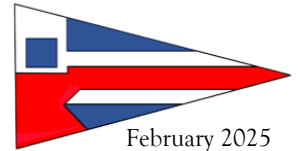


SUFFOLK BOAT CLUB

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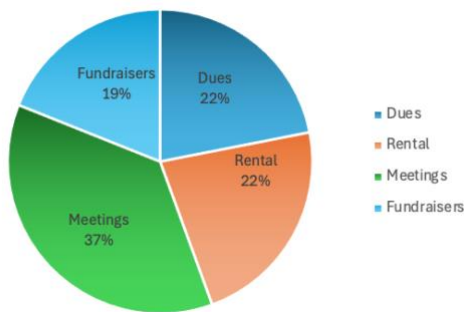
Greetings Suffolk Boat Club members and friends. I trust all are getting through this cold winter season with a warm fire and a cozy blanket, as we wait for the weather to warm up a bit. Some of you have escaped to the warmer climate of Florida for some therapeutic warmth and sunshine. If that's you, you're not missing much up here in the Long Island cold.

We've started the year off with excellent momentum and I am excited for what 2025 will hold for the club and our members. For starters, we're growing. At this time last year, our roster had only 34 members. I'm happy to report that we were just over 40 at the end of 2024 and we have several prospects that have expressed interest in joining this year. Our goal still remains lofty at 50 members. It seemed like a stretch last year but as we are gaining ground, it feels like we will definitely get there in 2025 with everyone doing their part to help.

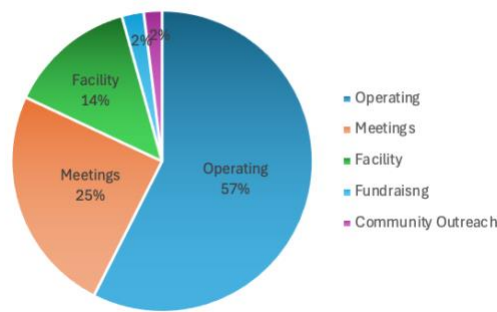
Increases in membership have a ripple affect that runs through everything we do. Our dinner meetings, the bar, fundraising activities and outside events all benefit as we continue to grow. So, what does it look like for 2025? Let me share a financial update for you. Last year our income forecast was almost \$48,000. Because of our growth and some new fundraising events we actually generated over \$53,000 in 2024. This gave the Bridge the opportunity to pay back all of our outstanding loans and make plans to make some improvements around the club. Our goal for 2025 is to raise over \$60,000. If we are successful, the club will have a much needed facelift, we will have some safety reserves, and we will be able to do more to help our community. All good stuff.

On the expense side our expense budget for 2025 is just over \$51,000. Included below are a couple of graphics that give you some more detail on what is included in both our income and expense budget plans for 2025. It's going to be a great year. I can feel it!

SBC Income Sources



SBC Expense Overview



If anyone would like more details on our 2025 plan, please feel free to reach out to me any time.



As we continue into February, I'd like to give a warm welcome to our newest members Eric and Alyssa Sorensen who were sworn in at our January meeting.

Please be sure to check the club calendar for all our upcoming events.

Make plans to join us at our annual Superbowl Tailgate Party next Sunday February 9. It promises to be another great event, and the game should be pretty good as well. We still have a few boxes left in the football pool. You have to be in it to win it. Reach out to Tom Duggan for any remaining spots and your chance to win! We will have all kinds of tasty tailgate specialties to partake of so come hungry!! Doors open at 4:30. Kickoff is at 6:30. More details inside the newsletter.

That's it for now. Always looking forward to seeing you at our next event.



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
February 5, 2025

Member Meeting
February 21, 2025



Commodore's Update

Recent Club Events

On Monday January 13 the club hosted 'An Evening with the Psychic Sisters'. We had a full house and a truly interesting evening. Many people were touched by their gifts of discernment. Some of the stories that have come from many of the folks in attendance were incredible and life changing. The response was so favorable that we are already being asked when we will do it again. It truly was a big hit and a great night for the club. We'll work on scheduling another date at some

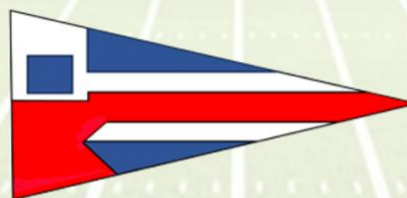


Upcoming Club Events



SUPER BOWL

Tailgate Party



Suffolk Boat Club Superbowl Tailgate Party

Sunday February 9

Enjoy the pre-game festivities and Superbowl LIX with all the traditional tailgate specialties including BBQ ribs, pulled pork, hot dogs, sliders, etc. and all the fixin's plus cash bar.

Just \$20 per person. Doors open at 4:30. Game Start 6:30

Stay for the Pre-game, first half, or the whole show.

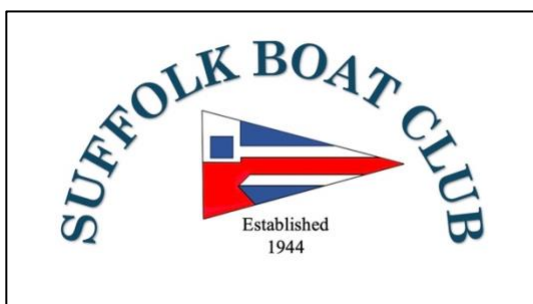
All welcome! Come join the fun!!



Commodore's Update

Club Calendar

February			
Feb 5	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
Feb 6	Thursday	Lions' Club Bingo	7:00 PM
Feb 9	Sunday	Super Bowl Tailgate Party	5:00 PM
Feb 21	Friday	Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
		Chinese Buffet sponsored by a gracious member	
Feb 26	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM
March			
Mar 5	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
Mar 21	Friday	Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
		Corned Beef sponsored by Kevin & Annette Biscardi	
Mar 26	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM
Mar 29	Saturday	USCG Safe Boating Class	TBA
April			
Apr 2	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr 7-11	Mon - Fri	Daytime Captain's Class	8:00 - 5:00
Apr 18	Friday	Membership Meeting (Good Friday)	7:00 PM
		Easter Feast sponsored by AB Pier	
Apr 30	Wednesday	Trivia Night	7:00 PM



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!!!



Commodore's Update

January meeting – Huge thank you to all those who participated in our Covered Dish dinner meeting in January. We had a great variety of dishes to choose from and as usual, we had plenty of leftovers. This meeting was a complimentary meal, but we were able to bring in \$700 from donations, 50/50, and the bar. We also swore in the Sorensen's as our newest members. Hope everyone had as good a time as I did.

February Meeting – Our February meeting will be a Chinese Buffet graciously sponsored by an anonymous member. Last year's dinner was a good one so make your plans early to be with us on February 21st.

Club Refurbishment plans – Now that our loan debts are paid, the Bridge has started preparing for some refurbishments to the club. First up is a fresh paint job and some new window treatments.

Our plan is to prime and paint the ceiling tiles and framing a nice, clean flat white, followed by removal of the existing valances and re-painting of the window trim and interior doors with a semi-gloss white. The walls will have a nice contrast with a nautical blue/gray. When we're done, the club should look clean, crisp, nautical and ready for 2025 and beyond.



Membership

1. Our roster is currently at 41 members +2 new applicants on our way to a goal of 50.
2. New membership applications approved board and ready to swear in:
Mike McNamara – an old friend of many club members
Rob Corpac – friend of Anita and Marge. Will be sworn in at our February meeting
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. Membership is our life blood and we all should be a part of helping the club growth continue.
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. If your balance is still open, please reach out to Kathy Lorello to make payment arrangements. Thank you !!



Don't forget about the upcoming Long Island Boat Show at the Nassau Coliseum.

March 7-9th



Commodore's Update

Fundraising –Our Psychic Sisters event was a huge success. We had an audience of 58 and after expenses raised almost \$2,500. Events like these really help take the pressure off raising the needed funds to meet our financial obligations. Thanks to all who either participated or spread the word about the event. This is likely to become an annual event for us going forward.

Lions' Club Bingo – The Sayville Lions' Club will be running another Bingo Night on Thursday February 6. It's always a fun evening with this Bingo crowd. The bar will be open so make plans to come out and try your luck.

Trivia Night –Our Trivia Night is Wednesday February 26. 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.

USCG Captain's Class – The Captain's class just concluded on February 2. We had a total of 11 future captains enrolled in the course, many from our club. Congratulations to those who made it through this grueling nine-day training course and best of luck on your upcoming exams.

The Nautical School has expressed interest in using the club to run a daytime captain's class in April. The tentative dates are April 7-11 then 14-15. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking this daytime captain's course, please let me know or reach out to Captain Mike Vanadia at the Nautical School, (631)226-7300 for pricing and more information.

USCG Safe Boating Class – SBC will be sponsoring the USCG Safe Boating Class on Saturday March 29. This is an 8-hour class now required by NY State law for the coming season. The class will be taught by the Nautical School at the club. Stay tuned for more details.

One last shameless plug for Trivia Night



Commodore's Update

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.

February Birthdays

Ed Detweiler, Denise Tafe, Dan Vilaplana, Maria Sarich

February Anniversaries

Eric & Alyssa Sorensen

Hope your day is the best yet!!

Commodore's Corner

Boating related stories & information
Hope you enjoy the content!

[How to Navigate a Boat Show](#)

[NOAA Scraps North Atlantic Speed Rule](#)

[How to Find Your Best Propeller](#)

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