



Welcome to the
Port Jefferson Jaunt
A 2026 Year-Round Sanctioned Walking
Event on Long Island NY (Suffolk County)



This 10k or 6k AVA walk is rated 2A. Both begin and end in the downtown harbor area where stores, restaurants, and coffee shops are available. The 10k continues south to an adjacent hamlet known as Port Jefferson Station and includes the Setauket-Port Jefferson Greenway.

WALK REGISTRATION:

Please use the online start box provided by the AVA website (<https://my.ava.org>). Log into your existing account on my.ava.org (or create an account and sign the AVA athletic waiver). Once logged into the my.ava.org site, click the -My Start Box- tab and use the -help- button for further guidance. The -My Event Bank- tab is used to add funds to your account via the credit card processing service, EVO. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions nor accept alternate payment methods. Driving directions to the event starting point are included in the downloaded walk directions.

WALK COMPLETION AND WALK CREDIT:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your online Start Box account and select the "Finish Table" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as to select applicable AVA Special Programs. You then generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out later.

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START POINT:

Village parking lot, Roessner St and Mill Creek Rd in Port Jefferson, NY (beside Rocketship Park). **For a GPS location, use Port Jeff Brewing Company, 22 Mill Creek Road, Port Jefferson, NY.**

Note: An alternate 11k start point is available for those that arrive at the Port Jefferson station of the MTA Long Island Railroad. They can begin their walk along Rte 25A in front of the train station (step 17 of the instructions).

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT:**CONVENIENT ACCESS FROM CONNECTICUT (RAILROAD AND FERRY):**

The Bridgeport and Port Jefferson Steamboat Company offers a convenient way of getting from Bridgeport CT to Port Jefferson. The Bridgeport ferry terminal is convenient to downtown parking locations and is only a short walk from the Bridgeport train station (served by the MTA Metro North New Haven line and the Amtrak Northeast Corridor).

FERRY INFORMATION:

Ferry boats cross Long Island Sound frequently throughout the day in each direction. And there is no need to bring your car! The walk start point is very near the ferry terminal at Port Jefferson.

It's a 17-mile ferry ride across Long Island Sound that takes about 75 minutes. Food and beverage service is available on the boat.

Fares for pedestrian passengers:

Adults	\$39.00 round trip
Seniors	\$28.00 round trip
Children (12 and under)	are free

The ferry company does not provide onsite parking. Probably the most convenient paid parking is at the main lot near the ferry terminal on Broad Street. The rate is \$20.00 on Monday through Thursday and \$25.00 on Friday through Sunday.

There is free parking (at your own risk) on Main Street and Broad Street as well.

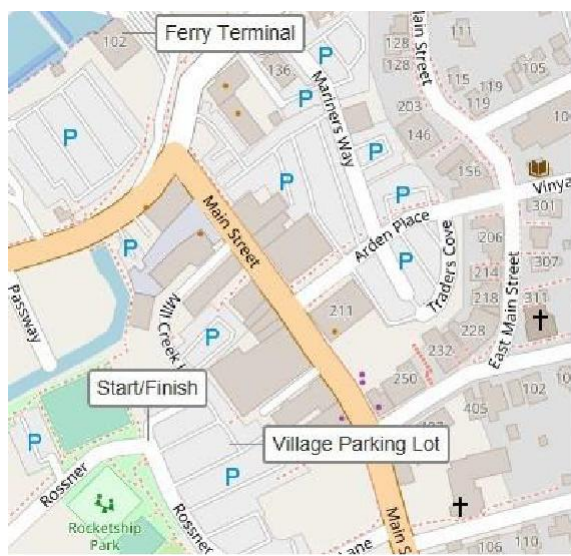
There are other parking garages. The ferry company even offers complementary shuttle service to and from the terminal (call (203) 836-9955).

For additional parking information, contact the ferry company at:

(888) 44FERRY or
www.88844ferry.com (see FAQ section)

WALKING DIRECTIONS FROM PORT JEFFERSON FERRY TERMINAL TO THE START POINT:

1. Walk straight out to the street in front of the terminal (this is East Broadway).
2. Turn right and walk to the crosswalk just after the traffic light (note the Chandler Square sign high on the building across the street).
3. Cross the street and walk one block to Mill Creek road.
4. Turn right on Mill Creek road and follow along as it curves to the left.
5. Turn right at the parking lot. The start point is at the corner of Roessner and Mill Creek (in front of Rocketship Park).



Port Jefferson Start Point
(In Village Parking Lot)

DIRECTIONS FROM NEW YORK CITY:

By Car:

1. Drive into Queens and proceed East on the Long Island Expressway (I-495).
2. Take Exit 62 toward Nicolls Rd/Blue Point/Stony Brook.
3. Proceed about 4.6 miles and then turn RIGHT onto Wireless Road.
4. Proceed about 1.3 miles and turn RIGHT onto NY-347 E.
5. Proceed about 1.1 miles and turn LEFT onto Old Town Road.
6. Proceed about 1.4 miles and turn RIGHT onto Sheep Pasture Road.
7. Proceed about 1 mile and turn LEFT onto Dark Hollow Road.
8. Proceed about 0.6 mile and turn RIGHT onto Old Post Rd W.
9. In about a quarter mile, turn LEFT onto Main Street.
10. Proceed about 0.4 mile and then turn LEFT onto Mill Creek Road. Follow Mill Creek Road for about a block as it curves to the LEFT. You have arrived at the village parking lot. Roessner Street is just to your right (beside Rocketship Park).

By Train:

The MTA Long Island Railroad provides service to Port Jefferson from Penn Station and other points on Long Island. The 10k walk passes by the station in the adjacent hamlet of Port Jefferson Station. Walkers can begin from an alternate start point (see the instructions).

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND AWARDS

Special Program	Years	Port Jefferson Relevance
Anniversaries Hurrah!!	2026 Only	
Walking with America's Veterans	2021-2023	Memorial Park on West Broadway
Walking with the Wild Things	2025-2027	Can you find one? Trolls, gargoyles, fairys, and gnomes qualify.
Rails to Trails	2022-2025	Setauket-Port Jefferson Greenway (10k only)
Par for the Course	2023-2025	Rocketship Park
Step to the Beat	2024-2026	Theatre Three, 412 Main Street
IVV-Americas	2023-No End	

There are no awards available for this walk

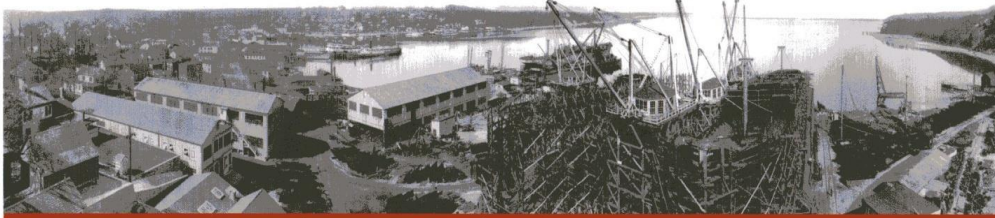
ABOUT PORT JEFFERSON

Welcome to Port Jefferson, a village 60 miles east of New York City on the north shore of Long Island. Port Jefferson was first settled in the 17th century and remained a rural community until its development as an active shipbuilding center in the mid-19th century. The village has since transitioned to a tourist-based economy.

Port Jefferson has had a variety of names, including Suwassett (a Setauket Indian name meaning "land of small pines") and Drowned Meadow (a name chosen by early settlers because the area was tidal and "drowned" by the tide twice a day). The villagers voted to change its name to Port Jefferson in 1836. Its name honors Thomas Jefferson who was instrumental in obtaining funding for construction of the harbor. The village was the largest shipbuilding center on Long Island in the 1800s with four out of every ten ships built here.

After the demise of shipbuilding, Port Jefferson reinvented itself as a vacation spot. The ferries brought visitors and beaches with bathhouses opened around the harbor. After the turn of the 20th century, Port Jefferson became a center for auto touring and racing. The Port Jefferson Auto Club sponsored hill climb races on East Broadway.

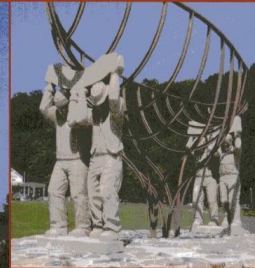
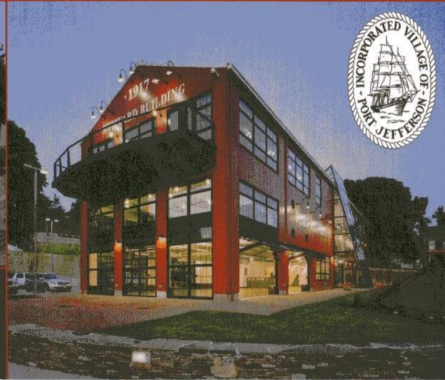
In keeping with its seafaring heritage, Port Jefferson hosts its own annual boat race series known as the *Village Cup Regatta*, with proceeds benefiting cancer research. There are many other exciting events including their internationally recognized Charles Dickens Festival.



A Vision . . . The Old Became New



*The Village Center
Then & Now*



101-A East Broadway
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EMERGENCY NUMBERS:RESTROOMS:

Public restrooms are available at the ferry terminal, at the Village Center building in Harborfront Park, and at a restroom building off Mill Creek Road near the start point. For 10k walkers, a restroom is also available at the Port Jeff Bowl in Port Jefferson Station.

10K WALKING INSTRUCTIONS:

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P - Cross and/or Pass (on walking side only).

Usage - (C&P: 1st St and 2nd St.)

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Notes: Points of interest (starting on Page 14) are referenced by underlined numbers in some steps.

1 Stand with your back toward Rocketship Park and head East on Mill Creek Road toward Main St.

2 Turn LEFT onto Main St and walk one block to Broadway.

3 Carefully cross Broadway and turn LEFT. Just past the marina parking lot is the Roe House (built in 1755). It now houses the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. 1

4 Continue on Broadway for a short distance until you reach Memorial Park on the right. This part includes Veteran memorials for several wars and conflicts. The Port Jefferson Village Hall is across the street.

5 Continue on Broadway to the Barnum Ave crosswalk. Carefully cross Broadway to Barnum Ave.

6 Continue on the left side of Barnum Ave until it ends at Main St.

7 Turn RIGHT onto Main St. (Note that Main St and Rte 25A are the same road. Signs can use either name)

8 Continue on Main St for about 2k. C&P Robbins Street (ns), Reeves Road, and Sheep Pasture/North Country Roads. You now enter the adjacent hamlet of Port Jefferson Station.

9 C&P Linden Place, the railroad tracks, Wilson Street, Dayton Ave, and a wide parking lot entrance.

10 Turn RIGHT onto Chereb Lane. (Restrooms are available in the Port Jeff Bowl on the right side of Chereb Lane)

11 Continue two blocks and turn RIGHT onto Clifton Place (the sign is to the right).

12 Turn LEFT onto the Setauket Greenway trail. Walk about 1k (0.7 mile) to a painted rock on the left side of the trail.

13 Turn around and walk back to the Clifton Place intersection.

14 Walk straight through the parking lot toward Rte 25A.

15 At the crosswalk CAREFULLY cross Rte 25A and turn LEFT.

16 C&P Bergen Place, Maple Ave, Railroad Ave, and the railroad tracks.

Alternate Start Point

Walkers who arrive by train can begin the 11K walk here. Simply go to the street, turn right on Rte 25A and begin at step 17.

17 C&P Oakland Ave, Perry St and Elm St.

18 CAREFULLY cross Sheep Pasture/North Country Road. Watch

for cars making a right turn behind you.

19 CROSS and bear RIGHT onto High St (ns) which angles to the right. Walk on the left side of the street.

20 C&P Stonyhill Road, Maiden Lane, and Piccadilly Court. Be sure to stay on High Street as it jogs LEFT and then RIGHT at this point.

21 C&P Franklin Street, Chestnut Street, and Myrtle Avenue.

22 Turn LEFT onto William Street.

Note: There are some interesting old homes on William and Jones Streets. You may want to note the historical markers in this area.

23 Walk two blocks and turn RIGHT onto Avenue A. Turn LEFT onto Jones Ave.

24 Turn RIGHT onto Main St.

25 Walk four blocks and turn RIGHT onto East Main St. 2

26 Bear RIGHT onto Prospect St. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

27 Turn LEFT onto High St (ns). 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

28 Turn LEFT onto Thompson St.
14, 15, 16

29 Turn RIGHT onto East Main St.
17, 18, 19

30 East Main St ends at East Broadway. Carefully CROSS East Broadway, turn RIGHT and then LEFT into Harborfront Park. The Village Center (a large red building) has restrooms and provides a good view of the harbor from the second and third floors. There are lounge chairs on the second floor for those that may need a break. 20

31 Follow the paved road (keep Village Center building to the right) toward the public beach and fishing pier. If desired, walk out and back on the fishing pier. You may want to explore the park and read the interesting historical markers.

32 Leave Harborfront Park and turn RIGHT onto East Broadway.

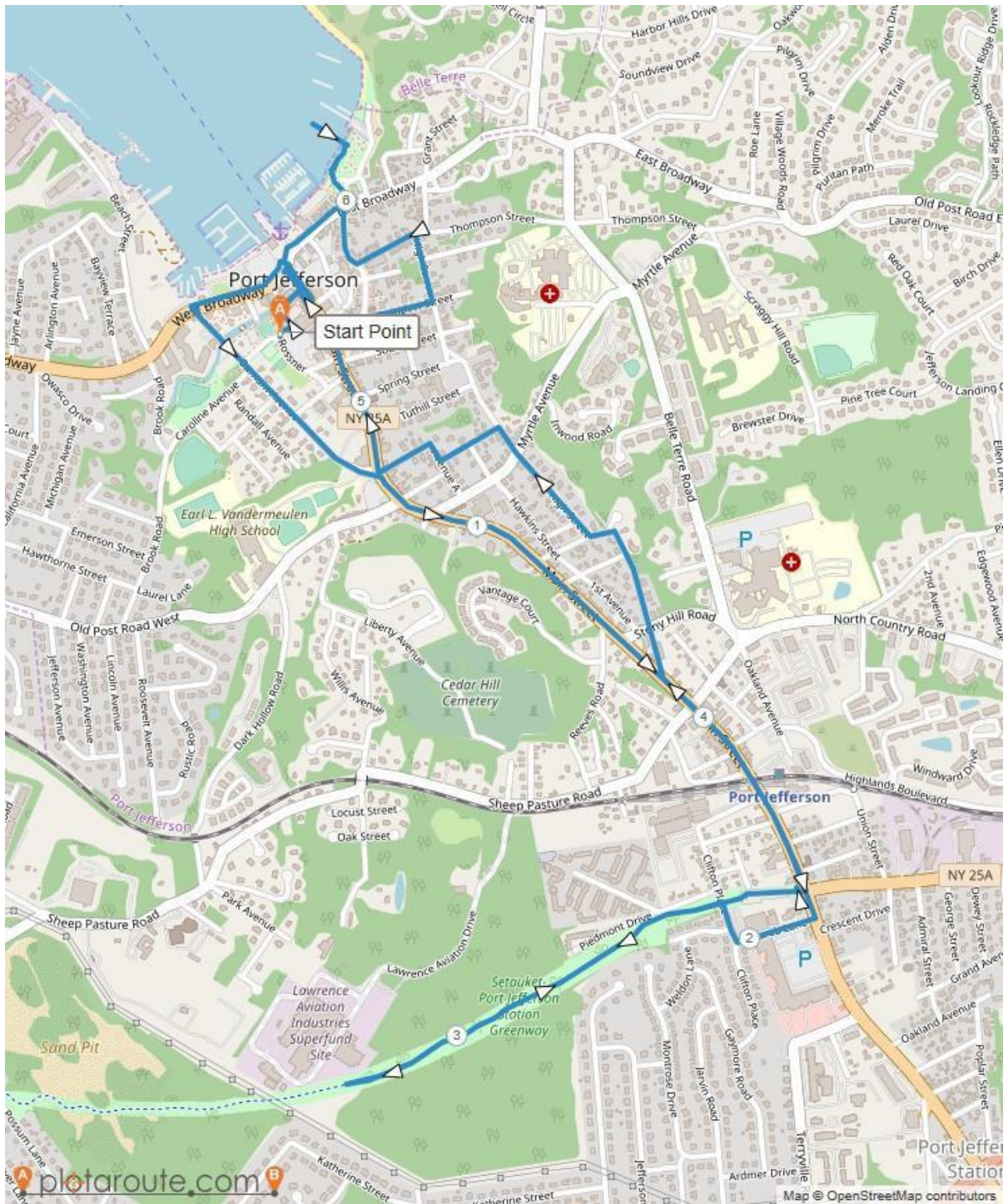
33 Continue along East Broadway to Main St. The Port Jefferson ferry complex will be on your right. Explore tiny Mary Bayles Park on the left side of Danfords Inn. 21, 22

34 Continue to the traffic light. At the crosswalk just beyond the light, CROSS East Broadway and walk up Main St (ns) to the first street on the left (Arden Pl). Note the town clock across Main St. 23

35 Turn around and go back one block. Turn LEFT on Mill Creek Rd and follow it back to the start point.

Thank you for visiting Long Island!
You may want to try our other Eastern LI walks at Greenport, Southold, and Southampton.

10k Walk Map



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4 Continue on Broadway for a short distance until you reach Memorial Park on the right. This part includes Veteran memorials for several wars

and conflicts. The Port Jefferson Village Hall is across the street.

5 Continue on Broadway to the Barnum Ave crosswalk. Carefully cross Broadway to Barnum Ave.

6 Continue on the left side of Barnum Ave until you reach a crosswalk just before the "Port Jefferson Free Union School District" sign.

7 Cross Barnum Ave. Follow the road back past the athletic fields and bear left in front of the high school building.

8 Turn LEFT onto Old Post Rd (ns) and follow it as it becomes Liberty Ave.

9 Turn RIGHT onto Main St.

10 CROSS Main St at the crosswalk and turn left onto Myrtle Ave.

11 Turn LEFT onto High St.

12 Turn LEFT onto William St.

Note: There are some interesting homes on William, Jones, Tuthill, and Spring Streets. You may want to note the historical markers in this area.

13 Walk two blocks and turn RIGHT onto Avenue A. Turn LEFT onto Jones Ave.

14 Turn RIGHT onto Main St.

15 Turn RIGHT onto Tuthill St and proceed up the hill. **(This is a steep hill. To bypass it, just walk up Main St to East Main (and continue at step 16)).**

16 Turn LEFT onto High St.

17 Turn LEFT onto Spring St.

18 Turn RIGHT onto Main St. 2

19 Walk two blocks and turn RIGHT onto East Main St.

20 Bear RIGHT onto Prospect St.
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

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Port Jefferson Points of Interest

- 1. John Roe House (118 West Broadway)**
Note the small gray house about a block to your right on West Broadway. This frame structure was built by early settler John Roe in about 1755. It is the oldest house in Port Jefferson and was originally located on Main Street. Presently at its fourth location, it is now the home of the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce.
- 2. Theatre Three**
Theatre Three occupies Athena Hall and is a fully functioning, non-profit theater company. Begun in the late 1960s, Theatre Three has become one of the premier theatre houses on Long Island.
- 3. Baptist Church (East Main and Prospect Streets)**
This church was built by the Congregationalists in 1855 who sold it to the Baptists in 1862. The steeple was a landmark for captains who were looking for the Customs House located in front of the church when Port Jefferson was a port of entry.
- 4. Edwin Tooker House (105 Prospect Street)**
(ca 1875) This is an eye pleasing High Victorian Italianate house with a low pitched roof. It has widely overhanging eaves featuring elaborate decorative double brackets, arched paired windows in the peak and double arched doors. The shuttered windows are a common New England feature of this style.
- 5. John R. Mather Home (115 Prospect Street)**
John Richard Mather built this house after Prospect Street was laid out in 1840. His Mather Ship Yard built some 54 vessels. The house is now run by the Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson. It includes a Clock Museum.

6. **Captain C.E. Tooker Home.(114 Prospect Street)**
(ca 1842) Captain Charles E. Tooker, along with P.T. Barnum and others, was a founder of the Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Steamboat Company in 1883. Tooker was a captain on the first ferries.
7. **Billy Brown Residence (116 Prospect Street)**
(ca 1858) This eye-pleasing house is locally called "Steamboat Gothic" because the porch resembles a Mississippi riverboat. Billy Brown, a well-known village character, bought the house in 1869. He ran a horse-drawn stage service to the train station and to Patchogue and hauled machinery for the shipyards in his horse-drawn freight wagon.
8. **Saxton House (121 Prospect Street)**
Built prior to 1873, this Folk Victorian house has delightful Carpenter Gothic detailing on the singular gabled roof with a continuous scallop motif along the eaves. The porch supports are open rectangles with a butterfly shaped upper flanking scroll.
9. **Sylvester Wines House (401 High Street)**
(ca 1855) Sylvester Wines was married to Maria Bayles of the leading shipbuilding family of Port Jefferson. Wines himself built five schooners during the time of the Civil War. This charming house has elements of Greek Revival architecture with a full-width entry porch supported with columns. The door surround has a narrow line transom and sidelights; the windows are six-over-six with simple lintels. An interesting feature in this house is the port hole window.
10. **James L. Tooker House (309 High Street)**
(ca 1873) Inspired by farm house designs in the Italian countryside, Italianate houses became popular between 1840 and 1885. This house has the cube shape and central cupola, low-pitched roof, and widely overhanging eaves supported by decorative brackets typical of this style. The stucco finish is over the original shingling. The windows of the upper story are original. The Tooker family was one of the many seafaring families of the area.

- 11. J.J. Cassidy House (305 High Street)**
(ca 1890) Thought to have been lived in originally by a ship hand who also delivered milk, this house was later occupied by the J.J. Cassidy family. One of the few Democrats in town at the time, J.J. was appointed postmaster by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1933. J.J.'s fourth child, born in 1934, was named Franklin Delano after the President. The house is a front-gabled, two story Folk Victorian style. Its porch has splendid post Victorian detailing.
- 12. B. Tooker - Capt. Baker House (301 High Street)**
(ca 1820) Unique in many ways, this house is an outstanding example of the Second Empire Style named for the reign of Napoleon III. The style features a Mansard roof with dormer windows and decorative brackets beneath the eaves. However, this house has supporting columns on the porch which are an elaborate expression of Carpenter Gothic. Originally built by a member of the Tooker family, the house was later owned by Capt. Baker who was a barge captain.
- 13. Dr. Deale Residence (206 High Street)**
(ca 1880) The most distinctive architectural feature of this Queen Anne house is the shell and bead glass design around the front door sidelights. Built on the former cemetery site of the original Methodist church, only five families have owned and lived in it. Dr. Leroy Deale, a dental surgeon, owned the house from 1907 to 1954.
- 14. Little Red Schoolhouse (124 Thompson Street)**
(1836) The upper story of this structure served as the "Little Red Schoolhouse" from 1836 to 1850. The village residents met in the schoolhouse on March 7, 1836 and voted to change the village name from "Drowned Meadow" to "Port Jefferson." The first story was raised and a new first story built under it when the schoolhouse became a private residence. It is Folk Victorian in style with Queen Anne type turned spindles on the entry porch.

- 15. Apollos Dayton House (119 Thompson Street)**
(ca 1841) One of the first homes on Thompson Street, the house has low beamed ceilings with large fireplaces equipped with cranes for cooking utensils. Capt. Dayton's son, *George*, was master of the *Bessie Whiting*, a coastal schooner plying the waters between New York and southern ports. The Greek Revival columns were added during the 1940s by Capt. Dayton's granddaughter who ran a boarding house for local school teachers.
- 16. Mather-Bedell House (121 Thompson Street)**
(ca 1812) Believed to be the home of Richard Conklin Mather, first of the Mather shipbuilding family, the building is Federal style with rough-sawn and hand-hewn timbers, mortise-and-tenon joints and hand-cut nails. Roman numerals are written on the rafters. Such markings were a very old building technique. The front of the house faces the harbor and looks directly down on the site of the Mather Shipyard.
- 17. Selah Hulse House (126 East Main Street)**
First recorded in a 1765 deed, this house stood on the edge of Drowned Meadow. The owner could go out his back door on the lower level, board his boat and enter the bay. This house was plundered during the Revolutionary War. A set of French maritime naval maps from the 1700s was found in the attic during a recent renovation. The only missing chart was that of the Long Island waters.
- 18. Cookie Hill (111 East Main Street)**
The beautiful wrought iron gate leads to the Elisha Bayles house. The original center section is said to date from near 1800. According to family legend, a Bayles wife baked and sold cookies to make a living while awaiting the return of her seafaring husband, hence: "Cookie Hill."
- 19. "Bucket of Blood" (116 East Main Street)**
Like every seaport village, Port Jefferson had its gin mills and this now quiet store was the site of the local "watering hole" during the shipbuilding days. The real name was the "Holbrau." It became *Greg Grammas'* sweet Shop and Ice Cream Parlor during World War 1 and then became an antique store.

20. Bayles Shipyard Site (now Harborfront Park)

Three generations of the Bayles family built over 140 wooden ships between 1836 and 1917 in this now open area. Cargo vessels, whale ships, and fine luxury yachts were built here. The large steel building (now the Village Center) was erected by the U.S. Shipping Board in 1917 when two large steel freighters as well as steel tugboats were built here. Large fuel storage tanks were on the site from the 1930s until 1991.

21. The Sailor (Mary Bayles Park near Danfords Inn)

This statue was once part of a triumvirate of a sailor, soldier, and marine on a New England public building. It was dedicated here in 1984 "In recognition of the shipbuilders who from the late 1700s launched over 400 vessels to answer the call of country, commerce, whaling, and pleasure." The dedication line on the statue is from John Masefield's poem "Sea Fever."

22. Mather Shipyard Site (now Parking Area on West Broadway)

The Mather Shipyard and docks were located here. The Mather family built some 54 vessels, including the *Martha E. Wallace* which was the largest sailing vessel built in Port Jefferson. The original *Nonowantuc* and *Park City*, two of the earliest ferries to run between Port Jefferson and Bridgeport, were also built by Mather. P.T. Barnum was one of the founders of the ferry line as was Capt. Charles E. Tooker of Port Jefferson. The line has been in continuous operation since 1883.

23. Thomas Jefferson Statue Site (Corner of Main Street and Broadway)

The *Golden Eagle*, a tribute to the 9-11-01 victims currently occupies the site of the Thomas Jefferson statue. The village was named after Thomas Jefferson at the urging of the shipbuilder Elisha Bayles, an ardent Jeffersonian Democrat. Jefferson helped the village acquire funds for dredging the harbor channel. The Jefferson statue, dedicated on July 4, 1994, was sculpted by Domenico Facci.