



# HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster's Office is dedicated to the safe boating interests of the citizens of Barrington. The most visible activity we perform is the Harbor Patrol with two patrol boats that cover all 19 miles of Barrington's coastline. Our most intensive activity is on the Barrington River up to 100 Acre Cove where boaters enjoy small boat activities from sailing to fishing and water skiing. This area is now covered by our 19 ft. patrol craft. The upper Narragansett Bay up to Bullocks Cove is covered by our heavy-weather capable 24 1/2 Edgewater craft. This boat is well suited for 24 hour assistance to distressed boaters in heavy weather common to the Bay.

The Patrol crews perform safety equipment checks on boats in our area and are on the watch for unsafe boating activity and violations of RI State Boating laws and Town boating ordinances. The patrol crews operate on a seven day schedule during the prime boating season from Memorial Day through Labor Day and are able to respond to on the water rescue emergencies on a 24 hour basis. Some rescues are heroic in nature due to the diligence of the Patrol crew and the determination to do the best and the willingness to help anyone in distress. Several lives have been saved through their efforts. We also maintain a radio watch on Marine Channel 16 and are in constant contact with Barrington's Police Dispatch. The Patrol Crew also trains with the Town Fire - Rescue teams, and Coast Guard to perform Search and Rescue drills maintaining proficiency in boating emergencies. The staff also assists the Town Police in support of Party Patrols to combat underage drinking activities.

In May, in conjunction with the East Providence Harbormaster, the Barrington and East Providence Harbor Commissions, and with the support of community marine businesses we sponsored a Safe Boating Day. In addition to the Patrol effort there are several other important services that the office performs to support boating activities in Town:

- Annual registration and assignment of 250 mooring spaces throughout Town including 108 spaces in the main Harbor where currently there is a 70 person waiting list.
- Assuring conformance to biannual mooring inspections.
- Managing assignment of transient visitors to short term moorings
- Monitoring compliance to a minimum 30 day usage of moorings in the Harbor
- Monitoring compliance to DEM requirement for head inspections.
- Disposition of abandoned boats on the coastline.
- Working with the Harbor Commission on long term policy and development of utilization of Barrington's waterways.
- Coordinate the Town's interface with the US Coast Guard and DEM for enforcement and boating safety.
- Contributing to the oversight of the design and construction of new bridges in Town to maintain the best interests of the community.

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# RECREATION 26

The Barrington Recreation Department continues to offer quality programming and activities to the community and beyond.



In June, the new beach house officially opened and was fully utilized through Labor Day. A total of 1295 beach passes were issued: 346 senior citizen passes and 949 resident passes. The water quality at the beach this year was the best it has been in years without a single closing due to high bacteria counts. The DPW and beach staff did a great job keeping the beach clean and safe for swimmers. The lifeguard staff provided swim lessons for youth and yoga on the beach was very successful. Look for those offerings as well as some new activities at the beach in 2013.

Summer camp continued to be well attended and enjoyed by children ages 4 through 12. In the three two-week sessions offered June 27 until August 3, Camp Pokanoket drew 122 campers while Tiny Tots had 75 campers. The camp counselors did an outstanding job entertaining campers with fun activities as well as educational programs to keep their young minds working over summer vacation.



Although the summer of 2012 was one of the warmest on record, more than 100 tennis enthusiasts came out to play at the high school with the Quick Start tennis program and BRIT (Barrington Recreation Instructional Tennis).



**REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS WILL BEGIN APRIL 2013.**

The summer concert series continued to be a big success and the four concerts were well attended, including Atwood and Donnelly, The RI Philharmonic, Nightlife and the Driftwoods. These shows, and a few more, are being planned for the summer of 2013.

