



2016 Calendar of Fun Things to do Around the Sound

May 2016

May 13 – 15 **Connecticut Spring Boat Show** Essex, CT

Sail and Power in-the-water boat show at Essex Island Marina - See our friends from Prestige Yachts there!

Friday, noon - 6pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm.

See the website... <http://www.ctspringboatshow.com/>

May 21 **Safety for Cruising Couples Seminar** Indian Harbor YC - Greenwich

Geared to cruising couples and short-handed sailors who are taking to coastal or local waters on either sail or power boats, the goal of the seminar is to build the confidence of the less-experienced member of the duo in the event of an unexpected test of their skills. Given by the Cruising Club of America

www.cruisingclub.org/ For info, contact: Janet Garnier at jgarnier02@gmail.com or 508-367-3899

May 21 **National Safe Boating Week – Vessel Safety Checks at Rex Marine**

Boating safety advocates across the U.S. and Canada have teamed up to promote safe and responsible boating, including voluntary, consistent life jacket wear every time boaters are on the water.

Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 72, Norwalk, will be at Rex Marine on Saturday May 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to answer questions about boating safely, and to offer courtesy vessel safety checks. The vessel safety check takes about 15 to 30 minutes.

June 2016

June 4th **Volunteers Needed Saturday to Clean Nature Trail on Sheffield Island in Norwalk**

<http://www.seaport.org/event-2236360>

June 5th **Port Washington Harborfest in Manhasset Bay**

Art, crafts, live music, children's fun park, nautical & environmental exhibits, model yacht regatta and food.

www.pwcraftfair.com

June 11th - Harbor Watch Fundraiser

Join Harbor Watch for the "Cocktails & Clams" event in support of clean water on Saturday, June 11 at Copps Island Oysters on Norwalk Harbor! This annual event is the region's premier dockside party with proceeds benefiting Harbor Watch, the water quality research program of Earthplace.

Enjoy a fresh raw bar with shellfish straight from the fishing boats, cool cocktails, and hot live music in celebration Harbor Watch's efforts to protect Norwalk Harbor and Long Island Sound.

Tickets are \$75 per person in advance and \$85 per person at the door; advance reservations are recommended. For more information on Harbor Watch or to purchase tickets, please visit www.harborwatch.org or call 203-557-4400.



June 11 & 12 Port Jefferson Boater's Maritime Festival

The exciting festival will take place throughout the entire Village and to specifically showcase the Port Jefferson Harbor, one of the most popular deep-water harbors on Long Island. Boaters appreciate the prime location with easy access, deep draft local shops, restaurants and entertainment just a short walk from the marina docks. This two-day festival will host the Port Jeff Boat Show with over 50 boats on display and dozens of fishing vendors at one of the island's only outdoor shows <http://www.portjeff.com/featured-events/2015-boaters-festival/>

June 9-12 Sea Music Festival at Mystic Seaport

Mystic Seaport is proud to host its 37th annual Sea Music Festival, one of the world's premier sea music events, June 9-12, 2016. Fans of traditional sea music gather each year to hear national and international performers, along with the Museum's chantey staff, perform music from the golden Age of Sail through the best of contemporary compositions. This year's roster includes music from England, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Canada, along with singers from across the U.S <http://www.mysticseaport.org/event/sea-music-festival/>

Through September 4th - Close to the Wind - An Exhibition at the Greenwich Historical Society

Boats plying Long Island Sound were a regular and reliable means of commercial trade and passenger transport. Yet by June 1896, the last market sloop sailed from the Lower Landing in Cos Cob to New York, signaling the end of the commercial boating era.

With the rise of pleasure yachting, new maritime pursuits appeared on the horizon. Yachting soon became both a sport and a leisure activity associated with the grand lifestyle of the wealthy tycoons who built the great estates. Over time, as boating became more affordable, CT once again witnessed a proliferation of boats of every size and description that resulted in the establishment of many organizations dedicated to boating.



Through paintings, photographs, maps, charts and instruments this exhibition will explore the rich history of maritime Greenwich and share the myriad stories that link us to our coastal roots.

Info is... [HERE](#) NOTE: Sat June 11th admission is free.

June 15 **Manresa Association Meeting and Presentation**

The powerplant on Manresa Island has been decommissioned for 3 years and decisions need to be made for the disposition of the property... thus the formation of the Manresa Association. Their annual meeting will explore the economic and environmental impact of revitalizing the Manresa Island property.



All are invited to the Manresa Association's annual meeting on Wed. June 15 at 6:00 PM at the Shore and Country Club at 220 Gregory Blvd. in East Norwalk. There is no charge for admission. Please RSVP to Julie Horowitz at jshorowitz@hotmail.com

June 15th **Norwalk Concerts at Calf Pasture Beach** start with The Driftwoods – singing songs of the Beach Boys See the summer schedule here....

<http://www.norwalkct.org/DocumentCenter/View/8348>

June 18-19 **16th Annual Summer Sailstice**

Where: International

Description: This global celebration of sailing takes place on waterways all over the world, and you can win valuable prizes including a Sunsail BVI charter. Register at www.SummerSailstice.com.

June 20th – **FIRST DAY OF SUMMER**

June 24-26 **Wooden Boat Show** Mystic Seaport www.thewoodenboatshow.com

Come see the very best in-water exhibits, tents filled with your favorite maritime vendors, reader-built boats on the village green and informative skills demonstrations. Come to enjoy the beautiful wooden boats!

June 25th **"HOOKS FOR HEROES" FIFTH ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT**

To benefit wounded warriors at Walter Reed Army Hospital and Connecticut Veterans through "Operation Gift Cards"

For more information go to the Halloween YC website hyc.net or call 203 559-5205

June 25th **Rex Marine Center "We Love our Customers" Summer Party!**

It's been a long winter! Come celebrate summer and re-connect with your boating friends at Rex Marine Center on **Saturday, June 25th 12:00 - 4:00 pm***



Enjoy the Sounds of the Caribbean with the **Steel Drum Vibes of Mustafa Alexander**

Tastings - we're finalizing the select list for you! Great BBQ fare, steamed mussels, all the fixin's, & more by "Ripka's at the Beach" Take a Demo ride on a new Formula, Sign-up for a **free Better Boating Class, and more!** If you have a friend who has an interest in boating or Rex Marine, please invite them as your guest.

RSVP Required, Register... [HERE](#)

**Join us under the tent, rain or shine.*

July 2016

Saturday July 23 **Dinghy Poker Run at Norwalk Cove Marina**
This year with **LIVE Music** for the party

Pre-register with Kate@norwalkcove.com



July 23-24 **Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous**

Every year some of the most outstanding boats in the country converge at Mystic Seaport for the Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous. The annual event showcases high-quality antique vessels, including cruisers, sailboats, and runabouts. An award competition recognizes excellence in restoration, authenticity, and workmanship.

<http://www.mysticseaport.org/event/antique-classic-boat-rendezvous/>

July 30th **St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation/ SWIM Across the Sound**

St. Vincent's Marathon swimmers often swim in support or in memory of a friend or loved one. Others choose to take on the challenge to help alleviate the suffering of someone they've never even met. The money they raise from pledges goes to St. Vincent's SWIM Across the Sound, which helps cancer patients and their family deal with the plethora of non-medical challenges that cancer brings and that insurance does not cover.

See the website & Sign up to help/ captain/ swim or donate... <http://give.stvincents.org/marathon2016>

August 2016

August 7th **Long Island Sound & Art Festival**

Northport Village Park gazebo Stage , 1 Main St, Northport Ny 12pm - 6:30 Bands Featured: Mountain Jam Orchestra, Elephant, Ken Talve Trio, Djembe Movement - Other Activities: Drum Circle (all Invited), Live Painting exhibiting By Multiple Artists, Children's Activities vendors & food Free parking and admission

<http://www.lifeonlongisland.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.eventdetail&EventID=37017>

September 2016

Sept. 25th **By Land and By Sea: Antique Vehicle Show** - Mystic Seaport

Join us for the 19th Annual Antique Vehicle Show at Mystic Seaport and see a dazzling display of more than 100 authentic pre-1930 cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Take a closer look at the various types of vehicles that helped transport commerce from the land to the sea at the turn of the century.

October 2016

If you know of events to include, please e-mail Captain Rick Delfosse <mailto:rdelfosse@rexmarine.com>