

# 'Summertime Fun in Jamestown'

By Marie Andrews



**Debra Magnan**

Debra Magnan, of Warwick, loves to spend time in Jamestown during the summer months. She and her husband Joe often go to Beavertail on the weekends. One of her favorite activities is sitting on a bench at East Ferry, enjoying the sunshine and the peace of the ocean while watching boats. She hopes to spend time in Jamestown this summer just enjoying the outdoors.



**Mary Pat Latham**

Mary Pat Latham, of Chepachet, is looking forward to spending as much time as possible this summer on her motorboat. She keeps it docked in Jamestown and comes to the island every other weekend with her husband. She is looking forward to cruising around the bay, being outdoors in the sunshine, and just enjoying the beauty of the island. One of her favorite places to eat in Jamestown is the patio at Trattoria Simpatico.



**Greg Cole**

Greg Cole, of Sydney, Australia, is looking forward to enjoying the bright skies and beautiful weather of Jamestown this summer. He says Rhode Island is "a very unique place" and the weather is very different than he is used to in Australia. He hopes to spend as much time as possible sailing, surfing, and fishing this summer.



**Annette Rotti**

Annette Rotti, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and her husband, will be spending this summer traveling around New England in their motor home. They will be spending about two weeks here and are enjoying the island as first-time visitors. She is most looking forward to visiting Beavertail and Mackerel Cove Beach before they move on to their next destination. They hope to come back to Jamestown for the Tall Ships Festival later this month.



**Dave Gladding**

Dave Gladding, of Jamestown, is a volunteer for the Jamestown Fire Department and is looking forward to spending as much time as possible racing motocross this summer. He is hoping to have time to enjoy the good weather and go to the beach.



**Mike Pinksaw**

Mike Pinksaw, of Jamestown, is looking forward to scuba diving at Beavertail and Fort Wetherill this summer. He is a volunteer for the Jamestown Fire Department and also works full time for the Portsmouth Fire Department, so he is very busy. He is also looking forward to riding around the island on his motorcycle.

# Yachting organizations plan to merge

The International Yacht Restoration School and The Museum of Yachting have taken a first step toward a convergence.

Following over a year of discussions, the boards of both organizations have signed a memorandum of understanding that outlines a structure for bringing the two Newport non-profits together. IYRS and the museum are currently fine-tuning the specifics of their convergence, with a goal toward having a final agreement in place later this summer.

"Many great schools are connected to a museum or cultural center. While a school may be focused on educating students and advancing research, a museum can take that knowledge to a wider public," said Jamestown resident John Mecray, marine artist and co-founding trustee of both IYRS and The Museum of Yachting. "I see IYRS and the museum working together in a number of ways. We can coordinate restorations and exhibitions, or target projects and displays. With the right planning and creativity, we can make yachting's colorful history come alive—both for those who live here, and for the many people who visit Newport."

**Complementary Missions**

Both organizations educate the public about maritime history and its traditions, while working to preserve those traditions. IYRS' main focus is vocational education, training craftsmen in traditional boatbuilding, restoration, and marine systems. The Museum educates the public at large, celebrating yachting tradition through the presentation of vessels, artifacts, literature, events, and regattas. Both organizations host lectures, regattas and cruises, and other events that often draw a similar core audience.

"There are wonderful opportunities," says Bill Doyle, chairman of the Museum of Yachting.

"Bringing together IYRS and the museum will provide new ways to preserve and present the museum's collections while incorporating yachting's rich cultural heritage into the career programs at IYRS. These discussions follow a turnaround by The Museum of Yachting that has focused on sustainability and financial stability, and by coming together, the museum's future is even more secure."

**A Process of Integration**


This initial phase comes on the eve of both organizations' busiest seasons. Summer will be business as usual for both groups, each hosting their own annual events such as the school's Summer Gala in July and the museum's Classic Yacht Regatta in September.

A framework for how to converge the two groups is outlined in the memorandum of understanding. Once a final agreement has been reached, IYRS President Terry Nathan will also serve as president of The Museum of Yachting, and Sally Anne Santos,

will continue in her current role as creative director with the museum. Unification of the respective boards will serve both IYRS and the Museum.


IYRS occupies a 2.5-acre waterfront campus on Thames Street, with a marina, two historic buildings, and a collection of classic watercraft donated to the school for restoration; the school is also the site of the restoration of the 1885 133' Coronet. The Museum of Yachting is located on the grounds of Fort Adams State Park, where it is the home of a collection of America's Cup artifacts, the Single Handed Sailors Hall of Fame, a collection of fine classic yachts, and a library of yachting films, documents, books, trophies, plans and other materials.

Each organization plans to remain based at its current home. But they will coordinate on programs, exhibitions, attractions, and events together, and will best utilize their respective facilities in these plans.




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If you are planning on:

- selling items;
- providing entertainment;
- hosting an event;

A peddler license, entertainment license and/or promoters permit will be required.

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 423-7200 to request a license application or visit us on the internet at [jamestownri.net](http://jamestownri.net). Licenses must be presented to the Town Clerk three (3) weeks in advance of the event and some licenses even require State approval. All licenses will be approved subject to Town Council approval and the resolution of debts, taxes, appropriate signatures along with a \$1,000,000.00 insurance policy for all events held on town owned property.



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