



Harbor Happenings—Summer 2024



From Our Harbormaster: *Eric Donch*

Who knew we now have “Monsoon Season” here in CT. Lets hope Mother Nature is getting it all out of her system and we will have a great boating season. 2023 was the year of our new Harbormaster boat. As expected, the new Ocean Scout is proving to be a great work platform. Some minor issues were discovered that are being taken care of by the builder and I look forward to getting back on the water with her.

I had always thought the total number of moorings in our Harbor would be limited by physical space, but a new problem has arisen this past winter. The Dodson Boatyard’s two launches are running a very busy schedule to their mooring holders and mooring usage pass customers. Private mooring holders are also accessing their moorings via their own small vessels. We have found we are at capacity for storage of these small vessels in and around the Harbor. The Harbor Commission is working with Town and Borough officials to find more storage areas for boater’s needs. More information on these projects will come as we solidify our plans.

Over fifty new mooring assignments were made over the winter from our Waitlist. Commissioner Degler has been hard at work making numerous phone calls giving vessel owners their good news and assisting with required details. These new mooring holders replace the people who gave up their moorings as well as filling open mooring locations in our Harbor. ***Many of you will have new neighbors, please make them feel welcome!***

If you have any concerns regarding spacing of vessels around your mooring, please contact me asap so that we can work out any needed solutions.

As always, PLEASE be courteous to other boaters, those underway and anchored or on their moorings. Remember, you are responsible for your wake and any damage it may cause.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water this season. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns you may have.



From Our Chairman: Jay Spalding

Another successful year in the Harbor from your Stonington Harbor Management Commission!

For most of us getting out on the water is a time to forget about issues ashore and relieve the stress of everyday life. Please be sure to be courteous to your fellow boaters and make it a pleasant day for everyone.

This past year we had heavy use of our transient anchorage area by visiting yachts. For this year we are working to improve the anchorage buoy marking so visitors can easily locate and anchor within the transient anchorage area. We are also working on long term projects to improve access for visiting vessels and our private mooring holders. This is another good example of how conditions are always changing in our Harbor and the way people access it. This has kept the Commission very busy doing our best to serve the boating public.

In addition to all of these on-the-water efforts, we continue to engage with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to update the Stonington Harbor Management Plan. We hope to have our updated Plan available soon on our Commission page of the Town website.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any concerns: jspalding19@gmail.com

The SHMC meets in person on the 2nd Monday every month at 7:00pm in the Stonington Police Station Public Meeting room. **The public is always welcome!**

The Harbor Management Plan, Agendas and Minutes are available on the Stonington Town website: <https://www.stonington-ct.gov/Stonington-harbor-management-commission>

DEEP Information: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling> or Email: deep.Boating@ct.gov

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Sherman Crites, *Treasurer* 6/24

OPEN

Bruce MacKinnon 6/25

Edward Smith 6/26

Joseph Williams, III 6/26

Town Representatives (5):

Melanie Degler 4/25

Tori Gimple 4/27

Stathis Manousos 4/25

Caleb Rose 4/25

Jay Spalding, *Chairman* 4/27

New Deputy Harbormaster — Ethan Palmer



Ethan Palmer came aboard last summer after approval by the Harbor Commission and appointment by Governor Lamont. He joins Harbor-master Donch in protecting our Harbor as an employee of CT DEEP Harbormasters Group.

Ethan brings extensive boating experience as a graduate of the US Naval Academy, motorboat operations instructor, USCG onboard drill conductor, World Champion paddler for Team USA, and most recently with an impressive career as a Law Enforcement Ranger with the National Park Service where he specialized in search and rescue, swift-water, boating assignments and training roles.

He and his family have a long history in Stonington and the Boro. Ethan recently returned to the area from Alaska and resides in Stonington with his fiancée.



Ethan will be sharing time on the water with Harbormaster Donch offering more of a presence in the Harbor, Sandy Point Channel and Wequetequock Cove.

Please join us to make Ethan feel welcome!!

Ethan can be reached on the Harbormaster boat on VHF-Channel 9 and 72.

NEW LIFE JACKET LABELS

ADULT UNIVERSAL
User Weight: >40 kg (>88 lbs)
Chest Size: 76-132 cm (30-52 in.)

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• Drowning hazard if not worn.
• Must be fastened and properly adjusted to float the wearer.
Choose and wear the device which fits you and your activity, visit www.wearitlifejacket.org.
Read and keep the owner's manual and tags for info such as rearming, wear, and care.

ADULT UNIVERSAL
User Weight: >36 kg (>80 lbs)
Chest Size: 76-132 cm (30-52 in.)

100

• Not recommended for weak or non-swimmers.
• Do not use below freezing.
• Drowning hazard if not worn.
• Must be fastened & properly adjusted to float the wearer.
• Do not wear under clothing.
• Check CO2 status before each use.
Choose and wear the live vest which fits you and your activity, visit www.XXXXX.com.
Read and keep the owner's manual and tags for info such as rearming, wear, and care.

USCG Approval →

Company Name
Company Address
Company website if available
Made in XXXXX

USCG Approved 160.064/XXXXXX
TC Approved XXXXXXXX-X
ANSI/CAN/UL 12492-5
Model: XXXX Style: XXXX
Lot No. XXXX

Approval conditions state that this device must be worn to be counted as equipment required by vessels meeting Transport Canada or USCG regulations.

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← Near Shore (Calm) (Waves) Offshore →

← Increasing time to rescue →

Annual Blessing of the Fleet This Year — Sunday, July 28, 2024

Every year on the last full weekend in July, the annual **Blessing of the Fleet** remembers Stonington's fishermen who made their livelihood providing fish for the nation and all too often have died at sea.

The celebration will start at 10:30am with the traditional Fisherman's Mass at St. Mary's Church in the "Boro", followed by a street parade and procession to the Town Dock for the ceremonial Blessing of the Fleet by the Diocese of Norwich.

The Blessing continues with a parade of the decorated commercial fishing boats with their families aboard to a site just outside the Harbor breakwater for the laying of a flowered anchor-shaped wreath.

At the dock there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chowder, chourica rolls and soft drinks available for sale, 12-4 p.m., and live music.

Please come and enjoy the festivities!



"Go with a fair wind and a following tide" unknown

Online Mooring Update

Please note: all correspondence from Online Mooring is sent via email: "alerts@onlinemooring"



Our Accomplishments This Past Year:

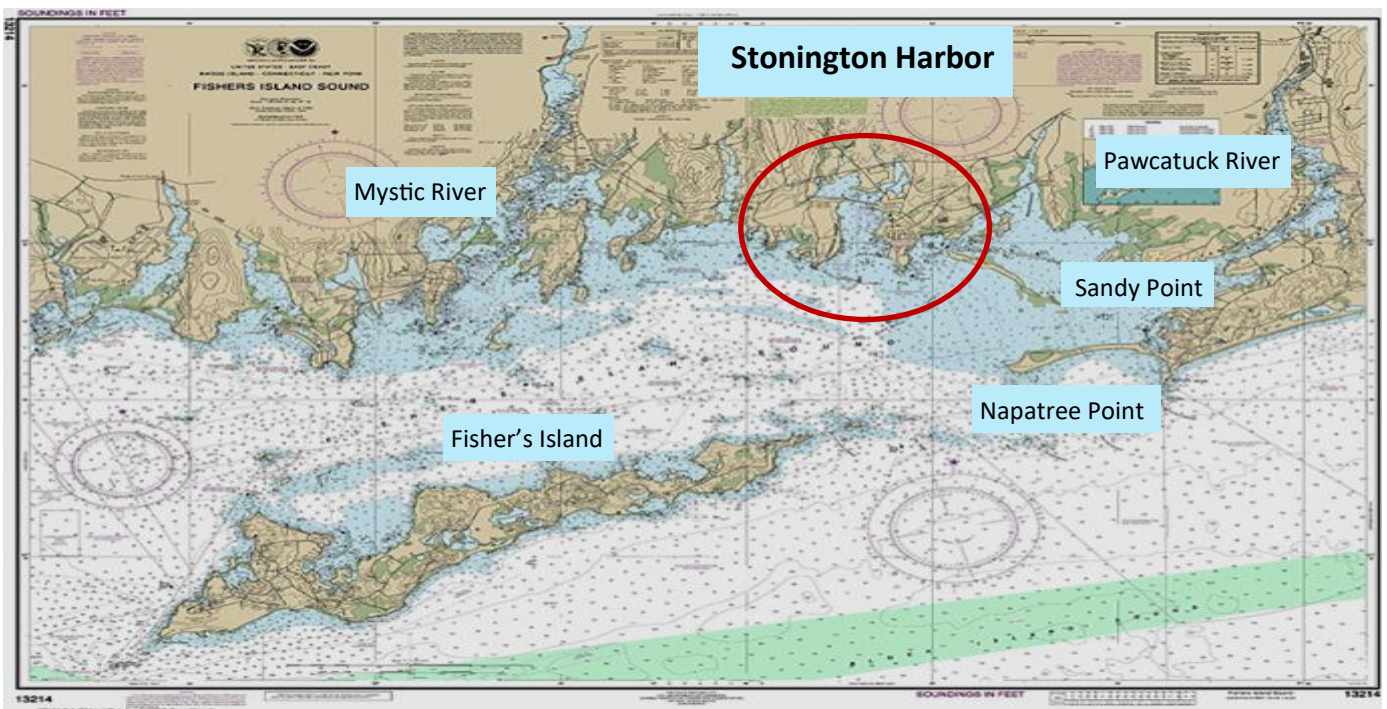
- 57 new mooring assignments were made for the 2024 boating season.
- Harbor is officially full, with only a handful of open moorings for the Harbormaster's use.
- Waitlist is down to three years and sixty-two applicants waiting.
- Mooring Grid is now accessible on the Commission's home page on the Town website.
- Mooring FAQs have been compiled and will be placed on the Town website.
- Compliance with CT DMV Registration requirements for all current mooring holders.
- CT DMV Registrations are no longer needed for renewals, only for new mooring assignments.
- New direct links to vessel registrations with CT DMV and Coast Guard documentation.

Private Mooring Reminders:

- Renewal payments are due by 4/1 each year.
- Pyramid moorings are recommended in our Harbor.
- All vessel changes on moorings require a vessel change form AND approval of Harbormaster Donch.
- Littoral moorings DO NOT convey when a house is sold that abuts the Harbor proper. The new owner has to apply for a mooring. (*littoral = harbor shoreline property owner*)
- When a mooring is given up, contact must be made with the mooring vendor regarding gear removal. The Commission is not involved in gear removal or possible resale value.
- Moorings cannot be rented or leased to others.
- Rafting of vessels on private moorings is discouraged.
- The Harbormaster may revoke a mooring assignment/permit for any non-compliance infraction.

For Online Mooring Assistance—questions or concerns, please contact:

Melanie Degler—Commissioner/Mooring Administrator—mdegler16@gmail.com



Service in the Harbor

Dodson Boatyard:
860-535-1507

Don's Dock:
860-535-0077

Cardinal Cove
Marina:
860-535-0060

Mechanic Street
Marina:
860-495-2042

VHF - Stonington Harbor

Harbormaster — 72

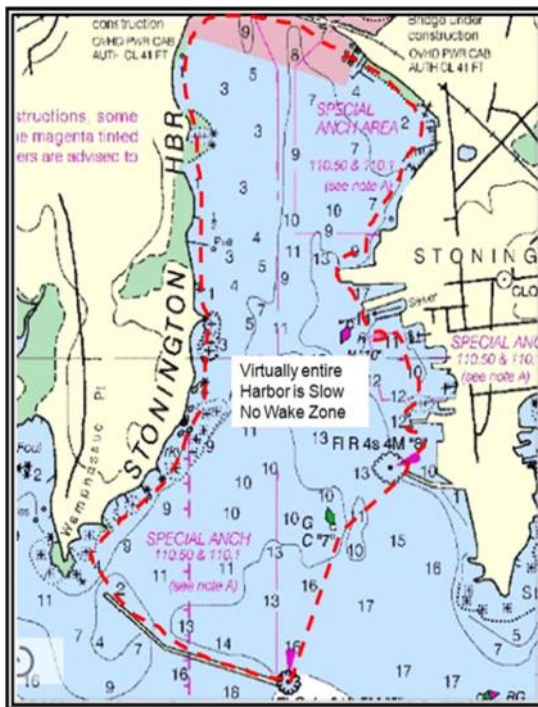
Pump Out Boat — 8

Dodson Launch — 78

Stonington Yacht Club
Dockage — 78

Slow No Wake in the ENTIRE Harbor

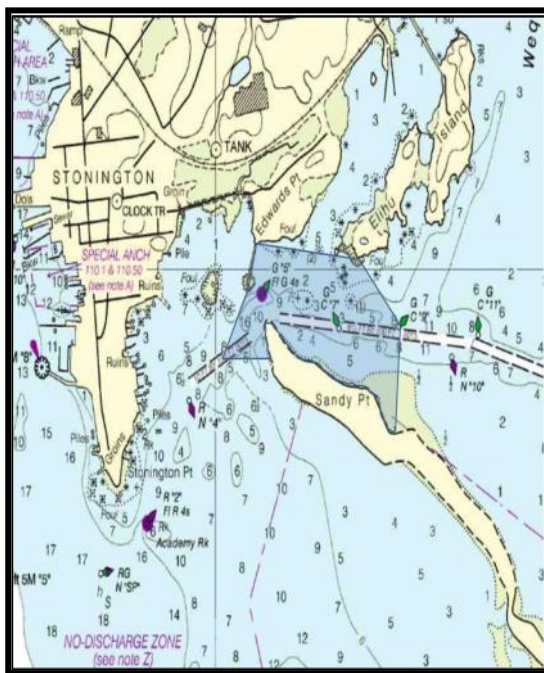
***SNW means BOTH SLOW
AND NO WAKE!***



A reminder to all boaters and sailors — all of Stonington Harbor is designated by law as a “slow-no-wake” (SNW) area.

The Commission thanks all those who complied with the SNW regulations last season, and we look forward to even more compliance again this season!

- Boats must move slowly enough to be safe and produce no wake.
- A jet ski may produce no wake at speed, but this speed is dangerous.
- A large, slow-moving vessel may produce a huge, dangerous wake.



Let's all be aware of our speed AND our wake. This will make our Harbor and Sandy Point safer for all to enjoy.

Public Access to the Harbor

Wayland's Wharf looking west off Water St in Boro



Transient Dinghy Dock off STN Commons Docks



Other Public Access Locations:

- Town Dock Fishing Pier & Memorial
- Public Walk at Harboredge
- Foot of Omega Street
- Foot of Ash Street
- Wall Street - Dodge Paddock and Beal Preserves
- Foot of Church Street Vista
- Stonington Point/Dubois Beach
- End of Palmer Neck Road—Barn Island State Boat Launch
- Hand Launch Area: *(Elm Street & Route 1)*

Sandy Point Channel Update—5/2024

Harbormaster Donch and the Commission have not had any luck in securing any commitments from the Federal Army Corps of Engineers for dredging of the Sandy Point channel for 2024. **After Harbormaster Donch had several discussions with the Corps, our dredging request is on the ACOE priority list with the possibility the dredging to be scheduled for 2025.**

Transit this channel at your own risk, and be mindful of the tides.

Harbormaster Donch and Deputy Harbormaster Palmer will be regularly monitoring the area and it's depth this season using sonar equipment installed on the new Harbormaster boat.

All private mooring holders will receive updates as needed with an email from Harbormaster Donch through Online Moorings. Also, updates are posted on the Stonington Harbor Boating Facebook page.

The Connecticut Port Authority is working with the US Army Corps of Engineers and CT DEEP to identify future dredging needs. If you would like to assist, please complete the following questionnaire by July 31, 2024 and make your voice heard for our Channel. <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/a3a5afK9YH> OR use the QR code to access:



Any questions or concerns, please contact Harbormaster Donch.

Harbormaster Soapbox—Law Enforcement Vessels

Stonington Harbormaster
Eric Donch

VHF - Ch 9 and 72
on the water

Cell (860-303-5046)

harbormaster@usa.com

Any person operating a vessel passing within two hundred feet of a stationary law enforcement vessel using an audible signal device or flashing blue lights, or a stationary fire rescue vessel using flashing red or yellow lights, shall reduce speed to a speed of slow-no-wake, until there is a distance of more than two hundred feet between such person and the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel. Any person operating a vessel passing within two hundred feet of a commercial vessel responding to or towing a vessel in distress, when such commercial vessel is displaying flashing red or yellow lights, shall reduce speed to a speed of slow-no-wake.

Upon the approach of a law enforcement vessel with a blue flashing light, the operator of any vessel shall stop or give way in any situation until the law enforcement vessel has passed.

For purposes of this subsection, “Slow-No-Wake” means operation of a vessel at a speed that does not produce more than a minimum wake and is not greater than six miles per hour over ground, unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain steerage when traveling with a strong current.

Please be mindful of Harbormaster vessels and Stonington Police vessels while in our Harbor and surrounding jurisdictional waters, including, outer breakwater, Sandy Point, Wequetequock Cove, Barn Island and Osbrook Point, including all surrounding/adjacent waterways.

Small Boat Association (SSBA)

Stonington Small Boat Association (SSBA) was established in 1976 adjoining the Town fishing docks. Their goal is to support safe and active sailing, boating, and kayaking.

SSBA provides residents a “boat park” to store their small non-motorized vessels under 20ft and less than 300 lbs. such as Sunfish, Lasers, JY15s, kayaks and alike vessels. This all volunteer organization of sailors and paddlers is dedicated to maintaining and upgrading small boat access to Stonington Harbor.



Currently, there are approximately 140 vessels in the Association area. The annual meeting is held each April and several work parties occur throughout the season.

Applications for storage spaces are collected every April and can be found on their website: <https://ssba28.com> and at the Stonington Library.

For more information check their bulletin board on site:

Visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Stonington-Small-Boat-Association

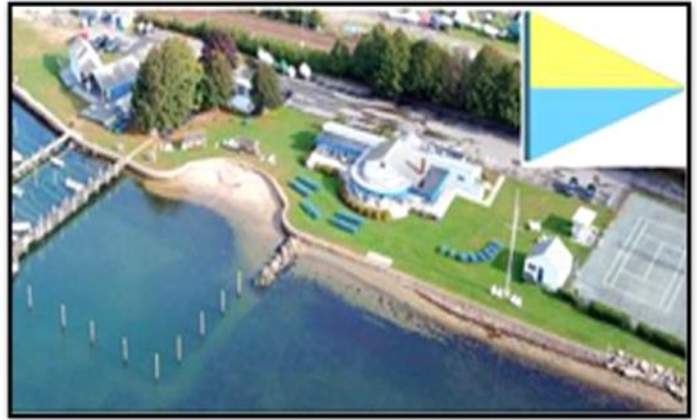
Contact them via email: StoningtonSmallBoatAssociation@gmail.com

Send a note to: **SSBA, P.O. Box 28, Stonington, CT 06378.**

The Wadawanuck “Wad” Club

Established in 1908, the “Wad Club” is located at the north end of Stonington Harbor. The Club offers sailing, swimming, tennis and dining to members, their guests and invited visitors. The Club operates from Memorial Day to mid-September and hosts sailing regattas and other athletic events during the summer season.

With permission, the “Wad Club” provides their dry sail area as a small sailboat launch site for many events, including the Special Olympics Regatta.



The Wad Club does not offer tie-up or shore facilities for transient boaters, unless invited and accompanied by Club members.

"Shells sink, dreams float. Life's good on our boat." - Jimmy Buffett

Safety For Pets on Vessels

- Keep decks cool. A hot deck can damage your pet’s paw pads, so make sure there is a temperature-regulated surface available. Even just hosing down the deck can save sensitive paws. If it is too hot for you to walk on barefoot, it is too hot for your pet.
- Your pets cannot regulate their body temperature as well as we can, so it’s important to make sure pets stay hydrated and do not overheat. Keep fresh drinking water available and a shady spot for them to get out of the sun.
- Having your pet fitted for a personal flotation device (PFD) can help keep them safe the same way they do you! Even if your four-legged co-captain is a strong swimmer, panic and fatigue can quickly and unexpectedly set in. Getting a scared pet back in the boat can be a daunting task, and a life jacket with a handle on top can make this easier for you and your pet.
- Pets can get seasick too, especially if this is their first time out. Consult with your vet about the best motion sickness medicine for your pet and keep some on hand – just in case.
- Make access easy. If you have a pet that needs extra steps or traction on the deck, make sure they have it. Most accidents happen when the boat is docked or anchored. Ensure your companion can easily get on and off your boat and won’t slip when the boat is underway. Help your pet stay on board, not overboard!

Sperry the happy boat dog.



Special Olympics—2024 News

2024 marks the 18th year Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT) will hold a training program capped off by a regatta for Special Olympians on Stonington Harbor.

During July and August, Special Olympians ranging in age from ten to sixty will practice for approximately two hours in the Harbor on Tuesday evenings in Ideal 18s provided by the SHYC and Wad Club. During these sessions the athletes, with their coaches/partners, experience the joy of sailing, its technical attributes and develop a competitive team spirit on the water.

During this time, they sail their Ideals along a course and around buoys, learning the characteristics of the boat and how to work



together, all while competing with other Olympians to achieve numerous prescribed goals of the sport. The process of both piloting the boat and trimming its sails promotes “a great deal of trust and self-assurance on the boat, and their confidence is raised because they feel safe with their partners”.

The highlight of this summer program is the 2024 SOCT Unified Sports Fall Festival Sailing Regatta scheduled for September 7th. In this event as many as fifteen race teams including as many as fifty sailors from across Connecticut converge at the Wad Club. Activities include a day of good, spirited competition on the Ideals, celebrating their athletic achievements with picnic and awards. As many as forty individual volunteers from the Stonington area participate in and support this program promoting good health, fitness and “inspiring inclusion and respect for all people”, on and off the water.

For further information on volunteerism in this very “Special” program, Website: <https://www.soct.org/get-involved/become-volunteer/>

or email Eileen Cicchese at ecicchese@groton-ct.gov.

Sponsorships, donations as well as volunteerism can also be made by emailing Sharon Rozum at sahronr@soct.org.

REMINDER:

Please No Rafting of ANY unattended vessels in our Harbor.

Rafting on private moorings in the Harbor is allowed overnight PROVIDED there is a watch person on board at ALL times.

No vessel may be left unattended while rafted.

Rafting is NOT ALLOWED when inclement weather is expected or occurring.

“For the ship to be lucky.....place a horseshoe to the mast or to the door of the captain's cabin.” unknown

Financial Reports—Year Ending 2023

The Stonington Harbor Management Plan states all funds for the implementation of the Plan shall come from the mooring fees collected annually. No tax revenues from the Town or Borough of Stonington can be used. Each year a plan is developed to ensure current fees, plus funds carried over from the previous year, will cover expected operating expenses, planned projects and capital items.

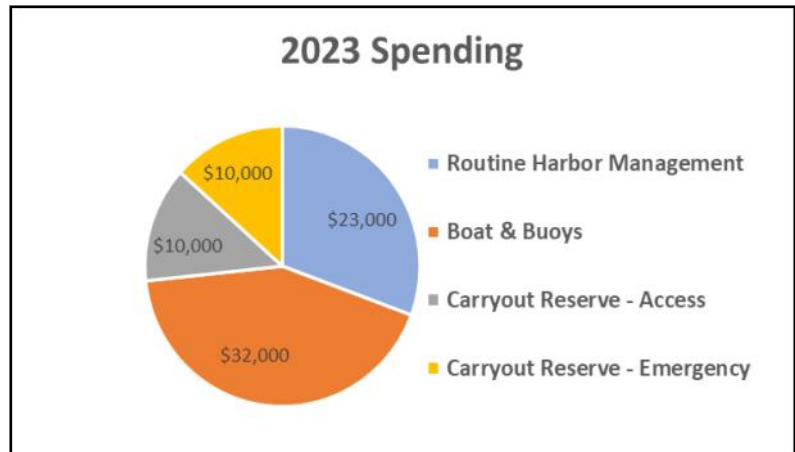
At every monthly meeting, the Commission reviews a Financial Report detailing income and expenses relative to the Stonington Harbor Management Plan (SHMP). The Financial Report is attached to the monthly meeting minutes and is available on the Commission home page of the Stonington Town website.

INCOME:

- 15%—Commercial Mooring Fees
- 44%—Private & Special Use Mooring Fees
- 4%—Waiting List Fees
- 37%—Carryover from 2022

EXPENSES:

- \$23K—Routine Harbor Management
- \$32K—Boat & Buoys
- \$10K—Carryout Reserve—Access
- \$10K—Carryout Reserve—Emergency



****MOORING HOLDER IMPORTANT DATES****

- ◆ **January 31st** **Mooring Permit Renewal Applications Emailed to Current Mooring Holders from [OnlineMooring.com](https://www.onlinemooring.com)**
- ◆ February 28th Special Purpose Mooring Applications Due to Harbormaster/ Commission Chairman
- ◆ **April 1st** **Deadline for mooring permit renewal applications which must be completed/paid through Online Mooring**
- ◆ **June 30th** **WINTER STICKS MUST BE REPLACED WITH APPROVED MOORING BALLS**
- ◆ September 30th Waitlist Renewals Emailed from [OnlineMooring.com](https://www.onlinemooring.com)
- ◆ October 1st Winter Sticks May Begin to Replace Mooring Balls
- ◆ **December 31st** **All Mooring Permits Expire**

Our Transient Dinghy Dock Usage & Etiquette

Friendly Tips:

Dinghies are everywhere, dinghy docks are crowded, and we have limited resources:

- **No overnight use!**
- **Always leave your outboard down!**
- **Use only one line off the bow! No side tie-ups and do not tie bow and stern.**
- **Have a long painter/bow line.** This allows others to push aside your dinghy and nose.
- **If there are only a few cleats on the dock, tie a loop to the end of your painter.**
- **If other dinghies are at the dock, try to tie your dinghy painter below the earlier arrivals.** You might not want them to untie your dinghy painter and re-tie.
- **When you lock your dinghy, do not trap another dinghy's painter.** Be sure the cable is long enough to allow others to nose into the dock to unload.



Stonington Police Marine Patrol



The Stonington Police Department is keeping the messaging simple this year. *Be courteous and stay safe!*

Almost all of the complaints we respond to on the water can be prevented by boaters being courteous to one another. One of the best methods is

being aware of the size of your wake at all times and your proximity to other vessels. Do not attempt to pass vessels in congested areas when it is not reasonably safe to do so.

Finally, if there is one piece of safety information that we can share is **please do not let anyone bow ride**. We see this over and over again throughout the summer. Individuals with their legs hanging over the bow while underway are much more prone to falling overboard. If someone should fall in from this location there is no possible way to stop the vessel in time before they are hit by the vessel or prop.

Finally, be respectful of other boaters. Please watch your wake all applicable areas.

We hope everyone has a great summer - enjoy your time on the water!

Waterfront Commission



The Waterfront Commission's charter, approved in 1967, is to study the waterfront area, tidal waters and pier facilities in the Town of Stonington and make recommendations and reports concerning the same to the Town Selectmen, and other municipal, regional, state and federal

authorities as required. The Commission consists of seven members for a term of five years. Meetings are at 6:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month (except August) in the Stonington Town Hall, lower floor meeting room, 152 Elm Street *and the public is always invited.*

The Commission is empowered to enact and enforce regulations to operate and administer the facilities under their jurisdiction which includes the Town Dock area, the Stonington Small Boat Association (SSBA) boat storage and launch area, and Donahue Park. A major focus of the Commission is the Town Dock area occupied by the Southern New England Fisherman's and Lobstermen's Association (SNEFLA).

Wednesday Night Sailing

Wednesday Night Sailing was started in 1969 by the newly formed Stonington Dinghy Club (SDC) and has been a community event ever since. It is a 10-week racing series open to **any sailboat 20 ft. or less**, sailed by anyone, of any age, and any skill level. Some boats in the current fleet include Ideal 18, Laser, Sunfish, JY-15, JY/Hunter-14, Cape Dory 10, Cape Cod Frosty, Sea Dog, Optimist, 420, 470, Bic, RS Aero, 29'er, Highlander, custom designs and multi-hulls...any and all small boats are welcome! Wear your lifejacket and bring whatever vessel you have. You and your boat will be assigned to a class.



Check out this excellent video for some history of this series: <https://vimeo.com/580067140>

For more detailed information, check this website: <https://www.sdcwednightrace.com>

Stonington Shellfish Commission

The Stonington Shellfish Commission manages commercial and recreational shellfishing in Stonington waters. Six oyster growers operate farms in town waters, two in Little Narragansett Bay. One farm is located south of Elihu Island and the other west of the Barn Island Wildlife Management Area. Most of the remaining farms are in the Mystic River. As payment for using town bottom, oyster farmers provide funds to help support the Shellfish Commission and provide shellfish for the town's recreational beds.

- Recreational permits are available online via [OnlineMooring.com](https://www.onlinemooring.com)
- Or using this QR Code:
- Permits are also available at the Stonington Town Hall.



The annual permit, which begins on April 1st and expires the following March 31st, now covers clams, oysters and scallops, whereas in the past a separate scallop permit was required.

The waters of Stonington Harbor and Little Narragansett Bay are closed to recreational shellfishing. The oysters grown commercially in Little Narragansett Bay are transplanted into deep water to cleanse them before they can be placed into recreational beds or sold at market.

Visit the Commission's website at: <https://stoningtonshellfishcommission.org>

Information on shellfishing in Rhode Island waters at: <https://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/shellfish/>

Stonington Harbor Yacht Club (SHYC)—Public Programs

The Stonington Harbor Yacht Club is open year-round, providing diverse programs on the water and on land that appeal to people of all ages. The Club strives to be sensitive to its members and the public, to support the local community, and to protect and broaden access to the natural resources of Stonington Harbor.

Sailing on an Ideal: In-season, the public is invited to sail on an Ideal with a club-certified skipper on board. **Reservations must be made at least five business days in advance by calling the club at (860) 535-0112.** We will match you up with a skipper at an acceptable time. The cost is \$25 per sail/two per season.



Spring and Fall Racing: The racing series are open to the public. A variety of one-design boats, including Ideal 18s, Lasers, Sunfish, and other craft, participate in these Saturday afternoon races. Afterwards, participants gather at the clubhouse for soup, beverages, and camaraderie. The 2024 spring series runs from 4/13 to 6/15, and the fall series from 9/14 to 11/2. More information is available at <https://shyc.us/public-racing>.

Big Boat Regattas: The Big Jack Regatta, scheduled for 9/7, is a pursuit style race that starts off Watch Hill and concludes off Block Island. Any sailboat over 20' is welcome. The race typically concludes with a fun evening on Block Island and a leisurely sail back to Stonington.

The Red Lobdell Regatta: Races for both one-design and big boats on two different courses on 9/21. After the races, there are beverages and an awards party. Details may be found at <https://shyc.us/public-racing>.

Special Olympics: SHYC supports the local area Special Olympics sailors and their able-bodied partners. The club shares the use of its fleet of Ideal 18s on Tuesday evenings July through September for training, culminating in the state regatta held in September. **Volunteers are always welcome.**

Wounded Warriors Outing: Each August (this summer 8/24) we host an excursion for Wounded Warriors, including breakfast and lunch, and the highlight—voyages on board member boats.

Educational Presentations:

A variety of educational events throughout the year are open to the public. These talks center around a variety of topics. Examples include Kayak Excursions, Supply Chain 101, Kelp Farming, Restorative Aquaculture, Stonington's Efforts on Recycling and Solid Waste.



For more info regarding any of the programs described above or the simple membership process, contact Tricia Walsh at SHYC for details at 860-535-0112, ext. 1, or by email at twalsh@shyc.us

New England Science & Sailing (NESS) Update



Experiences That Transform Lives:

New England Science & Sailing (NESS) empowers, educates, and inspires K-12 students through ocean-based experiential learning. NESS is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, education organization that uses sailing, marine science, powerboating, and ocean adventure sports as experiential learning platforms to increase K-12 academic outcomes.

NESS's accredited, nationally recognized, and award-winning ocean-based STEM curriculum provides experiential learning opportunities for students in unique and highly engaging ways through innovative, real-world expe-

riences aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Ocean Literacy Principles (OLP). These academic standards encourage students to understand learning as an interrelated world of inquiry and phenomena rather than a static set of disciplines and facts.



The NESS education model also employs a comprehensive, double-helix approach, integrating academic engagement and social-emotional growth in an enriching learning environment that promotes academic achievement and enhances student development.



Active participation, critical thinking, and problem-solving lead to a deeper understanding of the subject matter while having fun in a dynamic, safe, and challenging environment. Students explore, discover, design, engineer, and investigate their world with NESS programs.



NESSF.org | 72 Water Street | Stonington, CT | 860.535.9362

Mooring Grid of Stonington Harbor (not for navigation)

