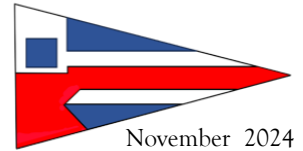


SUFFOLK BOAT CLUB

Established 1944



November 2024

Welcome to the Holiday season! Thanksgiving is just around the corner and before long we'll be singing Christmas caroles and popping champagne bottles to celebrate the coming new year. It's a bittersweet time of year as boaters because many of us have spent the last few weeks preparing to haul our boats for the winter and call an end to the 2024 boating season. My hope is that you had a memorable 2024 season, full of great experiences and stories that will carry you through the winter season.

As I consider all that we have collectively experienced through the club this year I am grateful to everyone for the part you've played in supporting the club and being a part of the rebuilding we have undertaken this year as we pursue the vision I shared when you elected me as your Commodore last January.

We have had a full social calendar most of the year, with events and gatherings for all to participate in. We've increased our membership and have sustained and strengthened our club's relationships with neighboring clubs as well. SBC is respected and admired locally for who we are and what we are able to accomplish. I'm looking forward to 2025 when we will be even stronger and can continue the long tradition of providing support to local charities.

Because of your support and involvement with our dinner meetings, 50/50, Tiki Cruise, Bingo Night, Trivia Nights, and other club activities we have experienced one of the strongest years financially in many years. We started the year with significant debt and limited resources but will finish the year with our loans fully paid back and set up for a good start for 2025. Our remaining two loan payments will be settled before year end and we can now begin the process of looking into the refurbishment of some areas of the club as well as more community support in 2025.

Some of the projects being considered in 2025 include an update to the restrooms, repainting/resurfacing the club walls, updating ceiling tiles, updating the window treatments, refinishing the bar counter, deck and step maintenance, and creating a 'Wall of Fame' for the transom plates, just to name a few. As the Bridge considers and prioritizes potential projects, we will keep you advised and hopefully we can solicit some helping hands as the plans unfold.



As I try to put a bow on my thoughts for this month, I'd like to send a HUGE thank you to Ed Detweiler and his crew for carrying on our club tradition with yet another fantastic Oktoberfest celebration. Turnout was great and the food and fellowship were even better!!

As we turn our sites to the upcoming Thanksgiving celebration and Chinese Auction I'll leave you with this ask, please do what you can to get involved in some part of the planning and execution of the evening's events. It not only helps us build relationships with members, but it will allow us to do something for our community. There are so many less fortunate people in our community that could use some help this Holiday season. Let's all be a part of doing something really good together.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Russ Kittel
Commodore

Jim Lorello
Vice Commodore

Jeanne Riley-Kittel
Rear Commodore

Charlie Mazzaresse
Treasurer

Susan Glover
Recording Secretary

Kathy Lorello
Financial Secretary

Directors

Tom Duggan
Mike Sawaya
Ed Detweiler

Bridge Meeting

November 6, 2024

Member Meeting

November 15, 2024





Commodore's Update

Transom Trivia

Thanks to everyone who helped us sort out who's who with the club transom plates. There are still a couple open but what we have for each so far:



Jim & Kathy Lorello



Lee & Marylou DiClemente



Chicky Weber



Charlie & Celeste Mazzares



Fred Ehardt



Paul & Marge Felice



Bob Banfill



Gene Felice



Volkman



Still looking for the owner



John & Joanne



Dan & Judy LiFavi



Jan Porter



Tom & Kitty Duggan



Dan Brooks



Russ & Jeanne Kittel



Still looking for the owner



Paul & Jody Massey



Vinny & Rosanne



Bob Sikora



John Clemente



Scott & Susan Glover



Rich & Lorraine Schwinge



Bob Banfill



Rich & JoAnn Spatola



Commodore's Update

Photos from October Events



Children's Christmas Party
Hosted by
Suffolk Boat Club

Sunday December 8
12:00 Noon till 2:00
Free Admission

- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Treats
- ❖ Crafts
- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Fire truck
- ❖ SANTA

Santa will arrive by firetruck to present each child with an early gift.

Please bring a small gift for Santa to present for each child you bring



Make plans to bring a child or grandchild to the SBC Children's Christmas party.

Sunday December 8 from Noon to 2:00

Make sure to bring one gift for each child you bring for Santa to hand out.



Commodore's Update

Upcoming Events

November			
Nov 6	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
Nov 13	Wednesday	Mahjongg Tournament	7:00 PM
Nov 15	Friday	Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
		Turkey Dinner Sponsored by the Bridge	
Nov 20	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM
December			
Dec 4	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
Dec 8	Sunday	Kids Christmas Party	1:00 PM
Dec 14	Saturday	Suffolk Boat Club Holiday Party	7:00 PM
		Hosted by the SBC Bridge	
Dec 18	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM
January			
Jan 8	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Jan 13	Monday	SBS 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



Grace & June need donations for their Mahjongg Chinese Auction



The Psychic Sisters coming to SBC in January. More details to come soon.



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 what you to know that, for example, you can change the text from dark blue to white to make your custom garment look its best.

Have fun shopping!!!





Commodore's Update

November Meeting – This month's dinner is being hosted by our members. If you haven't let us know what you're bringing, please do so soon. Check prior emails for a link to the dinner check sheet. Also, even if you can't bring anything please let us know if you are coming so contributors can plan.

We are still looking for Chinese Action basket donations for the Thanksgiving dinner celebration. Jean Coleman will be running the auction so please coordinate your donations with her.

Membership

1. Our roster is currently at 40 members +2 new applicants on our way to a goal of 50.
2. New membership applications in review with the board.
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 as we celebrate our 80th anniversary year. 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 statements are out. We ask that 2025 dues payments be made by December 1st.

Fundraising – Our fundraising for 2024 strong. We're on or ahead of our plan for 2024. A big thank you to all those members who support club activities and events!! October was a really busy month of events and activities. Funds coming into the club for October exceeded \$2,500 before expenses. Your support helped us make 2 loan payments in October.

Trivia Night –October Trivia was a Halloween theme. As always, we had some laughs and a great evening of fun. Thanks to everyone that does participate and please continue to invite outside guests & friends to upcoming events, it really helps. And it's a lot of fun! Be sure to check the club website for a clue and 1 free answer. November's theme will be Sitcoms. Doors open at 6:00, game starts at 7:00. Come on out and join in the fun!

Mahjongg Tournament– Grace DeRosa and June Reich are hosting our annual Mahjongg Tournament fundraiser on November 13. Games start at 7:00. Bar will be open at 6:30. Grace and June are looking for some donations for their silent auction as they have in past years. Make plans to join in the games and please be as generous as you can to the auction prizes.

Loan Payments - Our outstanding loan balance is down to \$1,000 owed to 2 members. We're almost there!! Two payments were made in October and a total of 14 payments have been distributed since February. We will close out the remaining payments before year end. Your participation in club events helps us maintain our momentum on repayments. Thank you !!



Commodore's Update

USCG Captain's Class – We are exploring interest in running a USCG Captain's class at the club in the fall or winter with the Nautical School from Lindenhurst. If you've been considering getting your USCG 6 Pack or Masters license, this would be a great opportunity to take the class with club members. We have about six seriously interested folks so I think we can make this happen. Stay tuned for more details.

Committee Volunteers

The Bridge has been working extraordinarily hard this year but we could use your 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 through the balance of 2024 and beyond.

Wishing you all calm winds and smooth seas,

Russ Kittel, Commodore

<https://suffolkboatclub.com>

Club Rentals

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

November Anniversaries

Don & Mary Ferguson

David & June Roslak

November Birthdays

Dan & Judy Lifavi, Marianne Rantala-Lifavi, Pat Romeo,
Lorraine Schwinge, Charlie Mazzaresse, Kitty Duggan

Hope your day is the best yet!!

Commodore's Corner

Boating related stories & information

Hope you enjoy the content!

[Fishing with Poppers](#)

[Gone but not Forgotten](#)

[Definitive Guide to Stepped Hulls](#)

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 the Last Chance Animal Rescue (LCAR) www.lcarecue.org