



Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

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Alliance News & Notes



It has been a busy start to the summer for the Alliance. In our ongoing efforts to spread awareness of our mission to designate Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark (NHL), last month, we attended the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner as well as events hosted by the Cape Cod Maritime Museum and Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, two of the many stakeholder groups supporting permanent protection for Nantucket Sound. We also spoke at the annual meeting of a local home-owners group on Great Island in West Yarmouth, addressing why permanent protection for the Sound is so critical.

This summer, we have three upcoming fundraisers on the Cape and Islands. These events are crucial to update our donors, attract new supporters, and ensure that we continue to have the resources to achieve our mission.

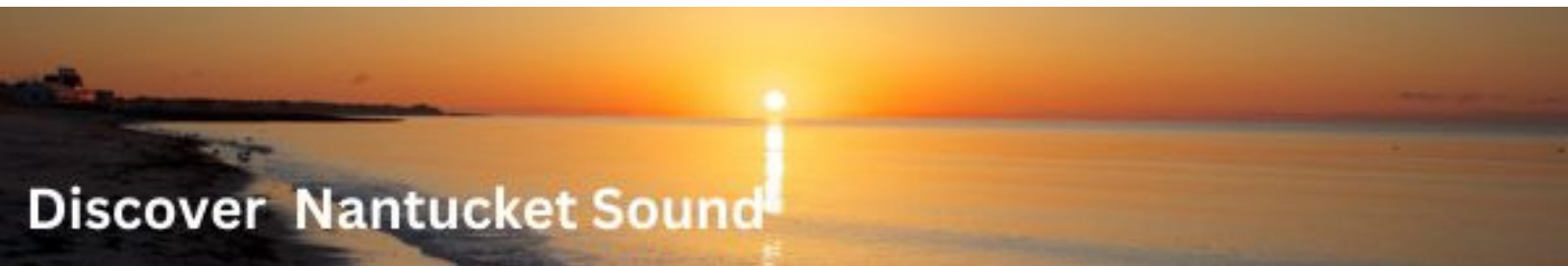
The Alliance is diligently pursuing two paths to permanently protect and preserve this historically, environmentally, and economically valuable body of water through designation as an National Historic Landmark (NHL). In Congress, the Alliance is actively promoting the Nantucket Sound National Historic Landmark Act. This federal bill seeks to designate Nantucket Sound as an NHL, the highest level of historic protection, as well as to provide substantial environmental protections to address issues such as diminished water quality, coastal erosion, habitat degradation, and other climate

change effects, while safeguarding traditional uses like fishing and recreation.

Simultaneously, the Alliance is pursuing administrative action through the U.S. Department of the Interior. We have submitted a Letter of Inquiry to formally seek NHL designation for Nantucket Sound. This effort leverages the Administration's policy directive to protect sacred lands and support from key tribal groups. The Interior's 2010 determination that the Sound is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a "Traditional Cultural Place" further strengthens this administrative bid. Achieving NHL status would elevate Nantucket Sound's designation, aligning it with surrounding NHLs such as the island of Nantucket, the Kennedy Compound, and Wesleyan Grove in Oak Bluffs.

If you would like to make a difference and take action, please support us with a tax-deductible gift to preserve Nantucket Sound. You can also help by signing our online petition, spreading the word, or following us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest news and events from the Alliance.

Thank you for your continued support - ***Audra Parker, President***



Discover Nantucket Sound



Keyes Memorial Beach in Hyannis

Summer is officially here—and that means it's time to head to the beach! One quiet little gem to visit is Keyes Memorial Beach, affectionately known as Sea Street Beach, a quaint beach nestled right on Nantucket Sound on Ocean Avenue in Hyannis. This beach offers breathtaking views of Hyannisport and

the iconic Kennedy Compound on one side and the serene Lewis Bay on the other. With lifeguards on duty, a snack bar, and restrooms, Keyes Memorial Beach ensures a comfortable, fun, and safe visit. The beach features beautiful jetties perfect for fishing, soft sand, and generally calm waters, making it an ideal spot for relaxation. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk that connects to the Hyannisport neighborhood, adding to the beach's picturesque appeal. It is a perfect year-round retreat, where you can experience the unique beauty of Cape Cod in every season, whether basking in the summer sun or enjoying the invigorating cold and frequent fog in the off-season.

If you are looking for something to do or sites to see in and around Nantucket Sound, you can always visit the [Discover page](#) on our website, which provides you with information on beaches, parks, historic sites, and more - a great resource to create your very own Nantucket Sound Bucket List!



This month, we put a spotlight on Marty Bruemmel, the President & CEO of the [Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce](#). Marty has an extensive business background and has spent 32+ years as owner of Prestige Valet Parking. He has also worked for a variety of businesses on the Cape in and around tourism, hospitality, and radio. In addition to his business experience, Marty has volunteered to serve on community boards. He is a past board member of the Cape Cod Hospitality Marketing Association, Dennis Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce. He served as the President of the Board of Directors for Leadership Cape Cod and is currently the

Board Chair for The Cape Media Center. Marty is passionate about helping and supporting local businesses along the path to success.

1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?

Nantucket Sound isn't just a body of water—it's a fundamental part of Cape Cod's identity, shaping both the economy and the quality of life for those who call the region home.

2. Tell us about your work at the Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce.

I am entering my 4th year as the President/CEO. My role involves driving the economic vitality of Hyannis by supporting local businesses, fostering a favorable business environment, and promoting community prosperity through effective leadership and collaboration.

3. What are your favorite spots to visit in and around Nantucket Sound?

I love the ocean, hiking and walking. Living in Dennis, I frequent West Dennis and Glendon beaches, year round. Working in Hyannis, I frequently spend lunch breaks at Kalmus Beach, too.

4. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I enjoy reading mystery novels, hiking, and walks, particularly on the beach. I have always been drawn to the Ocean.

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Nantucket Sound Historic Landmark Act

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