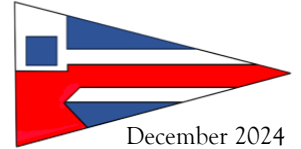


# SUFFOLK BOAT CLUB

*Established 1944*



December 2024

Warm holiday greetings to everyone! With Thanksgiving in the rear-view mirror and the Christmas, Hanukah, and New Year rapidly approaching, I'd like to share my most sincere thank you to everyone who has played even the smallest part in getting our club to where it is today. There has been dramatic change in the club this year. Our meetings seem to be more engaging; our members (Legacy members included) seem to be enjoying themselves and staying around longer when we gather. Our bar has been re-invigorated and is an even more vital part of the club than before. Our fundraisers have been more successful, our membership has grown, and we have been able to give back to our community as we have in the past. And best of all, we have been able to completely repay all our member loans for the recent dock repairs.

Together, we have accomplished so much, and it has made 2024 a year for the memory books. But we are just getting started. As we look toward 2025, the Bridge has many more things in store for the club. For starters, we are finally in a position to begin chipping away at a lengthy list of improvement projects for the club. We still have some planning to do but projects under consideration include repainting the ceiling tiles and walls of the club, refurbishing the rest rooms, resurfacing the bar, replacing the window treatments, creating a 'Wall of Fame' with our legacy transom plates, deck maintenance, and perhaps an update in the kitchen. You can see, there is no shortage of things to get involved with as the new year approaches but for now let's get ready to celebrate the Holidays!

As has been the case most of this year, there is a lot getting ready to happen in December. For starters, our Christmas club decoration party is this Wednesday, December 4. The Bridge will also be meeting, holiday music will be setting the mood, and Rich Schwinge will be dispensing his renowned Eggnog to get everyone who comes to decorate into the holiday spirit. We'll start at 6:30, so come on down and help us get the holidays started. Then, on Sunday December 8, we have re-instated our Kids Christmas party, complete with a visit from Santa arriving by fire truck. Check the enclosed flyer for more details. Then, we cap off the year with our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 15. We'll have our traditional full catered meal and live musical entertainment. It promises to be another great SBC event. I am hopeful we can have yet another full house for that evening. December promises to be another great month for the club!!

As I conclude my thoughts for this month, I want to ask everyone to be thinking about who you can invite to events in the coming new year. Remember, membership is still the life blood of any club or association. We need to continue to keep our focus on bringing in new members for 2025 and beyond. We still have some work to do to reach our goal of 50 active members and once again, everyone plays an important role in helping us get there. If we all do our part, I know we can do it.

Just a quick final reminder that our Lands' End store is up and running. Several folks have already taken advantage and ordered themselves some SBC swag. You still have time to get that special someone a sweater, vest, shirt, or jacket for the holidays with our club logo embroidered on it. You can order your item quickly and easily at the link for our custom SBC store: <https://business.landsend.com/store/suffolkboatclub>. There is also a page on our web site that will bring you to the store as well. Check it out today!

So grateful for all our members and really looking forward to a great Holiday celebration on the 15<sup>th</sup>!!

## **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*  
December 4, 2024

*Member Meeting*  
December 14, 2024





# Commodore's Update

## Transom Trivia

Thought I'd leave this in for one more month. 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 Mazzaresc



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

## Upcoming Club 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.

Please wrap and label the gift so Santa can hand them out

**An Evening with**  
the  
  
**The Psychic Sisters**  
**Monday January 13, 2025**  
73 Crescent Street, Patchogue  
\$50 per person  
Limited seating • Advance purchase required • Reserve today

Presented by  
**SUFFOLK BOAT CLUB**

Doors open at 6:00pm  
Group readings begin at 7:00 pm

Cash bar  
Light snacks provided

To register please scan the QR code  
Venmo payments can be made to @Jeanne-Riley-8  
For questions contact [suffolkboatclub@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkboatclub@gmail.com)



No one attending the event is guaranteed a reading. No refunds

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



# Commodore's Update

## Club Calendar

December			
Dec 4	Wednesday	Directors Meeting & Club Decorating	6:30 PM
Dec 8	Sunday	Kids Christmas Party	12:00 PM
Dec 14	Saturday	Suffolk Boat Club Holiday Party	7:00 PM
		Hosted by the SBC Bridge	
January			
Jan 8	Wednesday	Directors Meeting	6:30 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	6:30 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.



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 of, 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** – Huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving feast. As usual, the food was plentiful and delicious. The Chinese auction was also a huge hit. Thank you, Jean Coleman for running the auction again this year and for your Afghan labor of love! It was beautiful as always!! Because of everyone's generosity, the club raised \$2,600 that night and has distributed gift cards to 5 local schools and 5 local churches to help those in need in our community. A HUGE thank you to Rich Schwinge and Kathy Lorello for taking the lead on the dinner logistics and donation distributions.

**December Meeting** – Our annual Christmas dinner is Saturday December 15. We will have our traditional Italian catered offerings and live music from Al Smith to entertain us. Make plans to be there and celebrate all we have achieved in 2024.

## **Membership**

1. Our roster is currently at 40 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
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 are now due. Please make arrangements to make payment in a timely manner.

**Fundraising** –2024 has been a good year for fundraising. We're ahead of our plan for 2024. A big thank you to all those members who support club activities and events!! November was a really successful month of events. Funds coming into the club for November exceeded \$5,000 before expenses. Your support helped us make the last 2 loan payments in November.

**Trivia Night** –November Trivia was a Sitcom 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. Trivia will pick up again in January 2025.

**Mahjongg Tournament**– Grace DeRosa and June Reich hosted an incredible event that raised \$2,100 for the club after expenses. Thank you, ladies, for all you have done this year to help the club reach its financial goals.

**Loan Payments** - Our outstanding loan balance is down to \$0. We did it!! The last two payments were made in November and a total of 16 payments have been distributed since February. Your participation in club events helped us close out our repayments. Thank you !!



# Commodore's Update

**USCG Captain's Class** – We are exploring interest in running a USCG Captain's class at the club over the 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 Birthdays

Karl Lifavi, Ronnie Shaber, JoAnn Spatola, Rich Tully,  
Jeffery Vollmuth, Jodi Massey

**Hope your day is the best yet!!**

## Commodore's Corner

Boating related stories & information  
Hope you enjoy the content!

[Electric Outboards Reach 300 HP](#)  
[Minimizing & Simplifying - The Art of Packing for a Trip](#)  
[The Great Life Jacket Debate](#)

## 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](http://www.lcarescue.org)