The newest addition is a passenger only ‘high-speed’ boat that will run at least two scheduled round trips Monday-Friday between the District’s New London, CT, and Fishers Island, NY Ferry Terminals.

Docking at New London’s City Pier and crossing Fishers Island Sound to Silver Eel Cove’s FIDCO dock this 18 passenger catamaran will cut the commute to approximately 25 minutes. The plan is to have her in service from early May to October’s end. The scheduled runs will supplement the M/V Munnatawket and M/V Race Point car and passenger ferries regular schedules.

Built in 2017 by Armstrong Marine USA the passenger ferry is a 38' Crew Lander. Equipped with twin engines, FLIR Maritime thermal imaging system (gives the captain the power to see clearly in total darkness, through solar glare, and through light fog and smoke), comfortable seating, lifeboat, personal life jackets, a certificate of inspection, while meeting all Coast Guard required safety standards.

Run by a captain and one crew member this boat will also be available for charters when not in regularly scheduled service. This may including party guests, golf groups, and wedding transportation. She can ferry passengers to West Harbor and East Harbor as well as Silver Eel, New London and other Connecticut and Rhode Island coastline locations.

**Next steps:**

- The District will take possession of the boat in mid-May 2019. This allows the Ferry crew to get it ready for the anticipated Memorial Day weekend relaunch.
- Ticketing will be via a ticketing app, on a 1st come 1st served basis.
- Currently named Bangarang, this ferry needs a new name.
- Naming and schedule suggestions for the new ferry may be emailed to info@fiferry.com by 5:00 pm Friday, May 10.
March 26, 2019, was the date for the controlled burn this year. The Fishers Island Conservancy relies on the Fire Department members to burn selected sections of the Parade Ground and Elizabeth Field Airport to control invasive plant species from spreading and to promote new grass growth for a healthy natural habitat.

Starting with a Fire Drill Meeting at the Fire House with Asst. Chief Jeff Edwards laying out the plan of attack while Johnny B with Aaron Lusker preparing dinner for the returning firefighters after the drill. The drill began on a clear evening with moderate wind speed. They started at the Race below Bud’s Hole and worked eastward toward the Parade Grounds.

1st the firefighters focused on Elizabeth Field, starting with the whole southernmost section named Airport Triangle closest to Bud’s Hole, followed by most of the Airport Windsock area, and finishing with part of the Airport North section as shown on the map. Finally, they moved to the Parade Grounds’ Parade Whistler section that surrounds the playing field not far from the old bunker. As the wind direction changed they altered the attack plan and got all but one small section taken care of.

Photos by Jane T. Ahrens

A roughly 100-year-old Fort Wright building with new plans.

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.

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 [next hearing June 6], 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.

Another [Southold Planning Board] public hearing on the proposal has been set for Monday, May 6, 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/
**Job Openings**

**FI Airport Facility Manager**  
Property: Fishers Island Airport  
Type: Facility Manager for Administration  
Abstract: Administer airport fees and statistics, waiting room maintenance and check lights and airfield.  
Term: June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020  
The Proposals must be delivered to the business office of the Fishers Island Ferry District on Fishers Island no later than May 15, 2019. Full RFP can be found at: [https://www.fiferry.com/rfp/](https://www.fiferry.com/rfp/) or at the FI Office. Posted May 1-May 15, 2019

**FI School**  
1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher & Special Education Tutor for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Full Job Description is on the fischool.com website or by calling Ally Horn at the School Office

**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/](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

**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 May15. For information email the Director, Bonnie Benkard, at IPPfny@gmail.com, or apply at [www.islandpeoplesproject.com/morning-program](http://www.islandpeoplesproject.com/morning-program)

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**SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF RACE ROCK LIGHT**

The New London Maritime Society (NLMS) is leading the effort as the steward of Race Rock Light. NLMS is raising money to pay for an architectural preservation plan for Race Rock Light. They have chosen restoration architect Walter Sedovic, of Walter Sedovic Architects, for the project. His company did the preservation work on both Block Island, RI, lights (including moving SE Light), and also Faulkner's Island Light off Guilford, CT.

The price for the architect’s assessment for Race Rock Lighthouse (+ related costs) totals $11,000. The architect’s report will contain an evaluation of the structure as well as a blueprint and priority list for all restorations going forward. A generous benefactor came forward to jump-start the campaign by donating 50% of the cost: $5,500. Recently a 2nd benefactor, John Steffian, has offered to match future donations dollar-for-dollar until the goal is met.

**The current need:**  
In the hope that work may begin this summer of 2019, please help the NLMS raise the remaining $2,750.00 by donating through their Go Fund Me Page. All gifts are tax deductible.

Donations may be made thru the [Race Rock Light Go Fund Me page](https://www.gofundme.com/f SUPPORT-THE-PRESERVATION-OF-RACE-ROCK-LIGHT) or directly to the [New London Maritime Society & Custom House Maritime Museum](https://www.nlmuseum.org/) for this purpose.

*Photo Credit Jane T. Ahrens*
From Mélie’s Garden

Spring has finally sprung on Fishers Island! The daffodils are in full bloom and the shad trees are about to pop along with magnolias and cherries. The wind is still cold blowing over the water, but the intense sunlight shining through mostly leafless trees is warming up the ground so the gardening season is beginning.

The first chore in the spring is to clean up your garden beds before plants start to pop up and once they are cleaned put down mulch to keep weeds from growing. Remember weeds steal nutrients and water from your plants. This month roses need to start being fed and acid-loving plants like hydrangeas benefit from a bit of Hollytone sprinkled under them. Remove any dead wood from trees and shrubs and look for places that might need additional plantings because nurseries are becoming full of delicious plants to buy. It is still too early to put in seedlings without a lot of protection like a hoop house. Frost is still a threat until mid-May and our ocean breezes make it even riskier until Memorial Day or early June.

A week or so ago there was a wonderful article about “The Healing Power of Gardens” by Dr. Oliver Sachs. He writes about how therapeutic gardening and visiting gardens is for people. In our troubling and confusing world, it is very comforting to interact with plants either by working in a flowerbed or visiting a garden.

For centuries people have used plants for comfort and communication. It made me think of the secret language of flowers that was so popular in Victorian times. With Mother’s Day coming up this month (Sunday, May 12) a gift of flowers or herbs accompanied by a note describing their meaning might be a delightful gift that could be planted in the garden after the frost-free day in late May.

The Meanings of Flowers and Herbs

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IN MEMORIAM: ELISABETH ROSS REED CARTER

Elisabeth “Liz” Ross Reed Carter, died on April 13, 2019, at home in Richmond’s Westminster Canterbury, where despite a disabling stroke, her grace and good humor continued to enchant her friends and caring staff.

Liz was born in Richmond, Virginia on June 7, 1932, the eldest of five children of Mary Ross Scott and William Thomas Reed, Jr. She was a granddaughter of Alice Burwell and William T. Reed, Sr. and of Elisabeth Strother and Frederic W. Scott. She grew up on her parents’ Sabot Hill Farm in Goochland County, Virginia, attended The Collegiate School, St. Timothy’s School in Stevenson, Maryland (Class of 1950) and Finch College in New York, New York. In 1954, she married Beirne Blair Carter, President of Carter Machinery Company, a Caterpillar tractor dealership, and moved to Roanoke, Virginia. She returned to Sabot Hill Farm in 1978.

Liz is survived by her daughter, Mary Ross Carter Hutcheson (Rossie) and son-in-law John Randolph Hutcheson (Randy), and three grandchildren: John Randolph Hutcheson, Jr. (Jack), Beirne Carter Hutcheson and fiancé Clare Campbell Moser, and Mary Ross Hutcheson (Rossie). She was predeceased by her two brothers, William T. Reed III (Bill) and Frederic Scott Reed (Freddie) and her brother-in-law Hunter Holmes McGuire, Jr. (Mac). She is survived by her sisters, Alice Reed McGuire of Richmond, VA and Mary Ross Reed Fisher and her husband Alexander Murray Fisher, Jr. (Sandy) of Sabot, VA, two sisters-in-law, Helen Scott Reed and Frances Adamson Reed (Francie), and by fourteen nieces and nephews whom she loved and adored.

While living in Roanoke, Liz was active at North Cross School (President of Parents Association), St. John’s Episcopal Church, Mill Mountain Garden Club (President) and Children’s Home Society (President). She had a great love for the outdoors and spent many weekends leading Girl Scouts and other young people hiking, canoeing and spelunking in the Roanoke Valley.

She loved the Blue Ridge Mountains, Fishers Island, and the Chesapeake Bay. She especially enjoyed boating, surf casting and lobstering. She was a member of the Fishers Island Club, the Fishers Island Yacht Club, and the Hay Harbor Club. She served for 15 years on the Altar Guild of St. John’s Episcopal Church on Fishers Island. In Richmond, she participated in Leadership Metro Richmond, served on the Vestry at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, was active with Lenten lunches, a Lay Eucharist Minister, a Stephen’s Minister, and enjoyed leading wildflower walks during Shrine Mont Retreats.

She was a member of the Roanoke and Richmond Junior Leagues, the James River Garden Club, Garden Club of America (Conservation Committee), The Woman’s Club, The Country Club of Virginia, the Society of Colonial Dames (Nathaniel Burrell of Gloucester, VA) and a Trustee of Collegiate School. For 30 years, Liz served in various capacities for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, including 10 years as a Trustee. She was a champion of the environmental education program in the Richmond area. Her greatest joy was teaching others, especially her grandchildren, about the beauty of nature.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial for Liz may be given to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 1108 E. Main St. 1600, Richmond, VA 23219 or St. John’s Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 505, Fishers Island, NY 06390 or Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden, c/o Susan Lancaster, 723 White Oak Rd., SW, Roanoke, Virginia, 24014. Graveside services will be private at Hollywood Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at St. James’s Episcopal Church Richmond, VA on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception.

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FOUND: GOLD CROSS

If you or someone you know is missing this cross please email finyinfo@gmail.com or text 203-801-8431.
IN MEMORIAM: EUGENE E. LITCH

Gene “Bobbie” Litch, 83, of Leon Wood Road in Putney died peacefully Tuesday morning, April 9, 2019 at Vernon Green Nursing Home surrounded by his family following a period of declining health.

Gene was born in New Britain, CT on September 17, 1935 the son of Earl and Evelyn (Drezek) Litch. He was raised and educated in Middlefield, CT and was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown, CT, Class of 1954.

He went on to earn an associate’s degree from the Porter School of Engineering Design in Hartford in 1956.

He owned and operated his own packaging design company, Northeast Packaging Systems based in Putney, which he established in the mid-1980s. He retired on November 1, 2018. Previously he worked as a sales rep for Vermont Container of Bennington.

He was an avid golfer, playing at multiple courses throughout New England. He was also an excellent skier and served as a ski patrolman and ski instructor at Powder Ridge in Middlefield. Gene also co-coached Little League baseball in Putney.

Of his other leisure time activities, he enjoyed water skiing, playing hockey, snowmobiling and time shared with his family especially with his grandchildren. He followed spectator sports and was a devoted Boston Red Sox, Bruins and New England Patriots fan.

He was first married to Carole Bossick on October 8, 1960 in Meriden, CT. He later married Martha Peterson on September 15, 1972 in Storrs, CT.

Besides his devoted wife Martha of Putney, he is survived by four daughters: Lori Litch Giannotti (Thomas) of Old Lyme, CT; Pamela J. Kujawski (Philip) of Old Saybrook, CT; Johanna L. Dwire of Old Saybrook; and Amanda Litch Lovell (Greg) of Westminster.

Additionally, he leaves seven grandchildren: Michaela, Gabrielle, Julia, Jack, Sean, Cooper and Henry; and two nieces and a nephew. He was predeceased by his beloved English Springer Spaniel “Rose.”

Burial [was] private in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Putney.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gene’s name may be made to the Putney Volunteer Fire Department, 14 Main Street, Putney, VT 05346. To sign an online guestbook with messages of e-condolence to the family please visit www.atamaniuk.com.

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MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS

Peter Sanger Memorial
Sea Stretcher Marathon
(Walk or Run)

Sunday, May 26
Registration at 8:15
Race begins at 9:00

Register to run or walk here:
https://www.fiseastretcher.com

American Legion Post #1045
Memorial Day Parade
& Family Picnic

Sunday, May 26
Parade kicks off at 12:00 at the Legion and
proceeds to the Village Green.

Please join everyone back at the Legion’s
Family Picnic following the Parade.
FIREFIGHTER FAULKNER HONORED FOR 50 YEARS SERVICE

Fishers Island Fire Department’s Chief Bruce Hubert and Treasurer Matt Edwards visited with Bill Faulkner February 5, 2019. The purpose was to recognize Bill’s 50 plus years as a member of the Fishers Island Fire Department, to thank him for his volunteer service, and to present him with his 50th-anniversary pin.

Bill joined the Fishers Island Fire Department in 1967 and was an active member even after he reached Life Member status in 1987.

At the Fire Department’s Installation Dinner in January 2019 Paul Giles and David Burnham each received their 20 year Life pins in addition to Bill Faulkner’s 50 year pin.

ENGAGEMENTS

Elizabeth “E.B.” Bartels & Richie Corrado, April 19, 2019, at Columbia University, New York, NY

Nicholas Glendon Powell & Ashley LaPolla, April 19, 2019, in Orange County, NY

David H. Burnham & Martha Civitillo, April 21, 2019, in West Hartford, CT

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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CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT 7PM WEEKLY @ COMMUNITY CENTER

Friday, May 10
The Shape of Water

Thursday, May 16
Bringing Up Baby

Thursday, May 23
In the Heat of the Night

Thursday, May 30
Vertigo

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
June 13 The Lighthouse
Keeper’s Daughter
By Hazel Gaynor

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

MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, June 6
July TBA
5:30-6:30 @ Post 1045
Veterans, Legion members and
the Fishers Island community
members are all welcome.

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
4:00 May 25
5:30 June 11
@ the Community Center
Community members are
welcome and encouraged to
attend the ICB meetings.

OPENING FOR THE 2019 SEASON
THURSDAY, MAY 16

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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
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