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Sail the Sound for Deafness
Mill Neck's 3rd Benefit Regatta Launching Soon!

It's time to set sail again for a worthy cause! On Thursday, August 7, 2014, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations is hosting the third annual "Sail the Sound for Deafness" Regatta. The late afternoon/evening event, taking place in Oyster Bay, will benefit the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which serves people who are Deaf and/or have other special communication needs, locally, nationally and around the world. Included among Mill Neck's programs are Deaf education, early childhood education for children with speech and language delays, services for Deaf adults, audiology and sign language interpreter services.

Co-hosting the event again are Oakcliff Sailing Center, The WaterFront Center and Oyster Bay Marine Center, among various other Oyster Bay organizations. As they've done for the last two years, Oakcliff Sailing is making its fleet available for the race into Oyster Bay and into the Sound, while The WaterFront Center will be providing the Christeen, North America's oldest oyster sloop, for spectators. Sailors are welcome to participate in the race with their own yachts as well.

Since the Regatta's inception, four of Oakcliff's classics are designated to race for particular Mill Neck causes, specifically for Deaf education; for preschoolers with special needs at the Early Childhood Center (ECC); for services for Deaf adults and for hearing health awareness. In the previous two regattas, a genial spirit of competition developed among the Mill Neck organizations as they worked on ways to raise money for their boats.

Following the evening race, festivities continue at the gala cocktail party taking place at the Mill Neck Manor House. This magnificent Tudor Revival mansion, overlooking the bay atop the 86-acre former estate of the Dodge family, is truly a Gold Coast treasure and a perfect site for an after-party of classic sailing yachtsmen and women, and landlubbers, too.

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There are many ways to participate. Detailed information regarding schedules, sponsorships, registration and fees, including special Early Bird discounts if you register by July 24, can be found at millneck.org/sail-the-sound-for-deafness/. You may also call 516-628-4243 as well. Find out today how you can get “on board!”

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to serving individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing and/or have other special needs through educational, vocational and spiritual programs and services. For more information about any of its programs, please call 516-922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>. ‘Like’ Mill Neck on Facebook at www.facebook.com/millneck

Photo caption: At last year’s Regatta, Mill Neck Manor’s Deaf Education Center (DEC) generated the most money for Banzai, the classic yacht designated to race for their cause. A few days after the event, children from the DEC were delighted to stop at the Oyster Bay Marine Center to visit “their” boat.



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