



Celebrating 50 Years

In tribute to our storied past, join us for special promotions and events planned throughout the year. From our community Touch-A-Boat event on Mass. Kids' Boating Day to our many fishing tournaments and charity events, there is something special for the entire family.

GET ONBOARD IN 2019

APRIL

Daffodil Festival | April 26-28

MAY

Nantucket Wine Festival | May 15-19

Figawi Race Weekend | May 25-27

JUNE

Spring Restaurant Week | June 3-9

Mass. Kids' Boating Day/Touch-A-Boat | June 8

Nantucket Book Festival | June 14-16

Father's Day Fishing Tournament | June 14-15

Nantucket Film Festival | June 19-24

JULY

Independence Day Main St. Activities | July 4

Independence Day Fireworks | July 5

Yoga Festival | July 12-14

Nantucket Comedy Festival | July 11-14

Nantucket Triathlon | July 20

AUGUST

Big Game Battle | August 8-11

Boston Pops & Fireworks | August 10

Nantucket Race Week | August 10-18

Opera House Cup | August 18

SEPTEMBER

Slip 14 BlueFin Tuna Blast | September 7-8

Cystic Fibrosis Nantucket Slam | September 8-10

Fall Restaurant Week | September 30-October 6

OCTOBER

Family Scalloping | October 1-31

Cranberry Festival | October 12

Nantucket Half Marathon | October 13

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Turkey Plunge | November 22

DECEMBER

Stroll Weekend | December 6-8

FROM WHALING CAPITAL TO WORLD CLASS DESTINATION

Over the last 50 years, the Nantucket Boat Basin has become the gateway to Nantucket for visitors from around the world. As we look to the future, we reflect on the past.

Nantucket's coming of age as the world's whaling capital and the Nantucket Boat Basin's history are forever entwined. Transforming through the centuries, the marina has survived the Great Fire and the Perfect Storm. Today, it is the premiere luxury destination for New England area sailors and yacht captains from around the world.



1723

1723-1762

Straight Wharf and South Wharf are built.



1850

Obed Swain, a retired whaling captain renames Commercial Wharf, *Swain's Wharf*.



1971

Walter Beinecke, Jr. creates the Nantucket Historical Trust.

1985

First Winthrop Corp. purchases the harborfront property.

1819

The infamous whaling ship, the Essex, leaves Nantucket Harbor.



1831

Whaling era begins declining; oil is discovered on land.

Early to mid-1900's

Nantucket transforms from a whaling economy to a tourism economy.



1965

Walter Beinecke, Jr. leads the waterfront redevelopment.

1846

The Great Fire burns the downtown area including the waterfront.



1968

1967-1969

Renovations begin with plans for boat slips and finger piers, along with Harbor Square, and its Tavern and Gazebo. In 1968, the new Boat Basin opens and is completed in 1969.



2019

1998-Present

Winthrop Corp. sells the Boat Basin and Wharves, Harbor House, and White Elephant to Jill and Stephen Karp. Under the ownership of the Karps, Nantucket Boat Basin achieves global status as one of the top marinas in the world.

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