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## **Mill Neck Students Visit The WaterFront Center Launching Summer School Nautical Themes**

Recently, Mill Neck Manor's summer school students took a field trip to The WaterFront Center in Oyster Bay for the Seashells to Sea Creatures program. The elementary students participated in the first of several nautical themes being incorporated in summer lesson plans this year as the Mill Neck Family of Organizations gets ready to launch the "Sail the Sound for Deafness" Sailing Regatta on August 9, 2012.

The charitable event, co-hosted by Oakcliff Sailing, The WaterFront Center, Oyster Bay Marine Center, the North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association, Sweet Tomato, Sagamore Yacht Club, Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club and various other organizations will benefit the Mill Neck Family of Organizations. This group of organizations serves people who are Deaf and/or have other special communication needs, locally, nationally and around the world. Programs include Deaf education, early childhood education for children with speech and language delays, services for Deaf adults, audiology and sign language interpreter services.

Oakcliff Sailing is making their fleet available for a fun and elegant race around Oyster Bay and onto the Sound. Four of the classic yachts will be racing for specific areas served by the Mill Neck Family of Organizations. Banzai will race for Deaf education, Nautilus is set to race for preschoolers with special needs, Storm is racing for services for Deaf adults, while Clio will race for hearing health awareness. Sailors are welcome to participate with their own yachts as well and spectators are invited to watch from The WaterFront Center's showpiece Christeen, the oldest oyster sloop in North America.

Following the regatta, a gala cocktail party will be held at the Mill Neck Manor House. A stately Tudor Revival mansion, the Manor is the perfect site for an after-party of classic sailing yachtsmen and women. For more information about the event, please call (516) 628-4243 or visit [www.millneck.org/regatta](http://www.millneck.org/regatta).

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](http://www.facebook.com/millneck)

*Photo Captions:*

1. Water safety: Mill Neck students Heaven-Leigh Murphy (left) and Sarah To get set for a walk by the water.
2. Before their beach exploration, students get an introduction from their teacher Lisa Bonacia.
3. These students gathered round for a nautical tale and a closer look at some shells.
4. Judith Alvarado shows off her shell finds.

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