



Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound

October 11, 2024

Dear JSA Member Program Delegates and Friends,

The annual general meeting of the JSA will be held from 7 - 9 pm October 21, 2024, at Larchmont Yacht Club in the main clubhouse, with a simultaneous Zoom video for those who prefer to view remotely.. Please ensure that your junior sailing program is represented by asking each person to [register individually via Zoom](#) to attend in-person or remotely.

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

1. Elect the Officers and Board members for the 2025 Season
2. Present the JSA 2024 Special Recognition and Season Series Low Point Awards
3. Conduct an Open Discussion about the 2024 Season and Plans for 2025

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 virtually, 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. The junior sailors who are receiving awards will be invited to attend in person or via the webinar.

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 21st.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy Clark

Chairperson, JSA of LIS

Enclosures: Meeting Agenda
Officers and Directors Proposed for Election



JSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and 2024 SEASON REVIEW

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB
Main Clubhouse
and remote Zoom video

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.

Agenda

- 7:00 JSA Business
- Welcome by JSA Chair
 - Election of officers and board members for 2024-25 (see page 3)
 - Accept Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting ([see link](#))
- 7:15 Presentation of Special Recognition Awards and Season Series Awards ([see procedure](#) for awardees)
- 8:00 Review and Discussion
- Recap of 2024 Season by JSA Chair
 - Program Attendee Feedback about Summer 2024
 - Review Recent Town Hall Discussion Topics ([see link](#))
 - What went well? What needs to be improved? (e.g., Clinics & Regattas)
 - Feedback on Successes & Challenges (e.g., Instructors under 18 yrs)
 - Discuss planning for summer 2025
 - Regatta Hosting for Champs and Qualifiers.
 - Is there time during the summer to learn more about the Environment (e.g., the Sound Advocates program)?
 - Other topics as suggested by JSA member programs.
- 9:00 End of Meeting



Proposed slate for the 2024-2025 JSA Officers and Directors

- CHAIRPERSON
 - Timothy Clark (Pequot YC)
- VICE CHAIRPERSONS
 - Alim Gafar (Douglaston Club)
 - Henriette Rohl (Sea Cliff YC)
- TREASURER
 - Tom Carroll (Cold Spring Harbor BC)
- SECRETARY
 - David Neely (Stamford YC)
- CLASS of 2025 (vacancy)
 - Melissa Chickering (Riverside YC)
- CLASS of 2026 (vacancy)
 - Brad Thompson (Cedar Point YC)
- CLASS of 2027
 - Ira Bigeleisen (City Island YC)
 - George Catallo (Port Washington YC)
 - Vanessa Caporrino (Pequot YC)

Previously elected at prior annual meetings

- CLASS of 2025
 - Dorsey Roseberry (Larchmont YC)
 - Melissa Wirth (American YC)
- CLASS of 2026
 - Morgan Connor (Noroton YC)
 - Peter Saladino (Shelter Island 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; Ian Gumprecht

{see next page for background information about nominees}



BACKGROUND OF INCOMING JSA BOARD NOMINEES

Vanessa Caporrino is a member of Pequot Yacht Club who has been an integral part of PYC's junior sailing committee for a number of years, serving as co-chair of the program in 2020, 2021 and 2022. In 2020 she was awarded Pequot's Joseph F. Watkins Memorial Trophy presented to "A Member of the Club for Outstanding Service" and in 2021 she was awarded Pequot's Hoyt O. Perry Jr. Award presented "To the member of the club, who through hard work, dedication and leadership has taken the initiative to bring something new or different to the club or who has taken an existing program to a new level of excellence." Vanessa's son, Charlie is a current instructor at Riverside Yacht Club, a former JSA junior champion in both ILCA 6 & 7 classes, and a former Pequot Junior Commodore. Her daughter, Kate will be instructing at Noroton Yacht Club, and is a former Pequot Junior Commodore.

Melissa Chickering is a member of Riverside Yacht Club, where she has been actively involved in the junior sailing program for three years taking an active role in hiring and all aspects of the junior program. In her time as chair, she was instrumental in planning and running the first annual Powder Puff Girls Regatta to encourage young girls to remain active in the sport. Prior to being a member of RYC, Melissa was a member of The Belle Haven Club where she actively ran its junior sailing program for six years effectively integrating the camp program with junior sailing to get more young children introduced to sailing. Both Melissa's children grew up sailing in JSA, first at BHC, next at Indian Harbor YC, and then at RYC. Her son Owen is now an ILCA and big boat coach at Cedar Point YC, and her daughter Mary sails an ILCA and is part of the big boat program at RYC. When not volunteering for junior sailing, Melissa works in digital product at BBC Studios as SVP of Consumer Growth for BBC.com.

Brad Thompson is a member of Cedar Point Yacht Club and has been actively involved with all aspects of the club since becoming a member in the 1990s. Brad and his wife have raised two children who grew up in the Cedar Point YC Junior Sailing Program. During this time Brad was very active in helping to host and run various JSA regattas and running race committee duties for those events. Brad is a long-standing PRO of junior regattas, including JSA Race Week at CPYC and the Optimist Area C. Brad is an avid and accomplished sailor himself and his wife Kathy is on the Board of Governors for the CPYC Junior Sailing Program. In support of his children's JSA racing, Brad has traveled to all his children's regattas for the last ten years. He is a stalwart volunteer. As someone who has been on all sides of the JSA LIS experience, he comes with a wealth of ground-level knowledge and experience.