

JOIN US

Welcome! When you entered the Pond did you think, "Wow! or What a Harbor!" or "feels so good to be back again" or "wish I could be part of this place."

Hopefully you have found this Directory, composed by the Committee for The Great Salt Pond, helpful. We are totally dedicated to keeping the waters in the Great Salt Pond pristine, its shorelines scenic and always open to boating, recreation and aquaculture for all.

We have a **new, non-resident Boater's Membership**. Please join and help us by sending a check for \$35 to CGSP at PO Box 1092, Block Island, RI 02807. Include your name, home address, Boat Name-Home Port and email address. You will receive our monthly newsletter and can attend our Annual Meetings. Become part of "the POND" and help us keep it "the way it is."

For more information about the CGSP visit, CGSPBlockIsland.org



2023 GREAT SALT POND BOATER'S DIRECTORY

Welcome Visitors!

As Harbormaster of the Town of New Shoreham, I welcome you all to our beloved Great Salt Pond for the 2023 season. As you know, there are many activities to be enjoyed on the pond from recreational boating and kayaking to clamming. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or my staff. Public safety and making sure our waters stay clean are our top priorities. We are so excited for the upcoming season and can't wait to see you on the pond.

Be safe and have a great summer,

Kathleen McConville | Harbormaster | 401.466.3204

COMMITTEE FOR THE GREAT SALT POND - WHAT WE DO

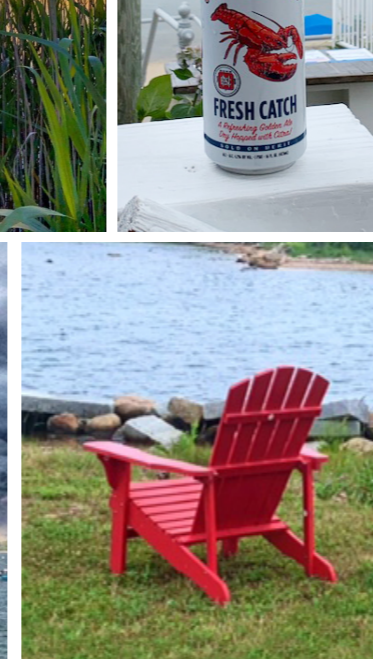
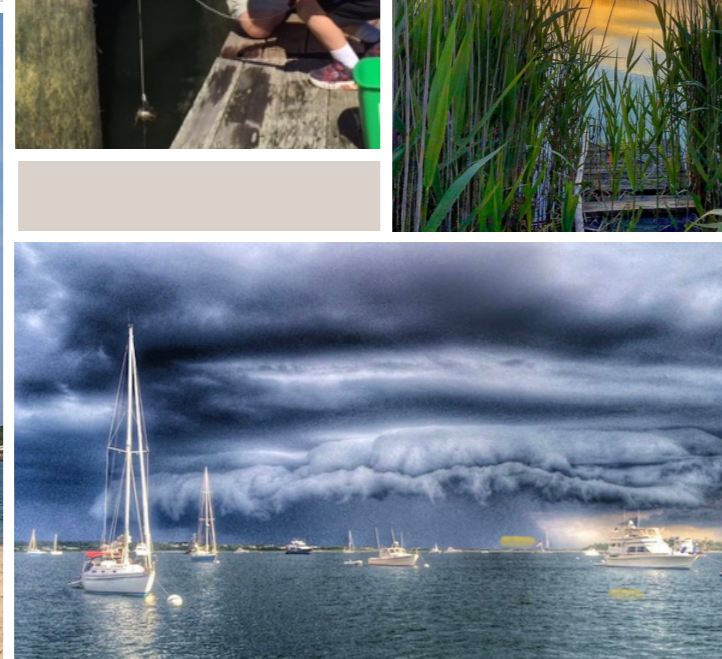
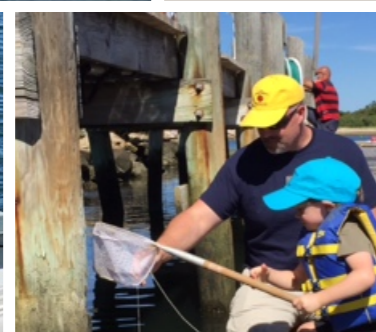
We are a Tax-exempt Organization whose mission is

To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Great Salt Pond, including its shorelines and wetlands and to promote appropriate and productive uses of the Pond's resources by residents, visitors and local businesses.

We are like the canary in the coal mine, protecting and providing stewardship for the Great Salt Pond as we defend, advocate and alert the community to problems and opportunities in and around the Pond. The CGSP has protected the pond from many different development initiatives of the past 40-odd years including a ferry terminal, condominiums, massive dock expansions, etc. with our legal defense fund. Additionally, the CGSP has led a number of major initiatives like "no-discharge" (the first on the east coast) and the pump-out boats that patrol the harbor.

Every two weeks during the summer we sample the water at 14 sites to assure it is safe for swimming, for aquaculture and shell fishing, and that it is maintaining its #1 Water Quality rating. We built "walkovers" to protect the dunes that protect the pond and its beaches. We have erected kiosks at several entrances to the Pond to notify visitors of its history, its rules, and what to explore. Annually, we draw people to the Pond where they become aware of its beauty and pristine waters by conducting a one-mile swim from Andy's Way towards Bean Point and back. At our last GSP SWIM 109 individuals of all ages made the loop. We continue to increase awareness of the Pond by sponsoring a GSP Photo Scavenger Hunt. Everyone who completes the 10-photo requirement wins the now famous CGSP hat. The Committee designs a new Block Island Burgee to raise money every year.

Most of our income, however, is derived from donations, membership fees and the GSP SWIM. Most of the money is spent on legal fees which are used to stop overly aggressive developers. So far we have been successful in the legal efforts to keep the Pond the way that it has been, but it remains a daily battle. Sound interesting? If so, there is an invitation that you might like to accept on the back page.



GREAT SALT POND (GSP) BOATER'S DIRECTORY

This directory is published to help boaters on the GSP who want to know where one might find help as well as what there is to see and do WITHIN DINGHY AND SHORT WALKING DISTANCE from the shore.

All phone numbers have a 401.466 prefix unless indicated otherwise.

EMERGENCY

Harbormaster – 3204 • Channel 12

Coast Guard – 401.789.0444 – Point Judith • Channels 16 & 22

Police/Fire/Rescue Squad – Emergency call 911 • Non-Emergency call 3220

Block Island Medical Center – 911; Normal 2974 • BIHealthServices.com

South County Hospital, Wakefield, RI – 401.782.8000 • SouthCountyHealth.org

Westerly Hospital, Westerly, RI – 401.596.6000 • WesterlyHospital.org

Atlantic Animal Hospital – 401.364.2275 • AtlanticAnimalHospital.com – Dr. S. Hoffer

McQuade's Pharmacy – 401.596.0277 • McQuadeRX.com – Will deliver to Airport. No pharmacies on Island.

Dental Care – 401.862.2713 – Dr. Paul Trombly visits Island every Friday.

Westerly CVS – 401.596.8182. Delivers to airport.

MARINE SERVICES

Pump-out Boat – Channel 73 (a FREE service)

Launch Service – Channel 68 (Old Port Marine Services) • OldPortMarine.com

Water Boat – Channel 71

A.H. Edwards Marine – 2655 • Channel 12. Marine mechanic.

Block Island Marine – Channel 12. Marine mechanic. Lunch Service; Fuel Dock – Diesel & Gas

TRANSPORTATION

TAXI STANDS – Located at all the marinas.

CAR RENTAL

BI Bike and Car Rental – 401.466.2297 • Located at the Hog Pen. BlockIslandBikeAndCarRental.com

BIKE RENTAL

New Harbor Boat Basin Rental – 2631 • NewHarborBoatBasin.com

Champlin's Marina – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com

FISHING/BAIT/CLAMMING GEAR

Clam license available at Harbormaster's Office (3204) in the grocery store building next to The Oar Restaurant.

Block Island Fish Works – 5392 • BIFishWorks.com. Deep sea fishing, fly-fishing.

Twin Maples – 5547 • Home of EAT FISH "T"

FISHING CHARTERS

Pale Horse Fishing Charters – 802.379.0336 • PaleHorseCharters.net. Can take 10 passengers.

MARINAS

New Harbor Boat Basin – 401.480.1429 • Channel 9. Slips, grocery store, ice, showers, no gas.

Block Island Marine – 2297 • 401.741.8145. Adjacent to Hogpen. Marina mechanic. Limited marina supplies and outboard mechanic. Marina adjacent to BIMI. Rents bikes and cars and repairs outboard engines. No water or gas.

Payne's Dock – 5572 and 401.864.3832 • PaynesDock.com

Gift Shop, a good lunch spot, entertainment at Mahogany Shoals. Gas, water, and ice. Look for large USA Flag.

Champlin's – 7777 • Channel 11 • ChamplinsResort.com. Full-service resort with fuel dock, ice, electric service,

lodging, casual and full service dining, ice cream shop, taco truck, Dock Bar with live entertainment, laundry machines,

dinghy dock.

RESTAURANTS

The Oar – 8820 • BlockIslandResorts.com/Dining. Right behind Boat Basin Dock.

Look for 5 flags flying on a gaff-rigged pole. An Island favorite. Get there early.

Champlin's – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com. Four restaurants: The Landing, Café Boutique, Sugar Shack and Blockamole.

Dead Eye Dick's – 2654 • DeadEyeDicksBI.com. Down the street from Payne's Dock. Excellent seafood.

MORE FOOD

Aldo's Bakery – 2198. Delivers pastries and coffee to your boat in the morning.

Dick's Fish & Provisions – 2042 • Dicksfish.com. Fresh seafood, live lobster, grab and go sushi, groceries.

Grocery Store – 5189 • 401.378.7350. New Harbor Boat Basin, limited grocery, marine supplies, beach supplies.

Kimberly's – 401.466.8600. Catering functions.

Lobster Craft – 5572 • 203.873.1777. Located on Payne's Dock. Noon to evenings.

Payne's Donuts – Down the street from BIMI. Can't leave the Island without eating one.

Sullivan House – 5020 • TheSullivanHouse.com. Weddings and private functions.

The Cracked Mug – 401.450.6653 • Breakfast Sandwiches and Coffee at Payne's Dock.

BARS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dead Eye Dick's – 2654 • DeadEyeDicksBI.com. Not every night, call.

Mahogany Shoals – 5572 • PaynesDock.com. On the dock at Payne's Dock.

Pier 7 – 7777 • ChamplinsResorts.com. On the shore at Champlin's.

Trader Vic's – 7777 • ChamplinsResorts.com. On the dock at Champlin's.

EDUCATION & AMUSEMENTS

BIMI AQUARIUM – (5 tanks) at BIMI – 401.500.3501 • BlockIslandMaritime.org. Next to Dead Eye Dick's. BIMI has a daily supervised program for children and an Adult Marine Lecture Series on Tuesday evenings. Launch Tour of the Pond.

SAILING & TENNIS INSTRUCTION

The Block Club – 5939 • BlockIslandClub.org. For quick reply email info@BlockIslandClub.org. Weekly membership.

FISHING INSTRUCTION

Block Island Fishing Academy – 802.688.3654 • BlockIslandFishingAcademy.com

A child's favorite located at BIMI. 3 hours of fishing and instruction. Registration required.

KAYAKING & PADDLE BOARDING

Pond and Beyond – 2773 • PondAndBeyondKayak.com. Located at BIMI, tours and instruction available.

Fort Island Kayaks & PaddleBoard – 401.742.3992 • BIFishworks.com. Located near the Hog Pen.

Champlin's Marina – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com. Bumper Boats and water sports equipment.

RECREATIONAL SAILING, LESSONS & BOAT RENTALS

Block Island Community Sailing • 401.741.5136 • info@sailbi.org • sailbi.org. New Harbor Boat Basin.

FARMERS MARKET – Located at Legion Park behind Boat Basin. Saturdays and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 am.

GLASS FLOAT SEARCH – Hundreds of colorful glass orbs (size of orange) are hidden every year on beaches and trails.

Eagerly sought by tourists and collectors. Join in the search.

SKATE PARK & PLAYGROUND

Ball O'Brian Skate Park & Playground – a short walk from Boat Basin takes you to a skate boarder's heaven, swings and things for kids.

CHOWDA' COOK-OFF – May 28 at BIMI. 12 local restaurants compete for best clam chowder on the Island.

BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK – June 18-23 – Storm Trysail Club bi-annual is a BIG event.

FIREWORKS – Saturday, July 1 – Look East at 9:00 pm for a spectacular show.

CELEBRATE AMERICA PARADE – July 4, 2023 – Begins in back of The Oar at 11:00 am. Proceeds to the statue of Rebecca in Town.

GSP SCAVENGER PHOTO HUNT – July 15-August 7 – Take iPhone photos of objects around GPS that spell out DINGHY DOCK.

Submit and win an Island Hat.

GREAT SALT POND SWIM – Saturday, July 29 • 11:00 am at Andy's Way.

Not a race, but a well supervised one-mile swim on the Pond. Anyone can join in and win a medal.

SUMMER SYMPHONY – August 23 • 5-7 pm at the Sullivan House.