

## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Paddling to Protect Long Island Sound**

**Kayak & Paddle Board Flotilla Set to Launch  
on Long Island Sound on Saturday, July 14**



Hundreds of area residents will take to the waters of Long Island Sound on Saturday, July 14, paddling kayaks and paddle boards in a fun event to protect and preserve Long Island Sound. Paddlers will launch from Cove Island Park in Stamford (Darien residents can launch from nearby Weed Beach) in a colorful flotilla paddling to Stamford Harbor where they will celebrate with food, music and a fun summer beach party.

The Flotilla is sponsored by SoundWaters with generous support from Legg Mason Global Asset Management. SoundWaters is a non-profit organization based at Cove Island Park with the mission to protect Long Island Sound through education. “Our goal at SoundWaters is to help people learn and appreciate the incredible resource we have in Long Island Sound. We do this by teaching over 32,000 students from across Connecticut, but we also know that a great way to learn about the Sound is just to get on the water and have fun,” said SoundWaters President, Leigh Shemitz. “The Flotilla is a fun way to enjoy the Sound and help us raise awareness and money to teach even more kids. The children we teach today will become the adults who take care of Long Island Sound for generations” Shemitz said.

### **About the Flotilla: You Paddle There and SoundWaters Will Bring You Back**

Launching from Cove Island on Saturday, July 14 at 8:30am to take advantage of calm waters and a favoring tide, paddlers will journey four miles south along the coastline to Stamford Harbor where they will land on the beach at Boccuzzi Park. At their destination, everyone will enjoy food, drinks, music and camaraderie following a beautiful morning on the water. Safety boats will mark the route to assist paddlers and following the event, SoundWaters will transport paddlers and their kayaks and boards back to their starting point. For more information, visit [SoundWatersFlotilla.org](http://SoundWatersFlotilla.org).

The SoundWaters Flotilla is presented by Legg Mason and supported by Downunder, Hey Stamford! 95.9 The Fox, *Greenwich* and *Old Greenwich/Riverside Neighbors Magazines*.

### **Don't Own a Kayak or Paddle Board?**

No Worries. Downunder and SoundWaters will be happy to rent you one for the Flotilla. You can reserve your rentals at [SoundWatersFlotilla.org](http://SoundWatersFlotilla.org).

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### Want Some Practice Time On the Water?

SoundWaters is renting kayaks and paddle boards every weekend at Boccuzzi Park, 200 Southfield Avenue in Stamford. Visit [SoundWaters.org/rentals](http://SoundWaters.org/rentals) to reserve your kayak or board.

### About SoundWaters

SoundWaters, founded in 1989, is the premier environmental education organization focused on the protection of Long Island Sound and its watershed. Annually, SoundWaters teaches 32,000 students (including almost 16,000 from underserved communities) on its ship and at the Coastal Education Center at Cove Island in Stamford. SoundWaters works in partnership with schools, communities, civic organizations, businesses and other environmental and educational organizations to develop experiences that foster a sense of responsibility for the environment and encourage actions that ensure the sustainable future of the Long Island Sound ecosystem. For more information, please visit [SoundWaters.org](http://SoundWaters.org)



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