SUFFOLK BOAT CLUB

Established 1944





I'd like to be the first to wish everyone a safe, happy, prosperous, and tranquil 2025. 2024 was a year of great accomplishments for the club and

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to everyone who had a hand in getting us where we are as we start 2025. We enjoyed a fun year with great fellowship and many events and outings for all to participate in and enjoy. With our debts finally settled, we can now begin to focus on other priorities for the club.

One carry over from 2024 though is membership. Although we swore in several new members last year, we still have some work to do to get to our goal of 50 active members in the coming year. To that end I'll add a shameless plug for our club guest invites. To keep SBC vibrant

and strong for the next 80 years, membership is vital to that goal. All of us have a role to play in growing our club and bringing new people into our ranks. The guest invite is an easy way to break the ice with folks you know, and every member should have a few on hand, especially on your boat, for that chance meeting of a new friend or avid boater. My ask for 2025 is to keep membership at the top of your list of priorities for the club in the coming year. Working together I am confident we can get there so thank you in advance for helping us grow in 2025.





I would be remis if I did not mention the success of our recent Childrens Christmas party. What a great time everyone had with their kids and grandkids. We had crafts and face painting for all the kids (and a few adults) and even Santa made a grand appearance courtesy of Past Commodore Dan Brooks and the Patchogue Fire Department. The



ELECTED OFFICERS

Russ Kittel *Commodore*

Jim Lorello *Vice Commodore*

Jeanne Riley-Kittel *Rear Commodore*

Charlie Mazzarese *Treasurer*

Susan Glover *Recording Secretary*

Kathy Lorello Financial Secretary

Directors

Tom Duggan Mike Sawaya Ed Detweiler

Bridge Meeting
January 8, 2025

Member Meeting
January 17, 2025

excitement was REAL as you can see by Ed Detweiler's grandson's reaction to the arrival of Santa. Participation for this event was off the charts and a great time was had by all. What a

day it was. I'm already looking forward to the Children's Party next year. A huge thank you to Dan Brooks, Sue Glover, Tom Duggan, and our friends at the Power Squadron, especially Nick Worontzoff and Victoria Bechkert for making this a memorable and fun day for the youngsters and adults alike!

Much more to come following our Bridge meeting on January 8th. We'll approve our 2025 budget and start to get our meal sponsors set as well. Don't forget to sign up for our psychic night on January 13 with the Psychic Sisters. Spots are going quickly, and pre-registration is required. More details inside this issue. That's it for now...





The year in review





Superbowl Tailgate Party





Trivia Night

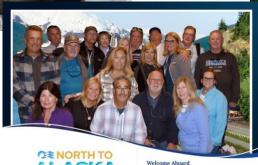


Legacy members!



Commodore's Brunch



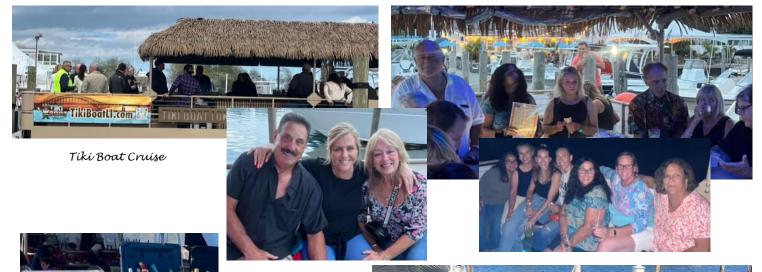


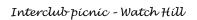




Alaska 2024













Ed Detweiler's Schnitzel Crew







Connetquot River Boat Parade



Halloween Trivia night



Children's Christmas Party





Transom Trivia

We had a correction or two courtesy of Rosanne Roslak and others so this is our final tally for our current transom plates. If you are a new member and would like to get a transom plate of your vessel, reach out to the me and we can assist you:



Jim & Kathy Lorello



Lee & Marylou DiClemente



Chicky Weber



Charlie & Celeste Mazzarese



Fred Ehardt



Paul & Marge Felice



Bob Banfill



Gene Felice



Volkman



Still looking for the owner



John & Joanne Celauro



Dan & Judy LiFavi



Jan Porter



Tom & Kitty Duggan



Dan Brooks



Russ & Jeanne Kittel



Still looking for the owner



Paul & Jody Massey



Vinny & Rosanne Roslak



Bob Sikora



John Clemente



Scott & Susan Glover



Rich & Lorraine Schwinge



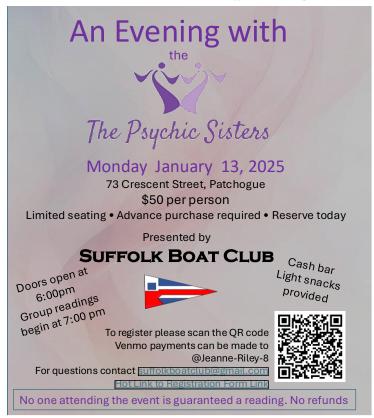
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Rich & JoAnn Spatola



Upcoming Club Events



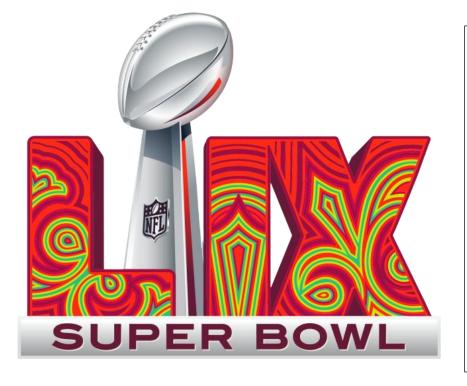
On Monday January 13 the club will be hosting an Evening with the Psychic Sisters

These events draw significant interest, so we recommend registering early. Spots are already selling quickly.

Please feel free to share this flyer with anyone who may be interested in attending.

Must be pre-registered for entry
Use or share the link below:

Psychic Sisters Registration
Link



SBC 2025 Superbowl Tailgate Party Sunday February 9th

Mark your calendars for this fun annual club event. Come and enjoy a BBQ spread along with all the classic football snacks and beverages.

Come for the pre-game fire up, the first half, or the entire game.

Doors will open at 4:30 with kick-off set for 6:30 est.



Club Calendar

January			
Jan 8	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Jan 13	Monday	SBC presents Psychic Sisters	7:00 PM
Jan 17	Friday	Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
		Covered Dish - Hosted by Board	
Jan 29	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM
February			
Feb 7	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Feb 9	Sunday	Super Bowl Tailgate Party	5:00 PM
Feb 21	Friday	Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
		Sponsor needed	
Feb 26	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM



The Psychic Sisters coming to SBC in January.



LANDS' ENDA

Our Lands' End store is now open and ready for your swag orders. To place orders, go to the link below. You'll need to create your own personal account for your first order.

https://business.landsend.com/store/suffolkboatclub/

Also – Be aware that you have the ability to change the thread color on the logo if you choose to for a better look on the garment you select. The feature is self-explanatory but just want you to be aware. For example, you can change the text from dark blue to white, so you don't end up with blue stitching on a dark shirt. This will make your custom garment look its best.

Have fun shopping!!!





<u>December Meeting</u> – Huge thank you to all those who helped decorate the club for our Christmas celebration. Special shout out to Charlie Mazzarese for organizing the catering and to Rich Schwinge for leading the decoration efforts and providing his special egg nog to make the spirits bright!

January Meeting – Our January meeting will be our traditional covered dish meal and working meeting. I'll be in touch shortly to get a tally on attendance and who is bringing what for dinner.

Membership

- 1. Our roster is currently at 40 members +3 new applicants on our way to a goal of 50.
- 2. New membership applications approved board and ready to swear in:

Eric & Alyssa Sorensen – friends from Watch Hill Mike McNamara – an old friend of many club members Rob Corpac – friend of Anita and Marge

- 3. Guest invitations for the membership to use for prospective members are printed and will be available at all meetings. The invitations are a great way to break the ice when inviting guests.
- 4. Please continue to invite friends and acquaintances to be a part of the club. Feel free to share our web site link to help tell our story to future members. https://suffolkboatclub.com The site is always being updated with fresh content.
- 5. 2025 dues were due on December 1. Please make arrangements to make payment in a timely manner if your balance is still open. Thank you!!

<u>Fundraising</u> –2024 was a good year for fundraising. We blew away our plan for 2024. A big thank you to all those members who support club activities and events!! Together through dinner meetings, the bar, Trivia, special events, rentals and other events we generated over \$28,800 in income for the club in 2024. The growth in the club was a significant contributor to the increases we saw. This is why I have been stressing continued membership growth for 2025.

<u>An evening with the Psychic Sisters</u> – This event will likely be a sold-out evening. If you have not registered yet, please do so at the link below. Seating will be limited, and pre-registration is required for entry.

https://forms.gle/3NFQmTDCca1238pUA

<u>Trivia Night</u> –Our trivia Night will resume on January 29. Make plans to come out and have some fun with members and outside guests. We always have a good laugh and a great time. Come and be a part of it.



<u>Loan Payments</u> – We're DONE! The last payments were made in December. Thank you to all who donated for your patience as we worked through our re-payments.

<u>USCG Captain's Class</u> – The Captain's class is scheduled to start on Jan 25 and run through Feb 2. If you are interested and have not signed up, you need to move fast. Reach out to me and I can give you the details.

Committee Volunteers

The Bridge has been working extraordinarily hard but we could use more help to achieve even more.

We are looking for volunteers for several important roles including:



- 1. Membership Lots going on with membership. We could use someone to help coordinate and do follow ups
- 2. Fundraising Looking for some fun ideas and ways to raise funds
- 3. Events Open to more special events. We have ideas but need hands to help.
- 4. Flag Officer



Please give some thought to how you can bring your skills and talents to the club and volunteer to put your hands to the oars and row with us into 2025 and beyond.

Wishing you all calm winds and smooth seas,

Russ Kittel, Commodore

Club Rentals

Please contact Kathy Lorello @ 631-758-0327 if you or a guest are interested in renting the club for a special event.

January Birthdays

Paul Massey

Hope your day is the best yet!!



Commodore's Corner

Boating related stories & information Hope you enjoy the content!

Why the Deep V is Such a Revered Design

New York Boat Show Jan 22-26

Innovators in boating

One More Thing

If anyone is interested in fostering or adopting a dog please reach out to Jeanne Kittel or Lisa DeTroia who volunteer with Last Chance Animal Rescue (LCAR) www.lcarescue.org