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The official e-newsletter of The Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County

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SAFE HARBOR  
- NEWPORT SHIPYARD -



### LESS THAN 30 DAYS!

Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, Friday, June 26, 2026

## REPORTING LIVE WITH AVHARA!

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

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# LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION DAY



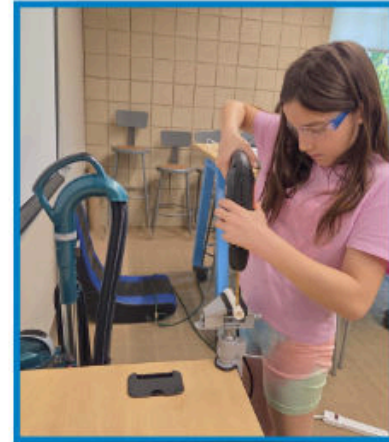
## Youth of the Year Candidates Head to the State House!

On May 12th, Club Youth of the Year Adequoyah Mathews attended Legislative Appreciation Day at the Rhode Island State House alongside fellow Rhode Island Clubs and their YOY candidates.

The event brought together Club leaders, teen members, and state legislators to not only celebrate our state legislative leaders but also to highlight the positive **impact** Boys & Girls Clubs have on youth and communities across Rhode Island in guiding and **mentoring** the **leaders** of tomorrow. Thank you to the **Rhode Island Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs** and our incredible Rhode Island legislators for the opportunity to **connect** with fellow Clubs from across the state and celebrate the **impact** of youth **leadership** and **advocacy**.

# CLUB EXPANDS STEAM OFFERINGS WITH SEAPERCH PROGRAM LAUNCH

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County **Aquatics Department** recently launched the **SeaPerch Underwater ROV Program** for members in grades 3-8. This hands-on **STEAM** initiative introduces youth to **underwater robotics** through **engineering design**, teamwork, and problem-solving, while connecting learning to real-world **marine technology** applications.



## INTRODUCING YOUTH TO MARINE ENGINEERING



This marks the first time the Club has offered an ROV engineering program, expanding the Club's commitment to **science** and **technology** in an exciting new way. The SeaPerch program aligns closely with the Club's focus area of **workforce readiness**.

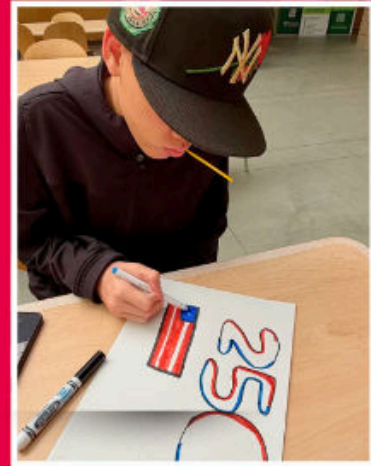
Providing access to high-quality **STEAM** experiences like the SeaPerch program gives youth opportunities to explore **marine engineering** and future **career pathways** that are especially relevant in coastal communities like Newport County.



# A ONCE-IN-A-SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OPPORTUNITY



The Club is excited to share that our teen members' artwork will be featured in the **RENEWport** Semiquincentennial 250 **Digital Archive!** RENEWport and **Salve Civic Leadership Fellows** Sunshine Clark, Tiffany DaPonte, and Elodie Chery worked alongside our members to create powerful, meaningful artwork reflecting on **America's 250th birthday.**



We are incredibly proud of our young artists for sharing their **voices, creativity, and vision** for the future. Their work will be preserved in a **digital archive** and donated to the **Newport Historical Society** next year, ensuring their **perspectives** become part of our community's lasting **history.**



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**NEWport**



**Semiquincentennial: refers to a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an event, or the celebration of that milestone.**

# 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES SIGNIFICANT FUNDS FOR CLUB YOUTH

From sunrise to sunset, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, was a beautiful day for the **120** players who hit the links, competed for the **Riordan Cup**, and enjoyed the bucolic Newport Country Club.

Event sponsors and foursomes helped us to raise over **\$130,000!** These funds will make an immediate **impact** on Club kids and teens at a time when our **programs** and **services** are needed more than ever.

We are beyond grateful to **Newport Country Club** for our long-standing **partnership** and the many **sponsors** and **players**, both old and new.

A special thank you to our co-chairs: **Sean Riordan**, **Allen Corcoran**, and **Ned Corcoran**.



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**Congratulations to the winners of  
this year's Riordan Cup:**  
John Perik, Alex Hay, Gavin  
Gibbons, and Garret McClurg.



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SAUNDERSTOWN, RI

## Registration Now Open!

Runs June 29 - August 21, 2026 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

- ACA Accredited, state-licensed day camp on the Pettaquamscutt River in Saunderstown
- Transportation provided from several pick-up and drop-off locations in Newport, Middletown, and South Kingstown
- Breakfast, lunch, and snacks included daily
- Swimming, boating, arts & crafts, enrichment activities and more!

**Programming for children ages 5 - 12**



**Register online:**

[www.bgcnewport.org/camp-grosvenor](http://www.bgcnewport.org/camp-grosvenor)



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**QUESTIONS? Email us at:**  
[campgrosvenor@bgcnewport.org](mailto:campgrosvenor@bgcnewport.org)



# the CLUB TOTAL TEEN TAKEOVER

## CAMP 2026

**June 29 to  
August 21**

10:00AM-4:00PM

- Multiple field-trips every week!
- One week sessions available
- Scholarships available to all
- Amazing experiences
- Must be 13+

**For more info contact Marlin:  
[mdacruz@bgcnewport.org](mailto:mdacruz@bgcnewport.org)**

# DONATION SPOTLIGHT



On Friday, May 8, we were proud to accept a generous grant from the **Frederick Henry Prince Memorial Fund at Newport Hospital** to support youth wellness programs that are officially **"Powered by Prince"**! This funding will provide **Gnome Surf** surfing lessons for teens following last year's incredible success and help retain a **Recreation Specialist** at Camp Grosvenor to lead engaging physical activities for our younger **campers** all summer long. Thank you to the Frederick Henry Prince Memorial Fund for investing in the **health** and **well-being** of our community's youth!

## SNAP ASSISTANCE

SNAP is the largest federal nutrition assistance program available for eligible individuals and families to purchase food. Eligibility is based in income, allowable deductions, household size, and resources. You can apply on your own for SNAP through the RI DHS Portal ([www.healthyrhode.ri.gov](http://www.healthyrhode.ri.gov)), by mail, and in person with an appointment.



### For Assistance:

Please contact Charlene Traynum,  
Family & Outreach Coordinator

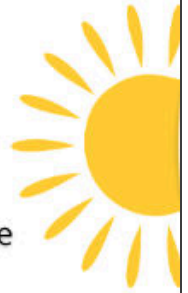
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☎ (401) 847-6927 ext. 156

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MEET ALEX ROCZNIAK, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CAMP GROSVENOR!

Meet Alex, the new Director at Camp Grosvenor! His role is to ensure we provide a safe, fun atmosphere for members to enjoy their summer and the best time of the year in our beautiful state of Rhode Island.



### What are you looking forward to in 2026?

I am looking forward to my first summer at Camp Grosvenor! I have heard amazing things about it, but I am excited to experience it first-hand and help create fun opportunities for the kids to shine this summer.



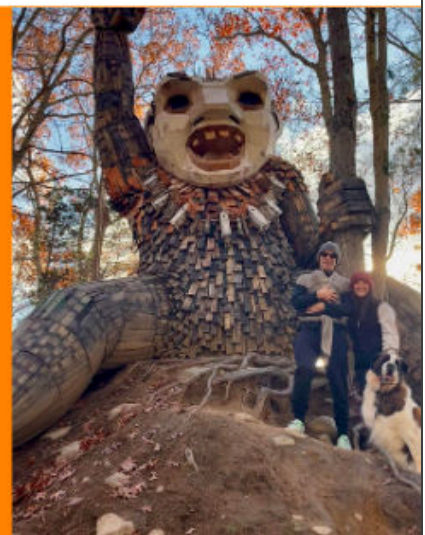
### What is a fun fact about you?

When I was in 5th grade, I joined the circus for a day and learned how to juggle!



## How do the kids impact your life?

Working with kids has always been a big part of my life. Throughout my life, I have found various ways to work alongside them as a coach, a mentor, and now as a camp director. Working with kids has kept me feeling young, provided a sense of community, and continues to provide me with ways to grow as a person and as a professional.



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# THE NEWPORT SHOW

**Tickets are now on  
sale for the 2026  
Newport Show!**

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**Gala Preview Party**  
Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> | 6pm to 9pm

**Weekend Hours**  
July 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> | 10am to 5pm

Purchase tickets today at  
**[TheNewportShow.com](http://TheNewportShow.com)**

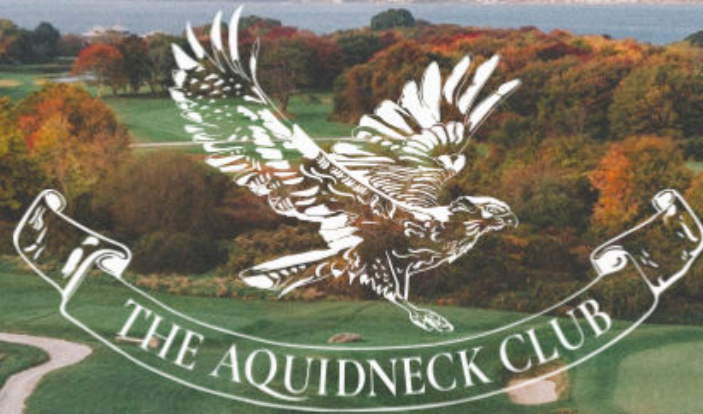
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**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

AT THE AQUIDNECK CLUB



**Monday**  
September 21st

The Aquidneck Club  
125 Corys Lane  
Portsmouth, RI

**Register Your Foursome Today!**

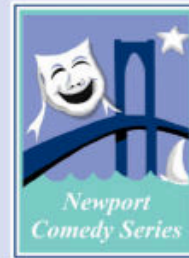
# THE CLUB IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEWPORT COMEDY SERIES!



## Joe Rocco's Newport Comedy Series

Presented by Clements' & Lees Markets

Newport Elks Club | 141 Pelham Street | 7:30PM



<p><b>April 18</b></p>  <p><b>NICK GRIFFIN</b> Tonight Show, Colbert, Letterman</p>  <p>Special Guest Dan Smith</p>	<p><b>May 16</b></p>  <p><b>TONY V.</b> HBO, Seinfeld, Comedy Central</p>  <p><b>CHRISTINE HURLEY</b> Queen of Boston Comedy, America's Got Talent</p>
<p><b>June 27</b></p>  <p><b>KEN ROGERSON</b> Conan, Letterman, Rescue Me</p>  <p><b>KERRI LOUISE</b> Oprah, NBC's Last Comic Standing</p>	<p><b>July 25</b></p>  <p><b>JIMMY DUNN</b> CBS's Frasier, The McCarthys, Conan, Letterman</p>  <p>Special Guest Charlie Hall</p>
<p><b>August 22</b></p>  <p><b>ARTIE JANUARIO</b> Denis Leary's Comics Come Home</p>  <p><b>WILL NOONAN</b> MTV's Radicals, Fox, Hulu</p>	<p><b>September 26</b></p>  <p><b>STEVE BJORK</b> Tonight Show, Colbert, Letterman</p>  <p>Special Guest Jessica Casciano</p>
<p><b>October 24</b></p>  <p><b>STEVE SWEENEY</b> HBO, Letterman, Conan, Something About Mary, Me, Myself &amp; Irene</p>  <p>Special Guest Stacy Kendro</p>	<p><b>November 21</b></p>  <p><b>BILLY GARAN</b> Showtime, HBO</p>  <p><b>RAY HARRINGTON</b> Conan, ABC, TBS</p>

**TICKETS: [southcoastcomedy.com](http://southcoastcomedy.com)**

\$2 from every ticket sold goes to the Boys & Girls Club of Newport

\*All seats general admission. Must be at least 18 to attend. All comedians scheduled to appear.



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Featuring a fantastic lineup of comedians you won't want to miss, the **Newport Comedy Series** will have eight Saturday night PG-13 shows from now to November, where the Club will be the beneficiary. **For every ticket sold, \$2 will be donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County**, helping support our programs and the youth of Aquidneck Island. Come out for an incredible night of comedy (or two) and support a great cause. We hope to see you there!

**Purchase Tickets Here!**

**CAN'T MAKE TOMORROW'S MEETING? YOU CAN ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING ON JULY 7TH!**



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# PARENT COUNCIL



NEXT MEETING  
**JULY  
7TH**  
5:30 -7:30PM

## **TOGETHER, WE BUILD STRONGER FAMILIES & STRONGER FUTURES**

The Parent Council's mission is to empower parents and caregivers as active participants in shaping Club programming and supporting the success of Boys & Girls Clubs of America youth. We are committed to amplifying family voices, strengthening connections between families and staff, and building a supportive, inclusive network.

- ✓ Collaborate to identify family needs
- ✓ Develop solutions, meaningful programs and cultural events
- ✓ Enhance the well being of all BGC families and our community

### **For More Information**

Charlene Traynum, Family Engagement & Outreach

✉ [ctraynum@bgcnewport.org](mailto:ctraynum@bgcnewport.org)

☎ 401-847-6927 Ext. 156

📍 Meetings: CCRI Newport Campus  
Room 213



Support **fun, safe,** and **unforgettable** experiences at Camp Grosvenor for our members by donating this June!

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