Summer Fun

Sail through the balance of the season with a treasure chest of activities
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were keeping in touch with schooner owners, hoping for a 2021 iteration of the festival. Back in the early spring, she sent out a batch of tentative emails: If we got the green light, would they be in? The answer? A resounding yes from no fewer than 24 of them.

In June, with many state COVID-19 restrictions lifted, and with 24 schooners on board, the scramble to make up for lost time began. The annual Labor Day weekend sailing extravaganza may be priceless, but it comes with quite a price tag.

“We figured people might be financially tapped out, that there might be a little hesitancy because there was so much need, so we started asking businesses a little sheepishly at first,” Collinson says.

Then, just like those 24 schooners, everyone was onboard.

The interesting thing, Collinson says, is that it wasn’t just sponsor money, but a lot of small donations that started coming in. She says that proves her point: The Schooner Festival, which she has helmed for some dozen years now, “is for everyone, and everyone wants it.”

“Gloucester can claim schooners like New Bedford can claim whales,” she says. And this, being billed as the 37th Schooner Festival, will be a very special one, because it will, for its organizers and the whole community, “be a great way to celebrate the light at the end of the tunnel.”

For a complete schedule of events, dates, times and locations of this year’s Schooner Festival, running from Friday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 6, visit the Gloucester Maritime website at www.maritimegloucester.org/schooner-festival.

Several schooners head toward Stacy Boulevard during the 35th annual Gloucester Schooner Festival’s Parade of Sail on Sept. 1, 2019.
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The Crane Estate at Castle Hill was once the getaway of a wealthy Chicago industrialist and his family. Today, the public may tour the ornate Great House and explore much of a 2,100-acre estate that includes manicured gardens and a restored Grand Allée leading to Ipswich Bay.

The Trustees of Reservations estate is also home to one of the region’s most pristine beaches and offers a number of events, including summer concerts.

The property was a gentleman’s farm when bought in 1910 by Chicago industrialist Richard Crane Jr., president of his family’s foundry and plumbing supply manufacturer, R.T. Crane and Bro.

Cane built an Italian Renaissance revival villa atop Castle Hill overlooking Ipswich Bay. Then, in 1928, he tore it down and replaced the villa with the 59-room, Stuart-style mansion that exists today.

See for yourself

Castle Hill is open to visitors who want to wander the property, maps in hand. Grounds are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking passes may be reserved (www.thetrustees.org/content/passes) or purchased at time of entry. Grounds are open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays from Aug. 4 through Sept. 1.

The ground floor of the Great House is also open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Note that masks are required for entry.

Take a tour

Guided tours are offered throughout the summer. Check online before you go — www.thetrustees.org/place/castle-hill-on-the-crane-estate — as the schedule is subject to change.

“Cupola with a View”: Called the “most Instagram-able tour” of the Crane Estate, visitors see highlights of the Great House and have an opportunity to
step onto the roof. Tours offered Tuesdays through Sundays at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesdays from Aug. 4 through Sept. 1, “Golden Hour” tours are offered at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is $10 for adult members, free for child members, $30 for adult nonmembers and $15 for child nonmembers. Price includes admission to the estate.

“The Historic Gardens of Castle Hill”: Tours of the grounds address the property’s history, including the designs of the gardens and the Grand Allée. Tours are offered Tuesdays through Sundays at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Cost is $10 for adult members, free for child members, $25 for adult nonmembers and $15 for child nonmembers. Children 5 and under are admitted free.

“Highlights on the Hill”: Don’t want to walk? Take a leisurely tour in an electric golf cart. You’ll hear about the history of the property while visiting the gardens and enjoying views of the water. Tours are offered Tuesdays through Sundays at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $10 for adult members, free for child members, $30 for adult nonmembers and $15 for child nonmembers. Price includes admission to the estate.

“Guest of the Cranes”: This time-capsule experience treats you as though you were a guest in the house in 1929, just after the Cranes finished building it. Learn about all of the entertainment offerings in the house, and see the second-floor bedrooms and guest rooms. Tours are hourly Tuesdays through Sundays, with the last tour at 3 p.m. Cost is $10 for adult members, free for child members, $30 for adults members, $25 for adult nonmembers and $15 for child nonmembers. Price includes admission to the estate.
Enjoy a concert

What better way to enjoy a summer evening than by having a picnic at Castle Hill while listening to music?

The grounds open at 5 p.m. for Thursday night picnic concerts, and guests are invited to enjoy the grounds and gardens while they wait for the music to start.

Bring your own picnic or buy food from the vendors, Riverview Pizza and Down River Ice Cream. Alcohol may not be brought onto the property, but beer, wine and cider are available for purchase.

Upcoming concerts include: Aug. 5, Entrain; Aug. 12, Soul Rebel Project; Aug. 19, The Great Escape; Aug. 26, Disco Dream; and Sept. 2, Orville Giddings Band.

The cost is $25 per car for members and $35 per car for nonmembers. Advanced ticket purchases are recommended, though not required. Visit www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/?_event_related_place=1834 for more information.

Visit the beach

This pristine beach on Ipswich Bay is a North Shore treasure. Though Crane Beach is adjacent to the Crane Estate, admission is charged separately.

Parking at the beach on weekends is $25 per car (with up to six people) for members and $45 per car for nonmembers. Additional passengers are $5 each. Weekday rates are $15 per car for members, $30 for nonmembers. Cyclists and motorcyclists are granted free entry for members and must pay $5 each for nonmembers. Advance passes are required. For more information, and to get a pass, visit www.thetrustees.org/content/crane-beach-admissions.

Explore the Crane Estate from a new perspective, by foot or kayak, in one of the year-round programs scheduled by Crane Outdoors.

CranePaddle: Take excursions in the Crane Wildlife Refuge, on Castle Neck River or around Choate Island as part of kayak excursions offered Tuesdays through Sundays, through the end of August. Trips are offered to competent swimmers ages 15 and older. Equipment is provided, though participants may elect to use their own. Cost is $32 for members, $40 for nonmembers. Visit www.thetrustees.org/program/craneoutdoors/ for more information.

Wildlife Refuge: If you’d prefer to hike, find solitude on more than a half-dozen trails that meander around Castle Neck, Castle Hill, Choate Island and Long Island. You’ll find salt marshes, stone walls, historic structures, rolling fields and wildlife. More than 200 bird species have been identified, as well as rare plants, in the 697-acre wildlife refuge. Visit www.thetrustees.org/place/crane-wildlife-refuge-on-the-crane-estate for more information.

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History tours and much more highlight Yankee Homecoming

Yankee Homecoming — a Newburyport tradition since 1958 — will fill downtown with music, tours, and things to see and do from July 30 through its wrap-up on Aug. 8.

After a year off due to the pandemic, many of the traditional events have returned, including Olde Fashioned Sunday, Art on the Bartlet Mall, the Waterfront Concert Series, Brewfest Fundraiser, a parade along High Street and fireworks to wrap up the week.

The highlights also include a series of history tours in the city that bring out Newburyport’s maritime past, its architectural splendor and even a stroll through a local cemetery for bird-watchers and history buffs.

The following events are all free unless otherwise indicated. For the most up-to-date information, check online at www.yankeehomecoming.com.

**Saturday, July 31, through Saturday, Aug. 7**

**Chasing Port History**

Starting at 10 a.m. on July 31, pick up scavenger hunt packets at the Custom House Maritime Museum, the library’s Archival Center or 51 Prospect St. and then walk or bike through the beautiful neighborhoods (approximately 1.5 hours). Learn about local history; visit the Museum of Old Newbury, Custom House, the Archival Center, Bartlet Mall and Joppa Park; and discover house tours.

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A float in the 2019 Yankee Homecoming parade honors the festival’s founders, including Jack Frost, Joe Mathers and George Cashman. This year’s parade kicks off at noon on Sunday, Aug. 8, at the intersection of Moseley Avenue and Ferry Road. It will follow High Street before ending at the Bartlet Mall.

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histories through If This House Could Talk posters in front of many homes and businesses. Return the filled-out scavenger hunt form by Saturday, Aug. 7, at 4 p.m. to participate in a random drawing for prizes that include local history books.

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If This House Could Talk neighborhood stroll. City residents will display posters with stories about their homes. Stroll Newburyport neighborhoods, and look for house stories prominently displayed. For an online map of participants, visit http://map.walknewburyport.com. And for all the details, see www.walknewburyport.com.

Saturday, July 31

Can You Find Us, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oak Hill Cemetery, Brown and State streets. More than 30 gravesites will be labeled — ministers; benefactors; sea captains such as Francis B. Todd, who was buried in a rum barrel; artists; and the burial site of Anna Jaques, benefactor of the local hospital. Enjoy a stroll through Oak Hill Cemetery while learning about local residents from the past. “Newburyport’s Clipper Heritage Trail,” Volume I (published 2020) and Volume II (2022), 11 a.m. to noon, Newburyport Public Library Program Room. Join Ghlee Woodward for a visual tour of more than 80 images of old Newburyport. She is the creator and author of “Newburyport’s Clipper Heritage Trail,” a series of self-guided history tours accessed via a book, a website and smartphones: www.clipperheritagetrail.com.

Newburyport Powder House Park and Learning Center, 1 to 3 p.m., 57 Low St. Visit the restored Powder House built in 1822 on Godfrey’s

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**Sunday, Aug. 1**

*Feathered Friends and Long Forgotten Friends*, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Oak Hill Cemetery, main gates, Brown and State streets. Join Sue McGrath of Newburyport Birders and local historian Ghlee Woodworth. While learning to identify birds, see the graves of Newburyport benefactors, sea captains, early American photographers and abolitionists.

*Superior Courthouse open house*, 10 a.m. to noon, Bartlet Mall. Visit the 1805 courthouse, designed by Charles Bullfinch, and learn about its history and beautiful interior and exterior architecture, including the courtroom where President John Quincy Adams and Daniel Webster tried cases.

*Old South Church Tour*, noon to 1 p.m., 29 Federal St., www.oldsouthnbpt.org; 978-465-9686. Meet at the front doors to learn about how the church used to be in the 1700s. Learn about Paul Revere’s bell, see spittoons in the sanctuary, descend into the crypt and discover a forgotten Founding Father buried under the pulpit.

*Clipper Heritage Trail’s Along the Water’s Edge Waterfront Harbor Tour*, 2 to 3:30 p.m., boardwalk near Black Cow restaurant. Make reservations at www.harbortours.com. Join Ghlee Woodworth and marine ecologist and captain Paul Aziz aboard the Yankee Clipper and enjoy a 90-minute cruise along the Merrimack River. Step back in time and hear about shipyards, Caldwell’s Rum and a castle.
while cruising upriver to Amesbury. On the return leg, the Yankee Clipper travels along the shores of Joppa, the home of clammers, fishermen and hunters.

Monday, Aug. 2
Feathered Friends and Long Forgotten Friends, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Oak Hill Cemetery, main gates, Brown and State streets. Join Sue McGrath of Newburyport Birders and local historian Ghlee Woodworth.

“Merrimack, the Resilient River: An Illustrated Profile of the Most Historic River in New England,” 6 to 7 p.m., Program Room, Newburyport Public Library, 94 State St. Author-journalist Dyke Hendrickson will talk about the history and health of the Merrimack River. It is the birthplace of the Coast Guard, the home of the first major hydro-powered mills in America, the source of a new science of clean drinking water and the site of one of the first successful labor actions in the U.S.

Tuesday, Aug. 3, through Saturday, Aug. 7
“Our House is Your Home for Maritime History,” 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water St. The museum’s exhibits have a fresh look with new objects for education and enjoyment. Docents will be on hand. See the Fresnel lens adorning the entrance before it returns to its original home at Pomham Rocks Lighthouse in Riverside, Rhode Island, on Sept. 1. Pick up Chasing Port History scavenger hunt packets to learn more about Newburyport history. For more information, visit www.thechmm.org or call 978-462-8681.

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Wednesday, Aug. 4
A Newburyport Travelogue, 6 to 7 p.m., Program Room, Newburyport Public Library, 94 State St. With guide Jack Santos, learn about Newburyport’s connections to the world. Find out how you can be a Global Newburyport History Explorer.

Thursday, Aug. 5
Clipper Heritage Trail, Down Along and the Ridge, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at March’s Hill (where the tour begins and ends), top of Bromfield Street. Walk along High Street, and hear about the history of March’s Hill and the homes of sea captains, an architect, an American Revolutionary soldier, a writer and benefactors.

Saturday, Aug. 7
Uncommon Ground – Pawtucket Spaces and Colonized Places on the Molodemak River Frontier, 10 to 11 a.m., Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square. Join Kristine Malpica on this walking tour that explores local and regional history of Pawtucket-Penacook spaces and colonized places along the Molodemak (Merrimack in English).

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Considered to be the busiest beach along that stretch, Hampton Beach boasts a boardwalk, many shops and businesses, several seasonal hotels and restaurants, rental properties, and the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom — which hosts national acts throughout the summer and into the fall.

There is also a plethora of activities hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and other groups.

Here’s a rundown of what to expect for the balance of this season.

### AUGUST

**MOVIES ON THE BEACH**
- **WHEN:** Dusk, Monday nights throughout the summer (Tuesday rain dates)
- **WHERE:** On the beach next to the playground, Ocean Boulevard
- **HOW MUCH:** Free
- **DETAILS:** Fun — and free — family entertainment can be found under the stars Monday nights, weather permitting — with a Tuesday rain date. Hosted by the Hampton Beach Village District, the event features a family-friendly movie shown next the playground on Ocean Boulevard. Bring a blanket or beach chair and some snacks, settle in and enjoy the film. Participants are encouraged to arrive early for the popular event that starts promptly at dusk. Upcoming titles include “Onward” on Aug. 2, “Cats and Dogs 3: Paws Unite” on Aug. 9, “Moana” on Aug. 16, and “Tom & Jerry” on Aug. 23. Check www.facebook.com/HamptonNHBleach for more information and potential changes.

**FIREWORKS DISPLAYS**
- **WHEN:** 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays throughout the summer, as well as Sunday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 11
- **WHERE:** Between B and C streets, Ocean Boulevard
- **HOW MUCH:** Free
- **DETAILS:** Fireworks displays are held on the beach at the top of B and C streets. Bring a blanket or beach chairs, and sit back to enjoy the colorful night sky. The event is weather dependent, and the rain date is the following Friday. Check www.hamptonbeach.org for events calendar updates.

**CHILDREN’S WEEK**
- **WHEN:** Monday, Aug. 16, through Friday, Aug. 20
- **WHERE:** Locations around the beach
- **HOW MUCH:** Free
- **DETAILS:** The annual Hampton Beach Children’s Festival is the family-fun event of the summer, kicking off at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 16, with a magic show by BJ Hickman on the Seashell Stage. Activities continue every day, building up to the Giant Costume Parade that travels nearly the entire length of the beach beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday at the State Park. Every child participating earns a prize. Other activities include mini golf, free ice cream, dancing, storytellers, balloons, a kids’ bumper sticker contest and more. Check www.hamptonbeach.org for specifics on the events, which were not available as of press time for this publication.

**TALENT COMPETITION**
- **WHEN:** 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, through Sunday, Aug. 29. Open auditions on Sunday, Aug. 1, from noon to 3 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Seashell Stage,
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The Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic was held earlier this summer. If you missed it, it’ll be back in 2022.

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