



SCHOONER

EXPLORING OUR COAST

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Celebrate Schooners 50th year!

Saturday, July 26 from 10 am to 2pm

60 South Water Street New Haven, CT

Fishing, preserve exploration, kids games, sailing, meet our 2025 Schooner staff and more! Meet up with former campers, staff and others to reminisce over 50 years of coastal exploration and sailing.



In 1975, four people (and the greater New Haven community) began Schooner Inc. It's first goal - restore a 57-foot ship, Trade Wind, to sail Long Island Sound bringing attention to Long Island Sound and its plight. At a time when the Clean Water Act (1972) was starting to make a difference in the waters across the nation, Schooner was modeled after folk singer, Pete Seeger's Clearwater. Original Board President, Ralph Halsey, explained to "use the Sound region as its living laboratory. [We] are developing school, civic, and member programs for use onboard Trade Wind to directly involve thousands of people in the sailing and research experience each year from April to November." Today, 50 years later, Schooner is a program of Gather New Haven providing over 350 campers annually coastal exploration and sailing in New Haven harbor at Sound School.