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# Adrian's Parade

Adrian Mitchell, a man who lived his entire life on Block Island and was a friend to all, passed away in late winter, just before his 82nd birthday. Adrian was famous and infamous for many things, especially for his zeal for the Block Island Fourth of July Parade. He was often at the lead, hoisting the American flag as he led The Spirit of '76 from the parade's origin at the Boat Basin in New Harbor to its end at the statue of Rebecca in Old Harbor. This year's parade theme, in honor of Adrian, is Block Island Legends and Lore.

Shortly after his death, Keith Lang wrote of his friend: "If I were to tell of his legendary sense of humor and dry wit, the many great and hilarious adventures and stories, the way he would come up with the right word at the right time and the spot-on comment, the generous way he cared for his friends and the community and the true and honest manner in which he always comported himself, I would simply be riffing on the same fundamental truths and values that made him what he was."

"In a modern culture that encourages conformity, he was an original. Better yet, he was confident in who he was and content with his life. Adrian had an intuitive sense of right and wrong while still appreciating the fact that sometimes human beings need room to move."

Adrian was deeply patriotic and graduating at the top of his class at the Block Island School in 1961, his Valedictorian address included a poem he had written, called "What is Americanism?" Here it is, as relevant as ever.

### What is Americanism?

What is Americanism?

I would like to tell you what I think it is  
Americanism is everything we do and how we do it  
It is our different ways of living in our great country  
-North, South, East and West  
Americanism is our way of doing things  
Americanism is our way of thinking  
It concerns every person in every part of our country  
It is our way of being a good citizen

Good citizens obey the laws of town, state and nation  
They respect the ways of living of other peoples  
Their children attend school regularly  
They attend church regularly  
They respect the leaders whom they have elected  
- whether they be Republicans or Democrats

We have certain freedoms such as freedom of the press  
freedom of worship  
trial by jury, and many other privileges  
Good citizens should vote  
Pay their taxes and raise their children to become good citizens

-Adrian Mitchell,  
for Block Island High School graduation, 1961



Adrian Mitchell was an integral part of Block Island's Fourth of July Parade for decades, always representing "The Spirit of '76," whether marching with the flag, or in his later years, being driven in a car. Here he is in 2023 at the age of 80 participating in what would be his second-to-last parade. (Photo: R. Meyer)



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# Community Calendar

## July 2025

**JULY 1:**  
**Fireworks display** off Fred Benson Town Beach. Dusk.

**JULY 2:**  
**Weaving Wednesdays.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m.

**Blues on the Block** presents **Tyler James.** Fred Benson Town Beach from 5:30 to 7 p.m.



Blues on the Block

**JULY 3:**  
**“Dr. Charles Perry: Island Doctor for 60 Years,”** with Dr. Benjamin Hruska. Block Island Historical Society at 7 p.m.

**JULY 4:**  
**Fourth of July Parade** starts at the Oar at 11 a.m. This year’s theme is Block Island Lore & Legends.

**JULY 5:**  
**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Opening reception for Joe Buda, Sculpture.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through July 11.

**JULY 8:**  
**Tuesday Night Talks** featuring Dr. Andrew Wilson on “China’s Maritime Silk Road.” Block Island Maritime Center at 7 p.m.

**Soundwaves Movies on the Beach** presents “The Fall Guy,” [2024, PG-13]. Fred Benson Town Beach at sunset.

**JULY 9:**  
**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Weaving Wednesdays.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m.



Spring Street Gallery

**JULY 10:**  
**Photographer Aleksander Baba-Vulic** presentation on photographing birds. Spring Street Gallery at 10:30 a.m.

**“Shipwrecked: Coastal Disasters and the Making of the American Beach,”** book signing and discussion with Jamin Wells. Block Island Historical Society at 7 p.m.

**JULY 11 THROUGH JULY 22:**  
**Whitney Knapp Bowditch – “Island Horizons.”** Jessie Edwards Studio.

**Kim Gaffett talk on “The World of Aves.”** Spring Street Gallery at 3 p.m.

**JULY 12:**  
**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Opening reception for Aleksander Baba-Vulic, Bird Photography.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through July 18.

**JULY 13:**  
**Block Island Arts and Crafts Guild Fair.** Block Island Historical Society grounds. from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**JULY 15:**  
**Tuesday Night Talks featuring Janet Coit and “My Time at NOAA – A Fish Story.”** Block Island Maritime Center at 7 p.m.

**JULY 16:**  
**Weaving Wednesdays.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m.

**Blues on the Block** presents **Otis and the Hurricanes.** Fred Benson Town Beach from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**“Aging Disgracefully”** comedy show with Charlie Hall and Doreen Collins at Yellow Kittens. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. show time.

**JULY 17:**  
**Photographer Aleksander Baba-Vulic** presentation on photographing birds. Spring Street Gallery at 10:30 a.m.

**“The Cultural Importance of Wampum,”** with wampum artist **Alan Hazard.** Block Island Historical Society at 7 p.m.

**JULY 18:**  
**Kim Gaffett talk on “The World of Aves.”** Spring Street Gallery at 3 p.m.

**JULY 19:**  
**James Stover Exploration Series: Salt Marsh Creatures.** Andy’s Way from 9 to 10 a.m.

**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Manissean Tribal Powwow.** Historical Society. Opening ceremony at noon.

**Opening reception for Sharon Lehman, Oil Painting,** at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through July 25.

**JULY 22:**  
**Tuesday Night Talks featuring Sandy Cannon-Brown and “One Bad Crab.”** Block Island Maritime Center at 7 p.m.

**Soundwaves Movies on the Beach** presents, “Toy Story,” [1995, G] at Fred Benson Town Beach at sunset.

**JULY 23:**  
**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Weaving Wednesdays.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m.

**JULY 24:**  
**“The Palatine Wreck: The Legend of the New England Ghost Ship,”** with author Jill Farinelli. Block Island Historical Society at 7 p.m.

**JULY 25 THROUGH AUGUST 5:**  
**Kate Knapp – “Block Island – A Vision of Beauty.”** Jessie Edwards Studio.

**JULY 25:**  
**Opening reception for Marilyn Bogdanffy, Oil Painting,** at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through August 1.

**JULY 26:**  
**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**The Great Salt Pond Swim.** Youth Swim at 9:30 a.m. Adult Swim at 11 a.m. Registration required. Andy’s Way.

**The Mary D. Ball.** The Sullivan House on Corn Neck Road. 5 – 9 p.m. Tickets required.

**JULY 27:**  
**Block Island Arts and Crafts Guild Fair.** Block Island Historical Society grounds from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Arts & Crafts Guild

**JULY 29:**  
**Tuesday Night Talks** featuring Dr. Ben Hruska, “Valor and Courage.” Block Island Maritime Center at 7 p.m.

**JULY 30:**  
**Block Island Farmers Market.** Legion Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Weaving Wednesdays.** Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m.

**Blues on the Block** presents **The Reckoners.** Fred Benson Town Beach from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**JULY 31:**  
**“Sandra Swan: Block Island Woodcuts.”** Exhibition and discussion with the artist. Block Island Historical Society at 7 p.m.

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# BEAT OF THE BLOCK

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## Yellow Kittens

July 2..... Comedy Night with Ben Smith  
 July 3, 4..... Jamie's Junk Show  
 July 5..... The Yard  
 July 9, 16, 30..... DJ Sizzle  
 July 10..... Jake Hunsinger and The Rock Bottom Band  
 July 11, 12..... Quick Hits  
 July 13..... The Agents  
 July 16..... Aging Disgracefully Comedy Revue  
 July 18, 19..... The Complaints  
 July 20..... Jamie's Junk Show  
 July 23, 24..... DJ Cammy V  
 July 25, 26..... Run 4 Covers  
 July 27..... The NB Rude Boys

## Mahogany Shoals

July 1, 2, 6 - 9, 13 - 16, 21 - 23, 28 - 30..... Izzy Malek  
 July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 31..... Scott Baer  
 July 3..... Phil Smith  
 July 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25..... Dan Watson  
 July 4..... Rickie Miller  
 July 4, 5, 11, 12, 25, 26..... Dave Lefkin  
 July 5..... Greyson Ebnetter  
 July 6..... Whiskey Strings  
 July 13..... Tyler James  
 July 18, 19, 20..... Saltwater Sons  
 July 20..... T-Ray  
 July 26..... Live Music  
 July 27..... BrendAnna  
 July 27, 31..... Jeff Rourke

## Ballard's Resort

July 1, 2, 5, 6..... John Brazile & Ahren Bohanen  
 July 2, 3..... Eliot Lewis  
 July 3, 4..... Ahren Bohanen  
 July 4, 5, 6..... Inside Out  
 July 5, 6..... Backstage Pass  
 July 7 - 10, 28 - 31..... Timmy Maia  
 July 11 - 13..... The Pop Rocks  
 July 12, 13..... No Shoes Nation  
 July 14, 15..... Hijacked  
 July 16 - 18..... Soul Tsunami  
 July 19, 20..... Those Guys  
 July 19, 20..... Darik and the Funbags  
 July 21 - 24..... Lacey Cheryl 5  
 July 25, 26..... Pulse  
 July 26, 27..... Zac N'Fried

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 Country Night..... Tuesdays  
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 or other artists..... Wednesdays  
 Shawn David Allen on  
 the Sunshine Deck..... Fridays, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Rob Davis on the  
 Sunshine Deck..... Saturdays, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

July 3, 4, 5..... Fever  
 July 6..... Dave Richardson Band  
 July 11, 12..... Dave Tessier & the All Stars  
 July 17..... Codi Nilsen  
 July 18, 19..... Rob Davis & the Half Baked Horns  
 July 24..... Dude Man Bro  
 July 25, 26..... BOOYAH  
 July 27..... Lisa Marie & John Juxo  
 July 31..... The Reckoners

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 Thursdays - Mondays: Marc Douglas Berardo  
 Fridays: Scott Baer

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 and Lauren D. 6 - 9 p.m. starting June 23  
 Wednesdays..... Cameron Greenlee with Nena Belen &  
 Matt Torrey. 6 - 9 p.m. starting June 25  
 Thursdays..... Shawn David Allen: 8 - 11 p.m.

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 Tuesdays..... Dabs of Green with Cameron Greenlee  
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 Thursdays..... Cameron Greenlee with Nena Belen  
 & Matt Torrey. 6 - 9 p.m. Starting June 19

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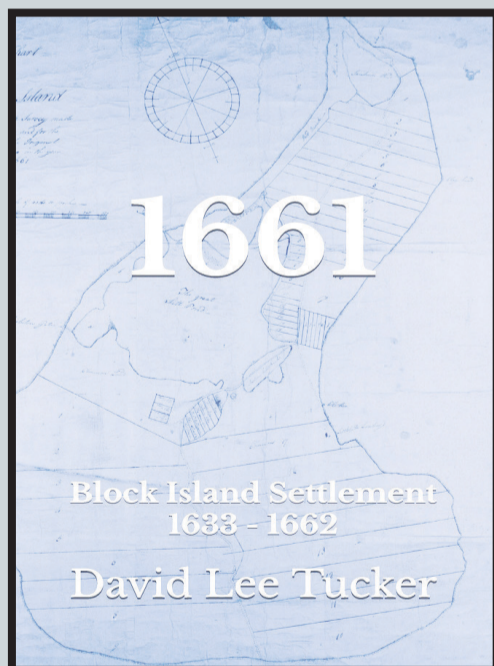
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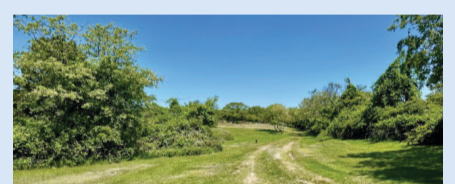
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# In Case You Were Curious

By Keith H. Lang

# The First Settlers

*"I became aware of the old island here that flowered once for Dutch sailors' eyes — a fresh, green breast of the new world." From "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald.*

The what and the why.

Of the what, there are numerous physical reminders that the first European settlers landed on Block Island in 1661. The most prominent is located at the end of Corn Neck Road near the place they first set foot, Cow Cove. The monument there lists the names of those who purchased the island and the 16 individuals and their families who established a community here.

Another location that is symbolic of what took place at that time can be found on the hill above and to the east of Fresh Pond. While the main focus of this story is an examination of what may have made the settlement of Block Island significantly unlike that of other places in the "new world," it is important to note this event also followed a pattern that would continue westward across the continent in the decades that followed where one culture's rise led directly to the ultimate demise of another.

On one side of Lakeside Drive is a granite tablet, one of a number that were placed in 1961 at strategic points around the island to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the settlers' arrival. The legend on that monument indicates this was where the first settlers "sought refuge in caves and shelters." Nearby, they erected the first church, schoolhouse and a windmill. Across the road, below the rise on which sits the Indian Burial Hill, is a hand carved stone marker dedicated to the Manisseans, the indigenous tribe that inhabited this island for over 2,500 years, and who one way or the other were forced to make way for the newcomers, yet never compensated for the land.

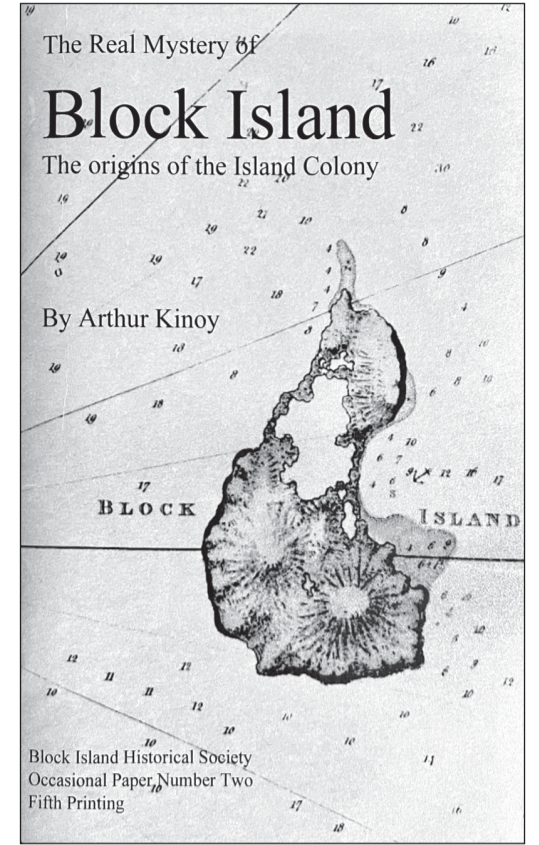
The reasons these early immigrants to the new world chose to "abandon the mainland" and the security of the settled Colonies to move to such a remote and isolated outpost is much more difficult to discern and begets a succession of questions as to why that have never been definitively answered.

Why would wealthy and prominent members of established mainland communities permanently leave behind all they had gained and achieved since landing in North America and move elsewhere?

Why would these same individuals choose for their new home a remote and isolated island where it was widely known conflict had taken place be-



Settler's Rock at Cow Cove commemorates the first European settlers of Block Island.



Cover of Arthur Kinoy's booklet.

tween Europeans and the native inhabitants?

Why would such a group, comprised of successful merchants and business people, select a wild and limited landscape without a harbor and few, if any, prospects for trade or commercial enterprise?

Why would they pay an exorbitant price for land when far less removed and more arable tracts were available for less money in more settled areas in Massachusetts and Connecticut?

These questions and a "tentative theory" as to what might have been the motivations were compiled by an island summer resident, Arthur Kinoy, in a paper presented to the Block Island Historical Society at its annual meeting in August of 1960, in anticipation of the Tricentennial the following year. The society later published these findings in a pamphlet entitled, "The Real Mystery of Block Island, The Origins of the Island Colony," which is now in its fifth printing and available in the society's museum store.

After extensively researching documents and other sources related to the island's early history, Kinoy addresses the questions he outlined above and proposes reasons that are distinctly different from those that inspired other settlements in North America during that period and after. His research leads him to conclude that those who settled Block Island "were not primarily moved by the generally present drive in Colonial America for better land, for trading and mercantile opportunities, for material advance," but instead by principles and ideals such as "equality and dignity of man, of the separation of church and state, of the ultimate repository of all civil power in the assembly of all free men, of the right to hold opinions divergent from the dominant majority."

This means that 100 years before the United States was founded in 1776, Block Island's first settlers had embraced the concepts and values upon which the new national govern-

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# The First Settlers

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ment would be based. In fact, the “charter and grant of power to the island given to Captain James Sands in 1664 by Roger Williams and the Deputies in Providence,” unlike that of the Bay Colony they had left, “set up one of the first true Democracies on the American Continent.” Not only did the island settlers adopt these principles, Kinoy posits they were among the first people in North America to actually live and be governed by them.

While they had found wealth and prominence, it was not enough for these “pioneers of democracy” who wished to set forth a new system of government in the new world. They were disillusioned that the Bay Colony had ultimately brought with them and vigorously enforced doctrines that mirrored the intolerance they had left Europe to escape. The island’s founders, in contrast, were influenced and inspired by early revolutionary thinkers and visionaries such as Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island, and Anne Hutchinson. Captain James Sands, the leading figure

among the island settlers, who had received the Charter on their behalf, was related to Hutchinson by marriage and had been an early exponent of the doctrines she espoused. Her views were considered heresies by Massachusetts authorities and led to her being exiled from the Bay Colony in 1637, just two years after they had banished Roger Williams.

According to Kinoy, the islanders actively lived their democratic beliefs for nearly 40 years. In the last years of the 1700s, their principles and way of life were challenged not by outsiders, but one of their own, Samuel Niles, the grandson of James Sands. Niles left the island to attend Harvard Divinity School where he came under the influence of “the orthodoxy of the Mathers and the atmosphere at Harvard.” When he returned to become minister of the First Baptist Church on the island, “he promptly attempted to turn the islanders from their Baptist persuasions, from their commitment to freedom of conscience, back to the Congregational Church and theocratic concepts of the Boston ministers,” the very precepts they had

forsaken and left behind years earlier.

Samuel Niles doing so was a bold challenge and affront to his father and grandfather, undermining all they had come to stand for and believe. Alas, the influence and the time-honored beliefs of his forebears won out and after five or six years of unpleasantness and discord, the island congregation reaffirmed its commitment to the values that had led to their founding. At that point, Niles left and returned to a more conventional congregation in Braintree, Massachusetts. Before doing so, however, he sold the ministerial lands near the monuments at Fresh Pond to a third party, “much to the distress of the congregation.”

I have always been intrigued by the opportunities Block Island’s isolated geography affords to be different from the mainland and the prevailing societal values that hold sway there. It is interesting to discover this might have been precisely the reason the first settlers chose to overlook the challenges the island’s location presented and see them as attributes that might permit and enhance the establishment of a community inspired by a new and differ-

ent set of values. Unlike most others, they envisioned the new world as not solely a place to advance mankind materially, but philosophically and spiritually, as well.

While Kinoy clearly states in his conclusion that his is a theory that is “tentative and exploratory,” his scholarship is compelling and dramatically enhances our knowledge of what motivations likely inspired those that came before us. His notes and sources are also included for anyone who might wish to pick up from where his research left off. Most inspiring to me is his suggestion that the first European settlers of this island had an impact far beyond these shores through their significant contributions to perhaps the greatest and most noble of all human experiments, democracy.

On the last page of the booklet, Kinoy leaves us with one final thought from the British historian, Thomas Babington McCauley: “A people or family who takes no pride in the noble achievement of their ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by their descendants.”



Above: This monument at Fresh Pond marks the place where some of the settlers sought shelter in caves.

Left: Manissean dedication stone with Indian Burial Hill in the background. (Photographs by Keith Lang)

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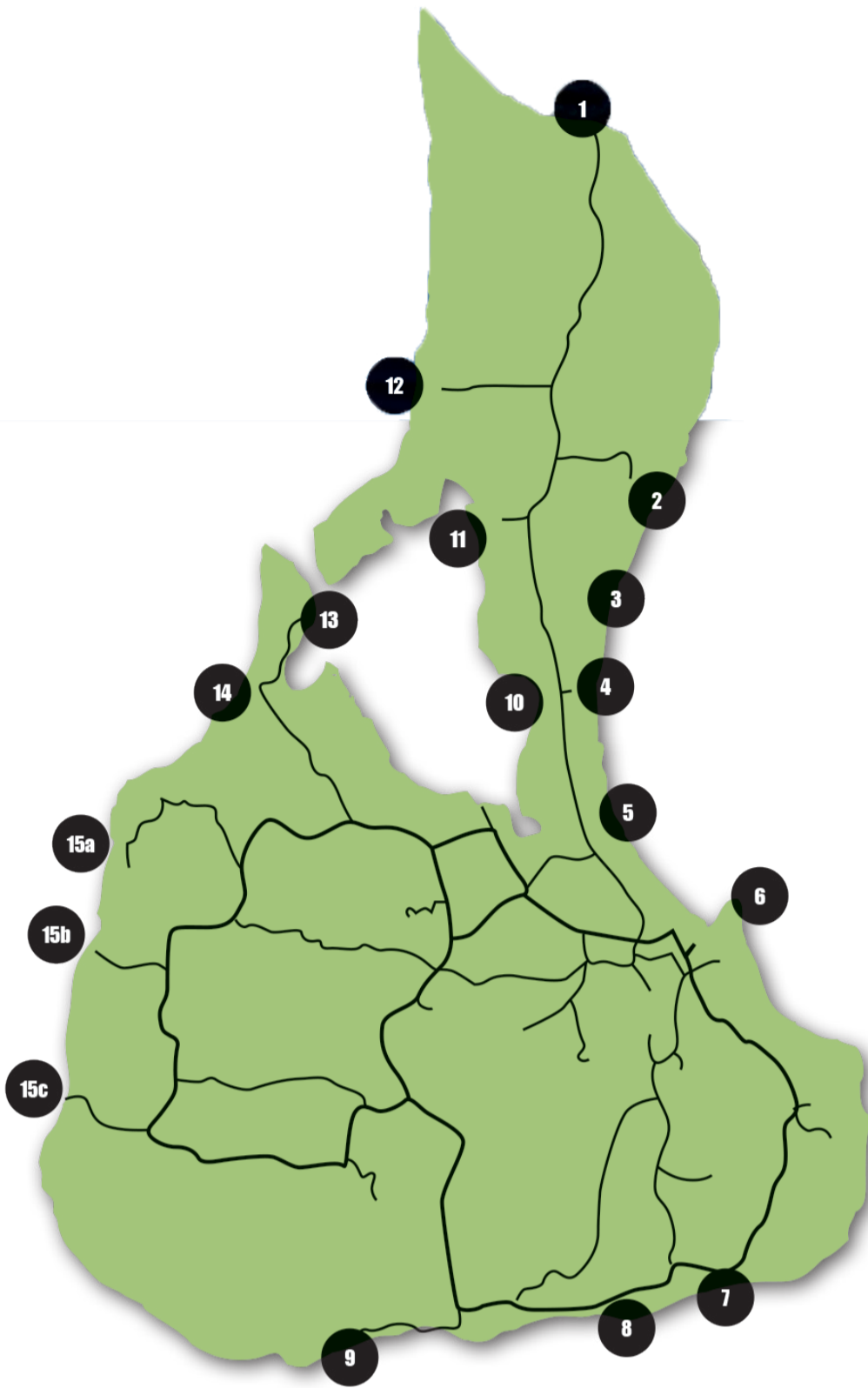


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It's a simple fact: all Block Island vacations include a day at the beach. Block Island has 17 miles worth of unspoiled coastline and pristine beaches. While numerous beaches offer strong, consistent swells for wave sports, others are calmer and more placid, perfect for sunbathing and swimming. There are beaches that are ideal for families with children seeking a low-key spot, beaches where you may be the only one around, or beaches that are more action-packed. Use this guide to help find the best beach for you.



### Fred Benson Town Beach Pavilion

Right smack in the middle of the big stretch of beach on the east side of the island is the Town Beach Pavilion which is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the full season. Beach chairs, boogie boards and umbrella rentals are available daily. Food is served all day with everything from cold drinks and ice cream to hamburgers and french fries. Bathrooms and showers are available (token showers).



**1. Cow Cove** is located near Settlers Rock. Although the shoreline is rocky, it offers some of the best coastal views and also sports the historic North Light. This is not a safe place to swim because of a strong rip tide. Be careful where you walk too: the beach is a nesting area for many rare birds.



**2. Mansion Beach** lies at the end of a dirt road with the same name. The island's most stately mansion once sat like a jewel on a hill overlooking Jerry's Point. Fire destroyed the house and it was never rebuilt. However, the beach fits the name by being the island's grandest.



**3. Scotch Beach** is a quarter mile north of Fred Benson Town Beach. Scotch is a sandbox for kids and the place to go for vacationers looking for a hotly contested game of volleyball. There is a small parking lot between the road and the dunes.



**4. Fred Benson Town Beach** home to Block Island's fully equipped bathhouse. Showers, lockers, food, and rental items, the beach is staffed with lifeguards in the summer months. The parking lot was expanded to accommodate more cars.

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**5. Baby Beach** is a well-sheltered beachfront at the south end of Crescent Beach, where children can easily play in the shallow waters. It's an ideal place to check out the abundant sea life such as small crabs and starfish and go hunting for shells and sand dollars.



**6. Ballard's Beach** is located on the south side of the Old Harbor breakwater and adjacent to Ballard's restaurant. Staffed with lifeguards throughout the summer months, it is also a popular destination for sunbathing, swimming, and volleyball.



**7. Mohegan Bluffs** beachfront at the bottom of the steps descending from the bluffs. A favorite spot for surfers and beautiful, secluded place to swim. The bottom of the stairs is currently closed off due to severe erosion.



**8. Vaill Beach** is a large beach at the bottom of a hollow. The path to it is located at the bend in Snake Hole Road. At the base of the bend turn left and walk for approximately 50 yards. The surf here is rough and rocks line the shallows, so swimmers should exercise caution.



**9. Black Rock** boasts expanses of sand and a series of coves at the base of a cliff. Swimming is difficult due to the large number of rocks, but it's a perfect place for an oceanside hike. The area takes its name from a large, dark rock that rests offshore in about 15 feet of water that has spelled the end for many ships. Located a pace off the main road, it's best to walk or bike to get there.



**10. Mosquito Beach**, also known as "Dinghy Beach," is located just across the road from Scotch Beach, a quarter mile north of Fred Benson Town Beach. It provides a place for boaters in New Harbor to tie up their rafts and dinghies. The majestic views of Great Salt Pond, make it a good backdrop for photos.



**11. Andy's Way** is the island's premier clamming spot. Standing at the end of a dirt road that bears the same name, it's a good place to take a stroll. Just north is Beane Point, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife property that is home to many rare birds.



**12. West Beach** is lightly trafficked and has gentle surf. It's perfect for walking and is close to the North Light.



**13. Coast Guard Beach** is at the end of Champlin Road and derives its name from the old Coast Guard station that was formerly located there. Don't swim here, but it's a good place for clamming and fishing.



**14. Charlestown Beach** is popular with fishermen because it has a long jetty at its end. Typically uncrowded, it's a nice spot to watch the boats come into the harbor or explore the former Coast Guard station that is now town-owned.



**15. Grace's, Dorry's, and Cooneymus coves** are secluded beaches on the west side of the island. They are perfect for a challenging hike or for those looking for an out-of-the-way spot to catch a sunset or a moonrise.



**Rentals at Diamondblue**  
Diamondblue Surf Shop beach rentals are close to town and are located at their store in Bridegate Square. Daily and hourly rentals of beach chairs, umbrellas, stand-up paddle boards, surf boards, and kayaks are available through Columbus Day weekend.

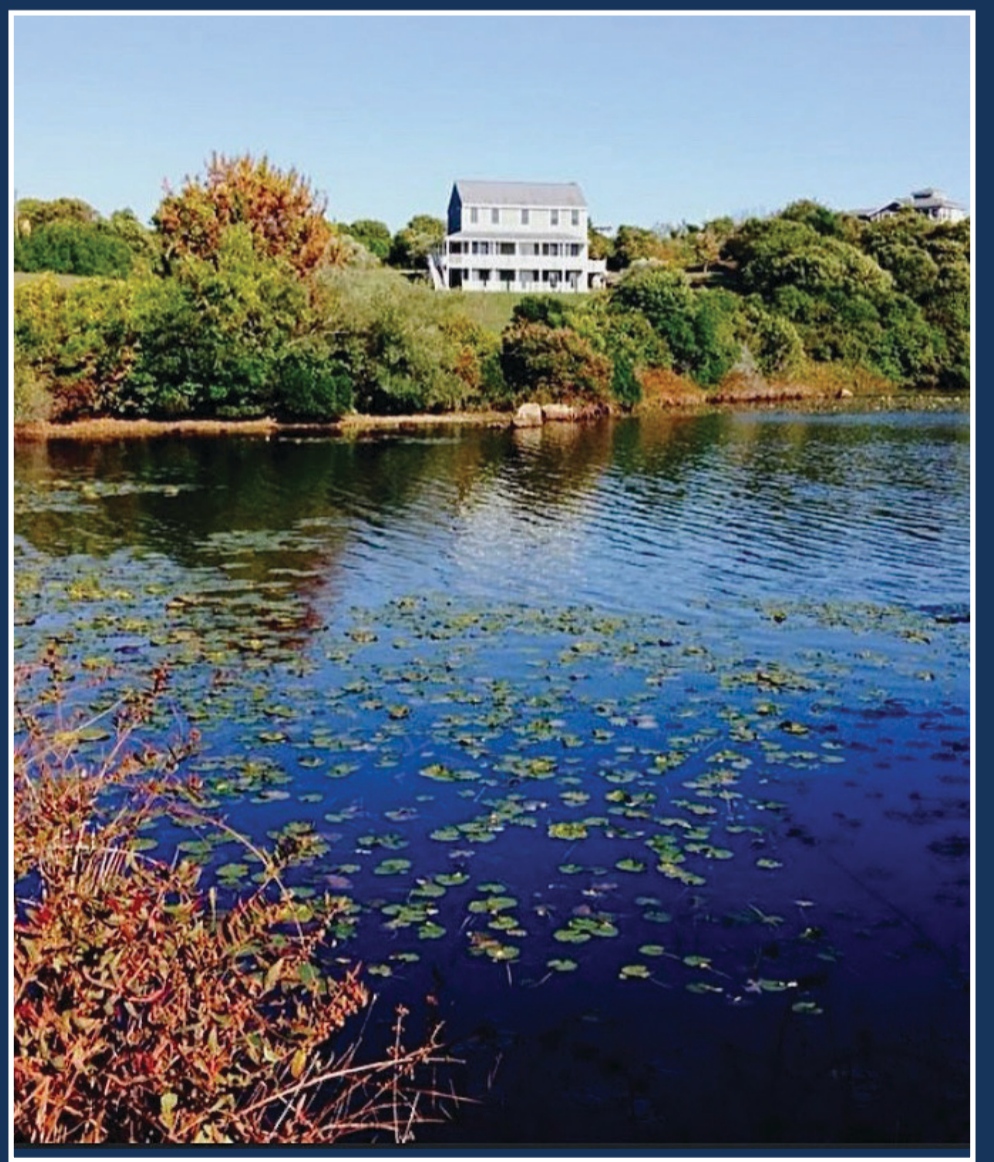
## Help Protect Our Dunes

After Hurricane Sandy and subsequent 2013 winter storms devastated dunes along Corn Neck Road, and in particular those protecting Crescent Beach, volunteers installed snow fences to clearly mark rights of way to the beach from Corn Neck Road and beach parking areas. The fences help the dunes replenish, so please do not move them. And keep to these designated trails, so that new plantings to help anchor the sand have a chance to take root. **They are an important line of defense to this fragile ecosystem.**



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A black and white photo from the summer of 1965, from the newly made Interstate parking lot. On the left, is Ernie's, which is still standing. The Ocean View burned down and was a total loss in July 1966. (Credit: Fred Swift Collection, Block Island Historical Society)



## July 1966: the end of the Ocean View Hotel

By Dr. Benjamin J. Hruska,  
Assistant Professor,  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

The Ocean View Hotel was the largest structure ever built on Block Island. It had a commanding position overlooking Old Harbor for nearly a century and burned down on a foggy day in July of 1966. It, like many buildings on the island, developed over several generations. In the Victorian heyday, when she entertained guests that included U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant, visitors arrived by horse and buggy. As the automobile slowly took over transportation on Block Island, generations of taxis traveled up the main driveway to unload arriving guests and their luggage. Her 200 rooms dominated the built environment of Old Harbor, even in the summers of the Depression and World War II, when her doors never opened.

Her original footprint was constructed by Nicholas Ball in the early 1870s. Ball grew up on Block Island, went West during the California gold rush, and dreamed of what a harbor could do for Block Island. As a businessman in the 1850s and '60s, he lobbied both in Providence and in Washington, D.C. for federal investment in constructing a government harbor (completed in 1875 and known today as Old Harbor.) As business boomed in the Gilded Age, the footprint of the Ocean View was ever-expanding.

If she had a low point, it was after World War II. Abandoned during the Depression and World War II, her only residents in these lean years were small rodents. Broken windows invited nesting birds seeking shelter from the ubiquitous Block Island winds. In 1947, she was sold at auction for just \$11,000. Small portions of the hotel were reopened. The postwar business focused evermore on the bar. In the postwar

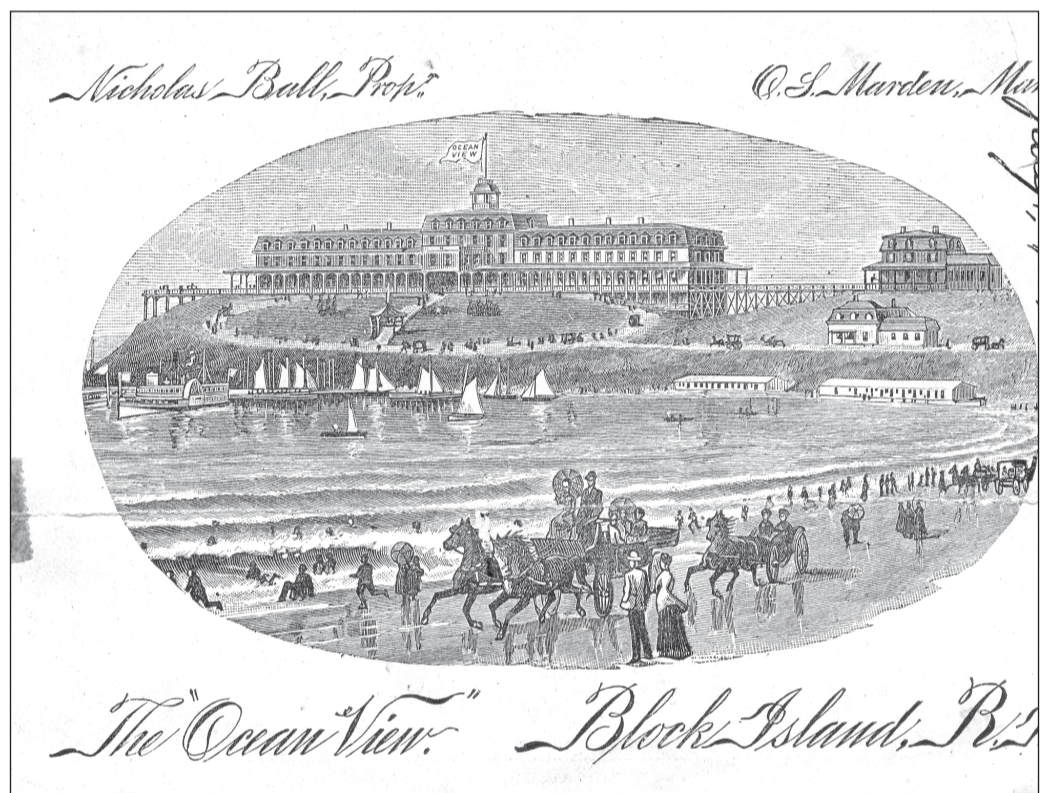
period, many of the customers either wore the trademarked long-billed Block Island fishing hat or were visiting sport fishermen. When the nearby Tuna Club fell into disrepair, the club for a few years was headquartered at the Ocean View.

There is no lack of colorful tales from the barroom in the postwar period. Live piano music fed the festive atmosphere found every summer. A glimpse into the scale of bar-business was witnessed on a busy Fourth of July in the 1950s, when 14 bartenders were needed to keep up with demand. The extended bar, shaped like a key, contained 99 barstools. The nation's birthday on the Fourth of July could yield up to \$10,000 in business, in a time when beers cost 75 cents and mixed drinks were \$1.25.

July 6, 1966, was a Wednesday. Few guests were checked in as it was just after the three-day Fourth of July holiday weekend. The fire broke out under the kitchen area in the back. Due to the Victorian era construction, which had little in the way of fire prevention, by the time the Fire Department arrived there was simply no stopping the blaze from consuming the entirety of the hotel. While no lives were lost and no one was physically harmed, the loss of the grand hotel marked the turning of a page of this community's relationship with tourism.

Photographs of the blaze made national news. One headline fatefully read, "The Queen of the Ocean is Dead," whereas *The New Haven Register*, wrote, "The Queen is dead. Block Island's Ocean View hotel died as she had lived - spectacularly..."

Photographs of her in her grandeur can be seen daily inside the Historical Society (located at the four-way stop at Old Harbor) in the summer from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.



An early advertisement, from the glorious summer of 1886, of the Ocean View Hotel when guests arrived on Block Island by steam power. To service up to 400 nightly guests, a small army of staff was needed to clean rooms, empty bedpans, and cook meals. Hidden in back were stables and barns for both carriages and horses needed for island tours. As the Gilded Age transformed more of coastal New England, urban city dwellers sought Block Island for the pastoral settings. (Credit: Block Island Historical Society)



The Ocean View Hotel burned down on July 6, 1966. Constructed in an era with little to no fire suppression, and made almost entirely of wood, there was simply no stopping the blaze consuming the hotel. In the early 1970s, a portion of the property was utilized for the first municipal sewer system. The stone ruins of the hotel's main center section can be visited today at the Ocean View Pavilion and houses a community garden. (Credit: Block Island Historical Society)



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# SPRING STREET GALLERY INTRODUCES GUEST SPEAKERS

The Spring Street Gallery is delighted to invite the Block Island community and mainland visitors to join us for several very special presentations on our feathered friends. From July 5 through July 24, the gallery will be showing the work of guest artist, Aleksandar Baba-Vulic. Baba-Vulic is a well known Block Island photographer who aspires to tell natural world stories through his pictures. This particular display of his work will focus solely on birds and is titled "Fascinating Feathered Friends."

Since this colorful art installation will be available to view for three weeks, it seems a wonderful opportunity to add to our regularly scheduled programming of art classes, weaving lessons, sound baths, and yoga with lectures by experts on both birds and bird photography. These free programs will run during the weeks of July 6 and July 13 for approximately one hour each and will include a question and answer period from the audience. The first week's presentations will be repeated the second week.

Our bird science expert is a prominent member of the island community. Environmental educator and naturalist Kim Gaffett will be sharing her extensive knowledge of the world of Aves; the scientific classification of the animals we know as birds. With over 25 years of experience as an environmental educator, Gaffett wears a number of different hats in her work as The Nature Conservancy's OVF Naturalist. Her position allows her to present a variety of island-wide nature programs to residents, visitors, and school students. Many of these programs incorporate established community science projects. Additionally, Gaffett manages the Block Island Bird Banding station, which was established in 1967 by Elise Lapham. Gaffett's two talks, which will flow from the bird pictures in Baba-Vulic's show, will run from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 11 and at the same time on Friday July 18.

Guest artist Alex Baba-Vulic will be the second program speaker. Baba-Vulic is a Serbian-American photographer who has made Block Island his home base for 20 years. His grandfather gave him his first Polaroid camera at age six and he moved on to a 35 mm Voigtlander by early adolescence. As a graduate student at the University of Novi Sad, studying biology and natural sciences, Baba-Vulic came to the island for several summers to work as a seasonal employee. During these summers, both he and his camera fell in love with the dramatic beauty of Block Island. Alex will present his talk on basic photography techniques for capturing images of birds in various environments and tell stories about some of his most interesting adventures while chasing these elusive subjects. His presentations will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday July 10 and Thursday July 17.

The Spring Street Gallery, 105 Spring Street, looks forward to welcoming you to these special presentations. They are both family friendly and there will be some seating available. For any questions regarding these special programs please contact the gallery, which is open daily until 5 p.m. at (401) 466-5374.



Aleksander Baba-Vulic has been photographing birds on Block Island for the past 20 years. See his work at the Spring Street Gallery from July 5 through 24. (Courtesy photo)



After almost becoming extinct from being hunted for its feathers, the great egret is now a frequent sight on Block Island. (Courtesy photo)



Above: Kim Gaffett will give talks on the birds photographed for the exhibit on July 11 and 18 at 3 p.m.



Right: Aleksander Baba-Vulic will be talking about his work on July 10 and 17 at 10:30 a.m.

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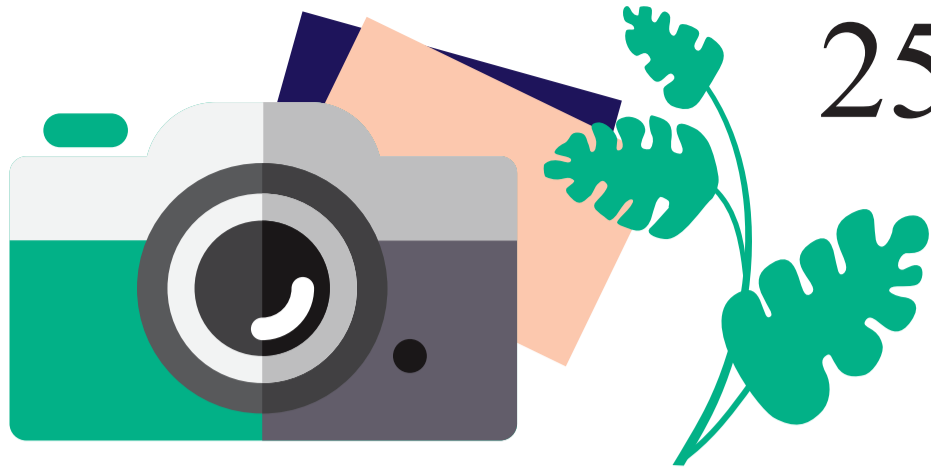
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# 25th Annual Amateur Photography Competition

## Sponsored by the Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island's

The Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island announce their 25th Annual Amateur Photo Competition to highlight the beauty of the five refuges that comprise the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Photos will be accepted in the following categories: refuge wildlife, refuge flora, refuge wildlife habitat/landscape and photos taken by children age 14 and under of any subject on a refuge.

All photos must have been taken on one of the five national wildlife refuges in Rhode Island:

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Amateur photographers are encouraged to enter their existing refuge color photos or to take new ones. The color photos must be 8 by 10 inches and not matted or framed. For full details and photo registration see the contest flyers by visiting our website at [www.FriendsNWRofRI.org](http://www.FriendsNWRofRI.org) or pick one up at the visitor centers.



A piping plover photographed recently at the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, The Nature Conservancy believes there are three pairs of piping plovers, a threatened species, nesting on Block Island. (Photo: R. Meyer)

Photos and a \$10 entry fee per photo must be received by September 3, 2025. There is a maximum limit of four (4) photos per contestant. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of NWR-RI.

Contestants at any time can deliver their photos between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to the Sachuest Point Visitors Center in Middletown, R.I. or the Kettle Pond Visitors Center in Charlestown, R.I. Photos may also

be mailed at any time to the Friends of the NWR-RI, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, R.I. 02813.

All photos entered will be exhibited at Kettle Pond Visitors Center, Charlestown, R.I. from Saturday, September 13 to September 26 and then displayed at Sachuest Point Visitors Center, Middletown, R.I. until October 14.

The photos will be judged by a panel of photographers prior to the show. First, second and third place winners will be chosen in each of the four categories. The Best of Show will be awarded a \$100 cash prize. Other prizes will also be awarded.

For more information about the contest or entry forms, e-mail [RThieke@cox.net](mailto:RThieke@cox.net) or call the or visit our website [www.FriendsNWRofRI.org](http://www.FriendsNWRofRI.org).

The Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island is a volunteer member-based nonprofit organization devoted to conservation and development of healthy habitat for flora and fauna at Rhode Island's National Wildlife Refuges, and to safe, accessible, ecological experiences for refuge visitors. The Friends group helps secure funds for and works on refuge projects designed to meet the goals of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Comprehensive Plan for Rhode Island's acres of federal refuge habitats.



Boats ashore in Rat Island at New Harbor. Photo courtesy of the Block Island Historical Society.

## TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM Hurricane Planning for Residents and Visitors

Everyone should be aware that the National Weather Service is warning the East Coast that a major hurricane will strike within the next few years. We are asking everyone who owns property on Block Island or will be visiting during hurricane season to create an individual plan for the eventuality of a hurricane warning being issued for Block Island.

Please read the following carefully and make your plans in advance.

A) **If you are a visitor**, please heed the directives to leave the Island if they are issued. All our ferries will cease operations and move to a safer harbor well before the hurricane arrives so you must react immediately when you are advised to leave.

B) **If you are an Island resident**, observe the following home preparedness:

- Check working conditions of all emergency equipment flashlights, battery powered radios.
- Have enough perishable food and water supplies on hand for 3-5 days.
- Bring in all loose items around the porches or property.
- Make sure your vehicles have gas.
- If you have a propane grill, secure it and keep the propane supply full, but secured outdoors.
- Cover large windows with shutters or plywood.
- Have a first aid kit prepared.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.
- Turn refrigerator to its coldest settings and keep door closed.
- Medicine renewals - have enough of your regular medication for 1-2 weeks.
- If you are concerned about your location in a storm, consider going to a friend's house in a safer location. Corn Neck Road may not be passable due to high tides: flooding and access to Town may be cut off for some time.

If you have questions, please call Police Dispatch at (401) 466-3220.  
**DO NOT CALL, except for an emergency once the storm hits.**

Stay inside until the storm has passed. Do not venture out in the calm when the eye is overhead and do not go walking on any breakwater during the storm.

Heavy rain may undermine bluff areas, so please do not walk along any bluffs during or following the storm.

Use common sense; make sure family members know where you are

### EMERGENCY PREPARATION FOR PETS

Complete these preparations in advance of visiting Block Island:

- Have vaccinations up to date and a good supply of any medications used.
- Have tranquilizers if pet becomes upset or agitated in unusual situations.
- Have identification on the animal: tags, tattoo or chip.
- Purchase a pet carrier that is large enough for the animal to lie down, turn around and stand up comfortably. Do not house different species in one carrier.
- Take good pictures of the animal (front, left and right sides) that shows distinguishing marks.
- Put pictures, licenses, medical records and ownership papers together in a waterproof bag.

**Just before leaving home, assemble a pet disaster kit which contains:**

- Above mentioned medications, photos and records.
- Have a leash and properly fitted collar or harness for each pet.
- Non spill dishes and a two week supply of food and water in unbreakable containers.
- Manual can opener, if canned food is used.
- Grooming supplies and medical kit for injuries.
- The pet's blanket, comfort items.
- Items to handle waste, including paper towel, plastic bags, disinfectant, cleanser, litter box and litter or newspaper to shred.



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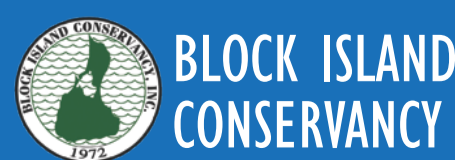
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## Ocean Views

By Kim Gaffett

# July: A Month of Baby Birds and Other Cool Stuff

Early July is a time of baby birds. Bird watchers often describe July as the doldrums of birding: the time of fall, winter, and spring migrations have come and gone, the breeding season with all its bright plumage and high drama of mating displays are over. June and early July are now filled with secretive nest-sitting females, male birds shuttling to and from the nest with food, and eventually, baby birds fledging as incompletely feathered blobs of bird. Some baby birds hatch and spend a few weeks in the nest, unable to find food on their own and with no feathers at first. These birds are said to be altricial – born helpless; think robins, osprey and barn swallows. Birds that hatch fully covered with downy feathers are fully mobile and on the run within hours, and can partially peck, hunt, and procure their own food, are said to be precocial; think ducklings, piping plovers and pheasants.

Ground-nesting birds are generally precocial. Pheasants and woodcock are two species that you are likely to come across while walking the trails and meadows of the island. Both are wonderfully camouflaged and will scurry into the tall grass or off the road quickly, always with one or two parents as body guards. Even if you don't see the adults, they are in the vicinity, softly clucking and calling their young toward them. If you come upon these fluffy, scampering beings, admire them and give them wide berth, do not try to "rescue" them – they don't need rescuing. The parents are nearby, guiding and signaling them to safety.

Altricial birds are species that generally hatch in a tree nest or cavity (bird house, tree or bluff hole). On the island, these species include robins, catbirds, woodpeckers, tree and bank swallows, ospreys, and barn owls, to name just a few. These birds do not leave the nest for several weeks. First, they need to grow their downy feathers, and then their stiffer body feathers and flight feathers. Only then can they leave their nest under flight. But, they still need to finish growing their feathers, practice the art of flying – and landing – and be taught to find food. The young of these species will be attended to by the parents for at least a few more weeks. If you are observant, you will notice these behaviors in your own neighborhood. Perhaps you'll see a robin barely able to fly – hop-flying – in your yard. You may think the bird is hurt and needs "rescuing" – they don't! The parents and other sibling/nestlings are in the area and are being fed and taught to find their own worms while they are getting strong enough to sustain flight. Again, give them wide berth, and remove pets from the area until the little family has moved on and found protective cover. Or, perhaps you'll notice a string of swallows swaying on a utility or clothes line, they may be vibrating their wings slightly at their sides – they are pleading for food. Keep watching, you will eventually see an adult fly to the teetering bird and give it an insect meal. And, if you are watching the power company baby osprey on the webcam, you'll notice that as the young learn to fly and fish they are not proficient; they can often be seen in late July returning to the nest platform begging for food from the parents, who are still supplementing their food resource.

July is the time of baby birds: whether you are watching running and hiding precocial baby birds, or begging and hop-flying altricial baby birds, once you know what actions to watch for, you will surely be able to identify the next generation. Amazingly, in two or three short months, these untested birds will start their first great ad-



A newly hatched precocial baby American Oystercatcher hiding. Photo: Maureen Durkin



A precocial baby Piping Plover at less than two days old - my what long legs for such a wee being. Photo: Nigel Grindley

venture: fall migration.

Of course July is not only known for baby birds. Each week showcases different plants and animals on their own life cycle timeline.

**July 1-7 Baby Barn Swallows & Rambling Roses:** Watch for barn swallows swooping and swerving over fields and yards, or the young ones lined up gently swinging on utility wires and clothes lines, mouths agape hoping to be fed. The rambling roses that suddenly appear as a dappling along the stone walls are Dorothy Perkins roses, a cultivar that has naturalized beautifully on the island.

**July 8-13 Baby Oystercatchers, Common Milkweed & Silver Hake:** Long hidden in the dunes, some baby American oystercatchers of this year's (at least three) active nests will start fledging. Silver hake (a.k.a. whiting) is a smaller member of the cod family of fishes and can be found throughout the water column. So, whether fishing for summer flounder, bluefish, striped bass, or black sea bass, you could hook a silver hake – don't throw it back – it is a delicious and sustainable alternative to cod. Silver hake are arriving in island waters around the same time as peak bloom of common milkweed. The Full Silver Hake\* Moon will occur on July 10 at 4:37 p.m.

**July 14-19 Baby Osprey, Robins & Fireflies:** This year, the island has at least four active osprey nests – this is the time when they will gain the skill of flight, but are not yet ready to fledge. In other nests, baby songbirds reach adult size before they can fully fend for themselves; the whole family of nestlings can no longer fit in the nest. By mid-July, watch for very inept baby

birds "hop-flying" around the yard and give them "wide-birth:" they are being fed and supervised on the ground by their parents, but usually can't escape a prowling cat. As the young-of-the-year birds start to get the hang of flying, you may see them around the blooming and fruiting elderberry bushes. By evening, the drama of feeding baby birds will settle and firefly sparks will fly.

**July 20-25 Baby Pheasant, Garter Snake & Cecropia caterpillar:** If you see baby pheasants in late July they are most likely the second brood of the year. As the sun starts to bake the island landscape, garter and northern brown snakes can be found taking shelter from the sun under flat-ish pieces of wood or among the stone walls. Celebrate National Moth Week (July 19 – 27, 2025). The flying season of cecropia moth is mostly over by mid-July, but the caterpillar will be munching on leaves getting ready to shape-shift into a cocoon. The New IO Moth\* Moon occurs on July 24 at 3:11 p.m. The July 24 low tide at 1:49 p.m. will be the lowest day-time low tide of July, thus July's Quahog tide.

**July 26-31 Baby Gulls, Ghost Pipe & Horseshoe Crab molts:** Block Island has about 1,200 nesting pairs of gulls (American herring and great black-backed gulls) at the rookery spanning West Beach. Although fully feathered and able to fly, young of the year (YOY) gulls are still mastering the art of landing and fishing/scavenging and can be seen from Andy's Way to Settlers' Rock bobbing their heads and "cawing" at parents, begging for food. At this time, ghost pipe will emerge and bloom in deeply shaded areas. After a month of summer growth, the shed molts of horseshoe crabs will dot the shores of the Great Salt Pond.

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Any July day will likely supply glimpses of the antics of baby birds and many other wondrous nature observations. To learn more about the island's wonders of long July days, check out The Nature Conservancy's programs by going to [www.natureblockisland.org](http://www.natureblockisland.org)

\*The naming of new and full moons is a centuries old tradition in many cultures. It is a way of marking time relative to place. The full moon of July is sometimes called the Buck Moon where deer are essential for survival; Celtic cultures call July's moon the hay or mead moon; the Tlingit of the northwest call it full salmon moon. (July is when a buck's starting to grow antlers, when it is time for the first early harvest, and when salmon return to Pacific northwest waters.) It seems right that on Block Island that we name our moons by the wayposts of our island seasons.



These altricial baby barn swallows are about three weeks old. At least the eyes of two birds can be seen, and there is likely another one or two tucked in this amazing mud nest built in a BI shed. These birds hatched naked, helpless and with eyes closed. I expect they will fly in a few more days, but will be fed by parents for a couple more weeks.

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# Take a hike

## 1. Hodge Family Wildlife Preserve

Walking Time: 1 hour

Degree of Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 1 mile round-trip

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 3.2 miles

This preserve is composed of coastal shrub and meadow habitat with great sunset and water views. To reach the parking lot travel north on Corn Neck Rd., turn left through the gap in the stonewall to a parking area defined by split-rail fencing. There is a link to Clay Head Trail. Cross over Corn Neck Rd. and walk south 175 feet. Trail is on your left and will take you through the Maze to the bluff trail.

## 2. Clay Head Trail

Walking Time: 1.5 hours along main bluff trail.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate - some steep slopes and uneven ground

Distance: 2 miles for main bluff trail, 0.7 miles from Corn Neck Rd. to bluff trail

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 3 miles

Clay Head Trail traverses some of the most spectacular scenery on the eastern seaboard. To reach the trail, look for a post marker on the right side of Corn Neck Rd. Turn down the dirt road and go straight about a 1/3-mile to reach parking area. The main trail runs parallel to the bluff. Periodically you will see trails on your left heading away from the ocean. Known as the "Maze", these intertwining trails are unmarked and are perfect for hours of wandering.

## 3. Meadow Hill Greenway

Walking Time: 15 minutes

Degree of difficulty: Moderate - some steep slopes and uneven ground

Distance: 0.4 mile one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 0.5 mile

The trail extends from the corner of Old Town Rd. and Connecticut Ave to a point on Old Town Rd. approximately 1/3-mile to the west. Wonderful views to the north are available along this trail.

## 4. Greenway: Great Salt Pond to Beacon Hill

Walking Time: 45 minutes one-way

Degree of difficulty: Moderate - some steep slopes and uneven ground

Distance: 1 mile one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 1.5 miles to north entrance,

1.7 miles to south entrance

This is the northern end of the Greenway trail system. It is possible to reach Great Salt Pond through the Ball O'Brien Park. The trail connects New Harbor to West Side Rd. and Beacon Hill Rd. allowing walkers to traverse 3 miles from Great Salt Pond to Black Rock Pt.

## 5. Greenway: South of Beacon Hill & Nathan Mott Park

Walking Time: 1.5 hours one-way

Degree of difficulty: Hard - steep slopes & uneven ground

Distance: 1.33 miles one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 1.5 miles to Nathan Mott Park entrance,

1.7 miles to South Beacon Hill entrance

There are four different places to access Nathan Mott Park. The Greenway goes through the park, beginning at the midpoint of Beacon Hill Rd., continuing south, and then connecting to Turnip Farm. There is an entrance with a parking area on Center Rd. across from the airport as well as an entrance off Old Mill Rd.

## 6. Turnip Farm

& Loffredo Memorial Preserve

Walking Time: 2 hours one-way

Degree of difficulty: Easy/moderate - a few steep slopes

Distance: 1.7 miles one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2.5 miles

There are four ways to access Turnip Farm and Loffredo Preserve. The Greenway trail comes in from Nathan Mott Park, winds through the farm and joins the path to Rodman's Hollow on Old Mill Rd. The Loffredo Preserve, which can be accessed from the Dodge Cemetery or Turnip Farm, has some of the highest land on the island with views of the Block Island Sound, Eastern Long Island Sound and Montauk, Long Island.

# Block Island Trail System

The Nature Conservancy



## 7. Rodman's Hollow

Walking Time: 2 hours one-way

Degree of difficulty: Moderate - steep slopes & uneven ground

Distance: 2.6 mile one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2.8 miles

To access the hollow, walk down Black Rock Rd. off of Cooneymus Rd. About a 1/4-mile down on your left, you will see the trail entrance. The trail soon splits. If you bear left, you will be led through the bottom of the hollow, while bearing right will take you atop a knoll offering a wonderful panoramic vista. The trails intersect again and will lead you to the new trail head on the left. At the end of this trail, you can access the beach from both directions via a trail down the bluff.

## 8. Fresh Pond Greenway

Walking Time: 1 hour one-way

Degree of difficulty: Hard - steep slopes & uneven ground

Distance: 0.8 mile one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2 miles

The trail extends from Fresh Pond to Rodman's Hollow. Beginning on the north end of Lakeside Dr., the trail continues past the pond up to a knoll which provides a breathtaking view of the pond and the eastern part of the island. You can continue on to Rodman's Hollow by taking the link from the

south part of the loop.

## 9. Fresh Swamp & Payne Farm Trail

Walking Time: 1 hour one-way

Degree of difficulty: Moderate - steep slopes

Distance: 0.9 mile one-way

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2.2 miles

The trail begins across the street from Fresh Pond on Lakeside Dr., a few hundred yards south of Isaac's Corner. Look for a wooden step stile along the stone wall. The trail offers a secluded, tranquil walk.

## 10. Win Dodge Preserve & Lewis-Dickens Farm Trail

Walking Time: 1.5 hours round trip for Win Dodge and Dickens Trail combined

Degree of difficulty: Win Dodge: Hard - steep slopes and uneven ground, Dickens Farm: Easy

Distance: 2.36 mile round trip for Win Dodge & Dickens combined

From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 3.3 miles

To access this trail, we suggest you walk along the dirt road from Cooneymus Rd. Win Dodge will be on your left. Follow the "Walkers Welcome" sign for an amazing view of the southwest part of the Island. Continue on the trail turning left onto the dirt road. Look for Lewis-Dickens Farm trail sign on your right.

## 11. Ocean View Pavilion

The Pavilion site is an "in-town" open space oasis overlooking the Old Harbor. It is: a peaceful place to rest, location of nature programs and a student garden, Ocean View Hotel foundation ruins, and beach access.

## Other Walking Trails & Significant Views

While there are significant views throughout the island there are several small trails that offer great vistas. Look for the binocular symbol for these areas.

## Please...

- Respect all signs marked private. Keep noise to a minimum.
- Do not bike on trails. No horseback riding allowed on trails.
- Stay off dunes and bluffs.
- Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints.
- Beware of Poison Ivy "Leaves in three, let it be!"
- During hunting season (fall & winter) wear blaze orange.
- Lyme disease is on Block Island. We strongly suggest you take precautions to avoid deer ticks. Wear long pants tucked into socks, stay clear of tall grass, and make body checks after any outdoor activity.

# Good stuff to know when you are on Block Island:



## IMPORTANT: THE DIALING OF 911 IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY!

An emergency is when immediate police, fire or rescue assistance is necessary. 911 should not be dialed for non-emergency calls that do not involve or require immediate assistance. However, if you feel that there is an emergency occurring, but don't know for certain, presume it is an emergency and use 911. IF IN DOUBT, USE 911!

### FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Do exactly what the 911 operator tells you to do. Give the operator all necessary information, including the fire number on the house. (There are no street addresses on Block Island. Instead, all buildings have fire numbers clearly marked on the outside of the house.) Remember, your assistance could make the difference between serious injury, life or death.

## Block Island Nature Rules

### VEHICULAR BEACH RESTRICTIONS

Vehicles are permitted to drive on Crescent Beach only from 6 p.m. until 9 a.m. No motor vehicle shall be allowed on the beach without a valid, updated permit from the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). Permits are available at the police department for \$100/residents, \$200/non-residents (June 20- Sept. 7) Sunday, 6-7 p.m., Monday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Friday, 3-4 p.m. All motor vehicles of any description are prohibited on dunes except on trails marked expressly for vehicular use. Vehicles are also not allowed on any lands designated "Open Space" and maintained by the town for the benefit of the general public.

### DUNE PROTECTION

The dunes offer a home to countless species of plants and animals that, like the beach itself, need our protection if they are to survive. To help save the life of our dunes and beaches, we urge you to:

- Use designated access paths and parking lots only.
- Keep off dunes and beach vegetation.
- Keep all vehicles off the beach, as they destroy vegetation and cause beach erosion.
- Do not sleep on the beach overnight.

### BEACH FIRES

Beach fires are prohibited without a permit. Permits are available at the police department, and are valid for one day, expiring at midnight. Fires must be at least 25 feet from dunes. Please clean up and dispose of all trash properly and extinguish fires completely before leaving the beach.

### POND PROTECTION

Gas motors banned  
All forms of gasoline or diesel fuel-powered motors on boats are prohibited on B.I.'s freshwater ponds.  
Pollutants and contaminants banned  
No discharging of any sewage, petroleum products, detergents, pesticides, or any other form of pollutants or contaminants is permitted.

### Penalty for violation

Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$100, or confinement for not more than 10 days, or both such fine and confinement. Any person convicted of a second violation shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$200, or forfeiture of motor and equipment, or both.

### WILDLIFE REFUGES

Protected wildlife areas  
Wildlife refuge areas on Block Island include Sachem Pond, Payne's Farm, the Southeast Lighthouse, Rodman's Hollow, Lewis-Dickens Farm, Beane Point and Cormorant Cove. No one may hunt, shoot, trap, or annoy wildlife, or destroy or disturb the eggs, nest or nesting area of any wildlife within designated areas.

### Penalty for violation

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or be imprisoned not more than 10 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, together with costs of prosecution.

### SHELLFISH ORDINANCES

A license is required for shellfishing. Beds are currently closed to the harvesting of scallops, oysters, and softshell clams. The harvesting of clams is restricted. For more info, call the Harbors Department at 466-3204 or stop by the Harbormaster's shack in New Harbor (adjacent to the Boat Basin), where shellfishing licenses are sold.



### ANIMAL ORDINANCES

Dogs must be licensed and wear tags on a collar. Unless in a vehicle or on property of its owner, dogs must be leashed with a cord not exceeding 6 feet in length. For problems contact the Police Department at 466-3220. Horses: the New Shoreham Town Council requests that all persons refrain from riding horses in the downtown area.

## Important Island Phone Numbers

BI Medical Center	(401) 466-2974
Police (non-emergency)	(401) 466-3220
Fire Department / Rescue Squad	(401) 466-3220
Coast Guard (Block Island)	(401) 466-2086
Coast Guard (Galilee) 24 hours	(401) 789-0444
RI Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
BI Airport	(401) 466-5511
Harbormaster	(401) 466-3204
Town Clerk	(401) 466-3200
Recreation Department	(401) 466-3223
Interstate Navigation (Block Island)	(401) 466-2261
Block Island Express	(401) 466-2212
Block Island Hi-Speed Ferry	(401) 466-2261
Transfer Station	(401) 466-3234

## Town Ordinances Prohibit:

- Drinking alcoholic beverages in streets, on docks and beaches.
- Camping, except by special permission.
- Sleeping overnight in vehicles or on beaches.
- Operating motorcycles between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Beach fires and/or driving on the beach without a permit.
- Dumping refuse on roads or in harbors.
- Shellfishing without a license.
- Charcoal fires on boats tied up at docks.
- Disturbing the peace.
- Unleashed dogs.
- Littering.
- Single use plastic bags
- Balloons



## Block Island's Rules Of The Road

Please note: A ban on hand held cell phones, while driving, went into effect on June 1, 2018 in Rhode Island.

**PEDESTRIANS.** Pay special attention to traffic while in the downtown area. According to Rhode Island law, pedestrians must walk against traffic (on the left side) on roads without sidewalks.

**BICYCLISTS.** Please take care when cycling the unique roads of Block Island. Ride with the traffic, obey traffic signs and adhere to all rules of the road. Hand signals are very helpful to other traffic and can prevent accidents. Keep on the right side of the road and ride single-file whenever possible. For night riding, a light is required for the front of the bicycle and a reflector should be attached to the rear. Bicycles are not permitted on Greenway trails. Helmets are required for bicyclists age 16 and under, and strongly encouraged for adults.

**AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS.** Please exercise extreme caution when traversing Block Island roads. The speed limit is 25 mph island-wide. Pass bicyclists and mopeds only when you are certain it's safe.

**ROLLER BLADES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS.** Due to heavy congestion and safety concerns, rollerblading, skateboarding and scooting are not permitted in the downtown area or on Ocean Avenue. Skating and scooting is allowed north of Town Beach, south of the Spring House and on the west side of the island. Please travel with the traffic and adhere to all rules of the road. Scooters with helper motors (electric or gas) are not allowed on roads by RI state law.

### BICYCLES AND MOPEDS.

- Bicycles are the preferred rental vehicles. You can explore dirt roads with them. If you do rent a moped, please note —
- Mopeds are not allowed on dirt roads.
- By law, a helmet and eye protection must be worn.
- Do not leave the training area until you are sure that you know how to operate the moped and its controls.
- Once you are on the road, proceed slowly enough to examine oncoming road conditions. Do not drive on the shoulder of the road. Driver inexperience, heavy traffic flow, sandy shoulders, sharp curves, and uneven pavement are common causes of accidents on Block Island.
- Mopeds may be operated from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. only.
- Passengers must ride behind the operator.

**ACCIDENTS: Do not hesitate to seek help from the Rescue Squad if you have or witness an accident.** First aid and ambulance service is rendered at no cost to you. A portion of the Rescue Squad budget is met by town funds, but the Rescue Squad relies heavily on donations to cover the full costs of training, equipment, supplies and maintenance. Any contribution made to support this work will be welcomed and acknowledged. Donations are tax-deductible. Mail donations to: Block Island Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 214, Block Island, RI 02807.



## Useful Island Information



**RECYCLING.** All trash must be separated for recycling. Deposit your sidewalk trash in the recycling containers marked for bottles, cans or trash only. These special containers are not for household or boat trash. Those renting houses should use the Transfer Station, located on West Beach Road. Recyclables (newspaper, glass, cardboard, plastics, aluminum and tin cans) are free. Glass, cans, plastics and aluminum should be clean. Other trash is deposited at a charge of 17 cents per pound, paid in cash, by local check or credit card at the Transfer Station (466-3234).

**RABIES NOTICE.** State law and town ordinances require that all pets (cats, dogs or ferrets) brought to the island be vaccinated against rabies. In addition to vaccinating pets, people should stay away from all wild and stray animals. Rabies is always fatal unless treated before symptoms develop. Rhode Island rabies hotline: 1-800-482-7878, ext. 3.

**PLEASE CONSERVE WATER.** Water is a precious island resource. On properties with septic systems, be sure not to overload the system with showers, dishwashing and clothes-washing all at once. And please don't shock such systems with paper products, fats, oils and greases.

## Advice for Visitors from the Block Island Medical Center

### LYME DISEASE: DON'T GET TICKED OFF.

Lyme disease is a serious health threat on Block Island. Visitors should make a daily "tick check." Look for attached ticks, no bigger than a pinhead, red areas and itchiness. Symptoms include rashes, headaches, joint stiffness, chills, fever, and nausea. Not all ticks carry the disease; not all people bitten catch it. Infection is uncommon if the tick is removed within 24 hours. Consult your physician if you suspect you may have become infected. Treatment after early diagnosis is generally effective, but becomes more difficult if symptoms are left untreated. Long pants and sleeves and insect repellent are suggested for forays into wooded areas, brush and meadows.



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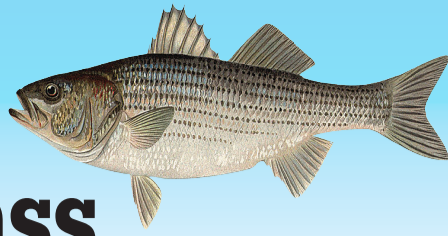


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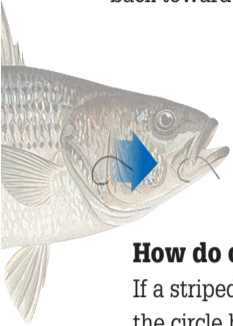
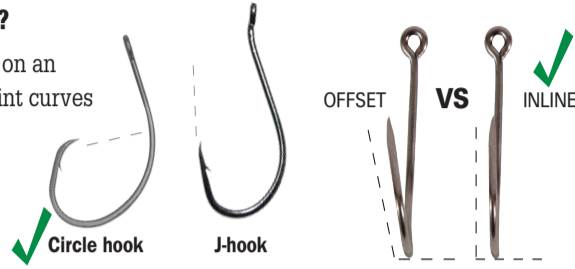
# Circle Hooks for Striped Bass



In 2021, a new regulation requires using inline circle hooks when fishing for striped bass using cut or whole natural baits like clams, squid, mackerel, menhaden, seaworms, or eels. Using inline circle hooks significantly increases survival of released striped bass by reducing occurrences of gut hooking.

### What's a circle hook?

Unlike a J-shaped hook, on an inline circle hook the point curves back toward the shank.



### How do circle hooks work?

If a striped bass swallows your bait, the circle hook will slide out from its throat and catch on the corner of its jaw. The circle hook sets itself when the fish tries to swim away.

### How do I use a circle hook?

When a fish takes your bait, do not sweep the rod upward to set the hook! Instead, simply let the line come tight and fight the fish.



### What if I gut-hook a fish?

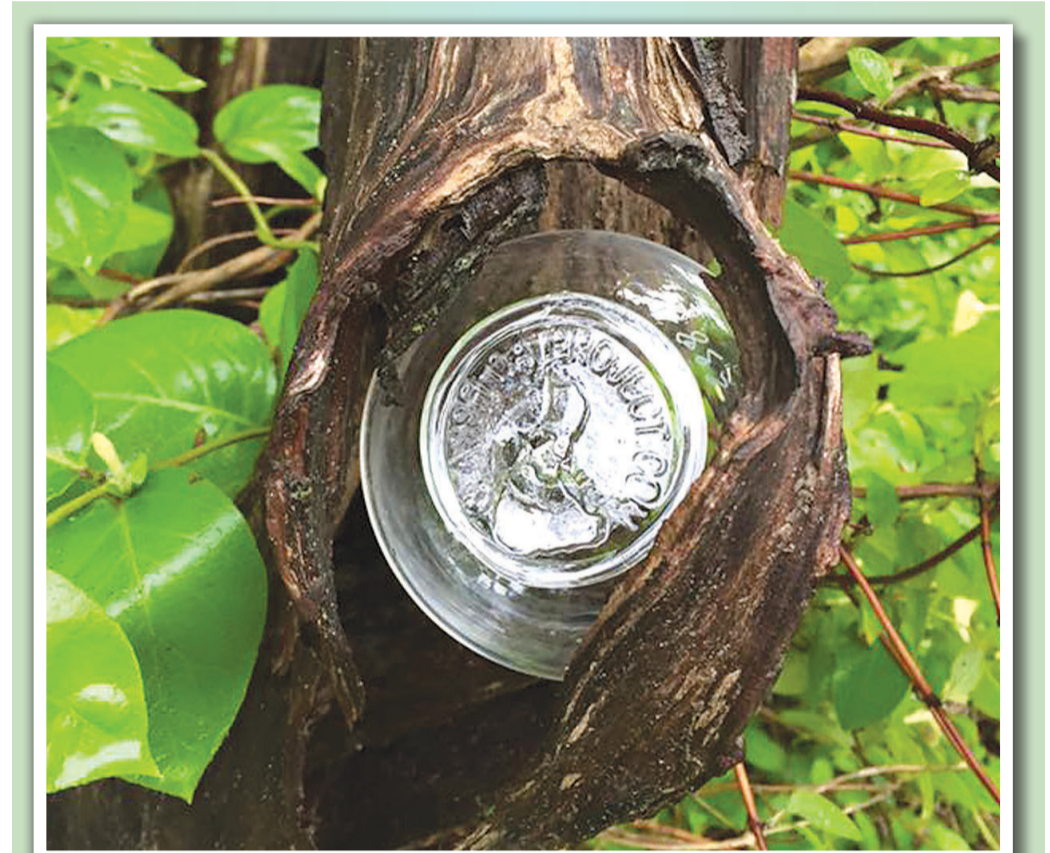
When using circle hooks, you may occasionally gut-hook a fish. If this happens, cut the leader as close as you can to the hook and leave it in the fish.



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## The Glass Float Project

Eben Horton creates “one of a kind” pieces on an individual basis out of his studio that he calls ‘The Glass Station’ located in downtown Wakefield, R.I. This project is funded by the Block Island Tourism Council and a Kickstarter funding campaign.

550 Glass Floats (glass orbs about the size of a grapefruit) will be hidden on Block Island. Floats will be dated, numbered and stamped with the shape of Block Island. All floats are clear glass except for 25 (because it's 2025), which are special colored orbs. The hunt continues indefinitely – it only ends when all the floats have been found!

Floats will be hidden on the beaches and on the Greenway

Trails. They will be above the high tide mark but never in the dunes or up the side of the bluffs. They will be within one foot of either side of any Greenway Trail they are placed on. This is “finder's keepers” but you are asked to only keep one per seeker, please. To register a float that you found go to [www.blockislandinfo.com/glass-float-project/register-floats](http://www.blockislandinfo.com/glass-float-project/register-floats).

Note: The Block Island School, Island Cemetery, the Maze, and the statue of Rebecca are all off-limits to float hiding and finding.

To see the list of globes that have already been found, visit [www.blockislandinfo.com/glass-float-project/found-floats](http://www.blockislandinfo.com/glass-float-project/found-floats).

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