

# 2015 Summer Evening Presentations

Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center

Wednesdays from 7–8pm



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## **July 8                      A Passion for Birds**

Created and performed by Henry Lappen, "A Passion for Birds" is a comic, interactive and educational show. Using realistic, handmade masks we'll explore how different birds have evolved different shapes and behaviors to adapt to their environment. Participants get a chance to try on the masks and soar as Eagles, swim as Puffins, and stalk as Herons. Sponsored in part by the Sandwich Cultural Council.

## **July 15                      Your Money at Work**

You buy a recreational saltwater permit, but do you know where those \$10 go? Learn about the Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund and where those \$10 go year after year. You'll find some of the ongoing research fascinating! Presented by Elaine Brewer, Information and Education Coordinator for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

## **July 22                      Invasive Species and How They Affect All of Us**

Is it native, non-native, or invasive? Does it matter? Discover defining characteristics of invasive species, and just how enormous their environmental, financial and aesthetic impacts can be. Walk away with resources for further information and how you can help. The presentation will include some hands-on specimens. Presented by Cape Cod Canal Natural Resource Specialist John Pribilla.

## **July 29                      A Journey Back in Time**

Birthdays are a great time to look back at those baby photos. Join Park Ranger Samantha Gray as the Cape Cod Canal turns 101. We'll take a photographic journey back in time to see what the Canal looked like in its infancy; including a rare and recently digitized canal construction photo collection from 1911.

## **August 5                      Coastal Corners of Cape Cod**

Discover and learn about the plants and animals that all play important ecological roles in the dynamic world of the sea. We will explore our coastal environment and its diversity and learn about the corners of Cape Cod's beaches, marshes, and dunes. Presented by Gil Newton, Director of Sandwich STEM academy and author of several books about the sea. Book signing will follow program.

## **August 12                      Love & Life on the Edge**

You're not the only one who uses the Cape Cod Canal Bridges! Join us for a talk about the Peregrine Falcons who call the Cape Cod Canal Bridges home. Learn about their natural history and the Love Triangle happening just beneath your feet. Presented by Mike Brokenshire and Park Ranger Elisa Carey.

## **August 19                      Are you Prepared for the Next New England Hurricane?**

Join Bob Thompson, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the southern New England National Weather Service Forecast Office in Taunton, MA for a look at how historical hurricanes have impacted our area and what it takes to get a hurricane to strike New England. He will also discuss new products from the National Weather Service when a hurricane threatens.

## **August 26                      Getting Ready for the Fall Striped Bass Migration**

Ever wonder why 'that guy' is catching all the fish? The 'science or is it the art' behind catching striped bass is discussed by a local fisherman. Jerry Gonsiewski has been chasing striped bass from shore for more than 40 years. His presentation will include Q & A, gear display, and hands on demo to help you become 'that guy/gal'.

Admission: Free, no registration required.

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Location: Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center 60 Ed Moffitt Drive in Sandwich, MA. 508-833-9678.

