

# FoW and City Move on Installation of Newport Harbor Walk Signs

The Newport City Council has approved placing signs, designed and donated by Friends of the Waterfront, along the waterfront to identify public access points in support of a Harbor Walk. Since late last year, the FoW has assisted Scott Wheeler and his crew in making Newport's Harbor Walk a reality.

At present, Harbor Walk signs are placed along Washington and Thames Sts., in public park areas (King Park, Perrotti Park), and in some public/private shared places (Newport Yacht Club, Wellington Condo easement area and the Coddington Wharf area). Scott's crew will be installing signs, within the next few weeks, at the intersections of streets and wharves with America's Cup and with Thames St.

The City of Newport and the FoW are asking private owners who have public access points to approve the location of signs on, or near, their property in a community spirit of cooperation.

Agreement reached with IYRS and the Newport Harbor Corp. will place signs along Scott's Wharf and Commercial Wharf. Bill Casey of Casey's Marina has agreed to add signs around his harbor walk, and Waites Wharf has approved placement of signs around their harbor walk.

Bart Dunbar of Bowen's Wharf agreed to sign placement as well. Negotiations are also underway in other areas such as Christie's Landing, Brown and Howard's Wharf and Lee's Wharf.

At the same time, the Coastal Resources Center of URI is assisting with research to provide documentation for CRMC rights of way and the eventual production of a Harbor Walk



brochure for a self guided tour.

FoW mission supports the idea that public access makes very good business sense bringing people to respective places of business while, at the same time, cooperating with and supporting the public's right of access to the water. By the end of this year, most of the Harbor Walk signs will be in place.

Please contact Dave Wixted, Friends of the Waterfront representative at [newportwix@yahoo.com](mailto:newportwix@yahoo.com) or 846-2246 or at or Scott Wheeler at 845-5802 or at [swheeler@cityofnewport.com](mailto:swheeler@cityofnewport.com) if you have questions.

***Thank you for your support,***

***Dave Wixted and Scott Wheeler***

## 25th Anniversary A Hit for FoW!

What a twenty-fifth celebration year for Friends of the Waterfront (FoW)! All those years of eternal vigilance and speaking out to protect public access have culminated in Harbor Walk and Mary Ferrazzoli Park at the corner of Washington St. and Long Wharf.

All along the Newport waterfront, from Van Zandt Pier to King Park, Harbor Walk signs are going up on fences, poles, corners of buildings. With Dave Wixted and Jim Perrier, Scott Wheeler and his wonderful staff are overseeing the placement of the signs and securing permission from private wharf owners like Paul O'Reilly, David Ray, Bart Dunbar et al. In April, a walkaround with Paul O'Reilly through the Scott's/Commercial Wharf area was enthusiastically received.

Featured in a Providence Journal article about the renovation of the Armory as a Welcome Center for boaters, the picture of the Harbor Walk sign at that site gave all members a moment of great pride. Friends of the Waterfront, we have succeeded!

On April 23, Jim Perrier, acting President presented a check for \$5,000 to the City Council to honor its commitment for the park. Another check, with a \$1250 grant from the Merritt Neighborhood Fund and additional FoW funds, purchased two benches for the site. An historic marker  
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