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Rescue workers search on land and from the water for Derrick Cazard of Newport on Monday afternoon. John D'Amico, below, of Coventry, was a hero when he jumped into the turbulent waters to try to save Cazard.

Photos by Jeff McDonough

## Council upholds summer water ban

By Sam Bari

The Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners voted at a special meeting June 26 to uphold the water restrictions they amended on June 16 that shortened the water ban by two months.

Beginning on June 30, the ordinance will ban commercial boat washing until Oct. 1. The ban was originally scheduled from June 1 to Oct. 31, but was shortened to accommodate Conanicut Marina at East Ferry and the Jamestown Boat Yard. Both businesses offer boat washing as a major part of their services.

Section 15A, subsection 7 allows the commission to suspend all or part of the limitations on water use set forth in subsections 2, 3 and 4. At the meeting, the commission was only considering suspending the ban on commercial boat washing. All other restrictions that include lawn irrigation, house washing, boat washing or residential car washing are still in effect from June 1 to Oct. 31 as stated in section 15A subsection 2, of the water regulations.

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser said that both businesses asked for a suspension of the water restrictions throughout the summer unless the town water supply is in jeopardy.

Conanicut Marina owner Bill Munger and Jim Archibald, foreman of Jamestown Boat Yard both attended the meeting. Munger said, "Our boat washing is not much more than a faucet drip when you look at the big picture. But if there is a crisis, we're not here to break the system." Munger explained that customers expect a boat to be cleaned after repairs are completed.

Archibald agreed with Munger and said they couldn't consider returning a filthy boat to a customer, "especially when extensive hull repairs or fiberglass work is done." He said that boats had to be washed when customers came to return them to the water after storage.

Councilwoman Barbara Szepatowski said that neither business used as much water as a restaurant and the restaurants weren't being penalized. She said that was very unfair.

Public Works Director Steve Gosslee made a PowerPoint presentation to explain in detail exactly how the water system works and emphasized the weak condition of the antiquated water treatment plant.

Town Engineer Michael Gray

## Newport man drowns in turbulent waters off Fort Wetherill

By Adrienne Downing

Jamestown rescue workers pulled the body of Derrick Cazard of Newport out of the waters off Fort Wetherill early Tuesday evening just slightly more than 24 hours after he drowned at the state park.

Cazard was visiting the fort Monday afternoon with several friends when he jumped about 15 feet into the water below.

John D'Amico of Coventry was visiting the park with his wife when he witnessed the incident happening nearby.

"There were four kids who were playing around for about 15 to 20 minutes at the top of the cliff," D'Amico said. "They were talking about how gnarly it would be

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## Fun starts tomorrow for Fourth of July weekend

By Donna K. Drago

Fourth of July. Just saying those words brings up fond childhood memories—the smell of burgers on a grill, fat, juicy watermelons, fireflies flickering in the nearby trees. It doesn't get any better than summer holidays—especially in Jamestown.

The holiday is about making memories for the future and there's plenty to do here in town.

**Veterans' flags at East Ferry**

At 7 a.m. tomorrow, members of the island's veterans groups will

be raising more than 100 American flags at the Veterans Memorial Square at East Ferry. Weather permitting, the vets will put up the 15-foot poles and attach the former casket flags—each bearing the name of a deceased island veteran. The flags will be lowered at 3 p.m.

As always, the vets could use a little help with this endeavor. Just show up at either 7 a.m. to raise the flags, or 3 p.m. to lower them and all help will be very much appreciated.

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### Next week's newspaper deadlines

We will celebrate Independence Day on Friday, July 4.

Here are the deadlines for next week's newspaper, which will be published on Thursday, July 10:

**Display Advertising: Noon on Monday, July 7**  
**Classified Advertising: 5 p.m. on Monday, July 7**  
**News Items: 3 p.m. on Monday July 7.**

The Jamestown Press office at 42 Narragansett Ave. will be closed on Friday, July 4.

*Have fun and be safe this holiday weekend!*

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