

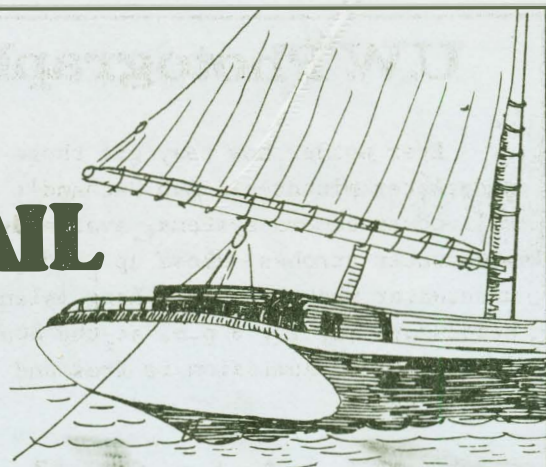
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Water Quality Training

All members who are interested in participating in our water sampling program are urged to attend this special orientation session. Boat owners, samplers, and lab volunteers will be trained in sampling and laboratory techniques and sampling schedules will be outlined. If you are interested but can't attend, please call (203) 327-9789 for information. With completion of our water quality lab in sight, we are gearing up for regular sampling of the north shore of western Long Island Sound. The lab will begin operations in June under the direction of Ann Marie Boryszewski.

We hope that all the members who have expressed interest in the program will attend this important training session.

Work Party

Saturday, May 21 10 AM- 6 PM
Stamford Marine Center

Bring paint brushes and rakes, and the beer and lunch are on us. We're having a work party to paint the front of the building, fix up the classrooms, and clean the grounds. We need your help. Please call (203) 327-9789 or return the enclosed form to let us know you're coming so we can be ready for you.

Member's Meeting

Oil Spill

Stamford Marine Center, Magee Avenue
Tuesday June 7 - 7:30 p.m.

The story of the Barge Nepco 140 incident in Alexandria Bay, N.Y. documents the most extensive oil spill cleanup in the United States. From occurrence to inner-working of U.S. and Canadian agencies to coordination and the final massive cleanup, the story makes a stirring environmental episode.

Bill Hawley, president of Sealand Environmental Engineering, vice-president of the Oil Spill Control Association, and Coast Guard Academy graduate, will give an exciting account of the spill and its aftermath in film and words. Sealand is a leader in the environmental engineering service field and we're thrilled to be able to present an inside look at the anatomy of an oil spill cleanup. Be sure to attend. Tuesday evening, June 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Stamford Marine Center.

Grand Opening

On Thursday, June 9, from 4 - 7 p.m. the Stamford Marine Center will have its official Grand Opening reception for Oceanic Society members and invited guests which will include officials of the City of Stamford, the Western Connecticut Council of the Navy League, and other participating groups. Come and join the celebration!

U.W. Photography

Ever wonder how they get those beautiful underwater pictures? Bob Bachand's seminar will cover camera systems, available light, underwater strobes, close up photography, and underwater photography in Long Island Sound. Wednesday, May 25, 8 p.m. at the Stamford Marine Center. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Society Sail

On Saturday, June 11 we'll once again rendezvous on the north shore of Long Island for a casual afternoon of fresh air, salt water, lunch, and good company. If you own a boat and can offer a ride to fellow Oceanic Society members please call (203) 327-9789 before June 1. If you are without aquatic transportation and would like to come as a guest on one of our member's boats, call (203) 327-9789 after June 1.

Enviro-lab Sea Trip

Enviro-lab is Project Oceanology's seagoing classroom, perhaps the most unusual vessel ever to chug up and down Long Island Sound. The Oceanic Society is sponsoring a trip for members with oceanography instructor Roger Rodriguez. Activities will include taking sedimentary layers and current measurements, making nautical charts, collecting marine specimens, and monitoring water temperature, salinity and tides. The trip will be from noon to 3 p.m. meeting at Project Oceanology, Avery Point, Groton, Connecticut, on Saturday June 4. Cost is \$15 for Oceanic Society members only. To register, return the enclosed form with payment by May 27. You'll be sent directions and final details. Register early-this promises to be a popular event.

Thanks to volunteers Walter (Skip) Crane, Neil Pultz, Ann Marie Boryszewski, Al Bury, Anne Wilson, Bill Carroll, all the special people who helped out at the New York Boat Show, and Andre's printing for their fine job on the Taffrail.

Free Field Trip

Stamford Marine Center
Saturday, June 25 11:30 a.m.

Walter (Skip) Crane will lead Society members through a general introduction to the shoreline including intertidal marine life, botanical life, and shore ecology. Because group size will be limited, we must ask you to call (203) 327-9789 or return the enclosed form to reserve space.

U Conn Algae

Society members are assisting Dr. Charles Yarish of University of Connecticut, Stamford, in a collection and survey of algae life in Long Island Sound. The study involves heavy metal and pollutant uptake by the organisms. Your help would involve collecting samples and seaweed specimens along the shore. To participate, call the Stamford Marine Center (203) 327-9789.

LIST Seminars

"Finding Fish in Long Island Sound" and "Guide to Boat Yards and Maintenance" will be held in early and mid-May in New York City, Cold Spring Harbor, and at the Stamford Marine Center. Call Steve Herzberg at (212) 425-0268 for more information.

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We will begin to accept advertising in the Taffrail. Help us defray costs by placing an ad or suggesting advertising to a likely prospect. The Taffrail reaches 4,000 people by mail and several thousand more at regional boat shows. Call (203) 327-9789 for rates and specifications.

Directions to the Stamford Marine Center
By car, I-95 to Exit 8, south on Elm St., bear right onto Shippan Ave., then right onto Magee and left into the second driveway. By train and bus to Stamford, then taxi to the Stamford Marine Center (known locally as the former Naval Reserve Center).

O.S. Expeditions

Oceanic Society Expeditions come east this summer with an exciting program that's sure to stir your wanderlust. The 87' motor sailer "Northern Light", 50' yawl "Caribee" and ketch "Snowshoe" will be plying the waters of the Caribbean Islands and North Atlantic with exciting programs focusing on seamanship and navigation, meteorology, shark tagging, marine mammal observation, scuba diving, underwater photography, marine biology, medicine afloat, and cetacean study. College credit is available for some of the expedition programs.

The expeditions begin in June and run through January. Costs for Society members start at \$220 for 4 day cruises. For the complete schedule of expeditions, return the enclosed form or call the Society at (203) 327-9786. Early reservations are recommended.

Whale Rally

The Connecticut Cetacean Society and International Whale Protection Committee are sponsoring a rally/demonstration on Sunday May 22 in New York City. The rally precedes the reconvening of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, and is being held to press for a change in the draft treaty to specifically protect whales, dolphins, and porpoises from commercial exploitation. For details write the CCS at 190 Stillwold Dr., Wethersfield, Ct. 06109.

Earth From Space

Views of planet Earth as seen from space will be presented by NASA scientists on Thursday, May 12, 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Bedford Street, Stamford. The speakers will also discuss the use of satellite photography in environmental monitoring, coastal zone management, and the search for mineral and underground water sources. The program is presented by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and is free and open to the public.

Can You Help Us ?

By Bill Carroll

For many generations Americans have been eager to volunteer time and money to help others. We see this, even today, in volunteer fire departments, ambulance corps, etc. The world's oceans need help, and The Oceanic Society needs volunteer help, here and now.

We know that many members have time and are willing to volunteer, but the question arises, "What can I possibly do? I don't know enough." Well, on January 15, I took stock and decided to try by helping to man the Society's booth at the New York Boat Show. Along with other volunteers, I learned how to promote the Society and explain its work and goals. By afternoon we became adept at signing up new members and answering questions about the Society.

The point of this story is that it doesn't take special talents, that anyone with the interest and time can help. When you read OCEANS magazine or the Taffrail, you may think "I'm glad someone is doing something." Well, become that "Someone" -- Volunteer yourself! You'll feel better about your place in our world. If you can swing a hammer, answer a phone, or type a letter — We Need You!

- Organize our Library
- Paint Classrooms
- Fix head and showers
- Part-time secretarial
- Clean up the grounds
- Restore a wooden boat
- Teach a class or seminar
- Write for the Taffrail
- Collect and analyze water samples
- And continue to support us by attending meetings, classes, and seminars.

Call Dave Bell at the Society's Stamford Marine Center (203) 327-9789 or Steve Herzberg at LIST office (212) 425-0268.

WANTED FOR DONATION:

Photographic darkroom equipment, laboratory equipment, and office furniture. Call the Society at (203) 327-9789.

Invitation Enclosed



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STAMFORD MARINE CENTER

NAME _____ Daytime phone () _____

ADDRESS _____

___ I want to support the Long Island Sound Taskforce chapter of the Oceanic Society. Here's my \$10 annual membership dues. (Check here if renewal___)

___ I am not currently a Society member and enclose \$12 for membership.

Please start OCEANS magazine. ___ I am a current Oceanic Society member.

___ I enclose payment for the following:

___ \$15 for Enviro-Lab Sea Trip.

___ 5.50 ea. Adult T-shirt

___ circle size: XL,L,M,S.

___ 3.50 ea. Child's T-shirt

___ circle size: 16,14,12,10,8.

Checks payable to: THE OCEANIC SOCIETY

Stamford Marine Center

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___ Send information on the east coast expeditions.

___ I am coming to the work party.

___ I am coming on the June 25

field trip.

___ I can help in the UConn study.

___ Water Quality Program

___ sampler. ___ lab work.

___ boat owner.