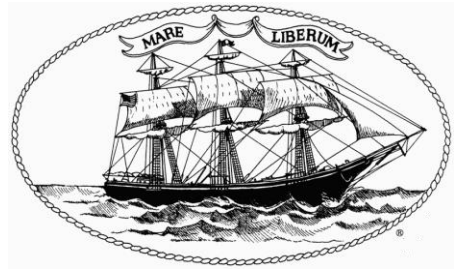


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**NEW LONDON TAKES THE LEAD FOR  
CONNECTICUT'S COAST GUARD SUMMER 2015**  
*Summer Long Celebration Planned in Honor of the Coast Guard's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

NEW LONDON, Conn., (April 20, 2015) – 2015 is a big year for New London, Connecticut as the U.S. Coast Guard celebrates its 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday. To highlight this event of national significance, Governor Dannel P. Malloy designated this summer as *Connecticut's Coast Guard Summer 2015*.

“New London is thrilled that Governor Malloy has chosen our City as the primary site for this celebration,” said Mayor Finizio. “There’s no better place to celebrate the Coast Guard’s 225th birthday than here in New London. The relationship between the City of New London and the U.S. Coast Guard dates back to 1790, and it continues to grow stronger as we work together to build the National Coast Guard Museum on our waterfront.”

Several major events have already been organized in the City of New London throughout the summer including Sailfest, July 10 – 12, 2015 and continuing through the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival, September 10 – 12, 2015. In between, the celebration continues with an in-water boat show, street fairs, a 5k road race, maritime gatherings, fireworks and more. Events celebrate New London’s maritime roots and cultural diversity while highlighting the unique relationship with the U.S. Coast Guard.

New London is home to The Coast Guard Academy as well as a series of fascinating historical sites and fabulous recreational facilities including U.S. Custom House & Museum, Ocean Beach Park, Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, Hempsted Houses, Shaw-Perkins Mansion and Fort Trumbull State Park. In addition, City Pier at Waterfront Park is the homeport to the Coast Guard’s tall ship Barque EAGLE. Adjacent to the pier and Union station is the future home of the National Coast Guard Museum.

“I applaud Governor Malloy for recognizing the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coast Guard and the City of New London in 2015,” stated John S. Johnson, Treasurer of the National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc. “This is a fitting way to recognize the U.S. Coast Guard heroes of the past, present and future and their connection to the City of New London.”

A full calendar of Connecticut Coast Guard Summer 2015 activities is attached and can be found at [www.coastguardsummer.com](http://www.coastguardsummer.com).

### **About Historic New London, Connecticut**

Founded in 1646, New London boasts a glorious waterfront, rich cultural scene, fascinating historical sites and fabulous recreational facilities including the Nathan Hale School House, Hempsted Houses, Shaw-Perkins Mansion, Robert Mills US Custom House & Museum, Fort Trumbull State Park and Ocean Beach Park. After more than 350 years of history, this waterfront community continues to thrive with an eclectic mix of unique boutique shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions, along with a relaxing maritime atmosphere surrounded by historic streets lined with 18th and 19th century buildings such as the New London Superior Courthouse (1784), Union Railroad Station (1888) and New London Public Library (1890). In addition, the city boasts two of New England’s most stories lighthouses including New London Harbor Lighthouse (1760) and New London Ledge Lighthouse (1909). For more information visit [www.ci.new-london.ct.us](http://www.ci.new-london.ct.us)

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