

Explore Narragansett Bay on the Jamestown-Newport Ferry

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The Jamestown-Newport Ferry offers a great way to explore scenic Narragansett Bay. And you get to experience a bit of New England history. The summer ferry service between Jamestown and Newport reminds us of how daily travel used to be on Narragansett Bay.

In the good old days, the only way to reach Jamestown was by ferry. Once the two bridges to Conanicut Island were built the island ferry service was no longer required and the ferry boats vanished.

Today, the Jamestown-Newport Ferry is again running strong, and provides shuttle service between the Jamestown Village, Rose Island, Fort Adams, Bowen's Wharf, Perotti Park and Newport Harbor.

The 45-passenger ferry, Jamestown, provides daily service through Labor Day. A second ferry, the Katherine, carries 49 passengers.

After Labor Day the ferry service is offered on weekends only through Sept. 14. Express service to the Newport International Boat Show will be available Sept. 11 to 14.

Eleven departures run daily from the Conanicut Marina at One Ferry Wharf in Jamestown, beginning at 9:30 a.m. From Jamestown, you can explore the bay on a day trip or visit Newport for dinner. You don't have to worry about finding a

place to park in Newport, either.

Eleven Newport Harbor departures run daily beginning at 8:50 a.m. from Perrotti Park on America's Cup Avenue to Fort Adams, Rose Island, and Jamestown Village.

From Newport, you'll find Jamestown a great destination for lunch or dinner. There are some outstanding shops to explore in the village, too! You can take your bicycle along on the ferry. Conanicut Island is a great place to ride.

Fares for the 2009 season are \$9 for a one-way crossing or \$16.50 for an all-day (on-off) pass. Newport inner-harbor fares to and

from Fort Adams State Park are \$5. Bikes are \$2 each.

Ferry tickets can be purchased at the Conanicut Marina, the Newport Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as on the boat.

Here's a money-saving tip: Round-trip tickets (all-day passes) may be purchased at the discounted fare of \$11 when you purchase packs of 10. Those are only available at the Conanicut Marine Chandlery at 20 Narragansett Ave.

Be sure to check the ferry website for special offers throughout the summer. Visit www.conanicutmarina.com to view a complete schedule or call 423-9900 for more information. Charters are also available. ▲



Take a ride around the bay or a trip to Rose Island lighthouse on the Jamestown-Newport Ferry.

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