



President's Message Tisa Head

2024 SSSCA Accomplishments

Infrastructure Improvements

- Completed two new Pickleball Courts at Sea Oats Park – Grand Opening held on January 27. Completed landscaping around the courts during the Spring.
- Introduced a new online pickleball reservation system. More than 1,700 reservations were made in 2024 using this new system.
- Implemented online registration and payment for Boat Club events – streamlining the process for everyone!
- Added 2 more kayak racks at Loblolly Marina (space for 16 kayaks)
- Added a boardwalk and installed water and electricity for new Loblolly Marina slips.
- Repaired North Marina ramp and repaved a portion of the parking lot at the North Marina east side.

Repairs and Upgrades

Completed multiple crossover, park, and marina improvements, including:

- **Crossovers:** Reconstructed 84A Ocean Blvd, replaced 10th Ave, handrails at 48A, westside stairs at E Dogwood viewing deck and crossover, repaired stairs at Hickory Trail crossover, and replaced joists and decking at Hillcrest beach access. Added a 30' long hand-rail on steeply sloped 10th Ave crossover.
- **Marinas:** Replaced the finger pier at North Marina Boat Ramp, and installed dock lighting at North Marina.
- **Parks:** Replaced the shower sunshade, decking and ramp at Hillcrest Gazebo, and seesaw at Sea Oats Park.
- Built a new Little Free Library (LFL) located at Kingfisher Sound Access, bringing the total number of LFLs to five. (Special thanks to **Bob Bucalik** for leading this project!)

Communications Schedule

- Monday—Weekly Event Email
- Wednesday—Social Media

Send news and information to:
communications@sscaobx.org

SSCA Office Hours:
Monday: 10 AM -1 PM
Thursday: 10 AM -1 PM

General Membership Meeting
January 13, 2025 @ 7 PM
The Pitts Center
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- Refurbished two sheds at the North Marina for much-needed storage, completed by the volunteer **Marina Team**.

Social Events

- Launched the “Songwriters at Sunset” series at North Marina Pavilion, entertaining more than 400 SSCA members and their guests over the summer. Thank you **Aida Alvarez** for bringing these great musicians in to entertain us!
- Hosted the Annual Southern Shores Santa Ride in collaboration with the Town of Southern Shores, Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department, Chicahawk Property Owners Association, and Martin’s Point Homeowners Association where over 100 children visited with Santa
- Introduced Paddling Socials for kayakers to enjoy afternoon paddles and socializing at Loblolly Marina. Thank you **Susan Ippolito** for introducing this new social event for our community!
- Celebrated the first plant exchange event in October, marking the one-year anniversary of the new Triangle Park garden. Thank you again to the members of the **Dunes of Dare Garden Club** for designing, installing and maintaining the garden through 2024!
- The Boat Club hosted four annual events, drawing more than 700 attendees these include 4th of July Celebration, Labor Day Picnic, Oyster Roast, and Holiday Party
- Sponsored ten GAMs (Gather and Meet), attended by more than 600 attendees, to hear speakers’ presentations on topics such as Mid-Currituck Bridge, Corolla Wild Horses, Red Wolves, and the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, to name a few.

Volunteer Contributions

As of December 10, 2024, volunteers have donated over 1,900 hours of their time to help keep the Southern Shores community beautiful and well-maintained for all to enjoy.

- Helped to clean up the community on Earth Day in collaboration with the Town of Southern Shores and the Chicahawk Property Owners Association; volunteers collected over 150 bags of debris and organic material, or almost 4,000 lbs.
- Monitored 35 beach accesses/dune crossovers and reported safety and maintenance issues, year-round
- Monitored 12 doggy bag stations to ensure they are well-maintained and stocked, year-round; volunteers distributed 12,600 doggy bags
- Ensured only individuals with valid parking passes use the six SSCA parking lots, in-season; volunteers issued 255 parking citations
- Prepared the volleyball court at the Hillcrest Beach Access, in-season
- Ensured that the four Little Free Libraries are well-maintained and stocked, year-round

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- Helped keep the four parks, three marinas, and tennis and pickleball court areas well-maintained, year-round
- These efforts saved the SSCA over \$38,500 in labor and project costs. In addition, this year's volunteer appreciation event has been delayed until after the new year so that a \$2,000 contribution could be made to the Hurricane Relief for Western North Carolina. An event will be scheduled in early 2025 to gather our volunteer teams, recognize those volunteers that have gone above and beyond, and kick off the new year.

Thank you to all our members and volunteers for making 2024 an incredible year for the SSCA!

Happy New Year!

Tisa Head

President, SSCA

Board of Director Voting

Jeff Johnston

It's time for the SSCA members to vote for candidates to fill the three positions on the Board of Directors that are opening up in 2025. Electronic ballots will go out to the members no later than **January 3, 2025**. This ballot will include the list of candidates (alphabetically) along with links to their bios. You will vote for three of the four. Voting will be open for one week and will close **midnight January 10**. Candidates will be notified of the results prior to Monday's general membership meeting to be held in the Pitts Center at 7:00 P.M. on **January 13th**. Following the membership meeting, the new Board will meet to elect officers for the year and otherwise to confirm director roles. For your convenience, below is the list of candidates as well as their photos and bios, in the candidates' own words. For context, **Luke and Mike** are each interested in the Westside Parks and Marinas position, **Laura** in Secretary and **Nancy** in Long-range Planning and By-laws. Thank you for participating in this important voting process!

Board of Director's Bio's and Photo's



Lucian K. {Luke} Falconer
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I am submitting this bio for consideration as a BoD SSCA member for Western Parks and Marina's. Some background:

- Married to Jen Adams-Falconer since 2020. I have one son Nick, 34 that lives in Currituck
- Served 6 years in USMC, 1976 to 1982 – F4 Radar and Missile systems and Test Equipment
- From 1982 to 2021 I worked in professional roles as an engineer / computer scientist / marketing and was involved with 3 start up companies. Managed development budgets of \$3M to \$15M. Managed teams up to 130 persons. Proficient in Microsoft program suites as well as many engineering tools.
- Non-Profit and Coaching experiences. I coached Baseball for multiple years, also wrestling and was conditioning coach for U19 Rugby team that I accompanied on England tour for 10 days. I was on the BoD of Loudoun Fair and Associate's that owns the Loudoun County Fair grounds [26] acres and multiple buildings and barns. Prime mission was to maintain same for the youth 4 H fair. I was on BoD for 6 years, 3 as open member 2 as VP, last year as President. Many maintenance and construction duties, responsible for contractor selection, management and payment.
- Currently involved with the Marine Corps League Detachment #1264 as Toys for Tots Coordinator with Dare County Fire and EMS. Also, I support the Outer Banks Gun club by helping with maintenance to keep costs down, and providing the high school team a place to practice as well as local law enforcement.

In summary I feel I have experience that would be directly applicable to the SSCA BoD position and would look forward to serving if elected.

Best Regards,

Luke

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Mike Guarracino

Mike has always put public service as a top priority, serving in different positions which include a United States Navy Gulf War Veteran, and Senior Executive in the Department of Defense and the Supreme Court of the United States. After 43 years of public service, he retired in June of 2021 and he and his family made Southern Shores their forever home. After retiring Mike founded Gray Wolf Associates, a Security Management, Continuity, and Resiliency company. Mike is a current member of the Town of Southern Shores Historic Landmark Commission, and the International Security and Safety Association Board of Directors. He has also served as a member of the SSCA Board of Directors (2021-2023) serving as both Secretary and Marina Director, member of the Supreme Court of the U.S. Architectural Committee and Emergency and Security Action Committee, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Architectural Review Board Chairman for the Ridge Point and Wallace Farms Home-Owners Associations in Virginia. Mike holds a BA in Security Management from AMU, graduating with Honors and is married to Theresa Rogers, has a daughter Kailtyn, son Matthew, and granddaughter Reign.

Laura Richer

I began visiting the Outer Banks with my family in the mid-90s. We immediately fell in love with this island, and like so many others, made this our destination for summer family vacations. Once my kids reached adulthood, I decided to make Southern Shores my new home, purchasing on Ginguite Trail in March of 2017. In March of 2021, I bought Hurricane Mo's in Kitty Hawk, fulfilling a lifelong dream of mine to own a restaurant. I am now running Mo's alongside my son, Arthur. I love living in this beautiful town and am thoroughly enjoying being a part of our amazing community.



My education is in Hospitality Management. I worked as a Senior Logistical Coordinator for a private meeting planning company, assisting doctors and researchers with agencies such as the National Institute of Mental Health, Food and Drug Administration, and various associations. I was a lead coordinator for meetings ranging in size from 10-2,000 attendees. It was a career I thoroughly enjoyed.

I left my career as a meeting planner to become a full-time mother to my four children. During that time, I volunteered extensively. I ran my children's elementary and middle-school fairs, raising thousands of dollars to fund their PTAs. I ran concessions for our neighborhood swim team for years, again raising thousands of dollars; this time to fund our neighborhood swim team. I volunteered as lead to our swim teams "Geek Squad", our computer team for several years as well. I also ran 6th grade school graduation parties, basketball tournaments and led our high schools All Night Grad Parties for several years. I miss being involved as a volunteer in community events, and am looking forward to being able to assist the SSCA as a new board member.

Board of Director's Bio's and Photo's



Nancy A. Sheehan

Ms. Nancy Sheehan has worked at the intersection of science and community outreach for over three decades.

Most recently, she coordinated Journey North, an international program at the University of Wisconsin Madison that tracks wildlife migration across North America, including monarch butterflies and hummingbirds. In this role, Ms.

Sheehan developed strategic partnerships, enhanced science communication through newsletters and social media, and redesigned the program's website for improved accessibility. She also managed databases with over 100,000 participants and 700,000 wildlife observation reports.

Previously, Ms. Sheehan led a citizen-based water quality monitoring initiative in the Rock River Basin, southeastern Wisconsin. She recruited and trained over 200 volunteers for water testing, secured grants for special projects, and created stream water quality report cards using ESRI mapping software. Additionally, she collaborated with state, county, and city agencies, as well as watershed groups, to integrate volunteer efforts into regulatory programs aimed at phosphorus reduction and stream health.

From birds and insects to water quality, Ms. Sheehan has also worked with schools to develop engaging participatory science projects for students and educators.

Ms. Sheehan holds a Master's degree from Yale School of the Environment and has worked with international organizations such as the U.S. Peace Corps, U.S. A.I.D., and Catholic Relief Services. Her early international experience, combined with her graduate studies at the UW-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, has deepened her understanding of global environmental issues. Passionate about volunteerism and participatory science, Ms. Sheehan remains committed to fostering collaborative efforts for positive change.

Agenda



SOUTHERN SHORES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

January 13, 2025 7:00pm
PITTS CENTER

AGENDA

Meeting called by:

Tisa Head, President

Type of meeting:

General Membership Meeting

Pledge Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

(Members)

Approval of Minutes

(Members)

President's Comments

Tisa Head

Treasurer's Report

Susan Ippolito

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary
Bylaws and Planning
Membership/Slip Rentals
Communications
Volunteer Coordinator
Marinas & Westside Parks Maintenance
Properties

Jeff Johnson
Don Pratt
Sue Bigbee
Kenny Woyer
Aida Alvarez
George Kirby
Joel Newton

TOWN REPORT:

Elizabeth Morey, Mayor
Cliff Ogburn, Town Manager

New Business

Announcement of New Elected Board Members

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Adjourn

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all our members and residents! This December wraps up my first year as Treasurer on the SSCA Board. My first year has been interesting and fulfilling and I have learned so much about our wonderful community! One thing that continually amazes me is how much the SSCA board and volunteers do for our Town and its residents. From maintaining 34 crossovers, 3 marinas and multiple parks, to providing porta-potties and doggie bags, and for hosting many fun and well attended social events, the SSCA is everywhere. The Town of Southern Shores truly would not be the same place to live if the SSCA did not exist. Please talk to your neighbors who are not members and encourage them to join. The SSCA dues and the hours that the board and the volunteers put in truly make the Town of Southern Shores what it is, a beautiful place to live.

As 2024 comes to a close, I am happy to report that we are on track to finish ahead of budget once again this year. Our income is on track to be approximately \$20,000 over budget and our expenses are projected to be approximately \$10,000 under budget. This is thanks in part to more income from the pickleball courts, more interest income due to current rates, and careful spending and volunteer help for our necessary projects. Extra net income over budget will allow us to contribute more to our vital reserve accounts. The reserve account funding may sound like it is excess “fun money,” but reserve accounts are in reality an essential part of maintaining our community and ensuring viability in the event of storm damage or other unexpected expenses.

Thank you for all you do to make our community a success!

Slip Rentals

Sue Bigbee

Happy holidays. It has been a busy year for slip rentals!

Accomplishments

In addition to the accomplishments mentioned in the President's Message, the following was also completed in 2024:

- Developed a set of Marina Rules and Regulations for distribution at the marinas and to Boat Club members.
- Updated rental agreement to require current boat ownership as a condition of wet slip rental. Renters have a boat to rent a slip.

While there is still a lengthy wait list for wet/dry slips (50 and 26 respectively), five slips were surrendered by their previous owners allowing us to remove 5 people off the wait list. There are seven people on the wait list for kayak racks.

The invoice for 2025 membership fees, slip rental fees and the 2025 rental agreement were emailed to all SSCA Boat Club members on November 7th. Payment is due, with a signed Rental Agreement by **December 31, 2024**.

Membership

Sue Bigbee

Invoices for 2025 Membership were emailed November 7th. There is no increase in membership dues for 2025.

Please remember that renewal in the SSCA and payment of any additional fees is due by **December 31, 2024 for the 2025 season** and can be done online, mail, or in person at the SSCA Office. Please check our website, sscaobx.org, for Office Hours.

All SSCA properties are private property and owned by all members of the SSCA. These properties include the North, South and Loblolly marinas, the North Marina pavilion, the thirty-four beach crossovers, Hillcrest Tennis Courts, Sea Oats and Soundview Parks, and the Sunset and Kingfisher Overlooks and the Pickleball court at Sea Oats Park. Membership dues help to support the maintenance and improvements of all these amenities. Membership is voluntary, but it is so vital to our community. If you know of any neighbor or friend who is not a member, we ask that you encourage them to join.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the **SSCA office** at 252-261-8617.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all the members of the Southern Shores Boat Club (SSBC) and the SSCA. As the Boat Club finishes the year with the last of our annual events, the Holiday Party, we can look back on another successful year of fun events and more to come in 2025.

The 11 November Board Meeting was filled with important information which will be highlighted in this report. Under near term projects, the east side N Marina shed that was repaired this past year now houses the oyster tables, providing better storage and additional longevity for them. The solar lights are now in place at all 3 marinas and small repairs to the N Marina walkway have been completed. Bottle openers have been mounted to the supports in the pavilion. From a long-term perspective, 2025 should see the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for building an extension onto the pavilion where the rented tent normally sits.

Actions planned in early 2025 will include building a ramp for the N Marina west side shed, reorganizing and labeling the items in that shed, and insuring first aid equipment is in place in case of a possible occurrence.

Dates for the 2025 events are as follows:

- July 5
- August 30
- November 15
- December 13

The Board also recommended that the Club have a boat item sale swap (yard sale for boat items) in late spring, date to be determined, and a Halloween Party, October 25. There will be 8 GAM's in 2025, none in July and August. This is a reduction by 2, the months so noted.

Volunteers are always needed, whether it be for events or serving on the Board. We need Board member replacements in 2025; please consider serving. Get in touch, if you are interested, with **Rick Koch**, rckoch73@gmail.com.

Mind the Rules of the Road and Be Safe!



2024 Photo Collage



Special thanks to all
our **Volunteers**

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