

# SUFFOLK BOAT CLUB

*Established 1944*



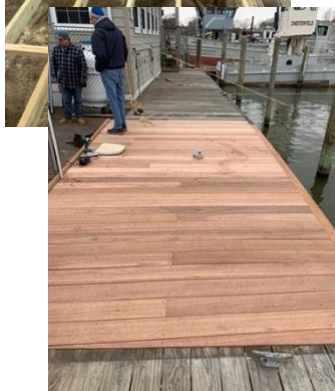
March 2024

Greetings SBC members!

With just a few more days till the official start of spring, it looks like we may have made it through another winter. That means before long we'll be uncovering our vessels and preparing them for the coming boating season. Definitely something to look forward to! Come on springtime!!!

**Meaculpa** - It came to my attention that some members were unhappy that we collected our usual door charge at the January Covered Dish meeting. I was advised later that in the past we didn't collect for these types of events so please forgive this rookie mistake from your incoming Commodore. If you are still concerned, please see me and we will do what we can to make it right. You should know that all the monies from that dinner were used to pay back member loans that are still outstanding.

And speaking of our outstanding loan payments, I wanted to share with all members where we are with the loan repayment. Back in 2022 it became clear that there were serious structural issues with the bulkhead that needed immediate attention. In the photo to the right you can see how the bulkhead was bowing out and the structural integrity of the bulkhead was definitely compromised. The needed repairs priced out at close to \$20K. Due to financial constraints, the board turned to the members to help raise the needed funds. 19 members helped raise a total of \$17,250 to complete the needed repairs. A big thank you to all who contributed!!!



The club has been making every effort to repay the 19 members who saved the day back in 2022, by making \$500 payments through a random drawing when funds were available. Admittedly, progress on the repayments has been slower than expected or desired. The good news is that due to recent fundraising efforts, we have been able to accelerate payments to some of the remaining loans with three payments made in February alone. Currently, we have paid back ten members in full, six are partially paid, and three remain with no payment to date. The outstanding balance has been reduced to \$7,500. Because of the success of the Super Bowl Tailgate party and the growing support for our Trivia Night, and other fundraising activities, we expect to make 3 additional \$500 payments in March bringing the balance down to \$6,000.

I'd like to thank all those with amounts due for your quiet patience. Repayment of these loans is a top priority for the Bridge this year. As our membership continues to grow and our fundraising efforts bear more fruit, we will do all we can to accelerate repayment to the remaining members and then set our sights toward building much needed reserves so we can be prepared for the next unexpected repair or update to the club house or docks.

The board has been discussing plans to update the interior of the club with a fresh paint job and some other updates but this will be held off until all loans are settled in full.

Thanks again to everyone who continues to participate in and support events and give of their time and talent to help keep the club an inviting place to come to and be a part of. We couldn't do it without you!

All my best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the Commodore.

## **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

**Bridge Meeting**  
March 6, 2024

**Member Meeting**  
March 15, 2024



# Commodore's Update

**March Meeting** – This month's meeting will be a traditional St. Patty's Day feast sponsored by Kevin and Annette Biscardi. Kevin has asked for a few extra hands to help prepare the meal so if you are inclined, please reach out to Kevin or someone on the board to make arrangements to give him and Annette a hand.



Our April meeting will be hosted by the A/B Pier crew and if memory serves me well, it's always delicious.

## **Membership**

1. Our roster is currently at 34 members on our way to a goal of 50.
2. There are two new membership applications in review with the board.  
John & Maria Sarich  
Steve Langenbach
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.godaddysites.com>

**Fundraising** – Our fundraising for 2024 is off to a good start. We're on or ahead of our plan for 2024. Our new monthly Trivia Night has already raised almost \$1,500 in just two months. Thank you for your participation and please continue to invite outside guests & friends to upcoming events, it really helps.

1. **Calendars** – March calendar winners will be pulled at the upcoming board meeting on March 6. If you have not returned your paid stubs, please do so before the board meeting. Don't miss out on your chance to win!
2. **Superbowl Tailgate party** – Our tailgate party was a great success. We had a super turnout and everyone who came out had lots of delicious tailgate treats to enjoy. Tom Duggan's pools were sold out and the club raised some much needed funds. All in all, a great event that will no doubt become a tradition in the coming years. A big thanks to Tom and everyone who made this event happen!
3. **Trivia Night** – February's trivia night was another **HUGE** success. We had a larger turnout and a lot of fun. If you missed it, you missed a great evening and a lot of laughs. We had some returning guests from Last Chance Animal Rescue and some new friends and guests join in. Get your team together and make plans to come out for our March Trivia Night on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> and get into the fun! See you there!!



4. **Mah Jong** - Working on a schedule for Mah Jong night at the club. More details will be forthcoming.



# Commodore's Update

## Upcoming Events

1. SBB Board meeting March 6 @ 6:30
2. Power Squadron is meeting at the club on March 8
3. Members meeting March 15
4. SBC Trivia Night – March 27

## Committee Volunteers

The Bridge has big plans for this year and we need your help to achieve success. We are looking for volunteers for several important roles including:



1. Director – Ronnie Shaber has moved south
2. Membership
3. Fundraising
4. Events
5. Fleet Captain
6. Flag Officer

A big THANK YOU goes out to Ronnie Shaber who leaves the board as she and Doug relocate to the Carolinas. Both are past commodores and will be missed very much for all they have done to help the club over the years. Good luck and please come back and visit us when you get the chance.



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 2024 and beyond.

Wishing you all calm winds and smooth seas,

Russ Kittel, Commodore

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## **Club Rentals**

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

## **March Anniversaries**

Barbara & Paul Wekerle

## **March Birthdays**

Don Ferguson, Kathy Lorello, Scott Glover, Dan Brooks, Harold Goldstein



Hope your day is the best yet!!

## **Commodore's Corner**

Boating related stories & information

Hope you enjoy the content!

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March 15-17

Nassau Coliseum