

Annual Meeting

SoutholdVOICE's annual meeting will take place on July 19, 2008, 8:30 – 11:00 am at the Peconic Rec. Center, Peconic Lane, Peconic NY. Free, everyone is welcome.

Who should come?

If you own property on or near the water in Southold it's only a matter of time before you will need a Southold Town Trustees' permit in order to:

- * Install or repair a dock.
- * Alter vegetation within 100' of a wetland.
- * Perform maintenance on your dwelling within 100' of a wetland.
- * Install or repair a deck or other structure.
- * Do anything which may affect runoff or drainage.

Come to the meeting and learn how SoutholdVOICE has been working on your behalf.

Spring Dredging

By Dave Bergen

We are pleased to announce that Suffolk County DPW was successful in obtaining special, one-time permits to dredge James Creek and Wickham Creek. James Creek hosts two marinas which contain close to 300 boats, plus serves the public's needs with a launching ramp and fuel docks. Not to be forgotten are all of the private property owners inside this creek who also have boats. The County did not get to this location last winter as they ran out of time. While the DEC fully supported this project, the Army Corp required us to jump through many hoops.

The permit for Wickham Creek was requested because, like James Creek, the crew could not get to Wickham during the dredging window last winter.

We really pushed that this was a boater safety issue, but we all need to remember that navigation is not a crite-

ria defined by the Suffolk County Dredge Screening Committee as an appropriate reason to support the dredging of a creek interface.

Criteria for Dredging

The criteria which the Suffolk County Dredge Screening Committee uses to determine creek interfaces which are eligible to be dredged by the County dates back to 1979, but was amended in 1986, then updated in 2006. There were 10 criteria used to determine if a creek was eligible up until 2006 when "environmental" reasons were added.



Dan Christianson took this picture May 23rd, 2008 at Wickham Creek. A rig is setting up to dredge. More of Dan's pictures are on our website

The original criteria were, and I am editing for the purpose of space:

1. Publicly owned, leased and or operated marine facilities including, but not limited to boat basins, marinas, docks and boat ramps.
2. Marine commercial uses.
3. Industrial, transportation and utility uses such as ferry terminals and power plants.
4. Institutional uses such as educational and public safety facilities.
5. Boat livery stations, party boats, charter boats, marinas and yacht clubs open to use by the general public.
6. Reduction of risk for public health problems as determined by the Dept. of Health.
7. Open water shoals outside of navigation channels.
8. Obtaining fill from navigation channels for the purpose of beach nourish-

Mission Statement

SoutholdVOICE is a citizen-run, non-profit organization of waterfront property owners and other stakeholders in Southold's extensive waterfront. Our mission is to raise awareness among the community of Southold Town regarding issues that impact shoreline and marine resources, including dredging, erosion control, ecological land use, road runoff abatement and permitting. And, to promote among the general public, environmentally sound policies regulating coastlines and waterways.

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9. Mitigation damage or shoaling caused by County of Suffolk.

10. Reduction of a navigational hazard caused by shoaling at bay/canal interface.

The DEC said that they would consider a brief two week window around the end of May for creeks which they could not get to by last January 15. It was made very clear, however, that the approval by the Army Corp and Dept. of State was going to be limited to James and Wickham Creek.

Dave Bergen is a Southold Town Trustee



Storm water Runoff Initiative

SoutholdVOICE will be attaching medallions similar to the one illustrated above to storm sewers all around town. Our purpose is to remind everyone that material that makes it into the storm drains eventually finds its way into our creeks, the Bay or the Sound.

Oils, fertilizers and the like, are not fish friendly!

SoutholdVOICE Gets a Seat at the LWRP CC Table

The Southold Town Board has appointed Southold VOICE Board Director Dunewood Truglia Esq. to the LWRP Coordinating Council, to represent the best interests of waterfront property owners and other stakeholders who comprise our membership.

The Local Waterfront Revitalization program (LWRP) sets the rules that largely govern the use of our waterfront and the likely success or failure of permit applications throughout the Town.

For more information about the LWRP, visit the website at: www.SoutholdVOICE.com and enter "LWRP For Dummies" into the search box and click enter. This was reprinted in the Nov 2007 newsletter, also available online to download and print. (Look for "newsletters" in the right side links column, and click on the November, 2007 issue.) While this issue is out of print, it remains available on-line.

Bring your LWRP issues to the table by contacting Dunewood at e-mail: dunewood@southoldvoice.com, or you can write to him c/o Southold VOICE, P.O. box 996, Southold, NY 11971.

Save the Date

With all the attention paid to "Docks on the Bay," Southold-VOICE has decided to schedule a mid-summer "Docktail" party and barbecue on a dock on the bay. Claudio's dock to be specific...

When: August 21st, 7-11 pm

Where: Claudio's Dock

What: hors d'oeuvres, & BBQ wine, beer and soft drinks (cash bar available for the hard stuff).

Price: \$55 p/p members and a guest.
\$65 p/p non-members.

Details and ticket info next month

Aquaculture

By John Kramer

A hearing was held by the committee drafting the county legislation to grant leases to aquaculturalists to grow oysters in some areas of Peconic and Gardiners Bays. The hearing was held at Riverhead Town Hall Thursday night, April 17th 2008, and baymen from all over Suffolk voiced their concerns over the lack of a provision to assess the natural clam stock on these leases, and the missing prohibition of hydraulic dredging on these leases where there are natural clam stocks.

It seems that an oyster farmer, before planting his oysters, hydraulically dredges the entire leased area. The purpose is to remove predators such as starfish and such. At the same time, the oyster farmer harvests all the natural clams in his leased area, at huge profit, and at the expense of the baymen and public. In addition to harvesting all the clams they didn't buy from the county, the dredging operation completely destroys and denudes the bottom.

The aquaculturists said that they alone are responsible for our having ANY oysters after the die off in the 90s, and that their farms provide good habitat for clams, scallops and fin fish. They say they are good stewards of their grounds and they represent the future of sustainable shell fishing.

The committee took the comments into consideration and will report their conclusions . . . stay tuned, Southold-VOICE will update the subject on its website: www.SoutholdVOICE.com.

John Kramer is the Chairman and founder of SoutholdVOICE, Inc.

Bumper Sticker

Want a bumper sticker? Free to all members who send a stamped self-addressed #10 envelope to our P.O. box. Become a member. Show the flag!



Join SoutholdVOICE

Download a membership application online or fill out the form below and mail to SoutholdVOICE, PO Box 996, Southold NY 11971

E-mail: SoutholdVOICE@gmail.com

Annual Membership Dues:

\$35 per year

*Those who join now are **Founding Members** and their dues will be good until June 2009!*

Are you presently on our mailing list? _____

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address (include PO Box if necessary)

City

State

Zip code

Contact Phone #

E-mail

I don't have e-mail. Please mail material.

If your property address is different than your mailing address, please fill out the information below:

Property Street Address

Property City

State

Zip Code

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