



Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound

October 7, 2022

Dear JSA Member Program Delegates and Friends,

The annual general meeting of the JSA will be held from 7 - 9 pm October 17, 2022, at Larchmont Yacht Club in the main clubhouse, with a simultaneous Zoom webinar for those who prefer to attend virtually. Please ensure that your junior sailing program is represented by asking each person to register at this link <https://bit.ly/JSA22AGM> to attend in-person or via Zoom.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to conduct the following business:

1. Elect the Officers and Board members for the 2023 Season
2. Present the JSA 2022 Special, Season, and Big Boat Awards
3. Conduct an Open Discussion about the 2022 Season and Plans for 2023

The open discussion about the recent sailing season and plans for the future is an opportunity for you to directly tell the JSA board what is of concern to your junior program and sailors - what went well and what may be improved. The JSA board is actively interested in your thoughts and ideas and would like to encourage new topics / issues to be brought to the forefront. Your input is vital to this process. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may participate on the webinar, or send your comments in advance for inclusion in the discussion by emailing info@jsalis.org (e.g., list three topics you would like to have discussed at the meeting).

We will present the JSA awards early in the meeting and yacht clubs will present their junior big boat trophies. The junior sailors who are receiving awards will be invited to attend in person, or on the webinar. Either way, they may participate in the open discussion; their involvement and insights will be equally appreciated.

We would like to thank you all for the countless hours you collectively invested this summer for the junior sailors. It is through your efforts that we are able to create the valuable experience of Junior Sailing on Long Island Sound. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Grapengeter and Alex Helfand

Co-Chairpersons, JSA of LIS

Enclosures: Meeting Agenda
Officers and Directors Proposed for Election



JSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and
2022 SEASON REVIEW

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB
Main Clubhouse
& Zoom Webinar

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

Club Junior Program Chairs and Committee Members, Event Organizers, Regatta Organizers, Parents, Sailing Directors and Instructors, Older Juniors and others who are interested.

Preliminary Agenda

- 7:00 JSA Business
- Introduction and report by the JSA Co-chairpersons
 - Election of officers and board members for 2022-23
- 7:30 Presentation of Special Awards, Season Awards, and Big Boat Regatta prizes.
- 8:15 Review and Discussion
- Recap of 2022 Season
 - Program Attendee Feedback about Summer 2022
 - What we learned from the 2022 strategic review
 - What went well? What needs to be improved? (Clinics, Regattas).
 - Feedback on Successes & Challenges of Instructors Under 18 Yrs.
 - Discuss planning for summer 2023
 - Regatta Hosting for Champs and Qualifiers.
 - Team Racing - can It be done throughout the summer?
 - Is there time during the summer to learn more about the Environment (*Ocean Advocates*)?
 - Preparing for JSA's 100th Birthday in 2024
 - Other topics as suggested by JSA member programs.
- 9:00 End of Meeting



Proposed slate for the 2022-2023 JSA Officers and Directors

- CHAIRPERSON
 - Timothy Clark (Pequot YC)

- VICE CHAIRPERSONS
 - Michael Cooleen (Black Rock YC)
 - Warren Costikyan (Noroton YC)
 - John Lombard (Milford YC)
 - David Waldo (Riverside YC)

- TREASURER
 - Jonathan Arnold (Shelter Island YC)

- SECRETARY
 - Alim Gafar (Douglaston YS)

- CLASS of 2023
 - Morgan Connor (Noroton YC)

- CLASS of 2025
 - Dorsey Roseberry (Larchmont YC)
 - Melissa Wirth (American YC)
 - Steve Houston (Shelter Island YC)

Previously elected at prior annual meetings

- CLASS of 2023
 - Christina Meyer (Seawanhaka Corinthian YC)
 - Henriette Rohl (Sea Cliff YC)

- CLASS of 2024
 - Ira Bigeleisen (City Island YC)
 - George Catallo (Port Washington YC)
 - Mimi Shea (American YC)

[If your junior program is unable to attend the meeting in person, please make a single vote on behalf of your JSA member program by emailing to info@jsalis.org with the text: YES or NO or ABSTAIN and include the name of the program that you represent]

Nominating Committee: Richard West, Chair; Brian Joyce; Chuck McCarthy; Alicia Martorella Poole

{see next page for background information about nominees
Morgan Connors, Steve Houston, Dorsey Roseberry, and Melissa Wirth}



BACKGROUND OF JSA BOARD NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED

Morgan Connor is a lifelong sailor and has been a member of Noroton Yacht Club since 2012. Prior to joining Noroton, Morgan was a member of the New York Yacht Club for ten plus years. Morgan grew up sailing on Long Island Sound, sailing out of Ram Island Yacht Club as a junior sailor and progressing through high school and college sailing and eventually coaching the USC sailing team after graduating. This experience gives Morgan a deep understanding of the goals, challenges, and opportunities for both the Club Program Chairs and the sailors themselves as they navigate a path from junior sailing to the collegiate level. Morgan has been an active member at Noroton and is a prior board member and Co-Chair of the Noroton race committee. Today, Morgan regularly sails Sonars at Noroton participating in both fleet racing and team racing events. Morgan sails with his 15-year-old son Wells as they competed in the 2022 Sonar Worlds and 2022 Kirby Cub team race event. Morgan actively looks to instill his love of sailing with his kids and their friends. Morgan and his wife Suzanne have three children, 9, 13, and 15 with active participation in junior sailing at Noroton.

Steve Houston has just completed his two year term as the Junior Sailing Program Chair at the Shelter Island Yacht Club. In that role, he was responsible for working with the Club's sailing director to build the financial budget each year, organize recruitments and sign-ups, instructor hiring, instructor housing, regatta organization, spirit gear and trophy ordering, some dispute resolution and presenting to the Club membership twice a year. Steve has had three children go through the Club's junior sailing program and has traveled to regattas around the Long Island region, as well as Florida and Massachusetts. Steve sails his Herreshoff 12.5 every Saturday in the Club's racing series, and he regularly participates in PHRF races in and around the waters of Shelter Island. Steve is also a member of the New York Yacht Club and resides in Old Greenwich, CT.

Dorsey Roseberry joined Larchmont Yacht Club in 2000 and has been an active member since. She served on the Junior Sailing committee, was Co-chair of Larchmont Junior Race Week, and was Chair of the Junior Program for many years. Dorsey is a lifelong sailor. She attended and sailed for the College of Charleston (1990-1994) and was captain of the team in 1994. Dorsey has competed actively over the years in many fleets. She raced Interclubs, V15s, Lightnings, Vipers, Shields, as well as Can One racing and cruising on her family C&C 40. During her tenure as Jr Chair, Larchmont grew its race program, increased program size, and instituted many new programs to encourage the love of sailing for racers and non-racers alike. Dorsey has three children who have all participated in junior sailing and competed at various levels. Her oldest son was an active racer in both the Optimist and C420 fleets, and has competed nationally, internationally and at the college level. Her two oldest children, having loved their experiences in junior sailing, are both active instructors at Indian Harbor YC and American YC. Dorsey believes that the summers on the waters of Long Island Sound are formative for today's kids and she is always willing to help find a way for a new sailor to feel comfortable out there.

Melissa Mahoney Wirth grew up in Rye, NY and is a long time member of American Yacht Club where she and her brothers Ryan and Derek Mahoney grew up sailing in the AYC JAYC program. Most recently, Melissa completed her 1st year as co-chair of the AYC JAYC sailing program. Melissa is a graduate of Rye Country Day School and Middlebury College. She earned her Ed.M. and MA in Counseling Psychology from Teachers College-Columbia University in 2003. She works as the Manager of Alumni Relations at Rye Country Day School where she has been in various roles since 2005. She is also the girls' Middle School lacrosse coach. Melissa has three children Zachary(13), Emily(11), and Mason(10) who attend Rye Country Day School. Zack is a competitive C420 sailor and Emily and Mason are both racing in Optis in the AYC JAYC program. Melissa is an active member of the Rye community as a volunteer coach for both her son and daughter's Rye Youth Travel Soccer teams and her daughter's Rye Youth Travel Lacrosse team. She is also an elected Deacon in her second board term at Rye Presbyterian Church.

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of Long Island Sound, Inc.**

**Minutes from the Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation
October 27, 2021 at Larchmont Yacht Club and Zoom Webinar**

The Membership of the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound, Inc. convened on the above date at Larchmont Yacht Club and by Zoom Webinar for the Annual General Meeting and Awards.

1. Co-Chair Janet Grapengeter opened the meeting at 1908; Secretary Rick O'Leary confirmed the presence of a quorum consisting of at least five regular member programs.
2. Secretary O'Leary presented the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting; a reading of the minutes was waived by motion and duly seconded.
3. Co-Chairperson Grapengeter invited Secretary O'Leary to briefly explain the election procedure set forth in the JSA By-Laws for board members.
4. Nominating committee member Richard West presented the report of the nominating committee as follows:
 - a. Co-Chairpersons: Janet Grapengeter and Alex Helfand.
 - b. Vice Chairpersons: Timothy Clark and David Waldo and Michael Cooleen.
 - c. Treasurer: Jonathan Arnold
 - d. Secretary: Rick O'Leary
 - e. Class of 2024: Ira Bigeleisen (CIYC), George Catallo (PWYC), Dorsey Roseberry (LYC), Mimi Shea (AYC).

A motion was made from a voting member, and duly seconded, to record a single ballot in favor of all nominees, upon which a unanimous vote of 'all in favor' was recorded by the secretary.

5. Co-Chairperson Helfand reported on the JSA overview and the US Sailing Strategic plan.
6. Executive Director Bob Whittredge announced upcoming events.
7. Co-Chairperson Grapengeter commenced the presentation of the special awards, including the Brooks Gonzales Award for Achievement, the Susie Trotman Award for Instruction, and the Mitchell Weeks Awards for Sportsmanship. The High Point Season Series Awards for outstanding results were presented, followed by awards for the Dorade Trophy and Beach Point Overnight big boat regattas. The awards concluded at 1951.
8. Following a short break, the Annual General Meeting reconvened at 1958, with open discussion topics:
 - a. Co-Chairperson Helfand noted participation of 42 clubs with 2,400 sailors (a participation rate higher than 2,286 in 2019, and 2220 in 2020), acknowledgement of a strong financial position, and discussion of a 'strategic survey' to be studied for future planning.
 - b. Co-Chairperson Grapengeter made an open request for comments and discussion, which was followed by discussion of the difficulties when hiring instructors. Further discussion took place

regarding retaining sailors and the potential benefits of social events like dances to reinforce the group dynamic. Additional general discussion continued regarding the use of 'Clubspot', the formation of the JSA 'Ocean Advocates", the benefits of Team Racing, and Environmental Science as experienced by developing an oyster garden as part of a junior sailing program.

9. The outgoing directors Sheelagh Thompson, Talal Debs, and Peg Jackson were thanked for their service to the JSA Board.

10. Co-Chairperson Grapengeter called for discussion of any old business as well as any new business, of which there was none.

There being no other business before the Board, the annual meeting adjourned at 2051 upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried.

Rick O'Leary

Secretary