



OUR PARTNERS ON THE POND SERIES

TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM HARBORS DEPARTMENT



Block Island maintains two harbors and is well-known as one of New England's premier boating destinations.

New Harbor on the West Side of the Island, in the beautiful Great Salt Pond. New Harbor has 3 large marinas, 90 town moorings and a 75-acre anchorage for vessels. The Harbormaster's Office is located at the Block Island Boat Basin during the summer season. The Harbormaster can be contacted on VHF CH 12 once you arrive

in New Harbor. Moorings can be rented and accommodate vessels up to 50 feet. Reservations are not taken as they are first come first serve.

Old Harbor on the East Side of the Island is a Harbor of Refuge protected by a breakwater. There is limited space for anchoring which is restricted to seven days in a fourteen-day period. Old Harbor is in the center of town and has a small 30 boat marina operated by the Town. Dockage is first come first serve. The Commercial ferry landing is also located in Old Harbor.

The Harbor's Department protects the environment and surrounding waters, regulating and enforcing both Local ordinances and State and Federal law. They manage safe boating by patrolling and monitoring all vessels moored, anchored and docked and promote many uses of the harbors including recreation, fishing and shellfishing.

Kate McConville is the Town of New Shoreham's first-ever female Harbormaster, in a traditionally male-dominated profession. Her office is responsible for protecting the Great Salt Pond and the shellfish in the Pond. Responsibilities include: boat pump-outs, issuing and checking shellfish licenses, checking catches, cleaning up trash, overseeing the annual quahog restocking of the Great Salt Pond, education about the Block Island harbors, and overseeing the upweller project (a system used to grow shellfish). The town-owned upweller is located at the Block Island Maritime Institute docks in New Harbor. In past years it has been used to grow oysters and quahogs. Of major value is the educational aspect of the upweller where kids can see the growth of the shellfish over time and learn about the species.

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OUR MISSION: 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.

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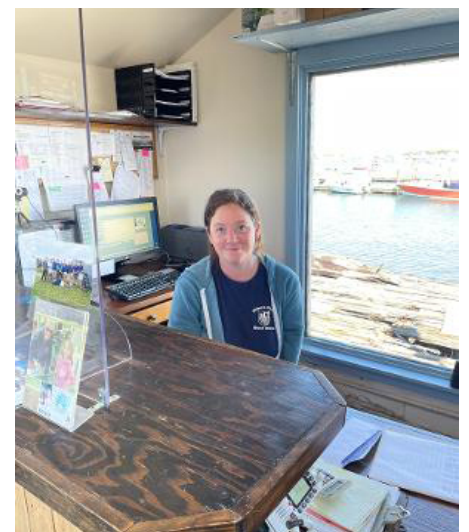
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Gary Ryan with Harbors Dept. Employees after cleaning the upweller.



Harbormaster's Office at the Boat Basin.



Essential Harbors employee Hillary Stewart on duty in the Harbormaster "shack"