



Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound

September 12, 2020

Dear JSA Member Program Delegates and Friends,

The annual general meeting of the JSA will be held at 6:00 pm September 23, 2020 at Larchmont Yacht Club in the Pandemonium pavilion, with a simultaneous Zoom webinar for those who prefer to attend virtually. Please ensure that your junior sailing program is represented by registering at this link to attend on the webinar or in-person (limited to 50 persons at LYC) <https://bit.ly/JSASep23>

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

1. Elect the Officers and Board members for the 2021 Season
2. Present the JSA 2020 Special and Big Boat Awards
3. Conduct an Open Discussion about the 2020 Season and Plans for 2021

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.

We will present the JSA Special 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.

Thank you all for your heroic efforts this season adapting to extraordinary circumstances and creating remarkable opportunities for our juniors to enjoy what emerged as a wonderfully active summer of sailing together. It is through your efforts that we are able to maintain the valuable experience of Junior Sailing on Long Island Sound. I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Yours sincerely,

Richard West
Chairperson



**JSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and
2020 SEASON REVIEW**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB
Pandemonium Pavilion
& Zoom Webinar

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

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

AGENDA

- 6:00 JSA Business
- Introduction and report by the JSA Chairperson
 - Election of officers and board members for 2020
- 6:20 Presentation of Special Awards and Big Boat Regatta prizes.
- 6:40 Review and discussion
- Adaption to COVID pandemic:
 - What went well? What needs to be improved?
 - Planning for 2021 season
 - Review scheduling of JSA Regattas in 2021
 - Discuss 2021 regatta hosting
 - Other topics as suggested by JSA member programs
- 7:30 End of Meeting
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Proposed slate for the 2020-2021 JSA Officers and Directors

- CO-CHAIRPERSONS
 - Janet Grapengeter (Noroton YC)
 - Alex Helfand (New York Athletic Club)
- VICE CHAIRPERSONS
 - Timothy Clark (Pequot YC)
 - David Waldo (Centerport YC)
- TREASURER
 - Jonathan Arnold (Shelter Island YC)
- SECRETARY
 - Rick O'Leary (American YC)
- CLASS of 2023
 - Warren Costikyan (Noroton YC)
 - Christina Meyer (Seawanhaka Corinthian YC)
 - Henriette Rohl (Sea Cliff YC)

Previously elected at prior annual meetings

- CLASS of 2021
 - Talal Debs
 - Michael Cooleen (Black Rock YC)
 - Peg Jackson (American YC)
- CLASS of 2022
 - Sheelagh Thomson (Larchmont YC)
 - Alim Gafar (Douglaston YS)
 - John Lombard (Milford 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: Brian Joyce, Pedro Lorson, Matt Marion, John Silbersack

{see next page for background information about nominees Christina Meyer and Henriette Rohl}

BACKGROUND OF NEW JSA BOARD NOMINEES:

Christina Meyer:

Christina has been a member of Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club since 1992 and the New York Yacht Club since 2001. She is currently the Junior Activities Chair at SCYC. During her tenure since 2018, Seawanhaka's Junior Club participation showed a substantial increase in membership driven by program initiatives and the implementation of a year round Optimist race team. Her initiatives included new marketing strategies within the yacht club environment, teaching environmental stewardship through an oyster gardening program, and establishing strong positive parent involvement. Christina has also served on the SCYC House Committee for 10 years and SCYC Race Committee for 12 years. She is married to Willets who served as SCYC Commodore from 2012-2018. She has four children (Willets 19, Hannah 16, Cole 13 & Gwen 13), all of whom are past or present JSA sailors. Christina's racing experience includes Sonars, NY40, Seabird and Sabre 38. She and her family currently own a J/44 "Beagle" that they enjoy racing as well as cruising. Christina is a graduate of St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay, New York and received a BS in accounting from the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

Henriette Rohl:

Henriette is a member of Sea Cliff Yacht Club, where she has been actively involved in the Junior Sailing Program for six years. Primarily, she likes to advocate for kids and the environment. As chair of the Sea Cliff junior program for three years, she was instrumental in bringing five RS Fevas to the club, to expand sailing opportunities and engage sailors once they outgrow Optis. Additionally, she revisited hiring international instructors, and hosted several over the years. She started the first Annual Family Ideal 18 Regatta at the club, where kids plan and host a regatta to sail with their parents. Since 2019, she has been on the Western District Regatta committee. She is also actively involved with the Young American Sailing Academy, which promotes leadership skills through big boat offshore sailing. Her daughter, Annika, sails a Laser and crews on two J/105s whenever possible. Henriette has 25 years of experience in financial services, her last position as VP in business banking at major bank. She has run a small business for the last five years with her husband, Tom. She has served on various boards, both as a volunteer and as an elected Trustee for the Village of Sea Cliff.