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## Barrington Preservation Society Museum

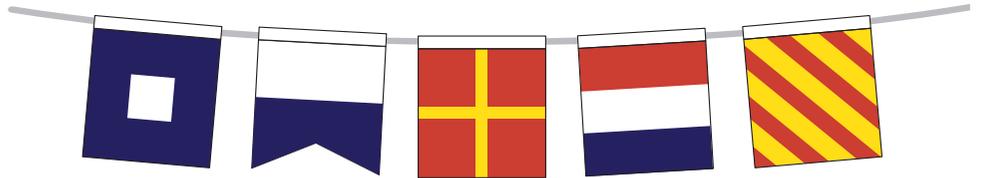
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Wednesdays & Saturdays  
1:00 – 4:00 or by  
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## *Barrington Ship to Shore*

BARRINGTON YACHT CLUB | Saturday, September 27, 5 – 8 PM



*Paul Darling photo of Barrington harbor.*

The Barrington Preservation Society's annual fundraiser, Barrington Ship to Shore, is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, from 5 – 8 pm at the Barrington Yacht Club on Barton Avenue.

Guests will be treated to Newport Dark and Stormies and catering by Guy Abelson Events while being welcomed aboard Egbert, the 1885 Buzzards Bay scallop boat renovated and captained by the Terhune family. Inside the club there will be vintage photographs and nautical artifacts celebrating Barrington's waterfront, and the silent auction will feature a day cruise aboard Egbert, winter boat storage at Cove Haven Marina, framed watercolor sketches by Robert N. Blair, a Blithewold gift basket, jewelry from Baxter Jewelers and a half model of the Catboat Sanshee made by John Hause.

Invitations have gone out for this not-to-be missed evening on Barrington Harbor.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### Wednesday, August 27

*Barrington Ship to Shore* exhibit opens

### Wednesday, September 4 at 7 pm

Clark Poston from the International Yacht Restoration School describes the effort that goes into restoring classic, wooden boats, Barrington Library auditorium.

### Monday, September 15 at 7 pm

*Celebrating the sacred places of the Pokanokets by Creating a Sowams Heritage District*, Helen Tjader, Barrington Library auditorium.

### Saturday, September 27 at 5 – 8 pm

*Barrington Ship to Shore Gala*, Barrington Yacht Club, Barton Avenue.

### October 8 at 6 pm

Pirate John McNiff tells tales about life at sea and other nautical yarns in a visit to Barrington Senior Center.

### November 13 at 6 pm

*Swim that Rock*, Jay Primiano and John Rocco recreate their experiences on a small boat quahogging on the Bay during the summer of 1982. Through storytelling, photos and video, they recreate the summer that cemented a life-long friendship, Barrington Senior Center.

### December ? at 7 pm

*Barrington High School Jazz Band Concert*, Barrington Congregational Church.

### Sunday, January 11 at noon

BPS annual meeting, Bluewater Bar and Grill (formerly Tyler Point Grill), Barton Avenue.

### April at 7 pm

*Annual plaquing program*, Barrington Library.

### June

Come celebrate Barrington's historic houses with a cocktail reception for plaqued home owners and old house lovers.



## MAPPING BARRINGTON'S PAST

After the American Revolution, Barrington, like communities throughout the young nation, underwent significant growth and change. Imagine traveling back to Barrington in 1777, 1855, or 1870. Would anything look the same as it does today? Who lived here in those years and would you recognize any of their names? Which river was once called the Swansy River and why can't you see Brickyard Pond?

One of the best ways to observe change over time is through the exploration of historic maps. Maps of Narragansett Bay, Providence, and Rhode Island drawn during the first century of nationhood enable us to observe the changes that occurred.

This fall, The Barrington Preservation Society will introduce an online Map Gallery on its web site, <http://barringtonpreservation.org/>. The first set of maps in our gallery are from 1777 and 1870, and we plan to expand the map gallery with additional historic maps along with map "tours" and "story maps" based on BPS museum collections, historic homes, and the issues which have shaped our town's history. The map project, directed by BPS board member and former teacher, Lyn Malone, serves a dual purpose. First, it increases BPS outreach by offering the public access to informative historic maps and information online. The second purpose is educational. We intend to provide Barrington schools and teachers at every level with versatile and valuable classroom-ready educational resources corresponding to the maps in our gallery. A set of pdf documents - also accessed through the BPS web site - will provide guidelines for student map exploration as well as suggestions for teachers. Among the many themes to be explored through the maps are 1) Human-Environment Interaction (e.g., the formation of Brickyard Pond as a result of quarrying for clay), 2) Historical and cultural characteristics (e.g., evidence of Native American presence in the past), and 3) Physical features (Barrington's multiple points, coves, and rivers). Our BPS Map Gallery will open soon on a computer, tablet, or smartphone near you. No high-end computer skills are required - just a curious mind and the ability to find your way to the BPS web site.

[www.barringtonpreservation.org](http://www.barringtonpreservation.org)

# Barrington Ship to Shore exhibit

## NEW MUSEUM HOURS

Starting in September, the Barrington Preservation Society museum will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 – 4 pm or by appointment. For updated information about exhibits, programs and events, check out the BPS website:

[www.barringtonpreservation.org](http://www.barringtonpreservation.org)



*Testing the waters in early spring 1912*  
(photo courtesy of the Barrington Preservation Society)

The Barrington Ship to Shore Exhibit opened on Wednesday, August 27 and features a large pond yacht built by Pete Waterman's uncle in the 1930's, a nineteenth century ship's engine telegraph and brass lanterns, vintage photos of the Barrington waterfront and yacht clubs, Thurston Sails, Blount Marine Corporation, Cove Haven and Stanley's Marinas as well as stories about Albert Stearns' schooner Mohawk refitted to serve as a Coast Guard patrol boat during World War II and Harold N. Gibbs, noted fisherman and naturalist who became the first director of Rhode Island Fish and Wildlife.

The exhibit will remain open while a permanent exhibit of the important periods in Barrington history is installed. level of the Peck Library Building, and the exhibit will run through November 1.



*Pete Waterman's pond boat from the 1930's*

# Nockum Hill Update

In 2012 developer Ron Chofay's controversial proposal for a housing development on a horse pasture ("Lot 3A") on Nockum Hill drew BPS members to study the historic significance of Nockum Hill. The original Nockum Hill meeting house on that lot was probably the first Baptist meeting house structure in the whole New World. Next door stands one of the oldest surviving houses in Barrington, the 1763 Allen-West House, which we placed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places last December.

The controversy over development of Lot 3A continues. In June, the State Housing Appeals Board (SHAB) sided with the developer, overturning the Barrington Planning Board's earlier refusal of the proposal. While the Town Council has agreed to appeal the

SHAB ruling, BPS volunteers have now joined with landowners, interested naturalists, and the Barrington Land Conservation Trust, to form a new group, the Friends of Nockum Hill.

Last week, at an invitation from Lauren Clegg — farmer, equestrian, and Jason Lawrence's neighbor on George Street — Governor Lincoln Chafee and Janet Coit (DEM Director) came to Nockum Hill to learn why it is of such major historical and environmental significance. Governor Chafee visited the Allen-West House and walked in Lot 3A and the adjacent conservation land, viewing recently-discovered Diamond-backed turtle nests, found by Charlotte Sornborger's team of naturalists. Governor Chafee was well-informed. He urged us to continue our efforts to negotiate a solution, and pledged a letter of support. Stay tuned!

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