



Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

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Alliance News & Notes



Twenty seconds is all we ask for you to [sign our online petition](#) urging our elected officials to introduce federal legislation to designate Nantucket Sound as a **National Historic Landmark**.

You may have already seen our ads online or received an email from a local Chamber of Commerce or other stakeholder. Soon, we'll be launching TV ads as well, all with one clear message: ***Nantucket Sound needs your voice now more than ever.***

The recent wind turbine failures—south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, as well as off the coast in England—have raised serious concerns about the dangers of poorly sited offshore wind projects. While the Alliance strongly supports renewable energy, we must ensure that wind projects are responsibly placed to avoid irreparable harm to our marine environments and ecosystems.

HELP PROTECT NANTUCKET SOUND

Before it's too late!

We need renewable energy, but recent turbine blade failures are a stark warning about the dangers of poorly sited offshore wind. Join nearly 100 stakeholder organizations and tens of thousands of individuals calling for the designation of Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark. Without it, this treasured body of water remains at risk to future development.



Images depict broken turbine blade and debris recently washed ashore on local beaches.

Your voice matters. Act now!

Sign our online petition today to urge our federal delegation to act now.
Visit saveoursound.org/petition or scan the QR code here:




We Need Your Help—Take Action

Nantucket Sound remains vulnerable to development without the permanent protection of National Historic Landmark status. We are asking you to join nearly 100 stakeholder organizations and thousands of individuals who have already added their voices to our call for its protection. Designating Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark will provide the highest level of protection for this unique area.

The power to preserve this treasured seascape is in your hands. Signing our online petition takes just twenty seconds, but its impact will last for generations. Together, we can protect this national treasure for future generations.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our mission. - ***Audra Parker, President***



Discover Nantucket Sound

Historic Sites Along Nantucket Sound

As autumn settles in, it's the perfect time to explore the fascinating historic landmarks that dot the shores of Nantucket Sound. From lighthouses to cultural landmarks, here are a few must-visit sites that reveal the Sound's deep connection to America's maritime and cultural heritage:



1. Chatham Lighthouse (Chatham, MA)

First established in 1808, this lighthouse has stood as a beacon of safety for mariners navigating the waters of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic. The current lighthouse, built in 1877, offers tours where visitors can learn about its history, climb to the top for breathtaking views, and discover its role in maritime navigation.

2. Nantucket Whaling Museum (Nantucket, MA)

This renowned museum provides an in-depth look at Nantucket's history as the whaling capital of the world. Overlooking the Sound, the Whaling Museum features

artifacts, exhibits, and a fully restored 1847 sperm whale skeleton. It offers visitors a deep dive into the island's maritime past, directly tied to Nantucket Sound.

3. Kennedy Compound (Hyannis Port, MA)

Located along Nantucket Sound, the Kennedy Compound is famously associated with the Kennedy family, serving as their summer retreat. While the residence is private, you can visit the nearby JFK Hyannis Museum, which highlights the Kennedy legacy, with a focus on their time spent in the area.

4. Old Whaling Church (Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard)

Built in 1843, this iconic Greek Revival church stands as a reminder of Edgartown's past as a prominent whaling port. Situated near Nantucket Sound, the Old Whaling Church is a testament to the island's rich maritime history and is often open for tours or concerts during the fall season.

5. Cape Cod Maritime Museum (Hyannis, MA)

Located on the Hyannis, just off Nantucket Sound, the Cape Cod Maritime Museum is dedicated to preserving and celebrating Cape Cod's maritime heritage. The museum features exhibits on shipbuilding, maritime art, and even a scrimshaw collection, making it a great stop for those curious about the region's seafaring history.



*This month, we put a spotlight on **Hollis McLaughlin**. Hollis has had a distinguished 40-year career in business and government, serving as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury during the George H.W. Bush administration and holding senior roles in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. In the private sector, he led corporate communications and external relations at Freddie Mac and held executive positions in private equity and business operations. Since retiring in 2014, he has focused on philanthropy, serving on various boards including the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound, Bishop Walker School for Boys, and St. Alban's Church. He resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Caroline*

1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?

Cape Cod and the Islands are one of the very special places in the United States. Nantucket Sound and its natural beauty are an integral part of the Cape and Islands. It is imperative we preserve the Sound for future generations.

2. Why do you support the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound?

The Alliance is the only organization that is singularly focused on protecting Nantucket Sound from inappropriate industrial development. Currently, the state waters near our shores are protected by the State of Massachusetts. However, those protections do not extend to the Federal waters in the center of Nantucket Sound, and the Alliance is pursuing several approaches to get that needed protection.

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

I have been coming to the Cape and Martha's Vineyard for over 50 years. My favorite activity on Nantucket Sound is sailing on my wife's grandfather's wooden Wianno Senior with friends and family. I find nothing better than to be on the water of the Sound on a beautiful summer day where you experience the scenery, wildlife, and fresh sea breezes.



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