024, Connie Siris.

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The Board of Governors has passed a budget for 2025 that recognizes the increase in our operational costs, considers our learning curves, and responds to our safety and structural issues.

The Board has delivered the most solid & realistic budget in recent memory. I believe that next year's dues increase reflect the increased costs of our new economic reality. For many years our club has not increased our dues enough. Everything costs more now. Especially Insurance, Labor, & Material. Next year we also have additional projects we feel we must tackle. We did our best and our due diligence.

Our Treasurer, Rich Spitzenberger, will present the budget under NEW BUSINESS on our Agenda. The Club is one cohesive organization, and we have considered the good of the entire club as our standard. We are all interdependent; we need to count on each other. For example, when a slip holder supports the launches, they are supporting the transient revenue coming from our guest mooring rentals. When a launch member supports the slips, they are supporting the revenue coming from the transient guest slips. These revenues all go into the same collective pocket. We all need each other, on many levels.

We have a deep bench of Commodores and Leadership coming up. Chris Beach in 2025, Ray Dickenson in 2026, Tim O'Mara in 2027 with a great Board of Directors to champion the Club's operations.

We will need to do several things. I'm sure your next Commodore will expand on that. We need to replace our security equipment all around our property. Cameras, gates, and better lighting need to be invested in. We need to protect our members, guests, employees, and the millions of dollars' worth of boats that are at risk. We have had issues with trespassers, and it's time to deal with it, before a tragedy happens.

We also need to continue the shoring up of our Docks. For example, we need a new surface for the beat up "original" main dock, for safety and beautification.

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We also need better “curb appeal” at the patio area for the JSP Building by the docks. This area serves as the welcome mat for anyone getting off their boats. Vicky LaRossa has spearheaded this effort and along with Anne Meyer, our grounds Director, they will make a garden-like area out of it, inexpensively.

All our members benefit when our members and guests are safe and happy. We have provided for these items in our budget. We need to ask ourselves, what would be the costs, if we don't act on them ?

IN CLOSING

Within the next few years, our loans will be reduced dramatically. Although there are always risks like any other endeavor worth taking, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and yes, I believe there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

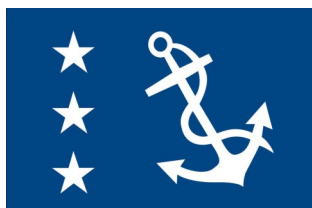
The Character of our membership is the currency of our Club. We mentor each other, we volunteer for each other and are available to each other. When I ask our members what is the most important thing that our Club offers, they all tell me that “comradery” is at the top of the list. I personally marvel every time we have a Club Event, a Club Race, and a Club Meeting, at how we all donate our time for each other.

The first time I started Racing our boat, Topaz on Tuesday nights with my son Justin Siris, Mitch Slochower, Tim O'Mara, and Mike Compitello, I gave them a lengthy pep talk from behind the Helm. Not unlike what I'm doing now. They asked my son Justin, does your father talk like this at home? He paused for a few seconds, and he said, “Welcome to my world”.

Well, I just wanted to thank you all for welcoming me, into your world. I will always be proud of being a member of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club and It has been my honor to be your commodore for 2024.

Thank you.

Alan Siris
Past Commodore



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VICE COMMODORE

ANNUAL REPORT

Infrastructure

We added a new Wi-Fi enabled smart thermostat in the clubhouse. This lets us remotely turn up the heat in advance of a special event and ensure that the heat is otherwise turned down to save money.

Our Fuel Oil tank started leaking over last winter. Kevin Broderick and I got a new tank installed and a clean up of the leaked oil. They were able to save almost all the fuel oil that was in the old tank.

With the new oil tank, new burner from last year and new thermostat, we should be good on the heating of the club for the foreseeable future.

The club phone automatic attendant was reprogrammed to update contacts. We also established a process for incoming messages to the main number to be handled quickly. Thank you, Vicki.

To support the dock expansion, two new Wi-Fi Access points were added on the docks. We added one access point to provide some coverage to the transient mooring field, with limited success.

Some members were having issues with the Wi-Fi in the club house. The access points were upgraded and the problem was resolved.

We had a failure of the hard drive in the launch house computer. I was able to replace the hard drive and put a clean image of windows it along with good anti-virus protection.

Our security camera server is failing. We had extensive problems with the server during the season. Additionally we have three cameras that are not operating correctly. We are planning to replace the server and replace the bad cameras. We planned to add additional cameras to cover the docks better, but we are postponing this due to costs.

Chris Beach

(Last year's Vice Commodore, now Commodore)

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REAR COMMODORE

ANNUAL REPORT

Club Contracts and Work Hours

We renegotiated the contracts for the 4 clubs that we host at the Port Jeff Yacht Club that include:

Stony Brook University Crew

Stony Brook University Sail

The Stony Brook School

Port Jeff Rowing Club.

There was roughly a 4 percent increase in contract revenue from these contracts and a number of projects completed that included:

Staining the dinghy racks

PJYC Sailing Center cleaning inside as well as inspect and clean for mold.

PJYC Sailing Center – White paint the platform wall behind the ramp.

Rigging and unrigging the sailing school boats.

Power washed and painted the white cement furniture of the lower lot BBQ area.

Ray Dickenson

(Lats year's Rear Commodore, this year's Vice Commodore)

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DOCKS & FLOATS

We have just finished our second dock expansion in three years and it was a very exciting period. Revenues from slips and moorings are at an all time high, exceeding our 2024 projections. PJYC is fully integrated with Dockwa to manage both our moorings and slip reservations. PJYC received 1061 reservations in 2024. We are up 11% over 2023 without increasing the number of transient slips or moorings. I am not sure if we could have had such a successful year without Dockwa. We have been awarded the ELITE FLEET AWARD from Marinas.com for the third year in a row. This is awarded based on our excellent reviews from our guests using Dockwa reservation system. We continue to fill all the slips with members and we have members waiting for vacancies. As our construction loans are paid off our club will see a major infusion of revenue because of decreased expenses. We will continue to make small adjustments to the docks and slips next season. If any member has an idea on how we can improve the docks and slips, please let me know. We now have a system in place for both putting the docks in and out seasonally and have made space for storage and a work area for repairs in the spring season. Our updated water and electric to the stanchions have worked without a hiccup. With the expanded docks we can now comfortably accommodate 90' visiting yachts and members in slips to 56'.

This last year we have had great success in renting out member slips when they are out cruising. In 2024 we raised \$6785 from 30 cruising boaters that we would not have if we rented out only our transients slips. Slip holder are reminded that you will always be offered a slip in future years but not necessarily the same slip. Membership changes, boats of slip holders change.

A little history, in 2017 I came to the Board with an idea that we could make some extra income renting out unused dock space to transients. Please reflect on what we have accomplished in seven short years.

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Next year slip members will be getting a bill in January for ½ of the slip fee in addition to the membership bill. Failure to pay this by 1/31/25 will put you in jeopardy of losing your slip. Please see that your first half of the bill is postmarked by 1/31/25. We need to be able to announce any available slip early in the year so members wanting a slip can make adjustments.

At the annual meeting, we included in the budget funds to re-deck our main dock. This is a massive undertaking and I plan to start after the first of the year as weather allows by removing the old deck first. I hope to remove all of the old decking before the beginning of March when we will start rebuilding as the weather gets warmer. I am planning work parties starting on March 1 and every Saturday until the docks are launched on April 12. We are launching a little late this year because of the tides. If we get a warming period in January and February I am looking for volunteers to start the deck renovation by removing the old decking. Please contact me if you are available. Removal of the old decks can be done by any member at any time.

It has been my pleasure to be the Director of Docks and Floats and see the volunteers show up in the Spring and Fall and volunteer for the odd jobs that need to be done during the season. It could not have been done without your help. I also want to thank all the club members and the Board in showing faith that we could pull off, both Phase 1 and 2 of the dock expansion project. We now have a marina. I look forward to another year as your Director.

Is anyone game for a Phase 3 expansion? Never stop planning!!!

Alan Johnson

Director of Docks & Floats



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FLEET CAPTAIN

The Off Season

Racing Rules

As many of our racers have heard, there are new racing rules for 2025—2028. US Sailing has not yet published them in print, so look for them in January.

Rules Watch Party!

To get a head start on the changes, we will be hosting a ‘Watch Party’ on January 9th where we will put our new big screen TV to use and participate in a Zoom meeting with Dave Perry, a leader in all things ‘rules’. This is sponsored by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (aka YRALIS). We will gather around 7:00 PM, for a planned start at 7:30.

No cost, just show up! Feel free to bring crew. We will have an ‘Honor Bar’ open as well.

Safety

Since everyone who owns a boat with a motor of any kind MUST have a NYS Boater Safety certificate in 2025, we are considering running another in-person course before the season starts up. Let me know if you are interested! You can also take it online.

BTW: From the NYS Parks Department:

“All motor boat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025. “

See you there!
Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain



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CRUISING

Cruising

In order to better serve our cruising members, I overhauled our reciprocity list. I sent out about 70 letters to other yacht clubs. We, thank you Dave Hubbard, added a link for clubs to provide information about their clubs. We updated our reciprocity page on the club website to reflect clubs who responded to our letter. We will continue this next year. The goal is to get access to clubs that we might not otherwise be able to go to.

We planned for five cruises for the 2024 season.

6/22 Branford Fireworks

Only one club boat made it this year. There were storms in the area and most boats opted not to go and Pesaro got close and turned around due to the storms.

6/29 Milford CT

Cruise cancelled due to bad weather

7/20 Milford CT

3 Boats Attended

8/2 Long Cruise

We had 12 boats participate for some or all of the cruise!

Essex CT Lobster Bake

Three Mile Harbor

Shelter Island YC

Coecles Harbor

Sag Harbor

Labor Day weekend – Northport Yacht Club

We had 11 boats attending

8 Members drove for the dinner.

Chris Beach

(Last year's and also this year's Cruising Director)

SOCIAL!

Social words

2024 Recap

- January:** Super Bowl Picks Party –Chili **June:** Harbor Cup
- February:** Valentines Day with music **July:** BBQ
- March:** Radar lecture **July:** Shore and Country Club visit
- March:** Fish and Chips Dinner **July:** Music on Deck
- March:** St. Patrick s Day Party **August:** music on Deck
- April:** Music in the Cub **August:** **Commodore's** cookout
- April:** Commodore's Cocktail Party **September:** MSSA ACR RACE
- May:** Commissioning **September:** Lobster Bake
- May:** Captain Jack's Fishing Academy **September:** Village Cup
- May:** Music on the deck **November:** Friendsgiving
- May:** Masthead Yacht Club visiting. **November:** Awards Brunch
- May:** Memorial Day BBQ **December** LRC game and Pizza night
- June:** Fishing Tournament **December 15th (Sunday)** Annual meet-
ing
- June:** Music on the Deck

Many thanks to all who have helped to make these events happen.

I look forward to another year as social chairman, I am hopeful we can only get better. I encourage all the members of PJYC to contact me with ideas of events that might interest you. I am always open to suggestions and help.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurina Nielsen Social Chair 2024



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SOCIAL!



House Director Kevin Broderick and Justin Siris cleaning the gutters!

There are all kinds of ways to get in your work hours!



SOCIAL!

Social words

PJYC Wins the Mather Cup!



Mike DeNicola (A PJYC and MSSA member) Presenting the club with the “Mather Cup” for having 3 skippers from PJYC win their divisions at the MSSA American Cancer Cup Regatta in September. With Alana Siris, and Dave Hubbard (Fleet Captain and Skipper), and Damian Emery (another Skipper). Doug Davies, the third winning skipper, was not present. First time in 25 years for PJYC! This was presented before our club annual meeting.

SOCIAL!



The Big Screen Installation Crew



Kevin & Ralph Catching the Eclipse



'Whisper' - The Adult Sailing Class Boat



Sea Wall Project—Extra Rock Going In

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One owner... well maintained boat with trailer

Length: 24'6" / 27' overall

Beam: 8' 6"

270 VOLVO 5.0 Gxi repowered in 2018 (approx. 250 hours on engine)

Head with shower

Galley with Corian countertop, microwave, alcohol stove, sink and refrigerator

2 Berths

And more...

Call Kevin Broderick 516-380-1037

\$21,500



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FREE!

Cup Holder and Tray

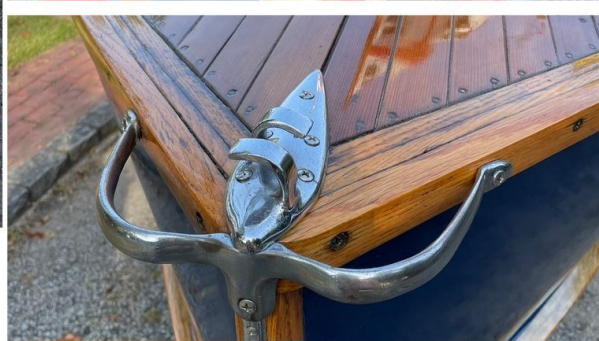
Contact David Diamond

davidjdiamond@optonline.net



THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)



FOR SALE

14ft 1956 Penn Yan Aristocrat Captivator

This little New York built wooden gem has been recently restored.

The hull has been glassed with west system epoxy above and below the water line.

Hardware is all original. Seats rebuilt and newly upholstered.

Otherwise, this boat is completely original. Comes with good condition 25 hp merc motor.

Needs battery and wiring, otherwise ready to go. \$8000

(631)740-1961

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!)

MOORING FOR SALE

350 lb

With all tackle and mooring ball

Only 2 years old!

\$650

Contact Mike or Jeanne Compitello

Mike: 1-631-245-1389 Jeanne: 1-516-971-0396

THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

J/24 For Sale

Ready to Race—\$4,000

Sails for sale (North Sail):

Main-2019: \$700

Spin-2019 White: \$700

Spin-2012: \$350

Genoa-Practice: \$400

Spin-Practice White/Blue: \$400

Genoa-2019: \$600

Genoa-2021: \$800

ALSO: a 1996 Capri 14.2 with 1992 Shoreland Trailer: \$1,400

Contact Jen Staller: stallerjen383@gmail.com

FREE!



Various Anchors



200' 3-strand 3/4" - 20' Chain

Contact: Alan Johnson
alanwilliamjohnson@gmail.com

THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

FOR SALE

NEW 50 AMP ADAPTER TO TWO 30 AMP

\$150

(\$255 AT DEFENDER)

Contact Chuck Chiamonte: charles@selectinvprop.com



THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

SHIP'S STORE PRICE LIST

NEW ITEMS!!

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



We Did It!

ONE MILLION DOLLARS RAISED!

Thanks to all who helped and donated!

Making a Difference

To support our local community food bank, please make a donation to the following:

Long Island Cares

10 Davids Drive

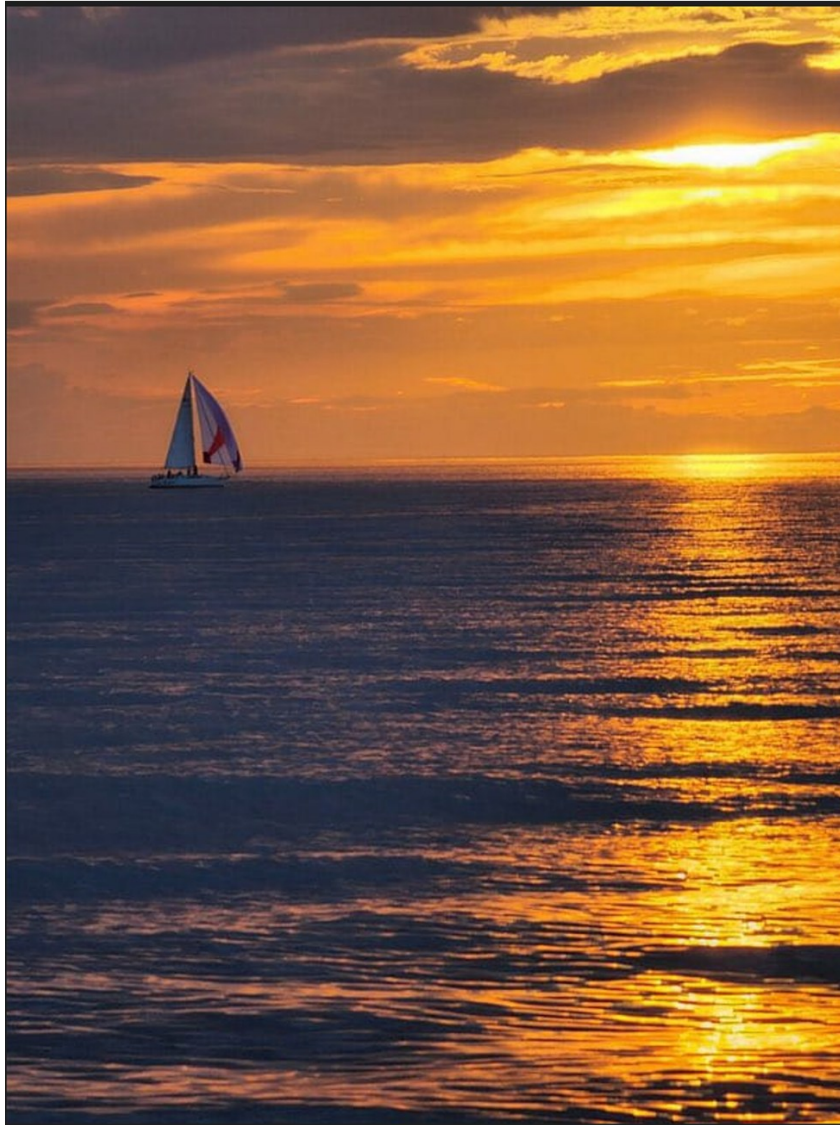
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Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben





Ads, articles, pics all welcome!

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