

# The Port Jefferson Yacht Club's

## VILLAGE CUP REGATTA 2020

ALTHOUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC  
WILL MAKE IT UNSAFE TO HAVE THIS  
YEAR'S RACE AND PARTY

**PANCREATIC CANCER IS NOT ON PAUSE**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER!  
FOR LUSTGARTEN AND FOR MATHER HOSPITAL  
WHICH HAS BEEN ON THE FRONT LINES  
COMBATTING THE PANDEMIC

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE WHAT YOU CAN.**

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## Answering the call with strength and ingenuity

COVID-19 descended on us all relatively quickly, but the imprint it will leave on Mather Hospital will be everlasting.

Weeks leading up to its first occurrence at Mather Hospital, we did everything we could to prepare. We worked with our partner Northwell Health to shore up needed equipment and supplies, refined processes, and we suspended elective procedures, visiting hours and ramped up bed capacity at the direction of the New York State. We all knew we needed to brace for impact. Escalation was quick. We went from one patient to more than 125 COVID+ patients in house in less than three weeks, almost one-third of them were on ventilators. Practically every available patient care unit at Mather was a COVID unit. Mid-April was tough on everyone, most of all the [nurses](#), doctors and other frontline workers. The human cost is great.



Daily virtual emergency management meetings with key clinical and administrative



leaders helped us navigate through the turbulent high seas. Thanks to Northwell and our own resourceful staff, we were able to keep resupplied with the ever-valuable PPE, ventilators and other needed resources. The generous support of our community through cards, artwork, meals and donations, fortified our spirits. By early May we were seeing a plateau in the number of our COVID+ patients, and that number has been decreasing slowly since.

But until science can provide a vaccine, we likely will be fighting this beast for some time.

There have been victories. Like 101-year old [Joseph Lynch](#) who was hospitalized for COVID-19 at Mather. Despite his age, we were able to send him home through a sea of applause from staff who benefited from the celebration as much as Joe. To date we've treated and sent home from the hospital or through the Emergency Department nearly 500 COVID patients. Also, from this pandemic, we've learned to further embrace technology such as telehealth, using ultraviolet light to clean patient care areas, virtual staff meetings as well as virtual visits for patients and their loved ones.

While we are not in calm waters yet, we've started to assess and address the emotional, physical and financial impact of this pandemic. It is tremendous.

Any and all support that can be provided to Mather Hospital at this time is so meaningful and bolsters our capacity to continue. This translates to investment in more technology and resources for safer care for both patients and staff. We are grateful to the Port Jefferson Yacht Club, the Village Cup Regatta Committee and all your sponsors for your friendship and support. And we look forward to the day when we can race on the Sound again, celebrate at the Skipper's reception... and win back the cup from the Village!

