

# FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

APRIL 2019



News and Information about  
Fishers Island, NY

## F/V ALL FOR JOY WRECK & RECOVERY

### **F/V All For Joy Wreck Recovery Report & Photo Gallery**

A full report should be forthcoming from the United States Coast Guard and others involved in the wreck situation including how it traveled after capsizing, the fuel leak, salvage operation, and any environmental remediation.

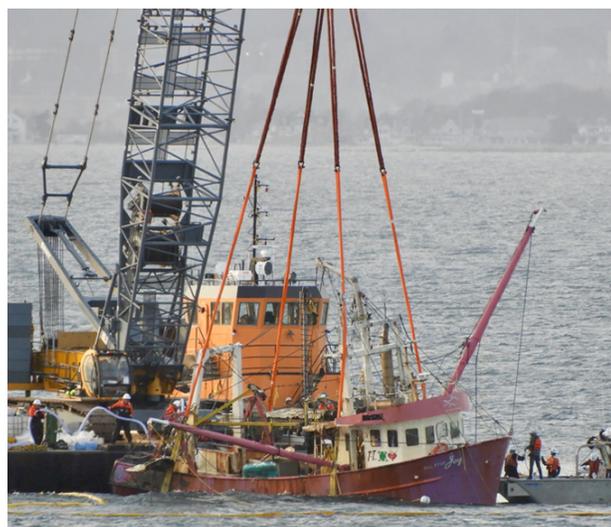
During the 20 days between the capsizing and recovery, many individuals were making observations, keeping notes, sharing information, and taking photos to document the event and any progress toward a resolution. It was a tremendous help!

The Fishers Island community thanks everyone involved including the USCG, DEC, ACOE, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, NY Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS ENCON Police, MER, Mohawk Northeast; the divers of Mainstream Commercial Divers out of Kentucky and a division of MER of Randolph, MA; Clean Harbors, Sea Tow, and Global Diving & Salvage, Inc., Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD) Manager Geb Cook, FIFD Marine Ops Manager RJ Burns, the FIFD Captains that kept a log of the wreck location (to make sure it wasn't moving), our NY State Police on duty, Island Naturalist Justine Kibbe in addition to all the Island community members who took an interest, made calls, and asked the right questions.

**To recap:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 the United States Coast Guard responded to a call from the fishing vessel (F/V) *All For Joy*. After racing to her location south of Race Rock Light, they eventually told the fisherman and his crew to jump overboard as the weather was worsening, the boat continued to take on water, and the seas were 10'-12'. All thought the F/V had sunk, but low and behold, she must have been dragged with the current through The Race and north into Fishers Island Sound.

She floated, capsized with only the bow above the surface, dangerously close (200 yards) to the entrance to Fishers Island's Silver Eel Cove by Monday noon and got stuck there. The F/V then moved eastward later Monday with the high tide and current and then ran aground just north of the opening to Hay Harbor. Not an ideal spot either, however, had *All For Joy* run aground at Silver Eel, the Island would have been temporarily shut to all ferry traffic.

By Tuesday morning March 11 the #2 diesel fuel (which does float and evaporates in the sun) was leaking from the vessel and the DEC determined that it was an environmental hazard that needed be sealed and removed. This extrication took an extraordinarily long time – many meetings, agencies, contractors, scientists and experts – and was finally completed Saturday evening, March 30, 2019 - 20 days after the original capsizing. Again, thank you to all for removing the pink *All For Joy*. For more information visit: <http://fishersisland.net/f-v-all-for-joy-wreck-recovery-report-photo-gallery/> where the final USCG report will be posted when it becomes available.



# SOUTHOLD CONSIDERS CHANGES TO FT. WRIGHT BAKERY

## New Restaurant Planned for Fishers Island

Excerpts from article by Kate Nalepinski *Suffolk Times Business* | 03/14/2019

A roughly 100-year-old eyesore in Fishers Island might see renovations in the coming months.

If approved, a new site plan put before the town Planning Board Monday could convert a pre-existing building on Hound Lane into a 2,815-square-foot restaurant on the first floor and construct a 2,329-square-foot second story intended for two apartments.



The property [on] Hound Lane ... is adjacent to the Fishers Island Community Center, ferry district and school. The parcel was home to a bakery in the 1920s that was used in conjunction with the Fort H. G. Wright military installation...

March 11, 2019 the Planning Board determined the proposal may require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, which describes and analyzes a proposed action that may have a significant impact on the environment.

The document is under review with the town Zoning Board of Appeals [hearing April 11], planner Brian Cummings said. Because the building is set to add a second story, it triggered a few different variance requests, he said. One conflict may be parking: 30 parking spaces are required on the property, but the current document provides 26. It would need to be revised in the future.

According to the Department of Environmental Conservation website, unlisted actions usually apply to nonresidential projects physically altering less than 10 acres of land, which is applicable to this property.

A [Southold Planning Board] public hearing on the proposal has been set for Monday, April 8, at 6 p.m. [and will be streamed live to Fishers Community Center's big screen so interested parties can participate in the meeting.] For the whole story visit: <http://fishersisland.net/new-restaurant-planned-for-fishers-island-bakery/>

# SOUTHOLD APPROVES ZONE CHANGE TO BRIAR PATCH

## UPDATE MARCH 26, 2019

Louisa Evans reported from the Town of Southold Board Meeting, "The Briar Patch change of zone passed today with restrictions that it will always be used for year-round housing." The full agreement between the Utility Company and Southold Town Board is being written and will be shared as soon as available.

## FEBRUARY 28, 2019

The Southold Town Board "is considering the change of zone application from Fishers Island Utility Company regarding a portion of the property identified as SCTM #1000-6-6-20.8 from R-80 (Residential) to HD (Hamlet Density)".

**R-80 (Residential):** (Source: <https://ecode360.com/5162057>)

Permitted uses:

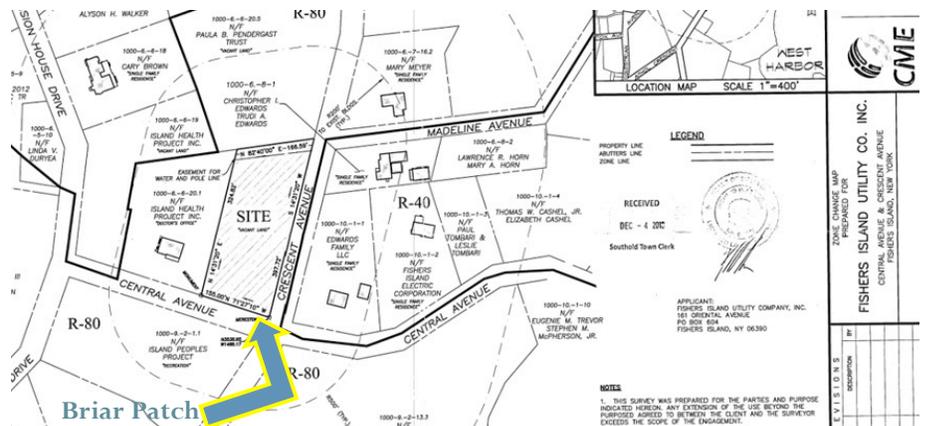
- A. One-family detached dwellings, not to exceed one dwelling on each lot.
- B. Two-family dwellings not to exceed one such dwelling on each lot.

### HD (Hamlet Density):

(Source: <https://ecode360.com/5162189>)

Permitted uses:

- A. One-family detached dwellings, subject to residential site plan approval for more than one such structure per lot.
- B. Two-family dwellings, subject to residential site plan approval for more than one such structure per lot.
- C. Multiple dwellings, townhouses, row or attached dwellings, subject to residential site plan approval.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Job Openings

### U.S. Census Bureau

\$21-\$23 per hour - Work from home with flexible, part-time hours.

Hiring for a variety of temporary jobs. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. No experience needed. Veteran hiring preference. The only way to apply is on-line.

**Apply Today:** Application and employment information is at [www.2020Census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020Census.gov/jobs)

### FI School

1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher & Special Education Tutor for the 2019-2020 school year.

Full Job descriptions are in the CLASSIFIEDS link below.

### Shutters & Sails Real Estate

We are currently seeking an energetic paid intern to join our growing team this summer to help with the day to day business operations on Fishers Island. Find out more here: <http://fishersisland.net/job-opening-shutters-sails-summer-help/>

### Fishers Island Harbor Committee's Bay Patrol

The Fishers Island Harbor Committee is in need of two new Bay Patrol people for the summer.

Some requirements for the job include: Access to a boat and motor of their own; NYS Safe Boating Certificate; Supply evidence that they have good experience on the water.

The full time pays \$2,500 with a small stipend for boat and motor service and fuel up to \$100.

The part-time at \$1,250 and has a scaled-back service and fuel stipend.

Weekends are the busiest time on the water. We provide shirts and hats for identification and rules for on the water harbor management. Schedules for the water patrols will be furnished. The Harbor Committee will interview all applicants. If interested,

please contact Elbert Burr [elbyburr@comcast.net](mailto:elbyburr@comcast.net)

### The Pequot is looking for staff help for the 2019 season

Positions are available in both the kitchen and in service, as well as maintenance and weekend security. We work hard but we have a ton of fun. Join our crew!

We'll be open from mid-May to mid-October and are willing to consider shorter-term employment within that period as well.

Please inquire at [info@thepequot.com](mailto:info@thepequot.com)

### The Island People's Project is looking for energetic, caring and creative counselors for the Morning Program

A few openings left. Counselors applicants for paid positions must be 15 by July 1, 2019. 14 year-olds may apply to earn community service hours as volunteer Counselors-in-Training (CITs). Sessions will run weekly July 1-August 9 (you can apply for whichever weeks you are available to work). Applications must be submitted by March 15. For information email the Director, Bonnie Benkard, at [IPPFny@gmail.com](mailto:IPPFny@gmail.com), or apply at [www.islandpeoplesproject.com/morning-program](http://www.islandpeoplesproject.com/morning-program)

**Job Postings can be found in the CLASSIFIEDS at <http://fishersisland.net/category/classifieds/>**



**WTEN-TV – Homeowners and landlords will need to swap out their smoke detectors for upgraded 10-year sealed models, thanks to a new New York State law going into effect this month.**

The law says that starting April 1, 2019 all new or replacement smoke detectors in New York State must be powered by a 10-year, sealed, non-removable battery or hardwired to the home.

Homeowners and landlords must upgrade their smoke detectors before selling or renting homes and apartments in New York State.

The upgraded smoke detector alarms include a sealed lithium battery with a 10-year lifespan. While these 10-year smoke detectors have a larger upfront cost than traditional alarms powered by replaceable batteries, the lack of yearly battery changes makes them cheaper over the life of the device. Like all safety alarms, 10-year sealed smoke alarms should still be tested at least once each year using the button on the front of the unit to ensure they are working properly.

## GARDENING APRIL 2019

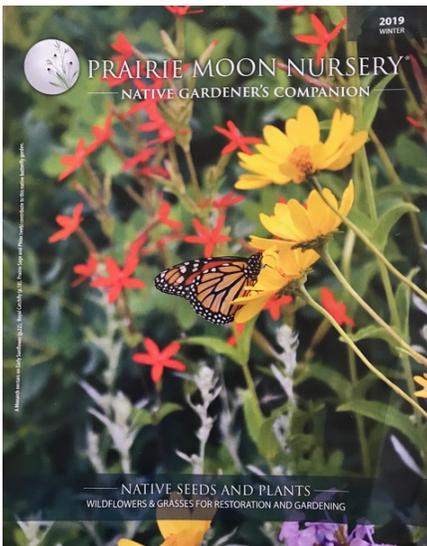
**From Mélie's Garden**

When I was a child spending summers on Fishers Island, I remember fields of wildflowers. The Island was covered with Queen Anne's Lace, Blue Corn Flowers, and Black Eyed Susan's. Over the years these wildflowers have started to disappear along with the insects that love them.

I have tried to plant wildflower seeds on my property, but it has not been successful. Wildflower development is a rather complicated process that often needs the assistance of a professional landscaper. A few years ago, in despair, I discussed this with my friend Penelope Maynard, who is an excellent horticulturalist. Pepé suggested that I just dig up a Queen Ann's Lace plant from the property of a willing donor and plant it in my field. So I found a plant in a friend's field and transplanted it into mine. The wildflower survived and multiplied and now I have Queen Ann's Lace in our field!



Detailed portion of screen painted by Nancy Spofford Yerkes



A year ago, I discovered a new surprise in my pile of gardening catalogs that arrive in the winter. It was from "[Prairie Moon Nursery](#)" based in Winona, Minnesota. They offered a wide selection of wildflowers in seed mixtures, bare root plants and "Potted Garden Kits". I ordered the "Classic Tallgrass Prairie Garden Kit" which was advertised to be "Medium to Tall plants, good for Medium to Dry Soil and Full Sun" which I thought best described my Fishers Island field's growing conditions. The plants arrived in early June and looked healthy, but too small to just drop into the field without much oversight. So I decided to pot them up in leftover plastic pots. I dug up soil from the field and transplanted the "plugs" into the pots thinking that over the summer the roots would have time to develop and acclimate to our Fisher Island soil.

During July and August, I watered the plants off and on – I didn't want to nurture them too much because they needed to be tough to survive in our field. The plants grew happily over the summer and in late September, Mario Torres and I transplanted them into our field. We decided to keep the plants grouped together in one spot creating a sort of test field garden so we could see easily how they would acclimate. We also put a bit of plastic fencing around the bed for extra rabbit protection.

It will be interesting to see this spring how the plants survived the winter. If they seem happy, we will transplant them into the field and hope that they will multiply. The more we all plant wildflowers on the Island the more they will spread. A Black Eyed Susan appeared in one of my flowerbeds last summer. I am sure it was planted by one of the birds that found it on someone else's property or possibly the rec path. By reintroducing wildflowers to our properties we will be able to feed a wide variety of insects and birds on our Island.

The Southold Highway Department will remove brush and leaves for Fishers Island residents beginning on Monday, April 15, 2019. (End date TBD)

Please place brush and leaves in orderly piles in the Town's right-of-way at the West End roadsides to enable easy removal by the Town highway crew.

Stumps, trees and land-clearing debris will not be picked up. Commercial landscaping and tree removal companies cannot participate in this service.

Thank you to Jamie, John, and Bob!



## EELGRASS EXTENT &amp; VESSEL USE

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## NATURE CONSERVANCY EVALUATES FISHERS'S EELGRASS RESOURCES

Off the coast of Fishers Island, in the relative quiet of the early fall of 2017, a bright yellow buoy with a red-and-white flag bobbed atop the cool water, following SCUBA divers along an underwater transect. The divers, scientists from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), recorded the presence or absence of eelgrass, percent cover, and canopy height – measures of the extent and condition of the island's seagrass ecosystem – and ground-truthing the 2017 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's

(USFWS) map of Long Island Sound's seagrass meadows created from aerial images. As the divers worked along the seafloor, the surface buoy, outfitted with a GPS, continuously recorded their location. In the preceding months, from May to September 2017, TNC scientists aboard a small, fixed-wing aircraft equipped with a GPS-enabled digital camera circled the island, photographing the nearshore area to evaluate vessel use around Fishers. The results of these surveys are divulged in a new report, *An Evaluation of Eelgrass Extent and Vessel Use Patterns Around Fishers Island, NY*.

Thirteen sites were evaluated by the divers, with three site surveys showing some deviation from the eelgrass extent defined in the USFWS's aerial survey. Overall, the dive survey results support the reliability of the USFWS's imaging, but the site level differences illustrate the need for higher resolution data to inform local management or project planning purposes.

Findings from TNC's aerial survey revealed that vessel use around the island does overlap with areas of eelgrass meadows, especially on the north side of the island, and consists of a combination of recreational powerboats and sailboats. The report identifies several hotspots where high levels of vessel activity occurred over eelgrass, including Flat Hammock, East Harbor, the beach off the Eighth Hole of the Fishers Island Club golf course, West Harbor and Hay Harbor.

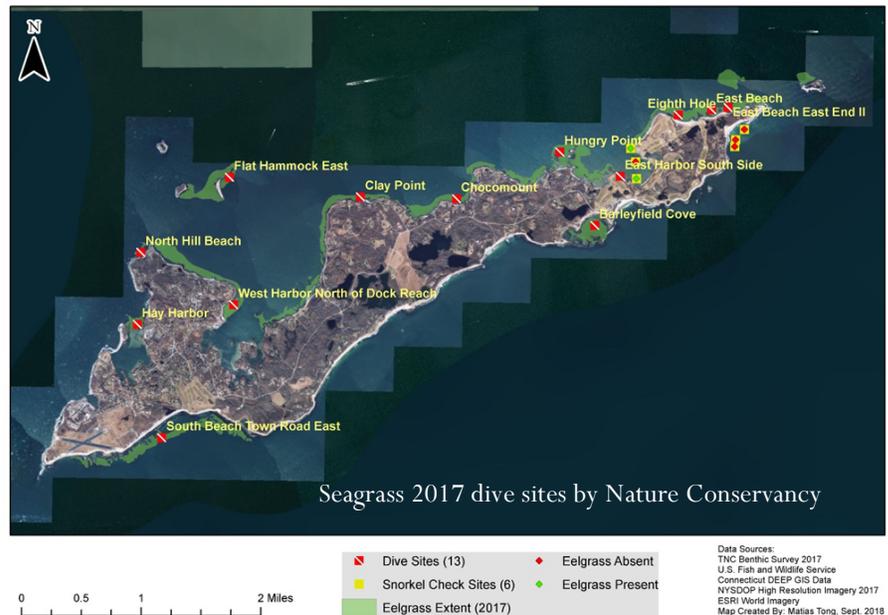
Based on these findings, the report provides options and examples of management actions that can reduce impacts to the island's eelgrass ecosystem, including boater education and outreach, zoning and special management areas, and conservation moorings. The Fishers Island Seagrass Management Coalition will be able to use these findings and other information in the report to make appropriate management decisions with regards to these fragile habitats.

To learn more about the condition of Fishers Island's eelgrass and vessel use around the island, [view or download the full report](#) on The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Gateway.

The next Fishers Island Seagrass Management Coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 1-4 PM at the H.L. Ferguson Museum. All are welcome to attend! Please contact Emily to learn more.

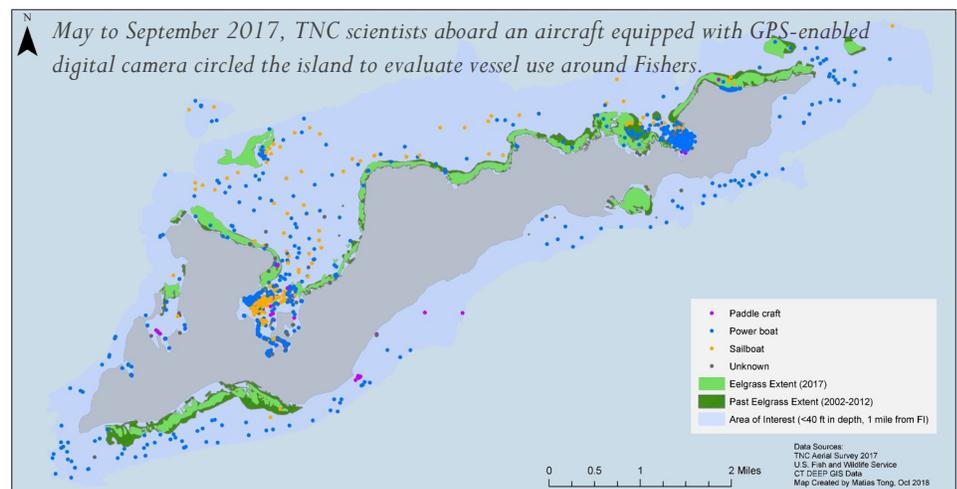
### Fishers Island Eelgrass Benthic Survey Dive Sites 09/12/17 - 10/11/17

The Nature  
Conservancy



### Fishers Island Aerial Survey by Vessel Type

The Nature  
Conservancy



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Join us for the  
Fishers Island Community Center's  
**RUN for the ROSES**  
Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 4, 2019

5:00 – 7:30

Post time: 6:30

Get your Derby hat ready!

Watch the Race on the Big Screen LIVE!

Bring \$\$ to 'vote' on your favorite to win,  
and take chances on wonderful prizes!

Mixers for Mint Juleps and Bloodys will be on hand,  
just BYOB and a finger food (if you like).

Please RSVP

788-7683 (1)

[staley@ficommunitycenter.org](mailto:staley@ficommunitycenter.org)



## HOLY EASTER WEEK SERVICES

### Fishers Island Union Chapel

Sunday, April 14, 10 am

**Palm Sunday Worship Service**

Friday, April 19, 12 noon

**Good Friday Service**

Join us as we observe this holy day with meditation  
on the Passion scriptures, prayers, and music.

Easter Sunday, April 21

**Sunrise Service at Dock Beach, 6:00 am**

Please arrive at Dock Beach a few minutes before  
so we may observe the sunrise together in silence.

**Easter Worship Service, 10 am**

Glenn Orkney, Organ

Rev. Candace Whitman, Preaching

### Our Lady of Grace

Holy Thursday, April 18, 5:30 pm

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Good Friday, April 19

**Good Passion of the Christ, 3:00 pm**

**Stations of the Cross, 4:00 pm**

Holy Saturday, April 20

**Easter Vigil Mass, 5:30 pm**

Sunday, April 21

**Sunrise Service at Dock Beach, 6:00 am**

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**Easter Worship Service, 10 am**

# EBB & FLOW CONTINUED



February 7, 2019  
Wilhelmina Vauclain Waldin 'Winnie'  
to Casey Cook & Erik Waldin



March 1, 2019  
Robert Dixon Hopkins Harvey IV  
'Dixon' to Steph Casella & Bobby Harvey



March 7, 2019  
Anne Neville Ahrens 'Nevi'  
to Fe & Ted Ahrens



March 13, 2019  
Caecilia Grace Taylor-Goedman  
to Charlotte Taylor & Menno Goedman



March 28, 2019  
Robert Bradford Taylor 'Bobby'  
to Liz Burnham & Will Taylor



March 29, 2019  
Emmet Mandler Barnett  
to Lilly Rand & Isaac Barnett



**ENGAGEMENT**  
Donald Hoitt McAllister III (Hoitt) &  
Sharon Sobel, March 16, 2019 in NYC

## FIDCO EAST END STICKERS

A FIDCO Sticker is a temporary license to operate a vehicle on (Private) East End roads according to the guidelines set forth below.

Vehicles and bicycles will not be allowed on the East End without a FIDCO sticker or FIDCO Guest Pass. Motorcycles, Mopeds, ATV's, Roller Blades, Skateboards, Baby Carriages, and Strollers are not permitted on the East End Road.

Stickers are now required as of January 1. Drop by the FIDCO Gatehouse weekdays to purchase your stickers.



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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 18  
Thursday, May 16  
Last of the Season  
12:00 @ Union Chapel  
Fishers Island community members age 60+ ♥ are all welcome.

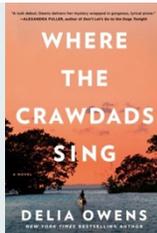
MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, May 2  
Thursday, June 6  
5:30-6:30 @ Post 1045  
Veterans, Legion members and the Fishers Island community members are all welcome.

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

5:30 April 9  
4:00 May 25  
@ the Community Center  
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP  
May 9: *Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens



OPENING FOR THE 2019 SEASON THURSDAY, MAY 16



Photo Credit: Jane Ahrens

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CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT 7PM WEEKLY @ COMMUNITY CENTER



Friday, April 12  
The Post



Thursday, April 18  
The Robe



Thursday, April 25  
The Maltese Falcon



Thursday, May 2  
Shane

FISHERS ISLAND'S EVENT SCHEDULE

For the most complete and up to date Island schedule including Dinners, Museum Talks and Children's Programs, FICC Classes and Workshops, Legion Events and more.

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE & SEE THE CALENDAR

[www.fishersisland.net/events](http://www.fishersisland.net/events)