



Love and Adventure: The Journey of Kevin and Carol Santacroce

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Kevin and Carol Santacroce's story is one of shared passions, deep roots, and a commitment to their community. They first met at the Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett, where Kevin works as a sound engineer and Carol was DJing a friend's birthday party. Both former DJs and musicians, their shared love for music set the stage for their connection.

A Beautiful Union

Married for five years, Kevin and Carol exchanged vows at the Breakwater Yacht Club in Sag Harbor, a place of personal significance for Kevin, who used to race sailboats there, including the ship Gossip. This venue symbolized their shared love for the sea and adventure.

Professional Pursuits

Carol, known professionally as Carol Sharks, is a successful real estate agent with The Corcoran Group in Sag Harbor. In 2023, she was awarded #1 Producer for Sag Harbor and was named among Corcoran's Top Ten Agents in May 2024. Carol's reputation is highlighted by her notable sale of Bob Hand's Duck Decoy store on the corner of Jermain and Madison in 2023.

Kevin, with 17 years of experience at the Stephen Talkhouse, has mixed sound for numerous shows and bands. His passion for sound extends beyond his professional life: he's a champion in the world of car audio. With sponsorships from audio manufacturers, he participates in competitions hosted by various organizations such as DB Drag, NSPL, NADBL and others. Kevin won his fourth world title in 2022. The competitions are based on who can reach the highest decibel level inside a vehicle of various classes. Kevin's claim



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to fame was being the first person in the United States to surpass 160 decibels inside his Honda CRX by creating an intricate system of speakers, amplifiers, and battery power.

Community Involvement

Carol is an avid volunteer, actively involved in the Ladies Village Improvement Society of East Hampton, where she serves as Chair of Public Relations. She also volunteers for the East Hampton Historical Society, serving as docent and house captain during the Annual House and Garden Tour. As a passionate supporter of the Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt, Carol is dedicated to environmental conservation.

Kevin is a Free Mason at the Sag Harbor Wamponamom Lodge, further emphasizing their deep-rooted involvement in their community.

A Family of Four

Their family includes two beloved cats, Jeanie and Ally, rescues from the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF). The adoption story is heartwarming; Kevin suggested visiting ARF to lift Carol's spirits on a discouraging day. They ended up adopting Jeanie and Ally, a bonded pair of kittens, who now bring joy to their home on Laurel Lane.

A Home with Deep Roots

Kevin and Carol's home is steeped in history. The home was originally bought by Harold Cosgrove, a WWII veteran, in the mid-1950s. His harrowing war story began during the Battle of the Bulge where he was captured by the Germans. He narrowly survived enslavement inside a Nazi concentration camp and was released by the British on April 28, 1945, weighing only 75 lbs. He lived the remainder of his life on Laurel Lane. The house has seen generations of Kevin's family, as his stepfather Kenny Cosgrove's childhood home and where his sister Jennifer Santacroce-Wheeler raised her first two children. The neighborhood is a close-knit community where everyone knows each other, and block parties with music and potlucks are common.



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Family Heritage

Kevin's family has deep roots in the area. His father, Peter Santacroce, is an avid record collector who grew up in Sag Harbor. Kevin's mother, Donna Demai Cosgrove, now retired, owned Rocking Horse preschool for 17 years in East Hampton. She later worked at Rainbow Preschool. Her ancestry goes back 12 generations in East Hampton/Amagansett. Kevin's stepfather, Kenny Cosgrove, employed by JCP Landscaping, is connected to many in the area, including their neighbor and cousin, Dave Cosgrove. Kenny's ancestry goes back 12 generations via his mother Judith Miller Cosgrove. As Sag Harbor locals, his parents worked at the Bulova Watchcase factory and Rowe Industries. Kevin's sister, Jennifer Santacroce-Wheeler, is a lifelong horse trainer, and her husband, David Wheeler, owns the construction company, DKW Home Improvements.

Adventures Together

Kevin and Carol have shared many adventures, including a honeymoon in Japan during Sakura, the spring cherry blossom festival. They have also traveled to Alaska, Majorca, the Dominican Republic, and recently, Charleston, South Carolina. Before their marriage, they road-tripped across the United States, visiting New

Orleans, Kentucky, and the Midwest. Carol, once part of the band Hussle Club, toured the United States, Canada, and Europe, adding to their repertoire of shared experiences.

Kevin and Carol Santacroce's story is a beautiful testament to love, shared passions, and a strong sense of community. Their journey together is filled with music, adventure, and a deep-rooted connection to their home and family.

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