

**Letters**

**Public has rights to the water**

The beautiful weather this weekend provided my family with an opportunity to enjoy the beauty and bounty of our beloved island. A great thing about Jamestown is the many public rights of way that provide us access to the waterfront. While using one such right of way, while clamming, a property owner adjacent to the right of way came out on the beach to inform me that my vehicle was in the way of "other people's views," and that she might have to put a boat in the water. I explained to her that it was a public right of way and I had every right to be there. I also said if she felt I was breaking the law to call the Jamestown Police. Shortly thereafter, a police officer came and after a brief discussion with him it was determined I was perfectly in the right to use the right of way in the manner I did. I am sure that adjoining property owners are well aware of these "rights of way" before purchasing their homes. I have just two suggestions: 1. If the thought of the public using a public right of way bothers you so much, you should purchase a home not so close to one. 2. The town should charge these frivolous complainers a fee for calling the Jamestown Police just because someone's view may be ruined for a couple of hours while someone uses the right of way for what it was intended for, enjoyment!

**Brian Coleman**  
Beacon Ave

**Help needed with annual book sale**

Every year, the library manages to move thousands of pounds of books from the basement to the meeting hall with the help of scouts and other strong, young people who are willing to give up a morning to the effort. This year is no exception. Our Jamestown Boy Scouts are on board to haul box upon box of great books up from the basement the morning of Friday, June 29, between 9 a.m. and noon.

Starting at 1 p.m.; the afternoon of June 29, and every day the library is open until the afternoon of Thursday, July 5, we will be looking for help with organizing and arranging the book sale. For students working toward community service hours, a certificate of participation will be given for the hours worked.

Interested volunteers should call Judy Bell at 423-7280 for more information and to sign up.

**Judith H. Bell**  
Library Director

**Studio is a hidden island treasure**

I wanted to write to share my experience with one of Jamestown's hidden treasures, Clancy Designs. We first experienced this wonderful treasure when we had family visiting us one cold, rainy April morning. I was expecting this to be an educational look at glassblowing and what we got was so much more. First, the location of the studio beckons you to think of Jamestown's past. The windmill and miller's cottage were the hot spot where friends and family would gather to mill their corn

and visit. When we walked into the studio, we were greeted as if we were friends visiting after a long absence. Jennifer and David invited us to find a comfortable spot so we could watch as they created their blown glass art. As they began their design, they not only spoke fondly of their craft, but also of Jamestown today and of yesteryear. It was quite clear that the location of their home and studio influenced their designs. As they worked the glass, it was as if we were watching an artistic dance from which we could begin to see the beauty and energy of Jamestown emerging in both the color and shape of their design. As I looked around their studio, it was evident that every item they created embodied the splendor of Jamestown; from the ocean blues, the green farmlands, the browns and grays of the shoreline, the creamy soft white of sheep grazing, to the rocky textures of the stone fences. I had seen Clancy designs in town, but never had I realized the beauty of Jamestown in Clancy Designs as I did on that day. It made me wonder why I was now experiencing Clancy Designs differently. I believe that Jennifer and David Clancy have accurately captured the love and the splendor of Jamestown in their art and you must experience the "dance" in order to fully recognize the beauty of Jamestown in each piece.

We have visited their studio several times since that rainy April day and would like to thank Jennifer and David for sharing their time and talent with our family. Without a doubt, the Clancy Designs we have acquired from these two talented artists will help us recall our fond memories of the genuine beauty of Jamestown. Their studio should be a "must see" for everyone visiting or living on the island. It is a shame that Clancy Designs is being blocked from selling their designs from their studio. It is a huge disservice to two very talented artists, but also to residents of Jamestown who will miss out on the beauty of their island exemplified in this unique art form.

**Jennifer Dalton**  
U.S. Air Force spouse

**Tanker shuts down bay for Tuesday night yacht races**

**By Sam Bari**

The Jamestown Yacht Club Tuesday night yacht races, a summertime tradition, were shut down because of the required security zone surrounding a propane tanker as it passed through Narragansett Bay.

"I called in the location and start of the races to Castle Hill Coast Guard station at 6 p.m. like I always do to let them know where we're racing," Dick Allphin, the race committee boat captain said. He said that the Coast Guard called back a couple of minutes later to warn him that a tanker would be coming through in an hour or so. Allphin said he thought they could finish before the tanker showed up, but the security boats were clearing the area a few minutes after 7 p.m. and "we were forced to abort the races."

"The security zone is two miles ahead of the tanker, one mile behind, and 1000-yards on either side," Allphin said. "With an area that large surrounding the tanker, there's no room in the bay for anyone else. Plus, they have to close down the Newport Bridge. It seems to me that they could schedule the tankers to come through the bay when it doesn't inconvenience so many people," he added.

Harbor Management Commission Chairman Michael de

Angeli was sailing "Ghost," his Express 27 sailboat when the race was aborted. "I've been warning people for two years that this was going to happen, and if an LNG terminal is built at Fall River, the smaller tankers will be coming through the bay every day, not just once in awhile" de Angeli said.

He said the entire bay would become a commercial waterway that would infringe on the rights of the recreational boaters. "Sailing on the bay and enjoying the water is the reason most of us live here," de Angeli said. "If an LNG port is at the top of the bay, the East Passage will be a parade of tankers." He continued to say that the constant interruption of traffic because of tankers would seriously effect the economy, because charter boats and cruise ships that also have schedules to meet will look elsewhere to dock and do business.

Harbormaster Sam Paterson said, "If everybody works together, the inconvenience will be minimized. I don't see why the yacht clubs can't call in advance to see if any boats are coming through the bay. Then they can adjust their schedule and their races won't be interrupted." He also said that when a ship stays in port, it costs the owners thousands of dollars, and we'll end up paying for it, he said.



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