

News and

World Fishing & Outdoor Exposition

The World Fishing & Outdoor Exposition will take place from **Thursday, March 4 through Sunday, March 7, 2010**, at the Rockland Community College Field House, 145 College Road, Suffern, NY 10901. Take NYS Thruway, Exit 14B (Airmont Rd.); follow signs to college **FREE PARKING**. It's the Sport Fishing Super Show and the only sport show in the metro New York area with all the major fishing tackle manufacturers. You'll find the entire world of fishing and hunting and much more. It's America's Favorite Sport Show! Hours are: Thurs. 2-9 p.m.; Fri. 1-9 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 - 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 - 5 p.m. Ticket costs: Adults - \$12.00; Children - \$3.00; Children under 5 FREE. For more information visit www.rocklandexpo.com.

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Mystic Seaport Special Winter Events

February 13 & 14 and 18-21, 2010 - Liberty Days at Mystic Seaport

Visit our Children's Museum Kids, come spend a day (or more!) at Mystic Seaport for February vacation fun! Why do we call our February vacation program Liberty Days? Well, everyone needs a vacation, even sailors of long ago. When a ship arrived in port, the captain would allow the sailors to take turns having "liberty" ashore.

All day make a craft in the Children's Museum.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hands-on story time in Children's Museum.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Make a paper dory in the Voyages exhibit.

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Explore a sailor's sea chest in the Packard Building.

And don't forget to make your way down to the Shipyard to see the world's last wooden whaleship, the Charles W. Morgan, as she undergoes a major restoration. You don't want to miss your chance to see this 340-ton-vessel out of the water! Make it a vacation to remember this February at Mystic Seaport!

Sunday, February 21, 2010 - President John Adams

Perfect for families, come and celebrate Presidents' Day at Greenmanville Church, from, 2-3 p.m. with lively guest performer George Baker as he portrays John Adams, the second president of the United States and the father of American Independence. This energetic program appeals to all ages -- no dry history lesson here! Laugh and learn as this historical figure, dressed in period clothing of 1797-1801, presents his views of the nation, history and family life in an inspiring and humorous speech. Be prepared for two patriotic songs, including a moving sing-along, with the opportunity to ask the questions you never dared ask in history class. Members: \$6 adult or child - non-members: \$8 adult or child. Call 860.572.5322 to buy tickets.

For more information on these and other events, visit www.mysticseaport.org or call 860-572-5315.

Immersion Live Webcasts at Mystic Aquarium

Join Immersion in 2009-2010, **Wednesday, February 10 - Friday, February 12, 2010**, as we explore the Arctic and the marine mammals that call it home. The vast and relatively unexplored Arctic is undergoing many changes, and researchers around the globe are working with native communities to gather information on how these changes might impact marine mammals and the humans who depend on them for survival. Marine Mammals of the Arctic will focus on key species such as beluga whales, ice seals, narwhals, and polar bears. Hands-on activities will introduce kids to the general biology and population dynamics of these animals.

Additional activities, video clips, and interactive games will detail current threats to the animals and highlight conservation efforts. Throughout the program, kids will be encouraged to do their part to protect Arctic marine mammals and their ocean home.

For additional information on this and other events, visit www.mystic-aquarium.org or call 860-572-5955.

Events

41st Annual Hartford Boat & Fishing Show

On **January 28 - 31, 2010**, the 41st Annual CMTA Boat & Fishing Show takes place at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT. See the area's best collection of boats, personal watercraft, center consoles, fishing, and luxury cruisers. You'll find everything you need including boat accessories, fishing gear and tackle and fun places to visit. The show features the latest boats, electronics and marine gear with which to enjoy a day (or days) on the water, and you'll check out the newest in fishing tackle and equipment, too. For more information, please contact CT Marine Trades Assn, 20 Plains Rd., Essex, CT 06426; 860-767-2645. For directions to the show go to www.hartfordboatshow.com.

Show hours are as follows: Thursday - January 28, 2010 • 4:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday - January 29, 2010 • 12:00pm - 9:00pm; Saturday - January 30, 2010 • 10:00am - 9:00pm; Sunday - January 31, 2010 • 10:00am - 5:00pm

Long Island Boat Show at Nassau Coliseum

The New York Marine Trades Association has announced dates for the 53rd Annual Long Island Boat Show held at The Expo Center, Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale, NY.. This year's show will feature new dates in March, opening **Thursday, March 4th and continuing through Sunday, March 7th.**

The Long Island Boat Show, a staple in the month of February on Long Island for years had reason to make the move. "Once the New York Boat Show moved from mid December to late January, we felt a change like this was necessary, and we are very excited about it" said Vincent Mazzone, Events Manager for the NYMTA. This change comes off the heels of a 2009 Long Island Boat Show that switched from a two-weekend format to one weekend with great results. For further information call the NYMTA at 631-691-7050 or visit www.nyboatshow.com/Nassau.

Show hours are as follows: Thursday and Friday 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the show gate or ordered by phone at 631-691-7050. Cost of tickets will be \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for seniors; \$3.00 for children 6-12 and Free for children under 5.

Atlantic City International Power Boat Show

The 31st Annual International Power Boat Show cruises back into Atlantic City, NJ from **February 3 - 7 2010**. The show will take place at the Atlantic City Convention Center, 1 Miss America Way, Atlantic City, NJ.

For buyers and browsers alike, there's something for everyone at one of the fastest growing boat shows in the country. The Atlantic City Boat Show will host many of the newest and best in luxury motor and sailing yachts, sport fishers, performance boats, personal watercraft, inflatables, engines, marine accessories, electronics, fishing gear, plus nautical gifts and apparel.

In addition, there will be free boating and fishing seminars by local and regional experts and the Discover Boating Center for unbiased answers on all boat-buying questions.

Hours: Wednesday 2/3 - Friday 2/5, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 2/6, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 2/7, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 for adults, 15 and under get in FREE with a paid adult admission.

For additional information call 212-984-7000 or visit www.acboatshow.com. Tickets may be purchased in advance and are available online at www.ACBoatShow.com.

Have Fun at the Newport Winter Festival

The Newport Winter Festival runs February 12-21 in Newport, RI. With over 150 events, it offers a unique winter experience, combing food, music and entertainment for all ages. Hayrides, sand and ice sculptures, a children's fair and chili cook-off are just some of the many events during this 10 day event. Call (401) 847-7666 or visit www.newportevents.com for more information

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