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Hon. Al Krupski
423 Griffing Ave., Ste. 2
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Dear Legislator Krupski:

As the Chairman of the Public Works Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature, I am informed that you also Chair the SCDPW Dredge Project Screening Committee. It is in this regard that I am writing to you today to request that the dredging of the channel leading to Smithtown Bay from Porpoise Channel and Stony Brook Channel be placed before the Committee for its consideration and given the highest priority for dredging projects in the Fall of this year.

The channel in question connects the Smithtown and Stony Brook marinas, boat ramps and yacht clubs to the Bay and then to the Sound. Every Summer it is used by more than a thousand boaters and their families.


The problem lies in the fact that this Channel of approximately one-half mile has not been dredged in more than three decades. The neglect is self-evident when one views the nautical chart for Smithtown Bay (Attachment A) which shows low-tide depths in the channel of between 4-5 feet...versus a recent tide table (Attachment B) which shows low-tide depths of less than one foot!

Our Town governments, the Bay Constable, local fire departments, public safety officials and the boating public are all increasingly concerned that, in the event of a boating accident, fire or medical emergency occurring out in Smithtown Bay during a low-tide period, emergency personnel would be unable to traverse the Channel in order to render assistance. In all honesty, this is a serious tragedy simply waiting to happen!

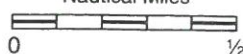
It is our contention that limited dredging to bring the Channel back to 4-5 feet at low-tide is most urgently needed; that it should be conducted in the most expeditious manner possible; and, finally that it should be placed on a regular 5 year maintenance dredging schedule. Anything less perpetuates a condition of continuing neglect and official indifference to the health and safety of County residents...and that is simply unacceptable.

I would be most pleased to meet with you, you staff and/or SCDPW to discuss this matter further. I may be reached by phone at (631) 360-0200 (office), (516) 650-6858 (cell) or via e-mail at info@ohili.org.

Most respectfully yours,


Kevin Rooney
Dredge Project Coordinator

c.c. Hon. Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
Hon. Gilbert Anderson, Commissioner, S.C. Dept. of Public Works

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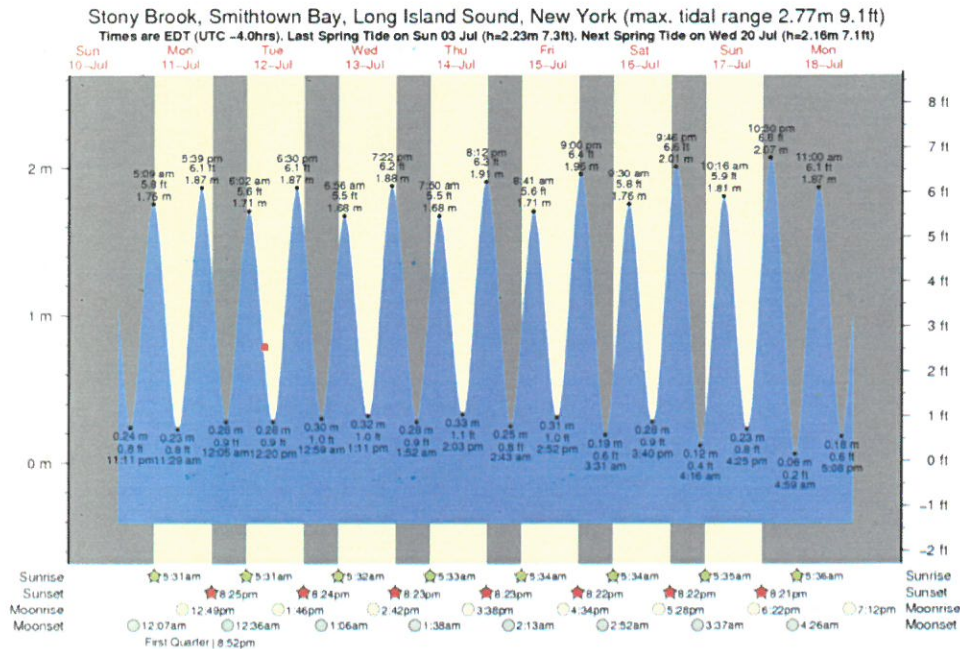
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Tide chart for Smithtown showing low and high tide times for the next 7 days

Tide Times are EDT (UTC -4.0hrs). Last Spring High Tide at Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay, Long Island Sound was on Sun 03 Jul (height: 2.23m 7.3ft). Next high Spring Tide at Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay, Long Island Sound will be on Wed 20 Jul (height: 2.16m 7.1ft).

Tide datum: -.



Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay, Long Island Sound Tide Chart. The largest known tidal range at Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay, Long Island Sound is 2.77m 9.1 feet

SMITHTOWN TIDE CHART KEY:

The tide chart above shows the height and times of high tide and low tide for **Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay, Long Island Sound, New York**. The red flashing dot shows the tide time right now. The yellow shading corresponds to daylight hours between sunrise and sunset at Smithtown.

NOTE: Use of this site for Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay, Long Island Sound, New York tide times is [subject to our terms](#).