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Darien's Douglas Bora Elected To Lead SoundWaters

Bora named Chairman of Environmental Organization

Stamford, CT – Longtime Darien resident, avid sailor and Noroton Yacht Club member, Douglas Bora, was unanimously elected as SoundWaters Chairman by its Board of Directors during the organization's Annual Meeting on November 13th. Bora takes the wheel from outgoing Chairman, Scott Mitchell of Greenwich, who had served in the role since 2013.

As Chairman, Bora will lead a 30-person board of directors to assist SoundWaters President, Dr. Leigh Shemitz and her team, to grow the organization's capacity through strategic planning and fundraising. From its two educational facilities at Cove Island in Stamford and in Stamford Harbor and aboard its 80' schooner, SoundWaters teaches the science of Long Island Sound to more than 30,000 students each year from 150 schools in 65 communities throughout Connecticut and New York.

Bora will be the 7th board chair in SoundWaters 29-year history. He is also Managing Director of Spinnaker Real Estate Partners LLC, a real estate development company engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership and management of commercial and residential properties which has completed over \$1.5 billion of projects since inception. On his election, he commented: *"I am honored and excited for the opportunity to work with my fellow Directors and with Leigh and her outstanding staff to grow SoundWaters positive impact in our communities."* About SoundWaters important mission to protect Long Island Sound through education and action, Bora said *"Long Island Sound is our largest and most precious natural resource and the work we do at SoundWaters with so many young people and adults is improving the health of the Sound today and will protect it for generations."*

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About SoundWaters

SoundWaters, founded in 1989, is the region's premier environmental education organization focused on the protection of Long Island Sound and its watershed. Annually, SoundWaters hosts shipboard and land-based programs for more than 30,000 students from pre-K through high school. 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 a sustainable future for Long Island Sound. The organization provides students with powerful science enrichment and both children and adults with an understanding and awareness of changes they can make in their lives and communities to restore, protect and preserve Long Island Sound and its environment.



Protecting Long Island Sound Through Education for Over 20 Years

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For 29 years, SoundWaters has offered successful and innovative science programs to hundreds of thousands of students both ashore and at sea. During the summer, it offers sunset sails to the public on its iconic 80' schooner and rentals of kayaks and paddle boards on Stamford Harbor. In addition, SoundWaters hosts two large public events, the SoundWaters Flotilla kayak and paddleboard tour in July and SoundWaters HarborFest in August, a popular waterfront festival enjoyed by thousands of area residents on Stamford Harbor. For more information, visit SoundWaters.org.



New SoundWaters Board Chairman, Doug Bora of Darien (l), presents a ceremonial cannon in gratitude to outgoing Board Chairman, Scott Mitchell of Greenwich.

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