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Road Race the First of Many Warm Weather Events for 2014



Start of the 5K Run and 5K Walk on Middlebridge Road at Treaty Rock Park in South Kingstown, part of the 27th Narrow River Road Race on Saturday, May 10 (Photo by Veronica Berounsky)

The fog lifted, the rain held off and the cloud cover kept things cool, making for perfect running conditions for the 2014 Narrow River Road Race on Saturday, May 10. More than 250 runners and walkers enjoyed this annual NRPA event, which features a 10K Run, 5K Run and 5K Walk along Narrow River, one of the most beautiful courses in Southern New England. (For more on the race see page 7.)

The Road Race is the first event in a great lineup of warm weather activities to help you forget the long, snowy winter of 2014!

In June there is the Ninth Narrow River Turnaround Swim and in July the Pettaquamscutt Paddle. And once again we are partnering with Narrow River Land Trust for a series of educational events at Middlebridge. So mark your calendar for:

- ◆ "What Lives in the River?" June 14, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meet at 95 Middlebridge Road, Narragansett.
- ◆ Narrow River Turnaround Swim, June 28. Check in at Campanella Rowing Center, North Kingstown after 7:45 a.m. for the 9:00 start.
- ◆ Pettaquamscutt Paddle, July 12. Please register in advance

for this sunset kayak tour sponsored by Narrow River Kayaks.

- ◆ Art on the River, August 16, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meet at 95 Middlebridge Road, Narragansett.
- ◆ Guided Walk through Jireh Bull Garrison Acres, September 27, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meet at 95 Middlebridge Road, Narragansett.

Details and registration for these and other NRPA events can be found at narrowriver.org.

And for more ways to enjoy the outdoors this summer, see the article by R.I. DEM Director Janet Coit that we have reprinted on page 9.

President's Cove

Long Term Support

I often use this space (and many other venues and occasions) to make a pitch for one of NRPA's annual fund-raisers, such as the membership drive in the fall, the Road Race and, my favorite, the Kayak Raffle. These efforts support NRPA River Watch, the NRPA Lesa Meng College Scholarship and our other ongoing preservation and education programs.

But now I want to tell you about a program that can provide more long-term support and sustain NRPA through the years to come. At its April meeting, the Board of Directors approved the Narrow River Preservation Association Endowment Fund, which is managed by The Rhode Island Foundation. Our partnership with the Foundation gives us access to planned giving resources and professional endowment management. There are several options for planned giving including making a bequest, setting up a charitable remainder trust and naming the endowment fund as a life insurance beneficiary.

If you are interested in this program, you can email me at nrpa@narrowriver.org or read more about the fund on the Endowment page of the NRPA website (narrowriver.org). Of course, as with any planned giving program, you should discuss the details with a legal, tax or financial professional.

Now, I can go back to my short-term fund-raising. Did I tell you about the 2014 Kayak Raffle?

As always, we greatly appreciate your commitment to the Narrow River Watershed and your support of NRPA.

Sincerely,



Richard Grant
NRPA President

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Three Projects Aim to Preserve, Restore Marshes in Lower Narrow River

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is partnering with NRPA and other environmental groups in a series of projects aimed at restoring salt marshes in the John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge and enhancing their resiliency in the face of severe storms such as Superstorm Sandy and sea-level rise. Federal funding for the projects is part of the Sandy recovery effort.

NRPA Monitoring 13 Additional Locations in Lower Narrow River

NRPA's participation is a two-year water quality monitoring project in the lower Narrow River in which NRPA will test for water quality at 13 locations in addition to 14 sites currently monitored under the NRPA River Watch program.

The project includes biweekly testing of six sites near Mumford Brook, five at Middlebridge, and two at Mettatuxet Brook.

Sampling and testing will be done every two weeks from May through October, with additional lab analysis by URI Watershed Watch. NRPA has hired and trained Courtney Schmidt, a recent GSO Ph.D., to do the sampling and test the water using equipment purchased by USFWS for the project.

Annette DeSilva, who directs NRPA River Watch, says that Courtney will test for specific



In May, the managers of the eight regions of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' National Wildlife Refuge System visited the Rhode Island Wildlife Refuges including the John H. Chafee Refuge at Narrow River. The group is shown here on May 19 at the boat launch at Pollock Avenue after a tour of project sites on the river with local host Charlie Vandemoer (right). Assisting Charlie were Dan Goulet of CRMC (on the left in back row) and Jim Durene of NRCS (to the right of Dan), and in the front row, Wenley Ferguson of Save the Bay (holding live preservers), Caitlin Chaffee of CRMC (second from the right) and NRPA's Veronica Berounsky (right).

bacteria and nutrient load. "The sites selected have always been areas of concern because of high bacteria counts. Coincidentally, the data from five sites at Middlebridge will give us some insight into the recent algal blooms in and around the bridge." Also volunteering on the project is NRPA Board member Veronica Berounsky who will provide analysis of the results for USFWS and the Towns of Narragansett and South Kingstown for possible storm-water control projects in each town to be funded by USFWS.

Dredged Material to Build Up Marshes

USFWS is evaluating the applicability of a salt marsh restoration strategy successfully used in Delaware and Maryland in which material dredged from the river would be sprayed on the center of the marshes. The marshes are more frequently flooded from storms and rising water levels, and are unable to drain properly, causing ponding and collapse of the peat substrate. The high marshes are, in effect, drowning in place, as there is not enough fine grain material for the marsh to keep up with sea level rise. ►

In the project under review, the river would be dredged between Middlebridge and Sprague Bridge. There will be no dredging north of Middlebridge or in Pettaquamscutt Cove. Up to 4 inches of the dredged material will be spread over the center of the marshes. *Spartina patens* and other marsh vegetation would then grow up through the layer and the marshes would be able to drain and deal with rising water levels.

The dredging will temporarily provide a boating channel in the center of the river north of Sedge Island, but tidal action will fill it in over the course of several years.

There are three ebb channels to the east of Sedge Island. The middle channel will be dredged and the one closest to the island will be filled to retard erosion of its marsh edge. As the dredgers back out of the area, they will restore the bottom north of the island so that it can continue to be used by fishermen. The dredging project will not change the boating that can be done in Pettaquamscutt Cove.

The objective is to restore high marsh and give the salt marsh sparrow a better chance at breeding success.

Nature Conservancy Tests Marsh Edge Protection Scheme

In May the Nature Conservancy installed "coir logs" (fiber from coconuts bundled in a degradable netting) and transplanted

ribbed mussels at three locations on the east side of the river to trap sediment and reduce wave energy from storms and boat wakes.

There are two 100-foot segments south of Middlebridge with a "control area" in between and one 100-foot section north of the bridge. The tops of the logs are visible at Mean Lower Low Water. The Nature Conservancy and USFWS will evaluate the method over the next 18 months. If the method is effective in protecting the marsh edge, USFWS will install additional segments using Sandy recovery funding.

Andrew Motte Earns Science Fair Award



Photo by Veronica Berounsky

Lynn Wolslegel presents South Kingstown High School student Andrew Motte with a 2014 Science Fair Award certificate and cash prize at the March NRPA Board of Directors meeting. Andrew was recognized for his exhibit "Behavior of Harlequin Ducks" at the school's Science Fair in January.

Four projects were awarded Honorable Mention:

- ◆ Emma Lauzon-Ardito, "Effects of Winds and Currents on Trash in the Bay"
- ◆ Emily Daly-LaBelle, "Study of Narrow River Water Samples"
- ◆ Rachel Curran and Emma Mather, "Purity of Water"
- ◆ Linda Foreman, "How Do Fungi Affect the Ecosystem?"

Welcome Back, Ted Smayda!

Dr. Ted Smayda, founding member of Narrow River Preservation Association and NRPA's first president, has rejoined the Board of Directors at its May meeting, and we are excited to have him back.



Photo by David Smith

Ted earned a Ph.D. in Marine Phytoplankton from the University of Oslo, Norway in 1967, and is internationally recognized for his work on phytoplankton ecology, and the ecology of harmful algal blooms. He has a decades-long association with the URI Graduate School of Oceanography, where his research on Narrow River and Narragansett Bay are



reported in several of his peer-reviewed papers.

At the May meeting, Ted recalled that 44 years ago, pressures to develop the pristine lands in the northern part of the Narrow River Watershed were high and NRPA members had their work cut out for them. He said that the longevity of NRPA is unusual for a volunteer organization and that perhaps it can be attributed in part to early successes with large expanses of undeveloped spaces still bordering the river in the three watershed towns.

The Return of “What Lives in the River?”

NRPA and Narrow River Land Trust started their second season of educational events at



Middlebridge with “What Lives in the River?” on Saturday, June 14. The program, which is designed for families with elementary or middle school children, featured:

- ◆ Hands-on seining with experts to catch river creatures
- ◆ Guided walks along the intertidal zone and salt marsh to observe the inhabitants
- ◆ River-water tanks and micro-

scopes to examine river creatures, and guidebooks to help identify them

- ◆ Posting of a running tally of the creatures identified
- ◆ Experts to discuss the importance of estuaries as nurseries for fish and shellfish, the fascinating migration of river herring, and the role of river plants in the food web.

The next event at Middlebridge is the Pettaquamscutt Paddle on July 12, followed by an “August Art Day” on August 16.

Super Full Moon Rising

Participants in the 7th Annual Pettaquamscutt Paddle on July 12 will watch the rising of a “Super Full Moon” over the Narrows while the sun sets to the west. That evening the full moon will occur at perigee, that is, when the moon makes its closest approach to Earth.



Sponsored by Narrow River Kayaks to benefit NRPA, the paddle is an approximately 2.5-hour guided twilight tour of the lower Narrow River. Advanced registration at narrowriver.org is recommended as there is a limited number of spaces on the tour.

Photos on this page by John McNamara

Art on the River

At the August 16 event, local artists will give instruction to adults in drawing and painting scenes of the Middlebridge area and children will have their own guided artistic activities. For information and to sign up for the event, visit the Calendar page on narrowriver.org.

Turnaround Swim Set for June 28



On Saturday, June 28, more than 100 swimmers will dive into Narrow River from the beach at the URI Campanella Rowing Center in North Kingstown, swim to a buoy a half mile down river and return to the beach, as they participate in the Ninth Annual Narrow River Turnaround Swim. The event creates awareness of the river, promotes open-water swimming as a lifetime activity, and raises money for NRPA’s education and preservation programs. Check-in begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Rowing Center on Walmsley Lane in North Kingstown. The swim gets underway at 9:00 a.m. after a safety briefing. For more information or to register online, visit narrowriver.org.

Road Race Sponsors

Many thanks to Belmont Market and South County Hospital Orthopedics Center, lead sponsors of the 2014 Narrow River Road Race, and to 44 other local companies whose financial support and prize donations made for another successful edition of this annual event:



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Habitat Restoration at Lake Canonchet

Volunteers remove Japanese knotweed, bittersweet vines and other invasive vegetation from the edge of Lake Canonchet as part of a Friends of Canonchet Farm habitat restoration project. Lake Canonchet is a coastal freshwater pond located across Boston Neck Road from the Narragansett Town Beach in the southeast corner of the watershed. Now in its third year, the project has been expanded to include the east bank of Little Neck Pond, the adjoining coastal pond to the north. The group welcomes volunteers to its work sessions



Photo by Rosemary Smith

every Tuesday evening from 4:00 to 7:30 throughout the summer, and provides tools,

training and refreshments. For more information about the project, visit canonchet.org.

27th Narrow River Road Race



George Marr of North Kingstown, R.I. (left) maintains his lead in the 10K as he moves along Middlebridge Road to finish with a best overall time of 38:29. Natalie Fish of Wakefield, R.I., winner of the Women's Division with a time of 42:40 was sixth overall. NRPA President Richard Grant (far right) presents Lee Stover of Bangor, Maine, winner of the 5K Run with a time of 19:50, with a mounted photo of the black-crowned night heron, the mascot for the 2014 Road Race. The photo of the night heron was taken by Peggy O'Connor, Director of the Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and Museum. (All Road Race photos by Veronica Berounsky)

Over 250 runners and walkers participated in the 27th edition of the Narrow River Road Race. Here are top ten finishers in each event, and the top three in each of the six age groups for the 10K Run and 5K Run. The number to the right is the runner's place overall in the 10K or 5K.

10K Top Ten Finishers

1	38:29	George Marr, North Kingstown, R.I.
2	40:13	Jeffrey Vuono, Westerly, R.I.
3	40:25	Chris Picerno, North Kingstown, R.I.
4	41:22	Thomas Sherman, West Greenwich, R.I.
5	42:12	Eric Harrington, West Roxbury, Mass.
6	42:40	Natalie Fish, Wakefield, R.I.
7	42:53	Phillip King, Guilford, Conn.
8	43:46	Derek Savas, Middletown, R.I.
9	44:28	Harry Seidler, Jamestown, R.I.
10	44:50	Alex Giannakos, Barrington, R.I.

10K Run Men's Division, Open (19 to 39)

1	38:29	George Marr, North Kingstown, R.I.	1
2	41:22	Thomas Sherman, West Greenwich, R.I.	4
3	42:12	Eric Harrington, West Roxbury, Mass.	5

10K Run Men's Division, Masters (40 to 49)

1	40:25	Chris Picerno, North Kingstown, R.I.	3
2	48:23	Christopher Yacino, Dudley, Mass.	19
3	50:27	Eric Dauphinais, Westerly, R.I.	32

10K Run Men's Division, Seniors (50 to 59)

1	40:13	Jeffrey Vuono, Westerly, R.I.	2
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2	42:53	Phillip King, Guilford, Conn.	7
3	48:02	Hank Ward, Middletown, R.I.	16

10K Run Men's Division, Veterans

1	44:28	Harry Seidler, Jamestown, R.I.	9
2	48:31	Alan Elouadih, North Kingstown, R.I.	20
3	50:45	Ray Isacco, Portsmouth, R.I.	33

10K Run Men's Division, Veterans Plus (70 and Up)

1	63:34	Jackie Campbell, Warwick, R.I.	93
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10K Run Women's Division, Juniors (18 and Under)

1	53:22	Abigail Slater, Warwick, R.I.	45
2	61:33	Christine Harrington, Exeter, R.I.	84



Jackie Campbell of Warwick, R.I. heads toward the finish line at Narragansett Beach sporting a 2006 Narrow River Road Race T-shirt and winning the Men's Veterans Plus category with a time of 63:34.

10K Run Women's Division, Open (19 to 39)

1	42:40	Natalie Fish, Wakefield, R.I.	6
2	46:09	Emily Greeke, Hamilton, Mass.	13
3	46:39	Jenna Flattery, Brighton, Mass.	14

10K Run Women's Division, Masters (40 to 49)

1	48:11	Lyn Trainor, North Kingstown, R.I.	18
2	54:37	Jennifer Souza, Bradford, R.I.	54
3	58:20	Katie Roan, East Green, R.I.	65

10K Run Women's Division, Seniors (50 to 59)

1	58:33	Martha Huston, North Scituate, R.I.	66
2	59:05	Brenda King, Guilford, Conn.	69
3	62:24	Loretta Arthur, Lincoln, Mass.	87

10K Run Women's Division, Veterans (60 to 69)

1	49:20	Terri Martland, Newport, R.I.	22
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5K Run Top Ten Finishers

1	19:50	Lee Stover, Bangor, Maine
2	20:02	Pete Meegan, North Kingstown, R.I.
3	20:23	AJ Fournier, Saunderstown, R.I.
4	21:17	Shane Curran, Franklin, Mass.
5	21:25	Lisa McMahon, Warwick, R.I.
6	22:12	Tillman Bartholomew, Bozeman, Montana
7	22:24	Tripp Burman, Narragansett, R.I.
8	22:26	David Cote, Wakefield, R.I.
9	22:46	Henry Ritchotte, Warwick, R.I.
10	22:54	Mike Laliberte, Barrington, R.I.

5K Run Men - Junior (18 and Under)

1	21:17	Shane Curran, Franklin, Mass.	4
2	22:12	Tillman Bartholomew, Bozeman, Montana	6
3	26:00	Sean MacDonald, Narragansett, R.I.	20

5K Run Men - Open (19 to 39)

1	20:02	Pete Meegan, North Kingstown, R.I.	2
2	20:23	AJ Fournier, Saunderstown, R.I.	3
3	22:24	Tripp Burman, Narragansett, R.I.	7

5K Run Men - Masters (40 to 49)

1	19:50	Lee Stover, Bangor, Maine	1
2	26:58	John Curran, Franklin, Mass.	28
3	27:00	Seth Moyer, Wakefield, R.I.	30

5K Run Men - Seniors (50 to 59)

8	22:26	David Cote, Wakefield, R.I.	8
9	22:46	Henry Ritchotte, Warwick, R.I.	9
10	22:54	Mike Laliberte, Barrington, R.I.	10

5K Run Men - Veterans (60 to 69)

1	25:30	Toby Roberts, Narragansett, R.I.	18
2	27:47	Gordon Willcox, Ramsey, N.J.	32
3	32:02	Tom Green, Wakefield, R.I.	54

5K Run Men - Veterans Plus (70 and Older)

1	34:59	Richard Geisler, Saunderstown, R.I.	74
2	40:36	Whit Johnson, East Greenwich, R.I.	86

5K Run Women - Juniors (18 and Under)

1	34:19	Colleen Curley, Springfield, Mass.	71
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5K Run Women - Open (19 to 39)

1	23:53	Jackie Annino, Narragansett, R.I.	11
2	25:45	Christine Eisenhower, Providence, R.I.	19
3	26:16	Emily Rakovic, Smithfield, R.I.	21

5K Run Women - Masters (40 to 49)

1	24:56	Cheryl Curran, Franklin, Mass.	14
2	25:23	Pam Butanowicz, North Attleboro, Mass.	17
3	26:57	Kelly Simoneau, North Attleboro, Mass.	26

5K Run Women - Seniors (50 to 59)

1	21:25	Lisa McMahon, Warwick, R.I.	5
2	27:55	Betsy Cote, Wakefield, R.I.	34
3	29:46	Christine Jocelyn, Bristol, R.I.	42

5K Run Women - Veterans (60 to 69)

1	27:58	Shirley Freitag, Narragansett, R.I.	35
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5K Run Women - Veterans Plus (70 and Older)

1	41:10	Kathleen Kelley, Greenville, R.I.	88
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5K Walk Top Ten Finishers

1	31:15	Julia Hoaglund, Narragansett, R.I.
2	33:00	Richard Rochette, Wakefield, R.I.
3	40:01	Kara Harrington, West Roxbury, Mass.
4	40:12	Kathy Roman, Wallingford, Conn.
5	40:24	Krishnan Scott, Saunderstown, R.I.
6	41:06	Patsy White, Narragansett, R.I.
7	44:14	Erin Conley, Wakefield, R.I.
8	45:15	April Duff, Warwick, R.I.
9	45:57	Chris Ferri, Newington, Conn.
10	47:31	Susan Manning, Wakefield, R.I.



Best Team Effort. For her 50th birthday, Brenda Moyer (center) organized a team of family members who walked and ran the 5K to the slogan "Think they'll make it? It'll take a miracle..." Miracle indeed. They all finished with a flourish, and Brenda's father and mother, Ron and Sandy Weston, were the tops in the Men's and Women's 5K Walk Veterans Plus categories. Other team members in this celebratory picture are (from the left) Brenda's sister Cheryl Weston, daughters Chelsea and Rachel, a 2013 NRPA Lesa Meng College Scholarship recipient, and husband Seth.

Skipjacks, Calamari and the Red Bill of an Oystercatcher



Last fall The Providence Journal ran this essay by Janet Coit, in which the R.I. DEM Director extols the many wonderful things to do in Rhode Island. The reference to fishing in Narrow River is what first caught our eye, but we are reprinting the entire litany as it may prompt you to

enjoy more of what's available in the watershed and beyond.

Last week, I bit into my first apple of the season, a fresh MacIntosh from Phantom Farm in Cumberland, and tasted the sweetness of September. As they have all summer, my senses felt acutely alive.

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When I think back on “what I did this summer,” here’s what comes to mind.

- ◆ Kayaking down the Blackstone River, enjoying conversation with other paddlers, who also marvel at how the teeming, green corridor has rebounded from the pollution and stress associated with its industrial past.
- ◆ Picking strawberries in the sun, my daughter’s fingers and lips stained red with juice, anticipating my favorite dessert — strawberry shortcake.
- ◆ Climbing to the Fishermen’s Memorial at Camp Cronin on a lovely summer evening, paying respects to the people who have lost their lives at sea, and recalling the power of the surf the day I watched the waves toss boulders around that cove during Superstorm Sandy.
- ◆ Fly-fishing (poorly) in the Narrow River, my heart pumping as I pulled in a small and feisty skipjack, and later, watching the sun drop behind the ridge lighting up the spartina in Pettaquamscutt Cove.
- ◆ Attempting “geo-caching” for the first time in the woods of Arcadia (and deciding it is for those who are more techno-savvy).
- ◆ Frying my first, homemade calamari, and enjoying the special texture and tang of squid harvested earlier that day from Narragansett Bay.
- ◆ Pedaling down the East Bay Bike Path and seeing every kind of person — from a little girl in her patent leather shoes to a bald, buff, tattooed fisherman — taking in the view off the bridge over the Palmer River, as I ride to my destination at Colt State Park.
- ◆ Crunching sweet kernels of fresh-picked corn purchased hours earlier from a farmer at his road-side stand, and swearing there is nothing better.
- ◆ Shooting at a modern range in a beloved old club in Tiverton, excited to finally hit a bullseye.
- ◆ Drinking Rhody Fresh milk at the “Great Outdoors Pursuit” event at Fort Adams State Park, while drinking in the sights of the kites and kids on the north lawn, surrounded by the breezy backdrop of Newport’s world-class sailing venue.
- ◆ Spotting the bright-red bill of an oystercatcher at Napatree Point, and delighting in the diversity of birds that find sustenance where the shifting sands and eel-grass beds frame the edge of Little Narragansett Bay, and the Pawcatuck River meets the sea.
- ◆ Slurping a raw oyster off its rough shell in Matunuck, appreciating the unique flavor, and knowing that, for thousands of years, others have enjoyed the same sensation.
- ◆ Meeting friends in the gray light of dawn to motor out beneath the Mount Hope Bridge and catch some stripers — my friend’s daughter reeling in one big enough to take home for a delicious dinner.
- ◆ Getting lost in the maze at the Clayhead Trail on Block Island’s northern bluffs on a hot day in July, and then cooling off with a therapeutic swim in the cold Atlantic.
- ◆ Helping to measure and weigh the fish we hauled in as part of DEM’s regular trawl survey, and seeing firsthand what our fishermen know innately, that the diversity of life in our salty waters is a natural bounty that sustains us (and sometimes confounds us). ▶

- ◆ Laughing with sheer joy at the power of the waves that toss me on the sand as I boogie-board at the beach.
- ◆ Joining family and friends in a towering natural amphitheater at Camp Yawgoog for my son's Boy Scout ceremony.
- ◆ Clambering up Pulpit Rock, wading through Nag's Marsh, and taking in the panoramic view from the T-wharf on Prudence Island.
- ◆ Watching an osprey scoop up a fish from Hundred Acre Cove out the window of my car during my daily commute.
- ◆ Walking from the sandy to the rocky shore at Rocky Point, and daydreaming about the larger park that will open on that glorious stretch of coast.
- ◆ Savoring steamers, fresh fluke and local tomatoes as part of a scrumptious dinner out.

- ◆ Learning about the Native Americans, the colonial farmers, and the mysteries of those who lived near the Tomaquag River during a magical late-August hike in Hopkinton.
- ◆ Spending a recent afternoon in Galilee, where an exciting fishing tournament and seafood festival celebrated commercial and recreational fishing at one of the most important ports in New England. The event did more than that; it brought people together.

We are fortunate in Rhode Island to have a vast diversity of beautiful places that support our economy and fill us with wonder. Our natural assets are there every season for all to enjoy. Get out there, enliven your senses, eat local, and discover beautiful Rhode Island!

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