



SUMMER DAYS

A RECAP OF SUMMER 2026

Summer Moves Us Forward

Summer Days at SoundWaters gives our community the chance to explore new opportunities and ideas. Summer moves us forward. Summer changes us. Whether it's sailing, science, job training or volunteering, enjoy a quick review of a fun and busy summer at SoundWaters to see how it has moved our students (and adults).

Experience & Exposure

I really enjoyed my **experience** and gained tons of **exposure** to the marine biology field. It was a huge reason that I chose to apply to college as a marine biology major. Soon, I'll be at the University of Miami to study marine biology and ecology.

-Boris, Research Intensive student



Confident, Curious & Passionate

Watching her excitement as she found crabs was incredible. She proudly explained their names and even showed me how to tell the difference between males and females. It was such a special moment as a parent to see her so **confident, curious, and passionate** about everything she had learned.

-Maritza Cano, Young Mariners parent



Community & Environment

Cleaning the Sound by kayak is my favorite way to clean our **environment**, be involved in the **community**, and bond with my colleagues. Especially being able to do it with SoundWaters makes it even more rewarding.

-Liza Romero, Alboune corporate volunteer



I Like This Job

*I was scared to use the power tools at Harbor Corps, but you kept encouraging me. Now, in my job, I work on a miter saw all day long. **I like this job.***

-Anderson Carrillo, Stamford High School, 2025
Graduated Harbor Corps, June 2026
Employed full-time at Premium Framing

Hands-on Learning

*The schooner was an absolutely amazing experience, with students and adults alike highly engaged in the **hands-on learning** which included seeing and handling live sea animals.*

-Gloria Fallon, STEM Alliance



Incredibly Meaningful

*Where invasive phragmites had previously hidden much of the native marsh, patches of salt hay and cordgrass were now visible. As we were leaving the cleared area, a doe walked through, seeming to thank us for opening up a part of the land that was previously inaccessible. It was **incredibly meaningful**. The Salt Marsh Project reminds us that the fight for conservation doesn't just take place in faraway ecosystems; it's also right here.*

-Greg Bound, Salt Marsh volunteer

Exciting News!

Coming Soon to Long Island Sound

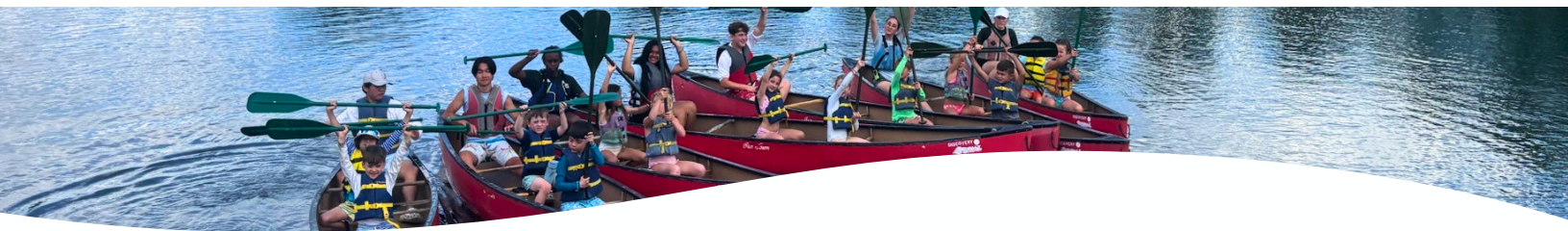
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Confidence, Resilience & Curiosity

*My boys are no longer tentative. They move with **confidence**, belonging naturally to something bigger than themselves. They have found a place where **resilience** is learned without lectures, teamwork is practiced without fanfare, and **curiosity** is nurtured every single day.*

-Yvonne Paris, Camp SoundWaters parent

