



# Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

## JUNE 2024

### Alliance News & Notes



As we begin the month of June, the Alliance is gearing up for a busy and exciting summer season. We have a series of events and fundraisers planned to support our mission for the permanent preservation of Nantucket Sound, as well as to strengthen our presence within the Cape and Islands community.

In late May, we had the pleasure of being part of the 53rd Figawi Race Weekend. This iconic sailing race through Nantucket Sound was a fantastic opportunity for us to connect with some of our stakeholders, and we are grateful to everyone who stopped by our booth to learn more about our efforts to protect the Sound.

On June 12th, we will be attending the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. The Cape Cod Chamber is one of many Chambers on the Cape and Islands--including Hyannis, Mashpee, Yarmouth, Harwich, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard--that have joined our large coalition of stakeholders to urge our federal delegation to support our efforts. At the June 12th event, we are excited to engage with other Chamber members, share our initiatives, and foster new partnerships that will help advance our mission of protecting Nantucket Sound.

We will also be participating in the Father's Day Car Show in Hyannis on Sunday, June 16 and look forward to meeting many of you there!

On June 29th, I will be speaking at the annual meeting of a local homeowners group on Great Island in West Yarmouth. This engagement is an excellent platform for us to discuss the Alliance's efforts to designate Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) and why this is critical to the permanent protection of Nantucket Sound.

The Alliance also plans to host three fundraisers this summer 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 support our programs and succeed with our mission to designate the Sound as an NHL.

The summer season is always a bustling time, and this year is no exception. With a packed schedule of events and activities, we are committed to making the most of these opportunities to engage with the community and further our mission. Please know that we are always willing to speak to your groups or organizations. Reach out to us if you would like to schedule a speaking engagement.

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



## Stage Harbor Light in Chatham

There are 27 lighthouses on the Cape & Islands, including 14 "historic" lighthouses. Stage Harbor Light, built in 1880, is one such historic lighthouse. It is the most recently built of the Cape Cod Light Stations and installed to help the nearby Chatham Light due to increasing fishing traffic into Old Stage Harbor during inclement weather and dense fog. It was discontinued in 1933, when an automated light on a separate skeleton tower was built.

The lighthouse is now a private residence and not open to the public, but you can still get a nice close-up look by taking the mile-long walk over Harding's Beach. It makes for a nice excursion on a summer's day. Visit the ACONS (*A Celebration of Nantucket Sound*) page on our website to watch our fascinating webinar on lighthouses around Nantucket Sound with New England's leading lighthouse historian **Jeremy D'Entremont**.

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 **Devonia and Joe Keller**, pictured here. Devonia and Joe have been long term supporters of the Alliance and have lived on Cape Cod for over 25 years. They have raised three children who still love boating, beaches, golf, and the Islands. Joe owns and operates Keller & Company, a Cape-based commercial real estate firm.*

### **1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?**

Nantucket Sound is a beautiful body of water for fishing, clamming, boating, and swimming. From the Cape, it is our connection to the Islands.

### **2. Why do you support the Alliance and their mission to protect the Sound?**

We support the Alliance's goal to protect Nantucket Sound in perpetuity, and the organization is run by a very competent, smart, and dedicated team that has the best chance to bring about that critical protection.

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

Besides Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, we love to visit Horseshoe Shoals for blue fishing. We also spend a lot of time at Dead Neck and Sampsons Island in our boat.

### 4. Joe, tell us a bit about your work and how the Sound plays a role?

I'm in real estate. I'm concerned that any possible industrialization of Nantucket Sound or degradation of its environment would have a significant detrimental effect on property values. It would destroy the most beautiful and desirable aspects of Cape Cod – its natural beauty, its environmental resources, and the overall enjoyment it provides for residents and visitors alike.

# Help us preserve Nantucket Sound

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Nantucket Sound Historic Landmark Act

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