



SUMMER DAYS

A RECAP OF SUMMER 2024 @ SOUNDWATERS



Sailing empowers students to think independently and work together.

In Their Words... The Power of Summer

Summer at SoundWaters is SO much more than just the absence of school. Get them out of the classroom and students will learn by doing. Sailing builds confidence. Flipping rocks on the shore fosters wonder and curiosity. Testing water quality reveals the impact of climate change. **Read about Summer Days at SoundWaters in the words of the people who lived it.**



"They learn without knowing they're learning"



A summer of discovery and growth launches students into their school year.

What an incredible experience for our two boys.

The squid dissection pushed them out of their comfort zone. This has now translated into Beau being a "nuclear scientist" at home.

And Noa explains the concepts behind the Physics of Motion he puts into practice when he sails. When I ask him how he knows this, he responds "because they taught us!"

I'm in awe of what the children experience joyfully while learning. They learn each day without knowing they're learning.

- Mom of Beau & Noa, Camp SoundWaters

"A caring, connected community"

I come back every year to see my friends who I came through the program with and even some of my former campers and now we're all staff.

Young Mariners is a caring, connected community.

- Starr, Young Mariners Counselor



Students grow from nervous campers into confident, responsible staff.

"She came home everyday energized and excited"



High school students get the tools and training to explore advanced science and gain college-level experience.

My daughter did your summer program and loved it! She is considering marine biology as a career and came home every day so energized and excited. She couldn't say enough good things about her instructor. Well done!

- Mom of Carrie, a Research Intensive student

"I love this kind of stuff"



Harbor Corps develops skills maritime employers are seeking.

There's a whole lot more we learn here, like woodworking; how to cut wood, how to angle and measure it, how to get it all right because you don't learn that at school.

Fixing boats and learning how they work, that's all interesting. I love this kind of stuff. I like hands-on learning. I learn best when I'm doing stuff.

- Sheldon Weiss
Harbor Corps member
Stamford High School Class of 2024

"Many experienced their first time in a kayak"

The kayak cleanup events are a crowd favorite for the Crane Company team. It is inspiring because many of our associates were born and raised in the area, but they've never been out on the water... many experienced their first time in a kayak during the event and many of them have gone back to SoundWaters to rent a boat on their own!

- Danielle Kurkjian
Senior Manager, Philanthropy, Sustainability and Equality
Crane Company



Corporate volunteers clean the harbor and bond as a team.

"I treasure my experience as a youngster"



Vinny Arguimbau (foreground), joined 140 Flotilla paddlers to raise over \$50,000.

I treasure my experience as a youngster growing up on the Sound chasing after sand crabs scurrying into their holes or curiously looking at horseshoe crabs bumping up against my legs.

It's the same privilege that SoundWaters extends to thousands of other children today.

- Vinny Arguimbau, 8-time Flotilla paddler



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We have a lot of students who have never been on a boat and as they walk down the dock, you can see they're scared or nervous, but when we get out there, you watch their faces brighten up.

This is a memory they'll take home and tell their parents. Just being a part of that makes my heart so happy.

- Kaylee McKenna, Educator/Deckhand

