



Junior Sailing Association
of Long Island Sound

July 19, 2017

To JSA Parents,

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. As parents we are all intrinsically affected by this tragic accident. At no time in our sport are we prepared for an accident of such magnitude.

Please take a moment today to discuss this event with your sailors. We know that this is a very sad and difficult time for these young people. Please let them know that they are on our minds and in our thoughts.

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 and the Centerport Yacht Club community. As a gesture of solidarity, we have encouraged all JSA member clubs to fly their flags at half staff 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 black ink.

Karen Quirke and Pedro Lorson
JSA of LIS Co-Chairpersons