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## **Come Sail Away for a Great Cause at Mill Neck Family's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta**

It's almost time again to set sail for a great cause! The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is launching its 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Sail the Sound for Deafness" Classics Regatta on Thursday, August 6. The late afternoon/evening event, taking place in Oyster Bay and Mill Neck, will benefit the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which serves people who are Deaf and/or have other special communications needs. The organization administers its programs 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.

We're pleased to announce that once again, our co-hosts for the Regatta include Oakcliff Sailing Center, The WaterFront Center and Oyster Bay Marine Center. As before, Oakcliff is providing its fleet for the race into Oyster Bay and Long Island Sound. Sailors are welcome to participate with their own vessels too. Spectators can watch the race aboard the Christeen, North America's oldest oyster sloop, courtesy of The WaterFront Center. Additional Oyster Bay-area establishments support the event as well. This year we're thrilled to welcome aboard Long Island Pulse magazine as our media partner.

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Since the Regatta's inception, four of Oakcliff's classics are designated to race for a particular Mill Neck cause, specifically, for Deaf education; for preschoolers with special needs; for services for Deaf adults and for hearing health awareness. In our previous Regattas, a genial spirit of competition develops among the Mill Neck organizations as they work on ways to raise money for "their" boats.

Following the race, the festivities continue at a gala cocktail party at Mill Neck Manor. This magnificent 1923 Tudor Revival mansion, overlooking Long Island Sound atop an 86-acre estate, is truly a Gold Coast treasure. Sailors and landlubbers alike will gather for this elegant after-party amid a perfect, classic setting.

Sail the Sound for Deafness has steadily grown since its inaugural launch. With the increasing popularity of the event, we encourage signing up early. There are many ways to participate; detailed information, including registration, fees, sponsorships, donating to a favorite Mill Neck cause and schedules, can be found at [millneck.org](http://millneck.org) under the Community Events tab. You may also call 516-628-4243. Find out today how you can sail away and support a worthy cause!

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The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually-designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. In addition to Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, founded in 1947 by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations also includes the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center, Mill Neck Services, Mill Neck Audiology, Mill Neck Interpreter Service and Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry. For more information about our programs and services, please call 516-922-4100 or visit [millneck.org](http://millneck.org).

*Mill Neck Family's 4<sup>th</sup> annual  
"Sail the Sound for Deafness"  
Regatta takes place in and around  
Oyster Bay on August 6.  
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