

Mystic Seaport - Eastbay Rendezvous – June 2/3, 2017
Hosted by Mystic Seaport, Sponsored by Gowrie Group

Dear Fellow-Eastbay Owner,

We are looking forward to hosting a very special Eastbay Rendezvous on June 2/3, 2017. We hope you'll join us!

[Mystic Seaport](#) is the nation's leading maritime museum with a 17-acre historic waterfront and an unrivaled collection of American maritime fine art, artifacts, and watercraft. The Museum's collection includes more than 500 vessels from small craft to four National Historic Landmark vessels, including America's oldest commercial vessel and sole remaining wooden whaleship, the *Charles W. Morgan*, launched in 1841.

With support from [Gowrie Group](#), a premier corporate partner of Mystic Seaport and the corporate sponsor for the Eastbay Rendezvous, participants in the Eastbay Rendezvous will receive admission to the Museum and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Museum's Collections Research Center where you will be able to explore some of the world's finest collections of scrimshaw, nautical photography, maritime fine art and artifacts. In addition, attendees will enjoy a private cocktail party and an afterhours exhibit viewing on Friday evening, along with a complimentary breakfast on Saturday, followed by a boat parade.



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Background and FAQs. Boaters who have spent a night at Mystic Seaport’s docks know that the evening and morning hours at the Museum are magical. In the words of one: “To wake up at Mystic Seaport among the historic vessels and seaport village is to imagine yourself as the boy or girl you would have been 150 years ago.” With this in mind, we have launched a Mystic Seaport Affinity Program (MAP) and the Eastbay Rendezvous is part of this program.

Who will participate in the Rendezvous? The Eastbay Rendezvous is open to all Eastbay owners. While we expect that most attendees will come by water, we will also welcome Eastbay owners coming by car as general admission visitors to Mystic Seaport.

What is the cost to participate? Eastbay owners coming by boat for Friday-only pay a \$75 registration fee. Eastbay boat owners staying overnight will register for dockage at our membership rate of \$3.25 a foot per night. These fees will cover the cost of general admission for those aboard, including the lunch, behind-the-scenes tours, cocktail party, and complimentary breakfast. Eastbay owners coming by land/car should register by emailing John Urban at john.urban@mysticseaport.org and purchase General Admission tickets at the gate.

When will the Rendezvous take place? Participating boaters should make their reservations through the dock office – mentioning the Eastbay Rendezvous. The program aspects of the Rendezvous will commence at 11:45 AM on Friday June 2, 2017. Attendees arriving early in the day are free to experience the Museum throughout the day. Boaters should time their arrival with the Mystic River Highway Bridge (please consult the dock office). The formal program is as follows:

Friday, June 2, 2017:

11:45 AM:	Welcome/Greeting
12 Noon:	Lunch
1:15 PM:	Behind the Scenes Tours Begin
	➤ Art and artifacts
	➤ Watercraft Hall tour
4:00 PM:	Tour of two in-water vessels/Option of free time
6-7:30 PM:	Cocktail Party / Private Exhibition Tour

Saturday, June 3, 2017:

8:30 AM:	Complimentary breakfast - sponsored by Essex Yacht Sales
9:00AM:	Discussion with Nicholas Bell, Senior Curator
10:00 AM:	Boat Parade

How do I register? To make your reservation, please contact Greg Zabel at the dock office at 860.572.5391 or docks@mysticseaport.org or to make the reservation go online via Dockwa at www.dockwa.com/explore/destination/mystic-seaport-marina. For those wanting to dine on land, the Museum’s Latitude 41 restaurant will be happy to make a reservation for you, please call 860.572.5303. If you have any questions, or to register for arrival by car, please email John Urban at john.urban@mysticseaport.org.