AHOY EVERYONE and All ABOARD! READ IT ALL PLEASE

Dewey **Your Cruise Director** here - Our Sunset Cruise is three days away – this Wednesday, August 13. Here is all of the information that you will need to know. However, if there are any questions you still have, please shoot me an email or give me a call. DeweyLoselle@gmail.com or 203-275-5822.

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL TIMES. You should arrive at 5:30 for boarding. The boat will leave at 6:00 pm. No need to get there way early as we cannot start boarding till 5:30.

This is going to be a very fun event as it has been the last three years. Below are a number of useful factoids, requirements, and requests. If you are bringing a guest please share this email with them. **Guys - Let your wives read it as well!** It's stuff they want to know about (trust me on this).

WEATHER FORECAST - At the moment everything looks great but honestly it is too early to really know. In the past, at this same time of the year, it has usually been in the 75-80 degree range with a nice breeze. I will be keeping a close eye on the weather as we move forward and will keep you advised.

NO REFUNDS - This is a **NO REFUND trip** unless the weather is bad and the ship cannot sail, in which case we will try and reschedule or give you a refund. Bottom line: we have paid for everyone in advance.

WHAT TO WEAR ? - The Dress Code will be ultra-casual and fun. Wear what you want. **The only important thing is to wear good rubber soled non-slippery shoes** (no high heels). Shorts for men/women are fine if you want. Hawaiian shirts and crazy shirts welcomed. Anything "Nautical" is great. A **hat** and **sunglasses** are recommended. You might also bring along a light wind breaker or sweater as there is always the possibility it could be a little cool on the water at that time (I've never found it to be true)

WHAT TO BRING - You really need nothing other than yourself. This is a 5 star luxury cruise (well sort of - 5 Star fun, anyway). No chair is needed as there is on board bench seating. If you have a wheelchair and need some assistance let me know in advance. We can accommodate most every situation.

CELL PHONE CONTACT INFORMATION IS NEEDED - Please let me know your best, current number. I need cell phone numbers in order to contact you in case something changes with the cruise, or you are not there at sailing time, and I need to reach you.

THE BOAT <u>LEAVES AT 6:00 SHARP</u>. ARRIVE BY 5:30 - This is pretty self-explanatory. We can hold the boat for a few minutes, but not very long. You will need to leave plenty of time to get there, park and board. It is also around "rush hour" in Stamford and on I-95 so give yourself sufficient time. Give Dewey a call at 203 275-5822 if you have a problem on your way there.

WHO'S ON BOARD - At the moment we are still adding members. We are almost sold out. I will send out the final manifest of passengers as we get closer. I know almost everyone, but not quite, and it is a good group. We even have some repeat sailors! We will have name tags for everyone to make it easy on us all. By the end of the cruise everyone will know everyone. I apologize in advance if we make any mistakes. You can write out a new name tag if you wish.

Carpooling Anyone? - If anyone needs a ride to Stamford or would prefer not to drive, let me know and we can see what we can arrange.

Food and Beverages - As stated in our advertising we will have beer and water on board. If you have a particular soft drink that you prefer, please bring it. If you are particular about your wine, feel free to bring your favorite.

We will have "lite bite" finger food type appetizers (but not dinner). You are also welcome to bring your own food/drink or food to share if you like. No "Hard" liquor allowed. Most everyone was quite happy with the drink/food selection on the last cruise. No drinking glasses made out of "glass" please. We will have plastic glasses and plates for everyone.

Additional Information (FAQ's) - I direct you to the SoundWaters website. Here is a link to their Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) https://soundwaters.org/public-sails-faq/#toggle-id-25 which may answer some questions you may be wondering about. Some information applies to public sailings but because we are chartering the whole boat, some answers are a bit different, but most apply.

Directions - The address for the Schooner Soundwaters is **200 Southfield Avenue**, (not Street) Stamford, Conn. The schooner is located within **Boccuzzi Park** which is where you enter. The address for the park is also 200 Southfield Ave. It is a left off of Southfield Avenue into the park. There is a sign for the park. If you pass the children's playground you have gone too far. Enter into the park and follow the driveway down toward the water and to the left as far as you can go.

Your GPS may tell you to get off of I-95 at either Exit 6 or Exit 7, either will work. You do want to make sure that you **Do Not Enter "SoundWaters**" into your GPS as they have an administrative building in a different location from the boat.

Parking - There is plenty of easy parking. Once you enter **Boccuzzi Park** you drive straight a very short distance. Just follow the road as far as you can go. Go to the far left in the parking lot and you will see the arch-like entrance. It is a short walk from the parking area to the dock/boat entry. The SoundWaters crew will meet us and provide parking stickers for our cars and provide help with supplies or anyone who needs assistance.

Try and Time Your Arrival for 5:30 pm. Make sure to leave enough time to get there. Try to be there at 5:30. As you know at that time of day I-95 can be very busy so leave enough time.

Bathroom facilities - There is only a small, utilitarian bathroom on the boat which is a little difficult to access down a ladder. It is advised to the extent possible to "**go before you go."** There is a nice restroom in the new SoundWaters/Harbor building as you enter the grounds. Making a stop there is always a good idea and then drive on down to the boat area.

Captain of the Boat - The Captain of the SoundWaters is "Mike or VG" for this Cruise. He will make all the decisions with regard to our sailing itinerary. We are guaranteed to be back promptly at **8:00 pm**

Weather Forecast - . I will keep a close eye on the forecasts as we get closer to the date. The final go/no go decision **is made on the day of the sail** by the SoundWaters Captain. Last year, on one cruise, weather looked kind of bad everyday until the day of the cruise, when it turned beautiful. You never know so don't get too worried. I will update you as we get close and be in contact the day of. I have a direct link to the Captain. SoundWaters makes every effort to sail and on "iffy" days may not make a decision until the afternoon of the sail.

Gratuity - Bring some cash. It is always nice to leave the Captain and the crew a tip at the end of the cruise. The crew is all made up of college girls who have this as a summer job and live on the boat. I recommend leaving $5.00 per passenger, but feel free to leave more.

Questions - If you have any questions, please give me a call at 203- 454-4171(H) or 203-275-5822 (C) and I will try and answer.

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