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Connecticut Sea Grant Celebrates 30th Anniversary

On-the-water workshops are just one of the ways Connecticut Sea Grant is celebrating!



Talks by Sea Grant-funded researchers helped attendees connect with the ecosystems, working waters and watershed of Connecticut coasts.



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One group of attendees sailed the Connecticut River aboard the Onrust, a replica of the ship Adriaen Block sailed into the Sound in 1614.



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Connecticut Sea Grant celebrated its 30th anniversary by setting sail with community members and declaring their love...for a healthy and thriving Connecticut coast!

During four on-the-water workshops, Connecticut Sea Grant used Long Island Sound and its watershed as a classroom and Sea Grant-funded partners and researchers as teachers. Workshop attendees learned about how Sea Grant research and extension promotes the health of the coast's ecosystems and economies. Just as importantly, participants built a connection with the history and environment of their local coasts.

Even the vessels provided a look at Connecticut's history and future. The first workshop took place on the Connecticut River aboard the Onrust, a replica of the ship Adriaen Block sailed into the Sound in 1614. The second took place in the Thimble Islands in Branford aboard the Volsunga IV, and the third took passengers into the eastern Sound aboard the Enviro-Lab III, Project Oceanology's vessel. The on-the-water workshops wrapped up with a final trip to Norwalk harbor aboard the Spirit of the Sound, a hybrid electric vessel.

View the photo galleries from the [first](#), [second](#), [third](#), and [fourth](#) workshops.

Image description: Two images, both provided by Judy Benson, Connecticut Sea Grant. Left: workshop participants learn about the Connecticut coast. Right: Workshop participants sailing aboard the Onrust.

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