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WEEKEND PROGRAM 2012

CAPTAIN'S RECEPTION

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Discover Portsmouth Center

Sponsors Reception for Skippers & Crews

5:30 – 8:00 pm

SAIL RACE TO STAR ISLAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

9:45 am Spectators Board M/V Thomas Loughton

View the Start & Follow the Race

Debark at Star Island at 1:30 pm

\$75/person

Race Day Sponsor Andersen Windows

RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY AT STAR ISLAND

1:30 – 6:00 pm Reception

Funky Divas Live at Gosport

SAIL RACE & SUNDAY JAZZ BRUNCH OPTION

Sponsors Reception, Race Day & Overnight Stay on Star Island

Jazz Brunch Featuring Kat Gang Jazz Band Live

Returning Sunday, June 10 at 3:20 pm

\$170/person

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available at www.starisland.org

Proceeds benefit the nonprofit

Star Island Corporation

Photos courtesy Irja Cilluffo



Boaters invited to do lunch at Star Café-style offerings to enhance visitor experience

RYE, N.H. Seacoast boaters and Star Island’s overnight guests can look forward to a new level of dining service at the Isles of Shoals this summer.

“Our goal is to enhance the visitor experience at Star Island,” said John Bynum, Star Island’s new food service manager. “Step ashore, come up to the snack bar and enjoy Star Island’s signature lime rickey on the front porch of the historic Ocean Hotel. Order a picnic lunch to take back to the boat or relax on the front lawn.”

Bynum, who brings a healthy flare to the Shoals kitchen, will introduce café-style food offerings for weekend boaters and overnight guests at the island this summer. The snack bar, which has long been known to kids and families for its breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs and ice cream service, will soon get an upgrade. This new café-style experience will include gluten-free and vegan offerings. The menu will feature fruits and vegetables from Star Island’s new organic garden and include such items as healthy wraps, salads, fruit platters, and vegetable crudites with hummus.



Star Island welcomes John Bynum as its new food service manager. Bynum plans to introduce café style offerings at Star Island’s snack bar to enhance the visitor experience.

“Our Gosport Regatta menu is designed to showcase what weekend boaters and guests can expect at Star Island this year.”

“We are hoping Star Island will become a destination for boaters and day visitors aboard the M/V Thomas Loughton,” Bynum said. “We would like all of our guests to look forward to enjoying the food on island. We would like people to say, ‘let’s go to Star for a lime rickey and a turkey sandwich with cranberry chutney

or a roast beef sandwich with boursin cheese.’ We also want people to know there are opportunities for catered events here as well.”

Bynum, a Salem resident, joined the Star Island staff in 2011 after several years at The Wang Theater in Boston, Mass. He carries a passion for creating great-tasting healthy recipes based on his study of culinary arts and food service marketing at Rhode Island-based Johnson & Wales. Bynum will kick-off the season in his new role by catering the post-race reception of the Gosport Regatta at the historic Oceanic Hotel Saturday, June 9.

“Our Gosport Regatta menu is designed to showcase what weekend boaters and guests can expect at Star Island this year,” he said. “We would like to invite boaters to come to Gosport Harbor and spend the day at Star Island.” ■



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GOSPORT REGATTA MENU

CHEF'S GARDEN DISPLAY

To feature: Green beans, carrots, broccoli florets, zucchini, summer squash, grape tomatoes and celery along with additional local offerings

Served with hummus and roasted red pepper dip

NEW ENGLAND CHEESE DISPLAY

To feature: Smoked gouda cheese, Massachusetts Great Hill Blue, Vermont Cheddar, jalapeno jack and Old Chatham Goat Cheese served with classic crackers, artisan bread and fresh seasonal berries

STARTER

Stone Crab & Corn Chowder

Served with flavorful, roasted poblano peppers

MAIN PICNIC

A Sustainable Local

Surf & Turf Picnic Dinner

Herb crusted Alaskan wild salmon prepared using fresh herbs from Star Island's organic garden and offered with a citrus vinaigrette

Served with balsamic and fresh strawberry glazed chicken breast

Served with an orzo and cucumber salad and a truffle roasted vegetable medley

DESSERT

Fresh Maine Blueberry Parfait

Served with local yogurt and toasted almonds

Served with Fair Trade freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and an assortment of teas

DRINK MENU

STAR ISLAND'S RASPBERRY LIME RICKEY TO BE FEATURED FAMILY DRINK

The traditional lime rickey is a fizzy, tart non-alcoholic drink for families. It is the perfect refreshing summer drink with a local twist.

STAR ISLAND'S RASPBERRY LIME RICKEY

Ingredients

8 oz. fresh lime juice
4 oz. simple sugar
12 oz. seltzer water

Fresh local fruit (Raspberries) or Raspberry Syrup
Lime wedge for garnish (8 limes)
Bitters (optional)

Preparation (By Pitcher)

Combine 8 oz. fresh lime juice (from about 6 to 7 limes) and 4 oz. simple syrup in a pitcher; fill four glasses with ice

Divide the lime juice-simple syrup mixture between the glasses, 3 oz. each glass

Fill the rest of the glass with seltzer, 3 oz. each glass

Stir with a swizzle stick or a long spoon, add fruit and garnish with a lime wedge, if desired

This Lime Rickey recipe makes 4 servings, 6 oz. each

GOSLING'S RUM TO BE FEATURED IN SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

Gosling's Black Seal Bermuda Black Rum is the main ingredient in the Gosport Regatta's signature cocktail entitled "General Butler's Dark 'N Stormy."

The cocktail is named for General Benjamin Franklin Butler. Butler was the first to win the Gosport Regatta's Oceanic Cup as the captain of the famous yacht America – the sailboat for which the America's Cup is named.

GENERAL BUTLER'S DARK 'N STORMY

Ingredients

2 oz. Gosling's Black Seal Bermuda Black Rum
6 oz. Gosling's Stormy Ginger Beer
Lime Wedge

Preparation (By Glass)

Fill a highball glass with ice

Add 6 oz. of Gosling's Stormy Ginger Beer

Top with 2 oz. Gosling's Black Seal Rum

Garnish with a lime wedge

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Beverages will include Samuel Adams Summer Ale, Twisted Tea, and Hard Cider.

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The Gosport Regatta is a vintage sailing race that takes its name from the original race first held in 1874 at the Isles of Shoals. The pursuit race is expected to draw hundreds of sailing enthusiasts and racing skippers to the Granite State in June. The race was won by the famous yacht America in 1875 the sailboat for which the America's Cup is named.

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Tickets are now on sale for the Third Annual Gosport Regatta set for Saturday, June 9 at Star Island. Watch the race unfold live from the water and attend the island party by purchasing a ticket to board the official spectator boat operated by the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company. The 2012 event features live music and the option for an overnight stay at the historic Oceanic Hotel.

Third Annual Gosport Regatta to be held Saturday, June 9, 2012 Racing for a sustainable Star Island

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. The New Hampshire Seacoast will come alive in early June as a fleet of racing yachts from coastal New England vie for honors in the Gosport Regatta, the resurgence of a vintage sailing race around the Isles of Shoals first held in the late 19th century.

Star Island Corporation will host the Third Annual Gosport Regatta Saturday, June 9, 2012, in partnership with the Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA). The theme of the upcoming event is entitled “Racing for a Sustainable Star.” Proceeds from the event will support Star Island’s green initiatives.

The regional pursuit race also kicks off the summer conference season at Star Island, one of the rocky, wind-swept Isles of Shoals located six miles off the coast of Rye. Star Island is a recreation destination for day and overnight guests who travel to the island by ferry, charter, or in their own boats. The 2012 event serves as a pre-season mini-conference and features an option for an overnight stay at Star Island’s historic Oceanic Hotel. Overnight guests can enjoy a Sunday brunch featuring the Kat Gang Jazz Band before departing for the mainland. Saturday’s entertainment will be provided by the Seacoast’s own Funky Divas.

The sailing race, which takes its name from the original Gosport Regatta first held in 1874 at the Isles of Shoals, is expected to draw hundreds of sailing enthusiasts and racing skippers to the Granite State. Competitors from ports as far south as Marblehead, Mass., and north to Portland, Maine, will participate in the historic race, sailing vessels ranging from one-design J/24s to large cruising yachts.

“We welcome Seacoast residents, sailing enthusiasts and New Hampshire visitors to discover Star Island by participating in the 2012 Gosport Regatta,” Star Island Chief Executive Officer Victoria

Hardy said. “The traditional race offers guests an extraordinary glimpse of life as it was in the 19th century at Star Island and the opportunity to experience an exhilarating race at the Isles of Shoals. We look forward to hosting the New England sailing community at Gosport Harbor once again this year for the third annual event. Join us for the day or stay overnight.”

The original race was organized by John Poor, president of the Stickney & Poor Spice Trading Company, to celebrate the grand opening of Star Island’s Oceanic Hotel. More than 50 boats participated in the first race. The race was won by the famous yacht America in 1875, the sailboat for which the America’s Cup is named.

“We had a great event in 2011 with over 37 boats racing and more than 300 spectators,” said PSA Commodore Jim McCarthy. “Our competitors had a great time and we welcome them to return for the 2012 race. We expect an even larger racing fleet this year, with boats visiting from Maine to Massachusetts. We are proud to be a part of bringing back such a traditional and high-profile regatta to New Hampshire and support the sustainability of Star Island, in addition to advancing the sport of sailing in the Seacoast area.”

Sponsors of the event include Andersen Windows, Aqua Communications, the Boston Beer Company, Foster’s Daily Democrat, Gosling’s Rum, Isles of Shoals Steamship Company, Wayne & Paulette Semprini at Olde Port Properties, Piscataqua Savings Bank, Sir Speedy and Waste Management. Tickets prices are as follows: Crew \$35; Spectator aboard M/V Thomas Loughton \$75; Crew w/overnight at Star Island \$145, and Spectator w/overnight \$170. Tickets are now available online at www.gosportregatta.org. Tweet the event @GosportRegatta. ■



Star Island's 2012 Summer Season Opens in June First Literary Festival to be held

Guests can come for the day, stay for the weekend or attend a conference. While visiting the island, guests can enjoy the snack bar and hotel shops, the Rutledge Marine Lab, Vaughn Cottage and Thaxter Museum, the Victorian era lobby and Pink Parlor, the Stone Chapel, and hikes around the island perimeter. Visitors to Star Island can also rent a row boat at Star and visit Smuttynose Island across Gosport Harbor.

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. Star Island Corporation is excited to announce the launch of its 2012 conference season with themes ranging from the Arab Spring to the secret lives of birds and turtles among 40 events with speakers as diverse as best-selling authors to lighthouse historians.

Star Island welcomes such notable speakers as Al-Arabiya Washington Bureau Chief Hisham Melhem, best-selling author Anita Shreve, Director of Green Mountain College's Farm and Food Project Philip Ackerman-Leist, Margaret Fuller biographer Megan Marshall, lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont, and many other guests to this season's calendar of events.

The International Affairs Conference will host Hisham Melhem, Washington Bureau Chief of Al-Arabiya, as its speaker in discussing the theme "The Arab Spring and Beyond" for a week in July. This gathering will focus on the reasons behind the recent uprisings in the Arab world and look towards the impact of a changing Middle East for the United States.

The inaugural Star Island Literary Festival will host Anita Shreve, author of several novels including *The Weight of Water*, which centered on the 1873 Smuttynose murders; local author Katherine Towler, author of *The Snow Island Trilogy*; and Corwin Ericson, author of *Swell*, in exploring the theme of islands in literature. Participants are invited to interact with authors and those inspired by literature throughout a week in August.

Back for a second year, the LGBTQ Family and Friends Conference hosts guest speaker and clinical sexologist Michele Angello, Ph.D. This gathering invites people who identify as LGBTQ and their families to enjoy a week on Star Island in July. As with all family conferences on Star Island, there are many activities for all ages, including swimming, tennis, and softball games.

This year's Natural History Conference focuses on the theme "The Secret Lives of Birds and Turtles." Guest speaker Chris Swarth of Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary will lead guests in discovering more about these creatures; also joining this week are Rev. Chris Jablonski and Rev. Lauren Smith of South Church in Portsmouth, N.H.

Scholars fascinated by Jungian psychology will delight in a week of discussions with Stefano Carta, Ph.D. at Life on a Star Family Conference II held in July. Carta is an Italian Jungian scholar and will focus on the particular "nature" of "human nature" through storytelling, music, film and other examples.

For people interested in playing bridge, the first Star Bridge conference offers lessons and structured play. Guests of all skill levels are welcome to take part in a relaxed environment of bridge aficionados and those new to the game.

The Historic Star Conference will focus on the stories of pirates, treasure, ghosts and murder just off the coast of Maine and New Hampshire. This conference allows guests to escape the modern world and enter the scandals of bygone eras for a week in late August.

Young adults are invited to the Yearly Adult's Conference in June. Activities include whiskey tasting and hula-hoop making. This lively group will explore the topic: "2012: It's Not the End of the World."

These conferences and retreats are just a small part of what Star Island offers every summer. More information about all of the conferences can be found by visiting StarIsland.org.

"We are always so pleased with the varied and interesting options the conferences provide each year," said Star Island Chief Executive Officer Vicky Hardy. "We want our community to know that a valuable vacation is just 10 miles off the coast. Why rent a car for a week this summer when you can rent a rowboat for an afternoon on Star?"

Star Island offers a valuable camp-like vacation for families and individuals with all meals and travel aboard the M/V Thomas Laighton included in room and board. Guests staying in the historic Oceanic House and adjacent buildings can also choose to sign-up for a massage, play a game of tennis, and use the computer center.

Star Island is located 10 miles off the coast of New Hampshire. The nonprofit has provided affordable individual and family retreats since 1916. Star Island invites everyone to spend a day, stay a week and remember for a lifetime. ■

FAMILY**The Secret Lives of Birds and Turtles:**

NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE - Family Conference; *June 23-30*

Making Sense of Our Media Matrix: ALL STAR I - Family Conference; *June 30 - July 7*

Transitions: Building Resilience in Changing Times: ALL-STAR II - Family Conference; *July 7-14*

Nurturing Relevance-Back to Basics: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Family Conference; *July 14-21*

Transitions and Transformations: LGBTQ FAMILY AND FRIENDS - Family Conference; *July 15-21*

The Arab Spring and Beyond: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - Family Conference; *July 21-28*

Embodied Spirituality: The Anatomy of Resilience: STAR GATHERING I - Family Conference; *July 28 - Aug. 4*

Beginnings: Exploring the Book of Genesis: STAR GATHERING II - Family Conference; *Aug. 4-11*

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul: LIFE ON A STAR I - Family Conference; *Aug. 11-18*

The Quest for Wholeness in Critical Times: LIFE ON A STAR II - Family Conference; *Aug. 18-25*

RELIGION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Roots to Routes: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH - Youth Conference; *June 23-30*

Nourishing the Yoga Teacher: INNER PEACE HEALING ARTS I - Adults Conference; *June 28-30*

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Faith, Justice and Incarnation: CLERGY CONFERENCE - Adults Conference; *Aug. 4-10*

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul:

LIFE ON A STAR I - Family Conference; *Aug. 11-18*

Meditation & Simplicity: MEDITATION WEEK - Adults Conference; *Aug. 25 -Sept. 1*

Take a Load Off, or Do You Have an App for Sabbath?: CONF. OF THE LAITY - Adults Conference; *Sept. 1-3*

Nourishing the Goddess: INNER PEACE HEALING ARTS II - Adults Conference; *Sept. 5 or 7-9*

NATIONAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Making Sense of Our Media Matrix: ALL STAR I - Family Conference; *June 30 - July 7*

Transitions: Building Resilience in Changing Times: ALL-STAR II - Family Conference; *July 7-14*

Transitions and Transformations: LGBTQ FAMILY AND FRIENDS - Family Conference; *July 15-21*

The Arab Spring and Beyond: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - Family Conference; *July 21-28*

SCIENCE, NATURE AND HISTORY

Regatta Weekend: Restoring a Sailing Tradition: GOSPORT REGATTA - Adults Conference; *June 9-10*

The Secret Lives of Birds and Turtles: NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE - Family Conference; *June 23-30*

Under the Amazing Sea at the Shoals: ISHRA - Adults Conference; *June 23-27 or 30*

Transitions: Building Resilience in Changing Times: ALL-STAR II - Family Conference; *July 7-14*

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul: LIFE ON A STAR I - Family Conference; *Aug. 11-18*

Mystery & Mayhem on the Isles of Shoals: HISTORIC STAR - Family Conference; *Aug. 25-28 or Sept. 1*

New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them: ISHRA - Adults Conference; *Sept. 7-9*

GATHERINGS, RETREATS AND REUNIONS

2012: It's Not the End of the World: YEARLY ADULTS CONFERENCE - Adults Conference; *June 11 or 14-17*

Transitions and Transformations: LGBTQ FAMILY AND FRIENDS - Family Conference; *July 15-21*

Meditation & Simplicity: MEDITATION WEEK - Adults Conference; *Aug. 25 - Sept. 1*

Pelican Homecoming: PELICAN HOMECOMING REUNION - Adults Conference; *Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 or 3*

Take a Load Off, or Do You Have an App for Sabbath?: CONF. OF THE LAITY - Adults Conference; *Sept. 1-3*

Retreat: MIDWEEK I - Adults Conference; *Sept. 3-7*

Star, Star, Star Without Frills: MIDWEEK II - Adults Conference; *Sept. 10-14*

Nourishing the Goddess: INNER PEACE HEALING ARTS II - Adults Conference; *Sept. 5 or 7-9*

Occupy Star Island: ISLES OF SHOALS ASSOC UU - Adults Conference; *Sept. 7-9*

It's in the Cards: STAR BRIDGE - Adults Conference; *Sept. 10-14*

Women's Retreat: STAR WOMEN - Adults Conference; *Sept. 12 or 14-16*

Yoga Retreat: STAR ISLAND YOGA RETREAT - Adults Conference; *Sept. 13-16*

Sacred & Secular Choral Singing: STAR ISLAND HARMONY - Adults Conference; *Sept. 14-16*

WORKSHOPS

Make, Play, Show: STAR ARTS - Adults Conference; *June 16-23*

MFA Writing Residency: SOUTHERN NH UNIVERSITY - Adults Conference; *June 17-25*

Nourishing the Yoga Teacher: INNER PEACE HEALING ARTS I - Adults Conference; *June 28-30*

Digital Photography Workshop: NH SOC. OF PHOTOGRAPHY ARTISTS - Adults Conference; *July 28-Aug. 4*

Watercolor Painting: ROAD SCHOLAR I & II - Adults Conference; *Aug. 25-31 or Sept. 3-9*

Digital Photography: ROAD SCHOLAR I & II - Adults Conference; *Aug. 25-31 or Sept. 3-9*

Literally: An Island: STAR ISLAND LITERARY FESTIVAL - Adults Conference; *Aug. 26-31*

Creative Writing Workshop: WRITE LINES - Adults Conference; *Sept. 3-7*

Photographer's Retreat: NH SOC. OF PHOTOGRAPHY ARTISTS - Adults Conference; *Sept. 6-9*

Creative Collaboration: WRITER'S IN THE ROUND - Adults Conference; *Sept. 6-9*

DANCE, MOVEMENT AND YOGA

Nourishing the Yoga Teacher: INNER PEACE HEALING ARTS I - Adults Conference; *June 28-30*

Meditation & Simplicity: MEDITATION WEEK - Adults Conference; *Aug. 25 - Sept. 1*

Nourishing the Goddess: INNER PEACE HEALING ARTS II - Adults Conference; *Sept. 5 or 7-9*

Yoga Retreat: STAR ISLAND YOGA RETREAT - Adults Conference; *Sept. 13-16*

20th Traditional Music and Dance Weekend: STAR HAMPSHIRE DANCE - Adults Conference; *Sept. 14-16*

EDUCATION

MFA Writing Residency: SOUTHERN NH UNIVERSITY - Adults Conference; *June 17-25*

Nurturing Relevance - Back to Basics: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Family Conference; *July 14-21*

Introduction to Oceanography: GRANITE STATE COLLEGE - Adults Conference; *Sept. 3-6*

Life Story: GRANITE STATE COLLEGE - Adults Conference; *Sept. 3-6*

MUSIC, WRITING AND VISUAL ARTS

Make, Play, Show: STAR ARTS - Adults Conference; *June 16-23*

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Sacred & Secular Choral Singing: STAR ISLAND HARMONY - Adults Conference; *Sept. 14-16*

2012 Star Island SCHEDULE

GOSPORT REGATTA CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, June 9
Ends: Sunday, June 10

YEARLY ADULTS CONFERENCE

7-Night Begins: Monday, June 11
4-Night Begins: Wednesday, June 14
Ends: Sunday, June 17

STAR ARTS CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, June 16
Ends: Saturday, June 23

SOUTHERN NH UNIVERISTY

Begins: Sunday, June 17
Ends: Saturday, June 23

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Begins: Saturday, June 23
Ends: Saturday, June 30

NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, June 23
Ends: Saturday, June 30

ISLES OF SHOALS HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOC.

Begins: Saturday, June 23
4-Night Ends: Wednesday, June 27
7-Night Ends: Saturday, June 30

INNERPEACE HEALING ARTS I

Begins: Wednesday, June 27
Ends: Saturday, June 30

ALL STAR I FAMILY CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, June 30
Ends: Saturday, July 7

ALL STAR II FAMILY CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, July 7
Ends: Saturday, July 14

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, July 14
Ends: Saturday, July 21

LGBTQ FAMILY AND FRIENDS CONFERENCE

Begins: Sunday, July 15
Ends: Saturday, July 21

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, July 21
Ends: Saturday, July 28

NH SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS

Begins: Saturday, July 28
Ends: Saturday, August 4

STAR GATHERING I FAMILY & YOUTH

Begins: Saturday, July 28
Ends: Saturday, August 4

STAR GATHERING II FAMILY & YOUTH

Begins: Saturday, August 4
Ends: Saturday, August 11

CLERGY CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, August 4
Ends: Friday, August 10

LIFE ON A STAR I FAMILY CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, August 11
Ends: Saturday, August 18

LIFE ON A STAR II FAMILY CONFERENCE

Begins: Saturday, August 18
Ends: Saturday, August 25

ROAD SCHOLAR I

Begins: Saturday, August 25
Ends: Friday, August 31

HISTORIC STAR

Begins: Saturday, August 25
3-Night Ends: Tuesday, August 28
7-Night Ends: Saturday, September 1

MEDITATION WEEK

Begins: Saturday, August 25
Ends: Saturday, September 1

STAR ISLAND LITERARY FESTIVAL

Begins: Sunday, August 26
Ends: Friday, August 31

PELICAN HOMECOMING REUNION

3-Night Begins: Friday, August 31
2-Night Begins: Saturday, September 1
Ends: Monday, September 3

CONFERENCE OF THE LAITY

3-Night Begins: Friday, August 31
2-Night Begins: Saturday, September 1
Ends: Monday, September 3

GRANITE STATE COLLEGE

Begins: Monday, September 3
Ends: Thursday, September 6

ROAD SCHOLAR II

Begins: Monday, September 3
Ends: Sunday, September 9

MIDWEEK I

Begins: Monday, September 3
Ends: Friday, September 7

WRITELINES

Begins: Monday, September 3
Ends: Friday, September 7

INNERPEACE HEALING ARTS II

4-Night Begins: Wednesday, September 5

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2-Night Begins: Friday, September 7
Ends: Sunday, September 9

NH SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS

Begins: Thursday, September 6
Ends: Sunday, September 9

WRITERS IN THE ROUND

Begins: Thursday, September 6
Ends: Sunday, September 9

ISLES OF SHOALS HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOC.

Begins: Friday, September 7
Ends: Sunday, September 9

ISLES OF SHOALS ASSOCIATION, UU

Begins: Friday, September 7
Ends: Sunday, September 9

MIDWEEK II

Begins: Monday, September 10
Ends: Friday, September 14

STAR BRIDGE

Begins: Thursday, September 10
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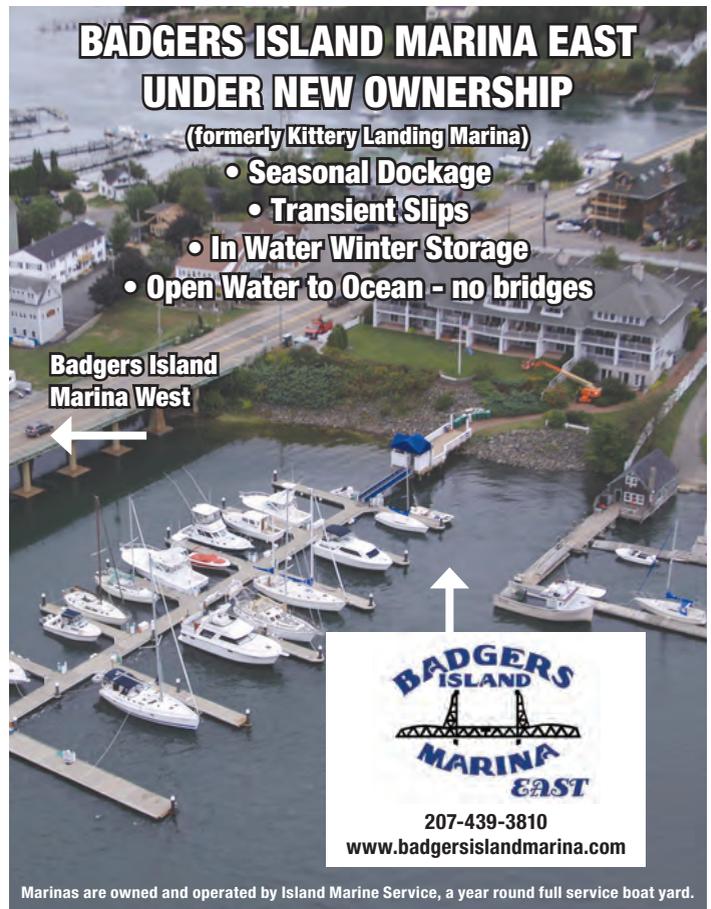
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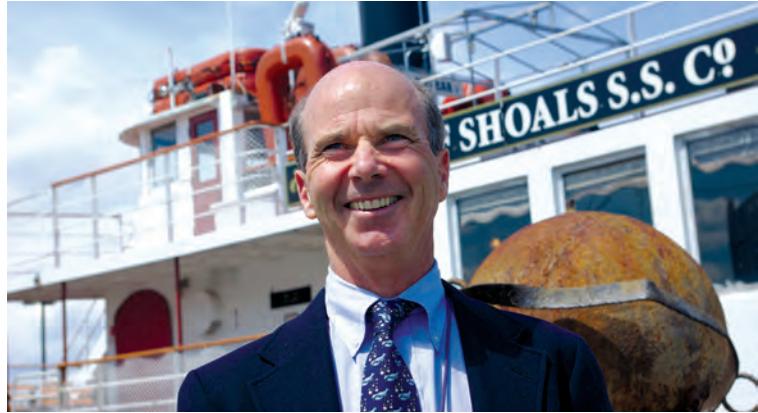
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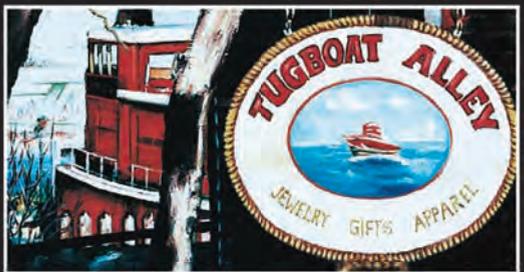
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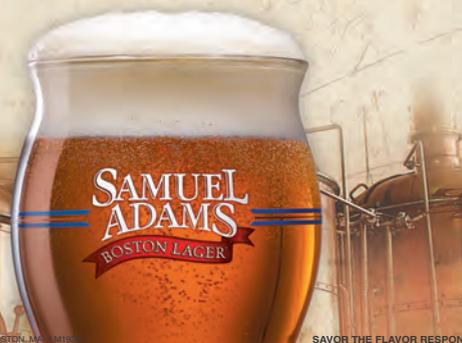
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PORTSMOUTH, N.H. Star Island Corporation has introduced its plan for an environmental campaign designed to enhance its sustainability efforts entitled the “Green Gosport Initiative.”

The Green Gosport Initiative is a new program built on a strong tradition of conservation and environmentalism at Star Island that will include the introduction of solar power at the Isles of Shoals. Star Island is one of the rocky, wind-swept Isles of Shoals, located six miles off the coast of Rye.

Star Island announced the new initiative during a press conference held in April to detail the 2012 summer season aboard the M/V Thomas Lughton at the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company dock. The vessel carries guests and visitors to and from the island’s historic hotel for conferences and day visits. The 2012 island season will open with the Third Annual Gosport Regatta on June 9, which also incorporates an eco-friendly theme of “Racing for a Sustainable Star.”

“Star Island has renewed its focus on sustainability,” said Star Island Chief Executive Officer Vicky Hardy. “We are pleased to announce that we will open the 2012 Star Island season with a focus on the Green Gosport Initiative, a newly-formed sustainability program designed to reduce our overall impact on the environment. The centerpiece of the Green Gosport Initiative is the planned conversion to Island-generated solar power aimed at reducing our dependence on fossil fuels for electricity production.”

The Green Gosport Initiative was inaugurated earlier this year with a grant from the Barbara K. and Cyrus B. Sweet Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, which is funding an alternative energy study now being conducted by the Island Institute of Rockland, Maine. This study will provide a comprehensive picture of Star Island’s energy demands and the interfaces between energy, electricity, water supply, wastewater, transportation and water heating demands. The results of the study will guide Star Island in the implementation of more efficient systems and a new plan for electrical production from a solar array.

“As an island community where our environmental decisions have an immediate impact, we have an obligation to make sure our operation is as sustainable as possible and an opportunity to set an example for the broader community, which is consistent with our mission and our heritage,” said Jack Farrell, Star Island’s facilities superintendent. “The implementation of this plan will make Star Island a clear leader in alternative energy in Northern New England.”

While the introduction of solar power will remain the core focus of the program, Star Island will also work in other areas in pursuit of the stated goals. Star Island

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said Star Island CEO
Vicky Hardy.

has plans to expand the existing island-based composting operation in order to reduce waste and build topsoil for its organic garden program; establish a staff position in charge of sustainable practices on the Island; begin a conversion to high efficiency LED lighting, and investigate more efficient means of providing a water supply.

Star Island will also look to redeploy used lumber on the Island to other projects and research a new system to purify wastewater that is simple, effective and requires less energy to operate. It will continue to enhance its marine transportation efficiency and establish a campaign to educate and encourage staff and guests to promote recycling, composting and waste reduction.

Star Island is located 10 miles off the coast of New Hampshire. The nonprofit has provided affordable individual and family retreats since 1916. Star Island invites visitors to spend a day, stay a week and remember for a lifetime.

GREEN GOSPORT INITIATIVE

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- ❏ Establish Star Island as a regional leader in environmental practices, and as a destination for eco-tourism



Star Island's New CEO to Balance Tradition & Change Focused on Affordability

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. Star Island Corporation has selected the Seacoast's own Joe Watts to serve as its incoming chief executive officer.

Watts, 41, of Kittery, Maine, who currently serves as the general island manager, will transition to the role focused on balancing tradition and change. "While we are focused on maintaining our historic traditions, we are always looking for ways to grow and enhance our operations, particularly when it comes to environmental sustainability," Watts said. "For example, the 2012 season will kick-off June 9 with the Third Annual Gosport Regatta, a vintage sailing race around the Isles of Shoals first held in the late 19th Century. The proceeds of the event will focus on our new Green Gosport Initiative, a program designed to reduce our impact on fossil fuels that includes the introduction of solar power at Star Island."

Watts was named by the Star Island Board of Directors to succeed Victoria Hardy, who is retiring at the end of the year. The announcement was made Wednesday, April 25 aboard the M/V Thomas Loughton, owned by the Isles of Shoals Steamship Co., which makes regular stops at Star Island during the summer months.

Watts is committed to ensuring that Star Island continues to offer a fun, affordable family destination for renewal and



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recreation, close to home. "Star Island is a true regional treasure, with a rich history and pristine environment," Watts said. "While it's only a short boat ride away from the mainland, the experience is unlike any other. Our guests can leave behind the hectic pace of everyday life in favor of unwinding and engaging with others." >

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even the most committed iPad users are often seen having too much fun outdoors with friends to connect.”

The incoming chief executive officer is enhancing efforts to ensure the island maintains its reputation as an inexpensive travel destination by offering financial aid and discounts for new and returning conference guests. For example, a conference enrollment

can come to the island,” Watts said. “We know that times are tight for folks right now so our affordable, all-inclusive rates – including no room, board and transportation costs for children under 6 – are a good value for families who want a fantastic family vacation.”

Watts also has plans to enhance and build new working partnerships with

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or a chapel service that stirs the soul. “As a father to a 5-year-old and an 8-year-old who spend their summers on the island, I can tell you there is so much for kids to do,” he said. “Our family conferences offer enriching children’s programming. We also have a small marine lab with touch tanks, an art barn, and a playground. And, while we offer internet connectivity,

discount offers new guests 10 percent off their first conference and returning individuals can receive up to 50 percent off by inviting new guests. Conferences range from two to seven days in length.

“I look forward to further developing our already existing financial aid and incentive programs to ensure that even more individuals and families

local and regional nonprofits and other businesses, community members, and members of the regulatory community. “There is a tremendous opportunity for partnership in our region, and I am committed to ensuring that Star Island Corporation is a full participant and active leader in this ongoing process,” said Watts. ■



Star Island and the Piscataqua Sailing Association welcome Seacoast residents, sailing enthusiasts and New Hampshire visitors to discover Star Island by participating in the 2012 Gosport Regatta. Stay overnight and experience an extraordinary glimpse of life as it was in the 19th century.

Funky Divas to Perform Live at Gosport



The Funky Divas will take the stage for the post-race celebration at Star Island during the Third Annual Gosport Regatta set for Saturday, June 9. Overnight guests can enjoy a Sunday brunch featuring the Kat Gang Jazz Band before departing for the mainland.

Soul Like You've Never Heard it Before

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — If you haven't seen the Funky Divas lately there is a good chance that you have never heard the blend of soul and R&B that this group serves up. From traditional, a cappella, Zydeco, folk and rock 'n' roll, the Divas bring an utterly new sound to the party. How does the music of Nina Simone blend with U2? You'll be the pleasant recipient of that answer if you take in the Funky Divas show at the post-race celebration of the Third Annual Gosport Regatta set for Saturday, June 9 at Star Island.

And don't plan on being a passive listener. Happy reports are that audiences often have difficulty sitting still during a performance by this seacoast treasure, which has been providing some very unique entertainment for two decades. "Something will move you to nod your head, clap your hands and maybe even dance or sing along!" says one observer.

Avery is looking forward to returning to Star Island. "We are playing all afternoon as the boats come in and a full show to cap off the evening," says Vicky Avery, Diva manager. "There's an incredible history at Star Island including the stories, the peace and quiet, and the simple lifestyle. Honestly, what's not to love about Star Island? The Gosport Regatta is a great event and we are

thrilled to be part of it again this year."

The Funky Divas have some of the best singers and musicians in the region, and a passion for the music and performing. Avery notes there is an energy when the group plays that must be experienced. "There is movement, passion, talent. We share with the audience what we feel as we perform," she says.

This nine-member group includes a "tight four-piece band," noted Avery, with Dan Poland, guitar and vocals, Barbara Whitney, keyboards and vocals; Chris Avery, bass and vocals; and Dan Fishbein, drums and percussion. The Diva women include vocalists Vicky Avery, Susan Stewart, Ellen Gagnon, and Dianne McMillen. Joining the Divas is local solo vocalist Ashley Howard-White.

"It's magic playing for an audience who may never have seen us before," said Avery. "Many of us who have been given this gift of voice and the ability to perform have lived with it all of our lives. It gives us as much pleasure singing or playing as it does for the audience listening." ■

Kat Gang Jazz Band Live at Gosport Featured at Sunday Brunch

NEW YORK CITY —

The Kat Gang Jazz Band will perform live at Star Island during the Third Annual Gosport Regatta.

The New York City band will take the stage Sunday, June 10 to entertain island guests during the jazz brunch.

An exciting example of the current, talented wave of contemporary singer/songwriters, Kat Gang delivers a unique brand of jazz-influenced contemporary music with a sparkle which always has her ever increasing audience calling for more.

From her unique take on the traditional jazz standards to her soulful interpretations of the music of Joni Mitchell, Rickie Lee Jones and even the Arctic Monkeys, this Boston born vocalist has been winning diverse audience appreciation in theatres, clubs, restaurants and even bateaux on London's river Thames. She recently performed a solo cabaret show at the Algonquin's world-famous Oak Room Supper Club.

Members of the Kat Gang Jazz Band include Kay Gang on vocals, Adam Platt on keys, Julian Smith on bass, Tim Bulkley on drums and Nate Mayland on trombone. ■

Tickets for Star Island's Gosport Regatta are now available at www.gosportregatta.org.

Irja Cilluffo Chronicles Historic Race

BEHIND THE SCENES

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Portsmouth resident Irja Cilluffo never goes anywhere without her Nikon D300. “I love capturing special moments and preserving them,” said Cilluffo, who came to the city in 1987. “I don’t consider myself a photographer. I am a chronicler of events, of moments otherwise lost.”

Many nonprofit organizations in the Granite State have benefitted from Cilluffo’s passion for photography. One event she won’t miss is the historic Gosport Regatta set for June 9, 2012 to benefit Star Island. “It sounded like a lot of fun to follow a sail race along the Piscataqua River and the open sea followed by a celebration and picnic lunch at Star Island. What could be better than that?” said Cilluffo.

Cilluffo has captured the color and energy of the Gosport Regatta since its revival in 2010. From boats under full sail to spectators dancing on the Oceanic’s front porch, Cilluffo’s images ensure the celebrations of each pursuit race will be remembered always.

“Everyone has a good time and I make sure there are plenty of pictures to remind us,” she said. The 2010 competition was a perfect day for picture taking and revelry, but not so much for sailing without wind. “And, even in the soaking rains of the 2011 race, every crew member came up the hotel steps smiling and laughing after the race,” she added. “That kind of energy makes for great photography.” ■



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Gosport Regatta Spectator Tips

Attend Island Party, Stay Overnight at Star



PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Tickets are now on sale for the Third Annual Gosport Regatta set for Saturday, June 9 at Star Island.

“Together, the Piscataqua Sailing Association and Star Island welcome Seacoast residents, sailing enthusiasts and New Hampshire visitors to discover Star Island by participating in the 2012 Gosport Regatta,” said Angela Matthews, director of development for Star Island. “Stay overnight and experience an extraordinary glimpse of life as it was in the 19th century.”

Watch the race unfold live from the water and attend the island party by purchasing a ticket to board the official spectator boat operated by the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company.

“Guests are invited to come aboard our Victorian steamship — the M/V Thomas Loughton — to watch the race unfold as our vessel motors to the Isles of Shoals,” said Rich Ryzman, Isles of Shoals Steamship Company Marketing Director. “Then, step ashore for the Star Island reception featuring live music at the historic Oceanic Hotel in Gosport Harbor. Celebrate into the evening with island music as the sun goes down.”

The 2012 event serves as a pre-season mini-conference and features an option for an

Photo by Irja Cilluffo. Veladare Captain John “Bud” Myles charts the course for the race as the chair of the Gosport Regatta for the Piscataqua Sailing Association. Interested in sailing? Go to www.sailpsa.org.

Photo by Irja Cilluffo. The New Hampshire Seacoast will come alive in early June as a fleet of racing yachts from coastal New England vie for honors in the Gosport Regatta, the resurgence of a vintage sailing race around the Isles of Shoals first held in the late 19th century. Join a sailing crew or purchase a ticket to board the M/V Thomas Loughton bound for Star Island



overnight stay at Star Island's historic Oceanic Hotel. Overnight guests can enjoy a Sunday brunch featuring the Kat Gang Jazz Band before departing for the mainland. Saturday's entertainment will be provided by the Seacoast's own Funky Divas.

Sailing enthusiast Mike Thiel will once again provide Lighthouse guests with colorful commentary as the 'voice' of the race. From his perch on the Thomas Lighthouse, Thiel can be heard regaling the crowd with blow by blow action at the start and along the course. Listen for Thiel to tell stories about the racing vessels and their captains. He draws on his extensive yachtsman's experience to keep the crowd informed about what is happening on the course.

If you can't make it to Star Island for the race, you can still watch parts of the race from the shore. Boaters and event organizers recommend these areas for best views of the awe-inspiring activities:

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"Your best place for a picnic may be Wallis Sands Beach," said Matthews. "Whether you are on shore or the decks of the Lighthouse, bring along your binoculars for a closer look and the best possible spectator experience."

All members of the public are welcome to discover Star Island during the summer season by visiting for the day, staying overnight for a personal retreat or attending a conference.

Tickets are now available online at www.gosportregatta.org. For more information, contact Star Island at 603-430-6272. ■

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RYE, N.H. Star Island is one of the rocky, wind-swept Isles of Shoals located six miles off the coast of Rye. The 45-acre rugged island landscape is an outdoor park complete with historic cemeteries, monuments, historic cottages and the 19th century Oceanic Hotel. The private island reserve is open to the public from June to October.

Guests can come for the day, stay for the weekend or attend a conference. While visiting the island, guests can enjoy the snack bar and hotel shops, the Rutledge Marine Lab, Vaughn Cottage and Thaxter Museum, the Victorian era lobby and Pink Parlor, the Stone Chapel, and hikes around the island perimeter. Overnight guests can also rent a row boat at Star and visit Smuttynose Island across Gosport Harbor. ■

Rich History — Star Island has an illustrious history that spans more than 400 years. Star Island is on national, state, and local historic registers. For nearly 100 years, members of the Star Island Corporation have protected and preserved the history and the natural environment of Star Island and Appledore Island. The Vaughn Cottage and Thaxter Museum is open to the public for free and offers exhibits on the history of Star Island, the Isles of Shoals, and New Hampshire's maritime heritage.

Gosport Regatta — The Third Annual Gosport Regatta will be held June 9 at Star Island in partnership with the Piscataqua Sailing Association. In 1875, the famous yacht America won the Gosport Regatta, hosted by John Poor, owner of the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island. The America is the sailboat for which the America's Cup is named. The 400th Anniversary Celebration of Captain John Smith discovery of Star Island will feature the Gosport Regatta

DID YOU KNOW?

42,000 passengers board the M/V Thomas Loughton annually for a Piscataqua River tour and/or a day visit to Star Island, spending time and dollars at Seacoast area businesses during the summer season

3,500 conference and overnight guests attend programs on Star Island and also visit Portsmouth and the Seacoast area during the summer season, as many as 600 people on a Saturday

120 Pelicans (summer youth employees) visit Portsmouth and the Seacoast area on days off and frequent restaurants, gift shops, and beverage stores

as the centerpiece of the Star Island festivities in 2014.

Sustainability — Star Island has renewed its focus on sustainability. Star Island is launching a new campaign to enhance its sustainability efforts in favor of conservation and a clean environment. This program is called the Green Gosport Initiative. The centerpiece of the Green Gosport initiative is the planned conversion to Island-generated solar power for electrical production designed to reduce the island's dependence on fossil fuels.

Marine Destination — Star Island is the only marine island in the Granite State with all the full-service facilities of a small town. It is a recreation destination for day and overnight guests throughout the summer season, and an attraction that brings people to Portsmouth and the Seacoast. ■

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STAR ISLAND'S POINTS OF INTEREST

THE OCEANIC HOTEL:

Built in 1876 after a fire leveled the original building in 1875. Much of the furniture still in the hotel is original from the Victorian period particularly the 'Pink Parlor, a lounge off the lobby with a Victorian over-stuffed look and a dramatic wood-framed floor to ceiling mirror. The many brass chandeliers, now electrified, were originally gas flame. The snack bar's summer staple, the Lime Rickey is not to be missed; made with fresh lime, ginger ale and a secret ingredient. The lobby has a massive, wrap-around mahogany front desk that was once the bar at the turn of the century.

THE 17TH CENTURY CASWELL CEMETERY:

With stones dating to the Gosport Village era established in 1715. It became the busiest commercial port on this side of the ocean and dominated the fish market, setting market prices for a century and a half. At one time, there were upwards of 600 residents on the islands. The community was fairly prosperous until about 1778, when the islanders and many of their cottages were moved to mainland New Hampshire and Maine because of the Revolutionary War. Native Americans also used Star Island as a seasonal fishing camp.

THE RUTLEDGE MARINE LAB:

Opened in the 1970s, and free to the public, it was constructed around natural ledge serving as a touch tank and tidal pool that is the centerpiece of this marine science center. It is filled with water at the start of the season that filters through all summer and contains marine life found at the tide line of the New England coast.

THE STONE CHAPEL:

The oldest stone chapel in New Hampshire, built in 1801 on the site of the original wooden chapel that was used for firewood one cold and long winter. Unitarian Universalist or United Church of Christ services are held twice daily during the season, and all are welcome.

THE STONE VILLAGE, THAXTER MUSEUM AND VAUGHN COTTAGE MEMORIAL:

All but one of the buildings in this area was constructed in the 20th Century, and was made to look like the oldest structure, the Parsonage, which dates to the 19th century. During the conference season it is home for the minister of the week. Vaughn Cottage and Thaxter Museum are open to the public for free and offer exhibits on the history of the Isles of Shoals and New Hampshire's maritime heritage. There are volumes of poetry, manuscripts, hand-painted china, souvenirs of the 19th century grand hotel era, Star Island conference images, historic photos and ephemera, archives and more. The Charles Vaughn Memorial Library of the Isles of Shoals houses related sea-themed books. Two of the cottages date to those occupied by fishermen before the American Revolution.

CAPT. JOHN SMITH AND REV. JOHN TUCKE HISTORIC MONUMENTS:

The Smith Monument honors Capt. John Smith, who was the first to map the Isles of Shoals in 1614 and credited with the discovery of Star Island. "There will be a big 400th anniversary in 2014," says Angela Matthews, director of development of Star Island. The Gosport Regatta will be the centerpiece of festivities. The granite obelisk honoring Rev. Tucke is visible throughout the Isles of Shoals, marking the burial spot of the longest serving (40 years) minister of Gosport Village. The island has been designated as part of the Rye Historic District and is registered with the state and National Trust for Historic Places. ■

For more information, go to
www.starisland.org



Gosport Regatta to LAUNCH SEACOAST SAILING SEASON

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. —Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA) Commodore James McCarthy is looking forward to a captivating race to launch the summer season as the co-host of the Third Annual Gosport Regatta Saturday, June 9.

“We are very excited to work with Star Island to put on a first class race that many regard as the kickoff to the sailing season on the New Hampshire Seacoast,” McCarthy said. “We also have many other events over the course of the summer.”

McCarthy and the regatta committee begin preparations for the Gosport Regatta right after the previous race. The process begins with debrief to determine what went right, not so well, and gather suggestions for how to improve the racing for next year. “Our goal is to work continuously to provide the best racing as well as the best spectator experience possible,” McCarthy said.

The PSA’s focus is to promote recreational sail racing in the New Hampshire Seacoast region. “Our charter is simple,” says McCarthy, “to expand awareness and participation in sailing, and the exciting sport of adult and youth competitive sailboat racing.”

The PSA is made up of a diverse group of sailors all interested in the sport of racing. “We welcome boat owners that would like to race with us as well as individuals interested in crewing on other people’s boats,” said McCarthy. “No matter what your experience level is, if you are interested in sailboat racing, PSA is a great place to start.”

Interested in racing? The PSA offers the opportunity to race on larger boats on Tuesday evenings with the PHRF Fleet. On Wednesdays, PSA hosts laser races starting from Rye Harbor. On Thursdays, the J24 fleet races in a highly-competitive one design class. The club also offers seven weekend races including an overnight Regatta, providing quality racing throughout the summer. “If you don’t own a boat and want to participate, please contact us through our website and we will coordinate with captains looking for crew,” McCarthy said.

The PSA promotes and coordinates competitive yacht racing through inter-club activities; youth activities; safe boating initiatives in partnership with U.S. Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and others, and works to improve boating facilities in the Piscataqua River Region with government and private organizations.

In addition, there are several programs to engage children in sailing. The Kittery Point Yacht Club, the University of New Hampshire Community Sailing Centre, and Agamenticus Yacht Club all offer high-level programs for youth sailing. ■

Behind the Scenes at Piscataqua Sailing Association

While Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA) Commodore James McCarthy charts the summer sailing course, several members of the sailing club play an integral role in the Gosport Regatta planning process.

Michael Thiel: Thiel is the ‘Voice’ of the race. From his perch on the Thomas Lighton, Thiel can be heard regaling the crowd with blow by blow action at the start and along the course. He is famous for telling stories about various boats and their captains. Thiel draws on his extensive yachtsman’s experience to keep spectators informed about what is happening on the course.

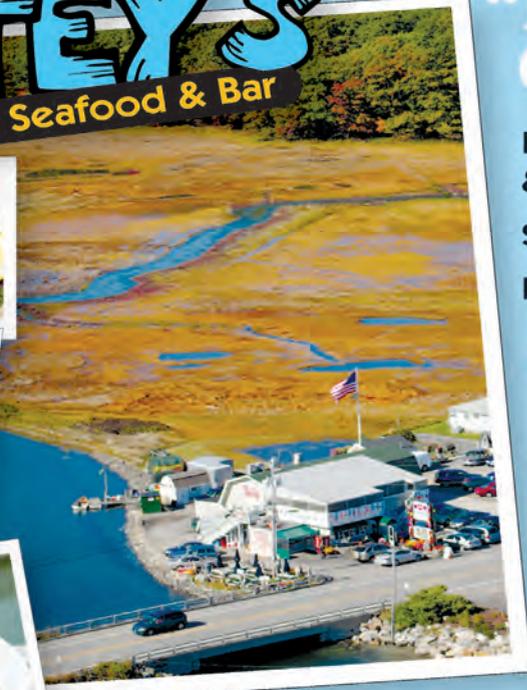
John ‘Bud’ Myles: Myles is the Race Chair for the Gosport Regatta, providing several potential courses out to Star Island. The course that is ultimately selected depends on the weather of course. Wave heights, wind direction, wind strength, and desired finish times all get factored in to provide the most exciting race in the current conditions. Myles grew up around boats and has extensive racing experience, both “around the buoys” and with several major offshore races under his belt.

Tom Brown: Brown is the Principal Race Officer (PRO). You will find Brown on the committee boat, and you’ll hear him ordering flags up and down, keeping the countdown, and announcing which fleet of boats will be in the next starting sequence. Brown will also inform boats that start “prematurely” that they must do their “penalty turns,” rounding either end of the start line and restarting correctly. Yes, he’s the “enforcer!” Later, after all boats have started, you will see Brown blasting out to Gosport Harbor to set-up the finish line and record the finish time of the racers. ■

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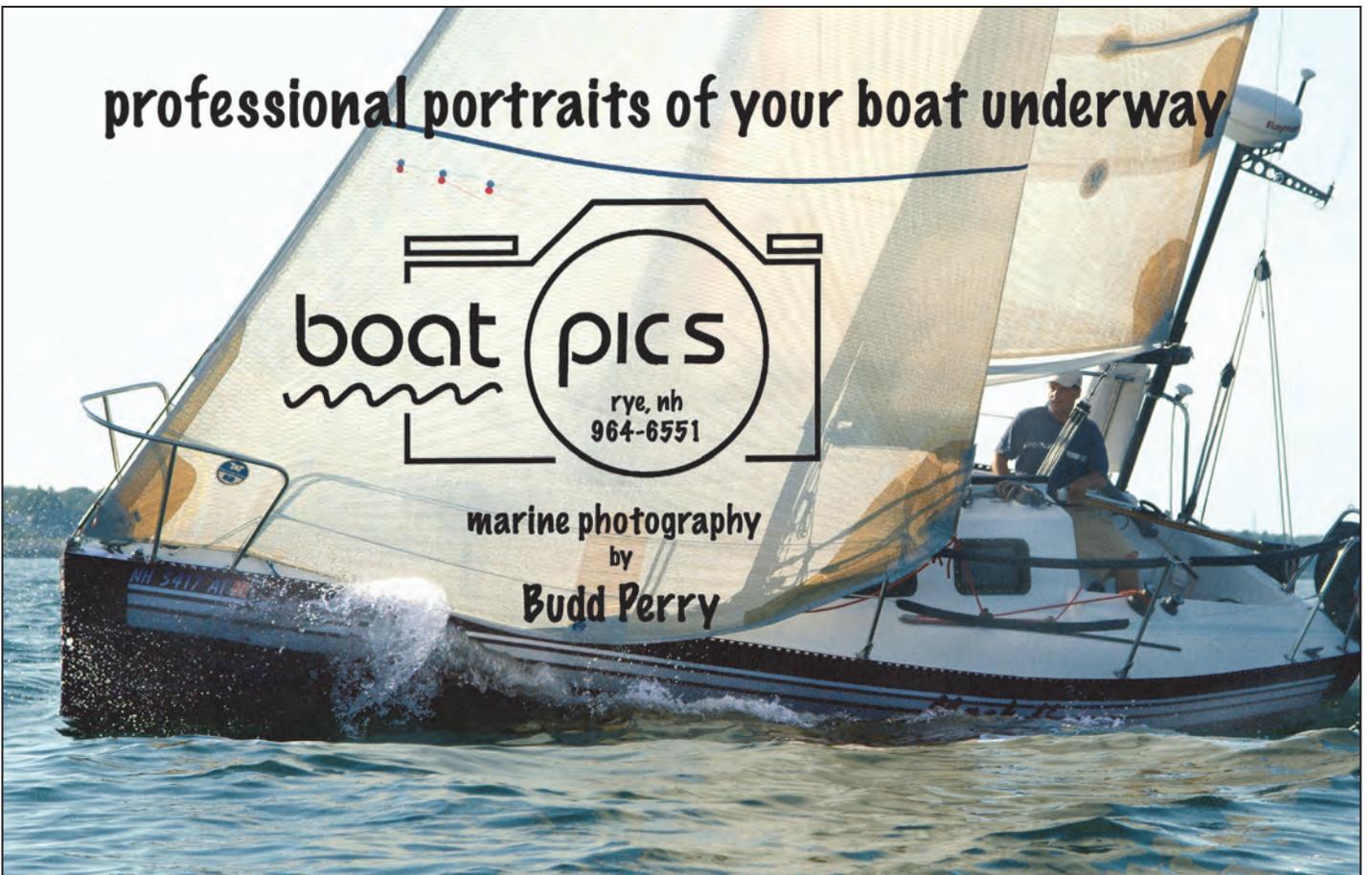
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