



THE MAINSTAY

NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEWPORT | SPRING 2017

Highlights of 2016

Summer

Summer brought on a busy season for the Aloha Café providing sail lunches to charter boats and race teams and keeping up with a steady stream of visitors.

Fall

In September, Seamen's hosted the opening of the 1st Annual Bowen's Wharf Wooden Boat Show and displayed the works of F. Spaulding Dunbar in an exhibit entitled "Wood, Wind & Water" in the upstairs gallery throughout the winter.

David Spencer, longtime local commercial fisherman and President of the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation and Fishermen in Newport, was the guest speaker at SCI's annual meeting in November. He provided a fascinating history of commercial fishing in Newport and described alarming challenges for the RI fishing industry. Seamen's remains committed to providing support services for Newport's remaining fishing families.

Winter

The winter holidays at Seamen's are always a special time. The halls are decked, trees are lit and a feeling of warmth and festivity takes over the building. The Salve Regina Madrigal Choir and Emmanuel Church Woodwind Trio performed free concerts for the community and Santa visited to help children decorate a community Christmas tree in the garden. We had a great turnout of families to make holiday cards for mariners and a behind-the-scenes tour of our historic building rounded out the season.

Seamen's and the Rhode Island Wind Ensemble collaborated to provide a free Winterfest community concert at Newport Marriott on Valentine's Day weekend. This special annual concert, benefiting Seamen's mission, was attended by over 200 locals and visitors.



Message from the President of the Board



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Hello, Friends:

Seamen's Board and Staff have an ongoing dialogue about why we are here and whether we are as effective as we can be serving our community. The environment has changed dramatically since our doors first opened nearly one hundred years ago. Most notably, the enlisted Navy is gone, the working waterfront has pared back dramatically and, most sadly, the commercial fishing industry is a shadow of its former self.

As these changes progressed over the years, our Mission adapted. Here are excerpts from some of those adaptations:

1920: “ – provide work for the moral and mental improvement exclusively of all of those who are employed upon or in connection with the sea in any part of the world or upon the inland waters of the United States, including men in the service of the United States – ”

1947: “ – promoting such religious, educational and charitable activities as tend to improve living conditions and the moral, mental and physical well being of the inhabitants of the City of Newport and State of Rhode Island – ”

1984: “ –To offer persons affiliated with seafaring activities an opportunity to reach their maximum potential and provide for their well being through the programs and services of the Institute – ”

Present: “To provide men and women of the sea, and persons referred from the Newport community, a safe haven in which they may find comfort, benefit and aid.”

Earlier this year we decided another course correction was required, and an ad hoc committee led by Board member Huw Thomas and Superintendent Rebecca Northup was charged with evaluating how our constituency has changed and “plot a course that embraces our heritage while innovating the special value that our unique assets can bring to Newport and the surrounding area”. The result, now fully embraced by the Board, is to add an educational component which will reach out to middle school students and their families to provide STEAM learning opportunities tied to Narragansett Bay and our island. We think the new Mission Statement reflects that updated outlook:

**The Mission of Seamen's Church Institute of Newport
is to preserve and enhance the maritime culture of Newport
and Narragansett Bay by providing education, hospitality and a
safe haven for those who work, live and play on or by the sea.**

There are many exciting initiatives underway which will make our aspirations a reality; count on us to communicate them as they are rolled out. Meanwhile, thanks for being a friend, and please come visit us at 18 Market Square.

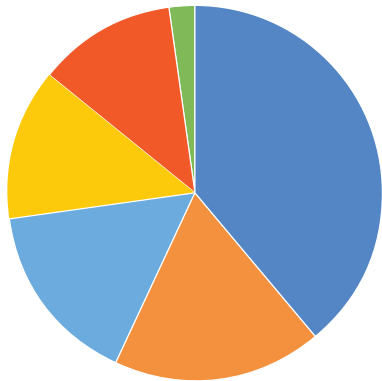
– Dick Thursby, *President of the Board*

2016 Fact Sheet

The Year in Numbers

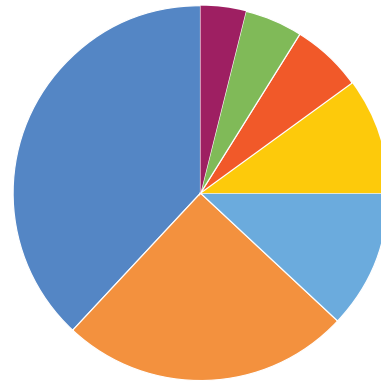
Community Meals Program	3,616 meals served
Basic Needs Program	1,954 services provided
Education, Enrichment & Outreach Program	3,238 people served
Lodging Program	470 free night stays for 14 people 157 deeply discounted overnight stays for mariners, veterans & students
Total Clients & Visitors Seeking Services	55,000
Volunteers	123

Income



Fundraising	39%
Grants	18%
Café	16%
Investment Income	13%
Lodging	12%
Education, Enrichment, Outreach	2%

Expenses



Community Meals	4%
Education, Enrichment, Outreach	5%
Basic Needs	6%
Lodging	10%
Fundraising & Development	12%
Café	25%
Administration	38%
• Salaries, payroll taxes and fees	56%
• Utilities, supplies, services, licenses	15%
• Insurance	11%
• Taxes & accounting	10%
• Repairs & equipment	8%

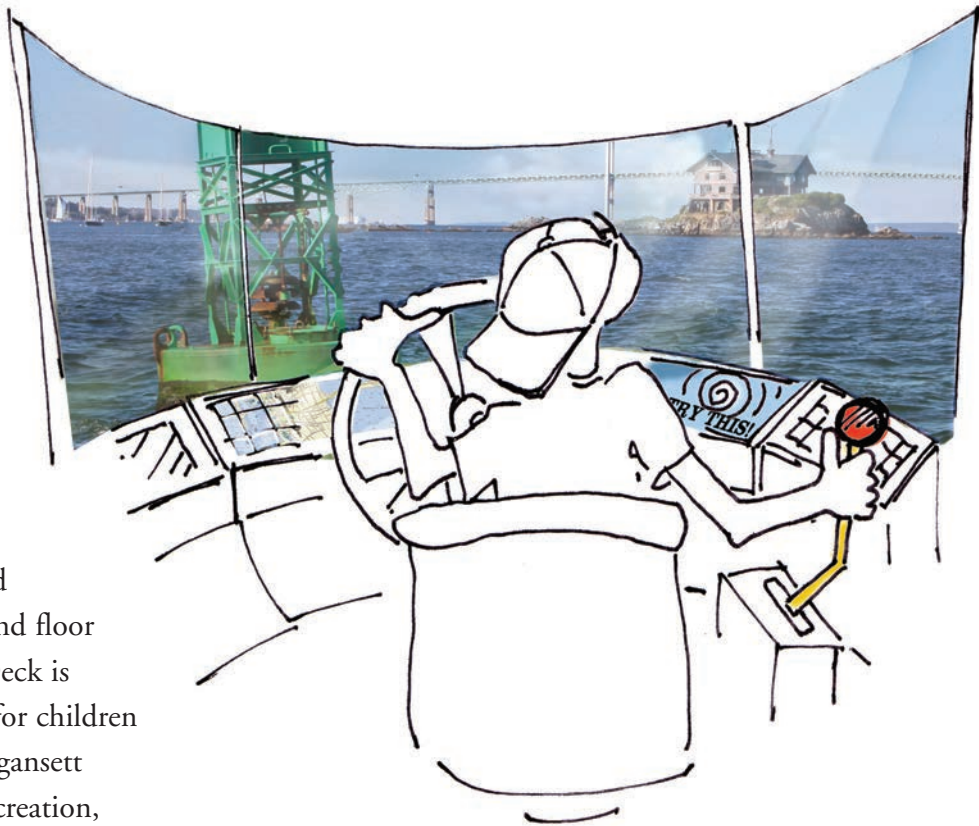
Since 1919, Seamen's Church Institute has provided basic needs support, hospitality and informational services to mariners and community members in need. All income generated by the Aloha Café and the Crow's Nest Lodging helps fund the delivery of our mission. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, we rely on these social enterprises and the generosity of donors, foundations and sponsors to assist the thousands of people who cross our threshold each year seeking services.

New Program Beginning this Fall

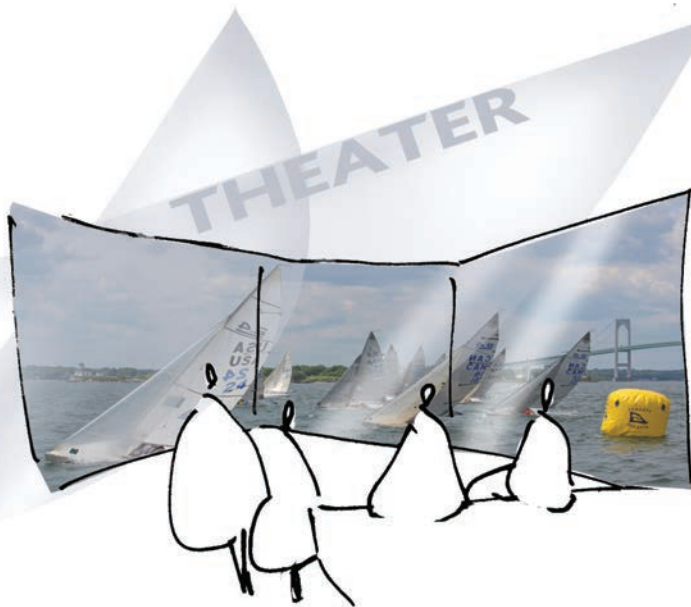
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the All-New...*

Discovery Deck!

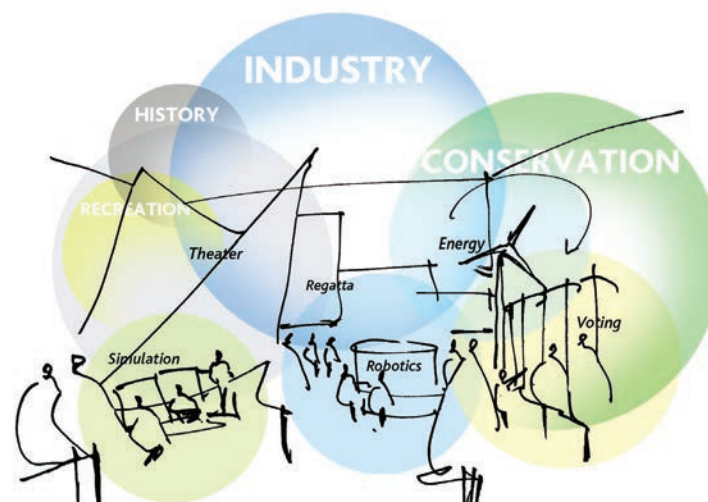
Seamen's is pleased to announce the grand opening of The Discovery Deck on the 2nd floor of our building this fall! The Discovery Deck is an interactive, experiential learning zone for children and families featuring a permanent Narragansett Bay exhibit. The exhibit highlights the recreation, industry and environmental concerns of the Bay and Newport and will be open to the public year round.



The Discovery Deck will serve as a springboard for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum for middle school students, designed in collaboration with teachers from area schools. Local maritime partners will help inform content of the exhibit and will expose youth to marine occupations integral to the city and state's economy. Fun, hands-on workshops for children will be offered throughout the year and, true to Seamen's commitment to the community, afterschool, summer and weekend programming will be offered free of charge to disadvantaged Newport youth. All grade 5 and 6 students at Thompson Middle School will have the opportunity to experience a taste of Newport's maritime community through field trips this fall and next spring.



The goal of the Discovery Deck is to introduce, educate and involve youth in Newport's maritime community. To participate or donate to this initiative, please call 401.847.4260, email info@seamensnewport.org or send your gift along with the reply form on page 7.





SCI will be collaborating with the following local organizations for content development and rotating exhibit elements:

Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island

Sailors for the Sea

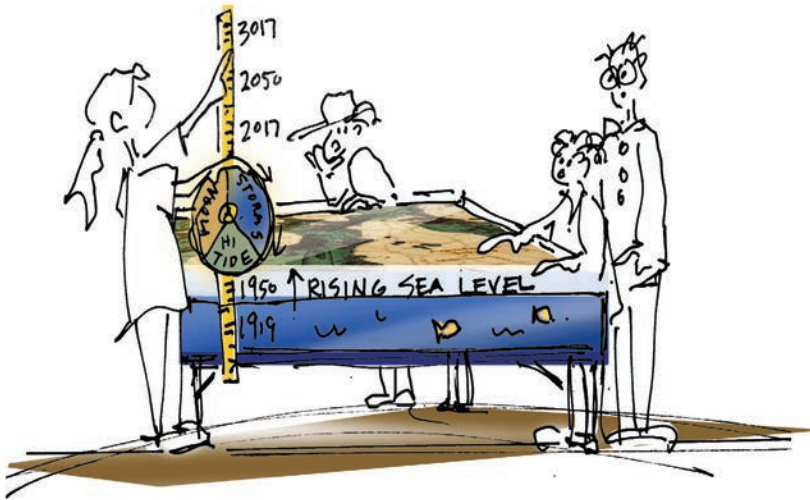
Clean Ocean Access

International Yacht Restoration School

Sail Newport

FabNewport

The exhibit will be previewed at this year's Rock the Docks fundraiser in August, so get your tickets for a sneak peak before they sell out!



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday,
August 13, 2017



**ANNUAL LOBSTERFEST
FUNDRAISER**

Seamen's Church Institute will host its 11th annual Rock the Docks Lobsterfest at Newport Shipyard on Sunday, August 13th, from 6-9 pm. Enjoy a casual dockside lobster dinner, raw bar, open bar and exciting live auction before dancing the night away to the lively beats of a tropical steel drum band. Don't miss this favorite Newport evening!

Tickets are \$100.

Advance ticket purchase required.

**Call us today at 401.847.4260
to purchase tickets.**



Program Highlights

Community Meals Program

Seamen's annual Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day meals were a huge success! A feast of fine foods was prepared and enjoyed by hundreds from the community. This special SCI tradition is a favorite volunteer opportunity; call early if you want to help in 2017! Our monthly Wednesday evening community meal continues to be "the best meal in town" according to many of our locals. It's no wonder! Each month, the café cooks up a main dish of organic meat generously donated by Windmist Farms in Jamestown, along with fresh veggies, green salad and homemade dessert. These meals are free and open to anyone in the community.

Lodging Program

The Crow's Nest Lodging saw an increase in guests in 2016 as word of deep discounts for maritime students spread. A popular spot for sailors, rooms were filled during race season. In the winter, special retreat promotions drew folks seeking rest and quiet solitude in the nooks and crannies of our library, chapel and lounge. Throughout the year, we were able to provide free stays to 14 individuals struggling with various hardships.



Basic Needs Program

Seamen's operated as an overnight emergency warming center twice in 2016 and 6 nights in early 2017.

Roughly a dozen homeless individuals were provided shelter, warm food, showers and changes of clothing during extremely cold winter weather or heavy snowstorms. We are grateful for a fantastic team of dedicated volunteers who help us provide this crucial service. SCI is the only overnight warming center in the state.

Seamen's provided financial assistance for rent and utilities for dozens of families and helped several individuals who were transitioning from local shelters into homes purchase small appliances and bedding.

The Cranston Pitman Fund for Newport residents continues to be administered by the Superintendent on Tuesday afternoons, 1-3pm.

How to Support SCI

Donor support is integral to providing basic needs services and educational enrichment for the Newport community and visitors. In addition to general donations, there are a number of ways you can support the mission of SCI. Please stop in or call to learn more.

Friends of SCI

Support Seamen's Church Institute by becoming a member. An annual Friends membership entitles you to discounts on SCI merchandise, facility rental and stays in our Crow's Nest lodging along with special event invitations throughout the year.

Planned Giving

The Wetmore Society honors those who include Seamen's in their long-term financial or estate plans. The legacy of a bequest or planned gift allows donors to support the work of SCI for years to come and leaves a lasting impact on the Newport community.

Volunteer

We are always looking for friendly volunteers to help us care for our historic building and garden, to assist with the winter Warming Center, special events and administrative tasks and to act as an ambassador during events and the busy summer season.

Corporate Match

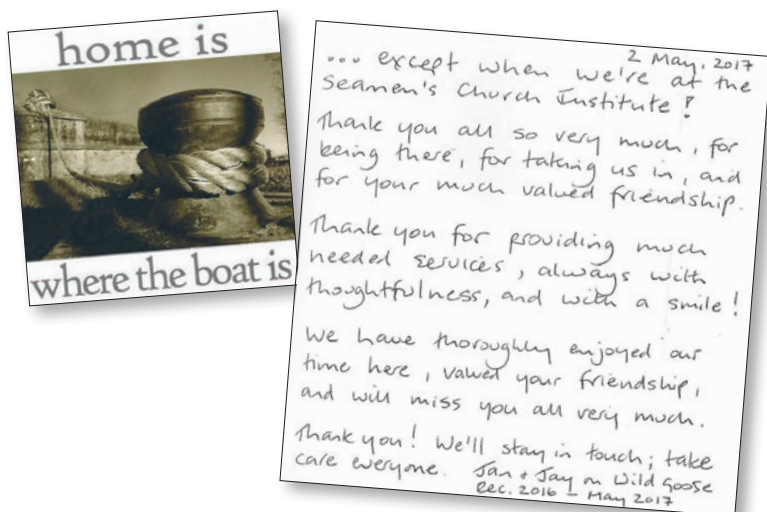
Did you know that many companies will match your donation? Check with your employer to see if they have a Matching Gift program and double your gift to SCI!

Amazon Smile

The easiest way to give! When you shop at Amazon Smile and choose Seamen's Church Institute of Newport Rhode Island as your charity of choice, 0.5% of your purchase price goes directly to SCI.

The Heart of Seamen's

This winter Jay and Jan of *Wild Goose* found themselves stranded for the season and far from home. They became our welcome daily companions during the quiet winter days on the wharf.



Speaker Series

Save the dates for our monthly speaker series held in the Mariners' Lounge at 7pm. A suggested donation of \$10 helps defray costs and fund the Institute's outreach programs. Seating is limited. Please register by email at info@seamensnewport.org or call 401.847.4260.

JUNE 14	Peter Bourke: <i>Adventures at Sea</i>
JULY 12	Donna Lange: <i>Solo Circumnavigations</i>
AUGUST 9	Bruce Corliss, Dean of URI Grad School of Oceanography
SEPTEMBER 12	Sarah Gaines: <i>Balancing Conservation, Industry and Recreation of the Marine Environment</i>
OCTOBER 11	Brad Read: <i>TBA</i>
NOVEMBER 8	Crew of the Oliver Hazard Perry: <i>Arctic Voyage Tales</i>

Host Your Event at SCI

Our Maritime Library, Mariner's Lounge and Courtyard Garden are available to rent for maritime-related or non-profit meetings, lectures and events. The Chapel of the Sea is also available for small weddings and memorial services.

Seamen's Church Institute retains its vital role in the community through the generosity of donors like you. We hope you will return this form with a gift to one of our programs or to general operations. Your gift will help SCI fulfill its mission of providing education, hospitality and a safe haven to those who work, live and play on or by the sea, 365 days a year.

I/We would like to donate \$_____.

Please use my gift toward the following program:

- ☐ Community Meals ☐ Lodging ☐ Basic Needs
- ☐ Discovery Deck ☐ General Operations
- ☐ My check is enclosed made payable to: Seamen's Church Institute.
- ☐ Please bill my credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

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- ☐ I would like to participate by volunteering.
Please contact me to discuss the options.

Serving men and women of the sea and members of the community since 1919.



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ON-SITE FEATURES

Aloha Café
Crow's Nest Lodging
Mariner's Lounge
Henry H. Anderson Library for Mariners
Courtyard Garden & Chapel of the Sea

MARINER & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Space Available for Meetings, Lectures & Social Gatherings
WiFi & Public Computer
Mail & Package Collection
Public Facilities – Restrooms, Showers & Laundry

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Basic Needs Assistance
Community & Holiday Meals
The Discovery Deck (*coming Fall, 2017*)
Safe Haven Warming Center During
Winter Storms & Cold Weather
Hayward Memorial Maritime Scholarships

OPEN DAILY AND FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC



Newport Shipyard, 6-9 pm.
Rock the Docks Fundraiser at

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October 11 Brad Read
November 8 Crew of the Oliver
Hazard Perry

Speaker Series – details on page 7:

June – November

Naval War College Museum Summer
Fun STEAM Workshops for Kids.
10am-11am / 11:30am-12:30pm

June 4, July 2 & August 6

Visit our website or facebook page
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**Upcoming SCI
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