



Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

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Alliance News & Notes



As we step into spring, I extend warm greetings to each of you. It's a time of renewal and an opportunity for us to strengthen our bonds with the community we are privileged to serve.

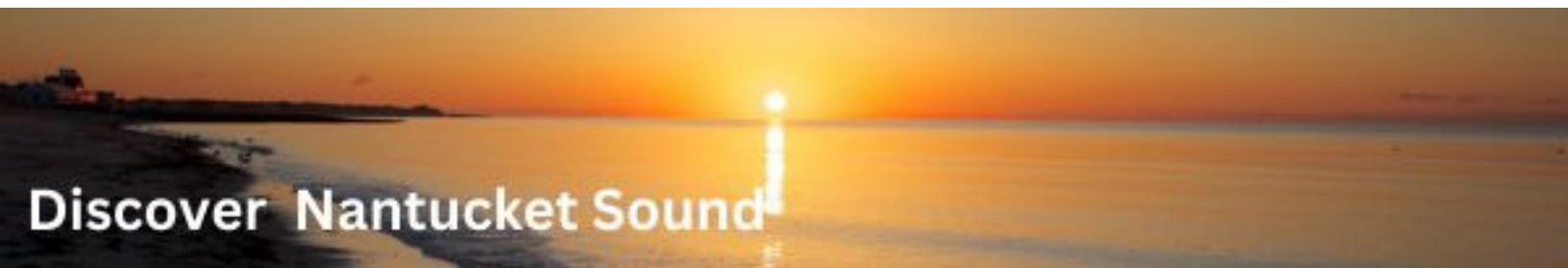
The Alliance's commitment to actively engage with our community remains steadfast and critical to our success. We continue our tireless efforts to pursue legislative and administrative designations that will protect **Nantucket Sound** for future generations as a **National Historic Landmark (NHL)** and continue to grow our coalition of supporters.

In addition to our ongoing efforts towards NHL designation for Nantucket Sound, we are excited to unveil partnerships and plans for an array of summer events that serve as platforms for us to engage with each other.

I am happy to share that we are partnering with our friends at the **Cape Cod Maritime Museum** to focus on environmental stewardship of Nantucket Sound through two beach cleanups in April. We hope to see you there! In addition, we just hosted a fascinating webinar on ***Historic Storms of the Cape and Sound***, with celebrated author **Don Wilding**, with over 200 registrants! You can now watch this presentation on our website or on our YouTube page. Building on this momentum, we have another exciting webinar lined up in May, as we welcome guest speaker **Paul Niedzwiecki**, CEO of the **Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce**, who will discuss Nantucket Sound's critical role to the economy of the Cape and Islands.

We recognize that meaningful advancement toward our goal of protecting the Sound in perpetuity requires cooperation and solidarity. As we commit to the idea of collaboration, I extend an invitation for each of you to help by donating, attending one of our upcoming in-person or virtual events, or inviting us to speak about Nantucket Sound to a group or club to which you belong.

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



Veterans Beach in Hyannis



There are so many wonderful parks and beaches that surround Nantucket Sound. **Veterans Beach**, named after **Veterans Memorial Park** adjoining the beach, is a tranquil beach equipped with grills, benches, a small playground, showers, and a snack bar. The Park includes gardens, shady areas, a Korean War Memorial, and a memorial to JFK. The beach is located on Ocean Street in Hyannis, and is a great spot to spend the day—whether you are

looking to swim, beachcomb, play some beach games, or simply to relax. A great place for families and welcomes dogs too! The sand is filled with shells that will quickly fill your bucket of treasures.

We welcome you to visit **Veterans Beach** on **Saturday, April 13 from 10am-12pm** for a beach cleanup! Supplies will be provided, and there will be a reception at the **Cape Cod Maritime Museum** from 12-1pm, with food, refreshments, and prize giveaways from local vendors. [Click here](#) for more information.



*This month, we put a spotlight on **Elizabeth York**, the Executive Director of the **Cape Cod Maritime Museum** in Hyannis. Having grown up in Massachusetts, Elizabeth's life has always been influenced by the water and our oceans. Her role at the Maritime Museum has driven much of her research into the waters of Nantucket Sound.*

1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?

To me, Nantucket Sound evokes both the fascinating history and the unique ecosystem of the area. I think of the

evolution of steam travel on the Sound, and how important these vessels were to the local economies of the Cape & Islands. I think of the early days of the small steamers connecting New Bedford to Nantucket, supplying the island with goods and products needed by residents. I think of the beautiful and graceful steamers of the late 19th century that were a source of pride for island and mainland residents alike. Then, my thoughts race forward in time to today's Sound, and the incredibly unique and diverse ecosystem supported by the warmer waters of the Sound. Shellfish, fish, sea turtles, seals, and sharks! Of course, we can't forget our shorebirds, either. Finally, I think of the lighthouses that are stationed on the Sound, that stand as beacons of safety or warning that protect our mariners.

2. Can you share with us some of the work that the Cape Cod Maritime Museum does - and what its overall mission is?

Our mission is to preserve the rich maritime traditions and history for which Cape Cod and the Islands are known. We strive to enable audiences of all ages to understand and enjoy maritime culture through exhibitions, collections, public events, and educational programs. Cape Cod's maritime history has been a driving force in the region for centuries: from the clambakes of early Native Americans, to the heroics of 19th century sea captains, the ocean plays a vital role in the economic and recreational lives of Cape Codders and visitors. CCMM's wide array of exhibits and programs are aimed at inspiring children and adults to engage with our maritime traditions, history, culture, and environment. We always have something going on at the museum! Youth boatbuilding, the restoration of our 1944 surfboat, lectures, new exhibits, our Young

Mariner Program summer camp, our catboat SARAH cruisin' around Lewis Bay with our Captain, or our fun new adult series called History on Tap. Stop by and see for yourself! Check out our calendar of events [on our website](#).

3. What is your favorite part of your work at the Museum?

I love so much of what I do. My absolute favorite part is meeting all the different types of people who visit the Museum. I love observing and interacting with our visitors while they are going through our exhibits and seeing their eyes light up when they learn something new. It may be a group from Missouri who cannot fathom why we love shellfish so much and listen to us talk about our favorite shellfish-based dish (mine is littlenecks with spaghetti in a white wine sauce) and decide, based on our enthusiasm, to try clam chowder for the first time. Or it may be a family from Hyannis who are visiting during April Break and sit down for a bit in our Kid's Reading Corner to read through our favorite maritime children's books. It's also the kids in our Young Mariner Program yelling with excitement about how cool the most recent catch in the lobster pot was and encouraging all visitors and staff to have a look. There's so many wonderful parts that I love, but it's always first and foremost about seeing people interact, learn, and engage with our programs, exhibits, volunteers, and staff.

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