

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



Bowspritz



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

December 2025

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 Chris Beach, now past commodore, for your guidance and helping me with the transition to commodore. Thank you, Alan Siris, our previous past Commodore, for his steady hand on the tiller during his time as commodore. Annette wanted to extend her thanks and gratitude for the transition of information and material from Nancy as well.

A big thank you needs to be extended to outgoing board members Laurina Nielsen and Alan Johnson.

Alan Johnson, who has been our Director of Docks & Floats for the multiple phased improvements to our docks and oversight of the renovations to extend their useful service life. Laurina Nielsen for the countless hours as the Social Director that makes this club feel special and festive.

Thank you to our newly elected governors: Chic Voorhis - Rear Commodore, Adam Feder - Education, Tim Knoll - Director Docks and Floats, and Hope Kinney - Social Director. I am looking forward to working with you.

Thank you to our returning club officers and directors, Tim O'Mara, Dave Hubbard, Vicki LaRossa, Rich Spitzenberger, Betsy Dowd, Ed Dowd, Kevin Broderick, Anne Meyer, and Christina Wheeler.

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

Thank you,
Ray Dickenson
Commodore



BOARD REPORTS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Club Business Meeting was held via Zoom on December 14th at 1 PM. It was held online due to the snowstorm.

The new slate of officers and dues were approved by the members present.

The dues rates are available online in the 'About/New Membership' page: <https://portjeffersonyacht-club.com/about/new-membership/>

The new officers and directors are available on the 'Members Only' page of the website in the 'Useful Links and Forms' section.



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ANNUAL REMINDERS!

REMINDERS!

Please take some time this month to log into the club website and review your name, address, contact info, boat info and membership status on the roster.

(“Members Only Page” under the “Social” tab. Password: Memonly59!)

Send any corrections to Vicki LaRossa, our Corresponding Secretary at:

corresponding-secretary@portjeffersonyachtclub.com

And remember we have a ‘**Volunteer Form**’ whis is also on the website in the ‘Useful Links and Forms’ section of the Members Only page. Here you can indicate what kind of things you would be interested in helping with around the club. These things often count toward ‘Work Hours’ which help defray your membership dues!



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PAST COMMODORE

Well, just like that and it is over. Being commodore of PJYC was a tremendous honor for me. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed.

Thank you to my board of governors, I could not have done this job without your support and hard work. I want to specially thank those who are retiring from the board after many years of dedication. Our social director, Laurina Nielsen and director of docks and floats Alan Johnson.

Thank you, Nancy, for your understanding. I am not sure how many times I said, “I’m going down to the club for a few minutes to check on things” and came back four hours later.

We are already thinking about the cruising season for 2026. We are thinking about Narraganset Bay. We have the opportunity for a great behind the scenes tour at the Herreshoff museum and IYRS where students learn to restore boats as well as new yacht technologies. We are also thinking about chartering a 12 Meter or two for something different. We will be having a cruise planning meeting when we re-open the bar.

Stay warm, sailing season is coming soon.

Chris Beach

Past Commodore, 2025



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DOCKS AND FLOATS

When I joined PJYC just over two years ago, one of the first people that my son Jonathan and I met was Alan Johnson. It was the fall work party in November 2023. Jon and I “volunteered“ to help take the docks out of the water, not knowing exactly what that entailed. As we worked, it was clear that Alan was in charge, had a plan, and we were going to hit his time targets in a safe and organized manner. Alan served as the Director of Docks and Floats for 8 years, leading our club’s waterfront expansion in a professional and determined manner that I don’t believe many could have accomplished. We all thank you Alan, and I will do my best to keep moving forward!

As I sit to write my first “Board Report”, I stare out the window to the season’s first snow fall, longing for the docks to be in the water and us all enjoying another season. While the “heavy lifting” was done the past few years in rebuilding many of our docks, we do have work to do to get ready for next season. I am hopeful that our members will continue to support me and the club the same as you did Alan. We will start with work parties on Saturday, March 7, and have one each week until we launch the docks on Saturday, April 4.

Some of the projects we need to complete:

1. Rebuild one of the JSP docks that failed as we pulled it this year.
2. Repair to ends of JSP docks that are damaged.
3. Consider permanently connecting the 20’ and 10’ sections on the 6 finger piers on C dock. The goal is to increase dock stability and eliminate 6 lifts in the spring and fall.
4. Install rub rail on the balance of the docks that do not have.
5. Replace various boards that are twisted or damaged.
6. Inspect and repair all trough covers (some are twisted).

As you can see, we have some work to do! I will work to procure the material we need in advance and will continue to plan so we can complete these projects in a timely way and safely. April 4th provides a high tide of 1:47. I will firm up our plan between now and then, but we will execute roles and responsibilities as Alan has fine-tuned these past few years. The schedule will be like the fall removal, with the first lift happening at 10AM. More to come over the next few months!

I look forward to working with and serving all of you. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Tim Knoll

Director, Docks & Floats



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FLEET CAPTAIN

Holidays!

I just want to thank Chris Beach, Alan Johnson and Laurina Nielsen for their years on the board, and working with me on a variety of things over the years! And welcome to Chic, Tim, Hope, and Adam in their new roles!

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays to all!



Dave Hubbard
Fleet Captain



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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

KAYAKING GROUP

BY VICKI LAROSSA

What: We're putting together a casual Kayak Group for members who want to get out on the water and paddle with others. We currently have fourteen Small Vessel members plus several other members who own kayaks, so there should be a good mix of people to connect with.

Where: We now have a brand-new kayak launcher at the dinghy dock, making it much easier and safer to get in and out of your kayak. It also offers the convenience of launching directly from the club—no need to transport your kayak to the beach.

When: We're now starting to collect names of members who are interested, along with contact info and general availability. During the summer, we're hoping to meet up as a group one or two times a week. The contact list will also be shared so members can plan casual paddles together anytime. More details coming this spring.

How: Please log in to the Members-Only section of the PJYC website and scroll down to Useful Links. There you'll find a link for the Kayak Group where you can submit your name, contact information, and general availability.



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SOCIAL



TOUCHDOWN!



CHILI AND PICK PARTY

JAN 30 AT 6 PM

Port Jefferson Yacht Club

Please Bring a Dessert

or

Chill for Contest

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Hope Kinney
Social Director



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Awards Brunch
Pics by Dianna Stackow



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PJYC Wins the MSSA 'Mather Cup' for 2025!

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Friendsgiving!



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By Deb Baker



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WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

WHAT'S IT?

Karl Janhsen, Tim Rachek, and John Baker got November's What's It. They either know from experience, or are familiar with their systems! (I hope it's the later!)

This is what was left of my brother's 'Damper Plate', and the new one. It broke apart while dropping anchor and shifting into reverse in Atlantic City at midnight blowing in the 20s! Luckily the wind was the right direction and strength to finish setting the anchor the first time. He said that the boat never ran so smooth after replacing it, and he felt comfortable running an extra thousand or two rpm.

These smooth out vibrations between the engine and the drive. Something to keep an eye on, because you lose all power if it fails like this! And not a quick fix!



No What's It for December. Please submit any ideas you have!

THE EXCHANGE

SELL - BUY - SWAP

1997 Morgan 38 Center Cockpit Sloop

\$79,000

Main with in-mast roller furling
Garmin chartplotter, radar, VHF, wind, depth
Roller furling Genoa
Autopilot
All lines and reefing led aft
Shore power, solar panels, inverter
Folding 3-blade Autoprop

Air conditioning/heating
Wing keel
Aft owners cabin with large berth
Two 4D AGM house batteries
Aft head with electric fresh water toilet
AGM starting battery
Solar vents (6) throughout cabin

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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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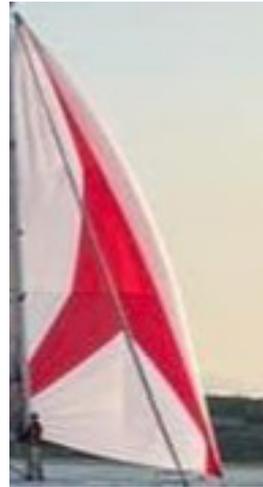
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SELL - BUY - SWAP

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

Leather Covered Wheel for Edson Pedestal

Asking \$300



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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!)

WANTED - MAINSAIL

For a Pearson 30

Contact Bruce Folz

Email: brucehfolz@gmail.com

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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!

Long Island Cares
10 Davids Drive
Hauppauge, NY 11788

licares.org

Thanks and stay well,

Judy Suben





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