



Junior Sailing Association
of Long Island Sound

July 19, 2017

To JSA Sailing Instructors,

The JSA community is saddened to learn about the death of a junior sailor in a powerboat accident at the Centerport Yacht Club junior sailing program on Tuesday July 18. This is a very difficult time for junior sailing, and the sailing community as a whole as we are all grieving this loss together.

We know that this is a very sad time for you as sailing instructors, please know that you are on our minds and in our thoughts. Every family and sailing program in the JSA will be impacted moving forward. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you as individual instructors.

What you can do at this time is to review your program's safety procedures and plans for response to an emergency.

The JSA has created a management team who will be following the details about this accident, as they are disclosed, and we expect to prepare a report for the JSA membership to understand what lessons may be learned.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the young sailor, the Instructor, and the Centerport Yacht Club community. We have encouraged all JSA member clubs to fly their flags at half-mast today.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Karen Quirke and Pedro Lorson. The signature for Karen Quirke is on the left, and the signature for Pedro Lorson is on the right. Both are written in a cursive, black ink style.

Karen Quirke and Pedro Lorson
JSA of LIS Co-Chairpersons