



## **BELLPORT BAY YACHT CLUB**

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Commodore's Report 2025

Dear Members,

A brief report on the 2025 Season of the Bellport Bay Yacht Club:

Club Membership remains strong with over 200 "Memberships" representing over 400 members consisting of individuals, couples, and families.

The importance of family memberships becomes apparent when one looks at the success of our junior sailors in events both on the bay and nationwide. In support and partnership with the Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation, our junior sailors have dominated local events on the Great South Bay and done very well at regional and national events. Going back 10 years, we were fielding maybe 5 optimist competitors at GSBYRA events, this summer we have regularly sent over 20 sailors club regattas on the bay. Truly these young sailors and their families are the future of the Bellport Bay Yacht Club.

Earlier this summer we hosted the C420 South Shore Championships using the Long Island Maritime Museum as the venue. We had great weather, 77 boats competing, and an extremely well run event that served as a warm up to the C420 North American Championships held at Sayville Yacht Club. The success of this event was due in no small part to the volunteer efforts of BBYC members both on land and water. In particular I'd like to thank Thomas Riquier and Carl Persak for serving as event Co-Chairmen, and to Tom Conlin our Race Committee Chair for their efforts. A job well done.

I am pleased and honored to report that our Board of Trustees has recently decided that in honor of their service to our club and the traditions they have upheld for so many years, that "Senior Members" of the club, age 85 and over, with 20 years of membership in the club, will have their annual dues waived. If you find you meet these qualifications, please kindly contact us so we can make note!

As I wind down my tenure as Commodore, I want to thank my Flag Officers, Vice Commodore Zach Motl and Rear Commodore Bernadette Slovensky, our Board of Trustees, and all our members for their support, hard work, encouragement, and laughs you have shared with me the past few years. I look forward to working with all for many more years!

Regards,

Brooks Dermont, Commodore, BBYC