



Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

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Alliance News & Notes



I hope this message finds you safe and sound following last week's snowstorm, which brought heavy snow, strong winds, and power outages to many of us across the Cape and Islands. Storms like this are a reminder of both the strength and vulnerability of our coastal communities. We hope you and your families stayed safe, warm, and supported during the disruptions – and we extend our appreciation to the local crews and neighbors who worked tirelessly to restore power and assist those in need.

This time of year marks a quiet but meaningful turning point along the shores of Nantucket Sound. The signs are subtle at

first—longer days, the gradual return of migratory birds, and the steady sounds of preparation in harbors and waterfront communities. Across the Cape and Islands, fishermen ready their vessels, marinas begin seasonal work, and local businesses look ahead to welcoming another year on the water. Spring reminds us that stewardship is an ongoing commitment shared by everyone who depends on this remarkable place.

As the Cape and Islands begin to transition toward the busy months ahead, we are focused on the strategic work that ensures Nantucket Sound remains protected, respected, and thoughtfully stewarded for the future. Throughout the winter, our team has been actively expanding outreach efforts, strengthening relationships with

community partners, advancing public awareness, and preparing for a full schedule of engagement across the region.

Our key priority remains securing a National Historic Landmark designation for the entirety of Nantucket Sound. This designation represents the highest level of historic recognition in the United States and would help ensure long-term protection for this nationally significant body of water. This effort requires persistence and it reflects our firm commitment to safeguarding the Sound's ecological vitality, maritime heritage, tribal history, and importance to coastal communities.

Our work is guided by a simple principle: places as exceptional as Nantucket Sound deserve deliberate care and long-term vision. Protecting the Sound is not only about today; it is about ensuring that future generations inherit waters that remain vibrant, productive, and accessible.

We are grateful for the community that stands alongside us. The months ahead will bring new opportunities to engage with communities across the Cape and Islands, and we look forward to sharing that progress with you. The Alliance remains steadfast in its mission and committed to securing the lasting protection Nantucket Sound deserves. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Warmly,

Audra Parker, President & CEO

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What began as a way to bring our community together in 2020 has evolved into a dynamic educational series connecting thousands of people to Nantucket Sound. **ACONS (A Celebration of Nantucket Sound)** has presented 31 webinars to date, with three more scheduled through June, reaching a milestone of 34 programs by this summer. The response has been remarkable:

ACONS By the Numbers

- 5,500+ registrants
- 8,200+ YouTube views
- Over 32 hours of educational programming
- 30+ expert-led programs — and counting!

Over the years, we've welcomed an extraordinary range of voices — historians, scientists, musicians, educators, authors, environmental specialists, and maritime experts — all generously sharing their knowledge and passion with us.

Designed to celebrate Nantucket Sound's exceptional environment, rich history, and cultural significance to the Cape and Islands, ACONS has provided free, accessible, and engaging learning opportunities for individuals and families — all from the comfort of home. You can view any of our past webinars by visiting our website.

Whether you are a longtime supporter or new to the Alliance, ACONS offers a meaningful way to deepen your understanding of the Sound and why it deserves lasting protection. Click on the links below to register to any of our upcoming webinars starting this month!



Where It All Began: Lighthouses of Nantucket Sound



Let's take a look back at our very first ACONS webinar from September 2020—a fascinating exploration of the iconic lighthouses that have guided mariners through Nantucket Sound for generations.

Acclaimed lighthouse historian **Jeremy D'Entremont** led this inaugural program. The author of more than 20 books, Jeremy

has served as president and historian of the **American Lighthouse Foundation** and has worked as an historian for the **U.S. Lighthouse Society** since 2019.

His presentation illuminated the stories behind these enduring coastal landmarks — symbols of safety, resilience, and maritime heritage that remain deeply connected to the identity of the Sound. Visit our website or our YouTube page to watch this special webinar and see how ACONS began!



*This month, we put a spotlight on **Peter Eramo**, our Communications Director. Peter joined the Alliance in January 2021, bringing more than 25 years of experience in public relations, marketing, and communications across New York City and the Washington, DC area. His career includes work at prestigious agencies in New York as well as leading communications efforts on behalf of numerous nonprofit organizations. A graduate of Columbia University, Peter is known for his strategic storytelling and ability to elevate mission-driven work. A longtime admirer of Cape Cod, he is passionate about Nantucket Sound and preserving its beauty for future generations.*

1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?

As a native New Yorker, I grew up near the shores of Long Island Sound. I remember my first visit to the Cape as a teenager and instantly fell in love with its charm. Cape Cod quickly became my happy place...somewhere I returned to often to recharge and reflect. I was especially struck by the beauty of Nantucket Sound—its expansive horizon, ever-changing colors, and the sense of calm it brings the moment you step onto the shore.

Some of my favorite memories are from long summer days at Craigville Beach and Kalmus Beach, where the warm waters and steady ocean breezes create a setting that feels both peaceful and timeless. To me, the Sound represents natural beauty, recreation, and a deep connection to coastal heritage.

2. What are your favorite spots to visit around Nantucket Sound?

I'm drawn to many places along Nantucket Sound, but a few stand out as personal favorites. As a lifelong lover of the beach, I love spending time at Craigville Beach for its long stretches of shoreline, and Seagull Beach for its beautiful views and ideal walking conditions. I also enjoy exploring Chatham Lighthouse Beach, where the scenery is spectacular and never seems the same twice.

On Nantucket, one of my favorite spots is Jetties Beach. Its calm waters and sweeping views back toward the Sound make it a great place to relax and take in the coastal beauty. Each of these locations captures something special and peaceful.

3. Can you tell us a bit about your role and what you do at the Alliance?

As Communications Director at the Alliance, I have the privilege of shaping and sharing the organization's voice across multiple platforms. With my strong background in writing, I draft much of the Alliance's external communications—from press releases and media advisories to website content. I also oversee our social media channels and YouTube content, manage our Sound Waves monthly newsletter, and keep our website current so supporters can stay informed and engaged.

Over the past five years, I've also spearheaded our ACONS webinar series, helping to create educational and engaging programming for our community. I truly enjoy my work here, and I believe deeply in our mission. I am grateful to be part of a team filled with some of the most dedicated and passionate people you could hope to work alongside.

4. Can you tell us a bit about your past work, past roles, and companies you've worked with here on the Cape?

After spending several years working in theater in New York, I transitioned into public relations and communications. I started out doing publicity for Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, which was an incredible learning experience and a natural extension of my love for the arts.

From there, I had the opportunity to work at some outstanding PR agencies in NYC, representing a wide range of clients. I was fortunate to work with inspiring individuals like Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, and support the missions of impactful nonprofit organizations such as Phoenix House, Americares, and the Robin Hood Foundation. Along the way, I also represented remarkable talents in the entertainment industry, including Al Pacino, Laurence Fishburne, Mercedes Ruehl, Martin Landau, Olympia Dukakis, Titus Welliver, and many others.

My work also expanded into tech, healthcare, and B2B communications, giving me a broad perspective and the ability to adapt to different industries.

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

I'm a huge film buff and can happily lose myself in everything from classic movies to new releases. I'm also a bit of a crossword addict, and I enjoy reading both the classics and contemporary literature. As a lifelong sports fan, there's usually a game on somewhere.

My favorite place to recharge is the beach or anywhere I can hear or see the water. I also love spending time with my pug and two cats. Visiting family in New York is something I try to do whenever I can, and I jump at opportunities to travel. For the past two years, I've also been actively researching and planning to open the Cape's very first cat cafe right here in Hyannis—a fun, welcoming community space with adoptable cats looking for their forever homes.