



# Bowspritz



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

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## Escape The Room Experience



February 2018 we held an Escape The Room Experience. Another hit for PYJC. It was a murder mystery set in the 1940s that needed to be solved. We were assembled into teams, given clues for items & gathered evidence to solve the murder. ...



### Some clues



## Escape The Room Experience

The teams that solved the murder



### Analyzing the evidence



Karl and I hosted a PYJC virtual happy hour. It's been a while since we had a party. Definitely the sign of the times. We missed all our friends and decided this would be a good way of getting together. We were very happy to see all of you and enjoyed the virtual get together very much. We had over 20 participants.



We will put together another one in about two weeks, so keep a lookout for an email. Stay safe and well my friends. We will get through this. God bless!



## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

This boating season has been challenging to say the least. We have been dealing with the Covid – 19 restrictions as well as drafting new rules in response to the virus. During April the Board met twice in order to plan for the loosening of restrictions by the Governor. We drafted a temporary set of Club House, Dock and Launch Rules in response to the Covid -19 virus. These rules are included in this edition of the Bowspritz. Please, follow the rules while at the club, on the launch or on the dock. I think we all look forward to the day we can remove these restrictions.

We dodged a bullet with the launch of our docks. May 9<sup>th</sup> was supposed to be the day but we moved it to the 16<sup>th</sup>. With winds gusting to 50 knots I'm glad we are looking at the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Alan Johnson and Richard Coward for coordinating with the crane company and other members who will get our docks in the water.

Jeff Hausner and Mitch Slochower coordinated a huge cleanup at the Club grounds on May 1 and 2. Limbs from trees were removed, leaves raked, mulch made with a chipper rented by Jeff. We had a number of volunteers who came down and that made a big difference. It is wonderful to see the club and grounds looking well maintained.

Last year it was determined that the downstairs guest bathrooms really needed some attention and Kevin Mularkey interviewed a number of construction firms to get quotes for the project. We considered removing the showers and replacing them or repairing what is already there. At our last-in person board meeting the whole board inspected the facilities in order to come up with an effective solution that would not break us financially. Kevin Mularkey hired Kevin Broderick to repair the bathrooms including the showers and he has done a wonderful job. There is better air flow with the replacement of the fans as well as the new louvered doors. The paint is new and the showers look great.

Although the season is off to a slow start the Board has been working to open as quickly as we can within the NYS guidelines. If members have questions and/or ideas please let us know so we can address them.

Karl H. Janhsen  
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# **CLUB HOUSE, DOCK AND LAUNCH RULES IN RESPONSE TO COVID - 19**

1. At this time there is no use of the upper club house
2. Bar is closed until further notice
3. Rentals will begin once the curfew is lifted for such activities by New York State
4. Masks to be worn at all times while on club premises
5. Launches have been marked to show appropriate social distancing
6. Launch drivers have ultimate say in who may use launch. Number of passengers is at their discretion. Please show proper respect to launch drivers at all times.
7. Launches to be completely disinfected at a minimum of once per day. Handrails and other touch points will be wiped down after each trip with appropriate disinfecting wipes.
8. If the JSP Rest Room is used by anyone there are disinfecting wipes that must be used to clean all surfaces before leaving the rest room. Use of JSP Rest Room for member and guest is at the discretion of the Launch Drivers.

## **Making a Difference**

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

**Long Island Cares  
10 Davids Drive,  
Hauppague, NY 11788**

Thanks and stay well,

*Judy Suben*



# **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

I hope this message finds you all far from harm's way. Since my last report in March the world has changed quite a bit. With the onset of the Covid-19 event and the lack of essential job sites for many of my staff I was able to direct manpower toward greatly improving the security at the PJYC. The Upper Clubhouse now has a state-of-the-art video recording system that provides nine camera views of the property and lower level room. We were also able to upgrade and replace the alarm system which provided a platform to electronically control many of the doors in the building including the upper and lower entry doors, the storerooms and lower office. We were also able to fit the bar liquor storeroom with a controlled access point. This provides an easy way to gain access to the club for your board members and other staff that work for the PJYC in the summer months. The need for making new keys is now in the past.

My employees are also upgrading and greatly improving the PJYC Wi-Fi and Network / VPN Security settings. We have installed two NEW Access Points in the Upper Club and will provide a stronger Wi-Fi Signal to the Floating Docks by the end of May. By providing a Wireless GB Link from the Upper Club House to the Lower Sailing School Building we will be able to support the addition of a camera to view the interior of the sailing school as well as a few more around that building to view the sheds and both docks. All this will be connected back to the NEW Upper Clubhouse IT Room. These improvements were planned to be done over the next few years, but this downtime provided a window of opportunity, so we got it done! All these security improvements help lower risk to our club on many fronts and provide a safer and more secured location for our operations.

Jeffrey Hausner

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## **Items for Sale**

35 pound CQR anchor. Good condition. Asking \$150, which is much less expensive than a new one (over \$500). If you need a short piece of chain with it, I have some 3/8 chain I can include for free. Call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or benenttguerrero@gmail.com

Rave Sports Nighthawk 3-Person Towable Tube. Used fewer than 10 times. Very good condition. No leaks. Includes a tow rope. Asking \$150, which is much less expensive than a new one, e.g. \$300 at Dick's Sporting Goods (<https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/p/rave-sports-nighthawk-3-person-towable-tube-16rspunghthwkxxxxwsr/16rspunghthwkxxxxwsr>). This is a 3 rider, double decker, wing style tube and features a skim-fast bottom for a fast ride that offers great maneuverability. Foam handles with neoprene knuckle guards help you hang on tight as the Nighthawk whips back and forth across the water. An anti-chafe guard offers added protection. Holds 3 riders. Double decker swept wing style tube. Durable Nylon top cover. Heavy duty PVC bladder. Skim-fast bottom for a slick and fast ride. Anti-chafe guard. 6 foam-filled handles with neoprene knuckle guards. Quick connect tow point. Inflated dimensions: 73.5" x 77" x 25.5". Deflated dimensions: 77" x 80". Max combined rider weight: 510 lbs.

If interested call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or benenttguerrero@gmail.com

# Rear Commodore's Report

May is finally here and it's official, there will be a season. I think we are all looking forward to getting out on the water and getting away from all the worries of the new normal. With the unfortunate postponements of wedding celebrations, graduations and other social events, I think we will see a lot more families out on the water and your club has been busy preparing.

The directors have been busy. The yard has been cleaned up, the showers and bathrooms have been given a fresh facelift and a new security system and network have been installed. Thanks to Jeff Hausner, Mitch Slochower, Kevin Mularkey and Kevin Broderick. Thank you also to all the member volunteers who came down to assist in the yard cleanup. If you are still looking for work hours, we need someone to steam clean the carpet in the clubhouse, contact Kevin Mularkey if interested. David Diamond and crew have done a wonderful job with JSP this year. The program is in great shape and ready to go as soon as we get a green light and some guidance from the State. And, thanks to Dave Hubbard for the improvements to the website and the race seminar that was held recently. Alan Johnson has the docks scheduled for launch on Saturday the 16th. Ed Dowd has the launches ready to go, be sure to check the website for any changes to the launch hours as we adjust to the changing conditions.

The board has instituted some safety measures which will be posted on the website and communicated via email. Among the measures will be launch capacity restrictions and face masks. We will be asking all members and transients to wear face masks on the premises. The masks are for the protection of our employees and your fellow members. We also ask for your patience as we work through new policies and adapt as the situation changes.

Although, we can't open up the clubhouse, the sunsets are still just as beautiful from the deck. There will be tables and chairs for members who wish to enjoy a meal and sunset. The tables will be spaced apart and I trust that, if the deck is already in use, everyone will be conscious of proper distancing. I'm looking forward to a great season and seeing some familiar masked faces.

Tim Rachek



Like all other club operations, we are taking things a day at a time. Moorings are in, and the docks and launches are still scheduled to be operational by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Health and Safety guidelines may still impact our racing, but we are going to see what we might be able to do even during some restrictions. We WILL have the Skippers Meeting online (see below) and I will use that to get your thoughts and ideas!

## EVENTS

### RRS Course – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

We had the course via Zoom on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you could not make it, see the club website racing page for a link to the slides, and to a recording of the course! Ran about 2 hours, with a break in the middle.

### Skippers Meeting! Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM via Zoom. (Details to follow)

The topics will include:

- Updates on the season schedule
- Safety Afloat – Health guidelines
- Open Forum for ideas! Maybe single hand racing? Maybe use the club 420 dinghies for racing in-harbor to maintain social distancing? Other ideas welcome!
- BYOB!

### Virtual Racing Anyone?

I found a good Virtual Racing System. VirtualRegatta.com . I have used the Offshore mode before, but the Inshore version lets us setup our own race! Look for an email

Be safe!

Dave Hubbard

Fleet Captain

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# Docks and Floats May 2020

At a Board meeting the date to launch the docks was changed to May 16. I had asked for volunteers to contact me and I am happy to report that we have 12 members that have stepped forward. Assuming that the six foot rule will still be in effect, if you did contact me and I told you we could use you, please do not show up. Normally we can use every body that shows up, but it would be just too many people to socially distance. All work on the docks was completed early and they are in very good shape and ready for another season.

We are moving forward with the permitting process for the finger piers. We just received permission from our landlord (Town of Brookhaven) to proceed with the permit process.

I want to remind the kayakers that the north end of the east dock will have a kayak launching rack. The rack will be set up so that the bracket shown over the dock will be over the kayak in the water so that it can be used as a hand hold as you get into and out of your kayak. I would recommend that all kayakers have a short painter so that it can be tied to the dock as you enter and exit.

Members in good standing will be able to leave their dinghies on the East dock at the start of the season. We hope this will decrease demand for Launch service as it may not be at prior year's levels. Once service is back to normal, our dock rules will be back in place.



## **For Sale**

400 lb Mooring setup complete with all accessories.

Professionally maintained by Murphy Marine and presently in storage in his yard .

Asking \$450. Call Ray Epp at 631 816 8659

## Reprint of Dock Rules from Yearbook

Purpose: The rules below have been approved to enable members and transients who rent club moorings to make the greatest use of the club docks.

### Short Term Use

1. *During peak use times, all vessels will be restricted to 60-minute periods at dockside for picking up ice, taking on water, or loading supplies or passengers.*
2. *Peak times are defined as weekends and holidays.*

### Long Term Use

1. *Activities requiring use of dock space for repairs, vessel wash down, or other activities which require shore power or water will be limited to periods of not more than five hours and then not during any peak use times.*
2. Vessels returning after normal launch operating hours or departing prior to those hours may tie up overnight. Early departure vessels will coordinate their plans with dock personnel prior to leaving their craft at the dock.
3. Skippers of vessels left overnight must make arrangements for leaving the dock or having their vessels returned to their moorings no later than one hour after launch service begins.
4. Exceptions to the above requirements, when absolutely necessary, must be coordinated with the Launch Director or his delegate.
5. There will be a charge of \$2.00 per foot per night if a vessel is kept on the dock outside of the dock rules outlined in our by-laws.

***6 NO boat can be left unattended on any dock except one launch when the wind is forecasted to have a north component and above 16 knots.***

### **General Practice**

1. Crews of vessels berthed at the dock will assist arriving and departing craft with mooring lines and docking.
2. Courtesy, consideration and cooperation among you and your fellow boaters will solve more problems than any of these rules.
3. Intervention, if necessary, by dock personnel will be directed by a club officer. It shall be done in a firm, but courteous manner. Failure to respond can result in fines being assessed by the Board. Special fees may be required for certain types of use. Dock personnel will advise you of such requirements.
4. No vessels may be left at the dock unattended (see 2 & 3 above).
5. No Overnight Berthing Permitted (see 2 above).
6. No vessels will be permitted to use the dock space reserved for club launches.

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**I hope this email finds  
everyone well.**

**Due to the pandemic  
I am canceling all of May's  
events. I will keep you informed  
about events planned in June.**

**Stay safe and well  
and God bless**

*Your Social Director  
Karen Janhsen*

**THEY ARE NEVER GOING BACK TO SCHOOL**



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## **Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, May 17th—Commissioning (Let's Hope)**