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This Week at Giants Neck Beach

June 30, 2025

Upcoming Meetings/Events

There will be a meeting of the Court Committee on July 8, 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

There will be a meeting of the BOG on July 9 at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

There will be a special meeting of the Dock Committee on July 19 for the current dock slip users and those people on the waitlist to get a dock slip. We are also inviting any Giants Neck Beach Association member who wishes to come to the meeting to attend. [Notice Here](#).

Interested in learning how to play Mah Jong? Come for training at the clubhouse on Wednesday July 2 at 1:00. The session is limited to 12 people. Contact Joan Laurence or Ann Calanquin for more information.







Pizza Night – Friday, August 1st at 6:00 PM

The Rolling Tomato is back! Save the date for an evening of fresh, wood-fired pizza and good times.

Volunteers are needed to help clean up after each dinner. Please share this with anyone we may have missed.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

Thanks, Ernie Annibale, Richard Corona, Steve Spano & Mario Harris

News

New GNBA Zoning Regulations took effect on March 15. With the new regulations come new newly approved hours of operations for commercial contractors. [Click here](#) for info about this update.

LOOKING FOR TECHIES!!

Can you run a zoom meeting? Are you interested in helping your GNBA community members?

We're looking for a few people to join us in facilitating zoom sessions for BOG meetings and GNBA meetings. You won't need to commit to every meeting; with a few people in the group, we can share the responsibility.

Lisa Doggart has offered to participate. I will schedule the zoom meetings and communicate the information; we just need you to log on, initiate projection in the clubhouse, and start the meeting...sharing presentations when necessary.

If you're interested and think you can help, please reach out to me. Questions welcome before you commit!

Mary Ann Heenehan

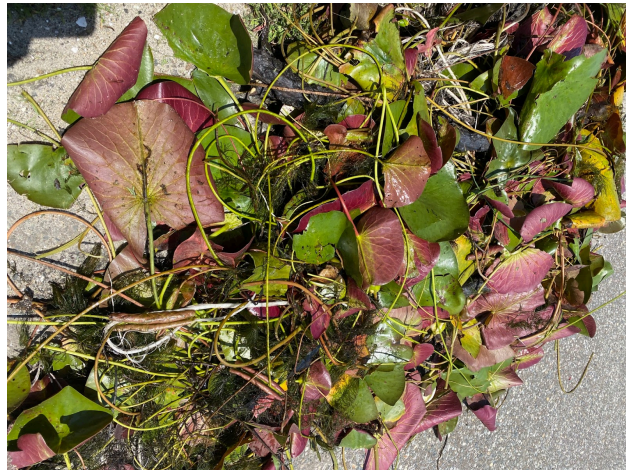
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Giants Neck Beach - A Natural Beauty

Like you all know, we have some great neighbors here at our beach. One is Angelo and here's a story of our thoughtful neighbor. Last year he proposed that the children in our community should be able to fish in a little bit of the pond near the spillway. He's been encouraging youth to fish for years, first showing his son about fishing and now his granddaughter—right there on the spillway at the causeway. It was a process to get this going and the more he talked to people, the more the idea caught on. The East Lyme Wetlands Commission heard about it and were very

supportive, as they had to grant permission and then issue a permit. But that's not the end of it. He got out there in the mid 90's heat last week with a small group of volunteers (Larry, Gerry and me) to clear the area. Here are a few pictures to show you what the process entailed. In the first picture, Angelo is holding the rake, which will cut off the stems down near the roots of the plant (using a wire that is tied into the tines) as it is being pulled in by the rope. This will make it so that when the children throw out their lines, the hook doesn't get all caught up in plant matter. (As we pulled up the plant matter we were finding a good amount of hooks and line in that area!)



Both Angelo and Larry were throwing out the rake and pulling in the heavy load of leaves. I floated along and pulled out anything that had not been cut by the rake's wire and would tow the rake out to 40 feet off the shore—much easier from a kayak than throwing it that far on the 90+ degree days (no doubt these two hard workers could have done it anyway)!





Gerry raked up the floating lily pads that were cut—He also emptied my bucket when it was full. Gerry also volunteered to come pick up the plant matter after we gave it a day to dry out so it would weigh less and cart it off to the transfer station. What a great team of volunteers to hang out with and for a great cause!

Our children's fishing area is now open for the season. In Connecticut, children under 16 years of age may fish legally without obtaining a fishing license. There is a YOUTH Fishing Passport that is free of charge and a great Fishing challenge children may participate in. See the links for details:

Fishing challenge score card:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/fishing/care/yfpscscorecardpdf.pdf?rev=25c75f58f8a44e299eb0010bbb2fe76b&hash=944564BA4C48BF5EB3BB9CB02BBFA47C>

Passport: <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales>

Saltwater Species

Blackfish (Tautog)	B
Black Sea Bass	E
Bluefish	L, E
Blue Claw Crab	B, L
Fluke	B, L
(Summer flounder)	E
Striped Bass	L, E
Scup (Porgy)	E
Smooth Dogfish	E
Sea Robin	E

Best to fish from:
 In-Shore: CT DEEP Enhanced Open:
 Nantux Beach, Eastern Longshore
 In-Bay
 In-Other Shores or Boat

Distribution:
 E = Most everywhere
 B = Specific habitats, improve chances
 L = Tidal areas like the Connecticut, Housatonic, and Thames

Catchability:
 1 = Easy most methods work
 2 = Challenging may take time
 3 = Difficult, need to specifically target

Check off species when you catch them!

Printable Guide

YOUTH Fishing Passport

My Youth Fishing Passport "Fishing Challenge" Score Card

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
FISHERIES DIVISION

Your "Fishing Challenge" is to try and catch one of each of these species within the calendar year. Some will be very easy and some may take some effort. To help you be successful, research each fish to find out what it likes to eat and where it likes to live links on our web page, <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/fishing/CT-Fishing>. The Connecticut **Fishing Guide** has a complete listing of places to go fishing. Good Luck!

Walleye	L, E	Brook Trout	L, E
Yellow Perch	L, E	Brown Trout	E
Channel Catfish	L, E	Rainbow Trout	E
Brown Bullhead	L, E	Tiger Trout	B
Bowfin	E	Atlantic Salmon	B
White Perch	E	Kokanee	L, E
Common Carp	L, E	Fatfish	B
White Sucker	L, E	Shad (American or Hickory)	E

MAKE YOUR CATCH COUNT!

Enter your catch using our mobile friendly online system

Name: _____

Conservation ID Number: _____

Need help or have questions? Contact us by phone 800-424-FISH or email deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov

I saw plenty of minnows from the kayak but can't wait to hear about the fish the children find on their hooks. Please let me know if you'd like to get involved in projects with your neighbors—we all have a great time. Get out and enjoy our beautiful natural Giants Neck Beach! Remember to be the kind of neighbor you'd like to have, and to be kind to nature and everyone you meet. We all can play a part in making this world a better place.

See you around the neighborhood!

~Lisa

Have a great week!

The GNBA

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