



Authors, photographers and editors who contributed to the *Connecticut's Sandy Shores* guide recently published by Connecticut Sea Grant and the Connecticut College Arboretum take a celebratory walk along the wrack line at Waterford Town Beach in October. Judy Benson / Connecticut Sea Grant

What's in our names?

What are wrack lines? The word wrack is a term for various kinds of seaweed, and wrack lines are the collections of organic matter (sea grass, shells, feathers, seaweed and other debris) that are deposited on shore by high tides. More generally, wrack lines are where the sea meets the land.

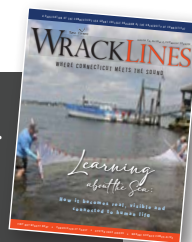
With our magazine *Wrack Lines*, we tell stories about the intersection of the land, sea and Connecticut Sea Grant. So what is Connecticut Sea Grant? One of 34 Sea Grant programs across the country, it helps residents make the most of our coastal resources and inland waterways.

It addresses the challenges that come with living by the water or within the Long Island Sound watershed, in a state with 332 miles of shoreline and three major tidal rivers. This NOAA-state partnership based at UConn's Avery Point campus works with aquaculture farmers, fishermen and seafood purveyors to help their businesses prosper.

It funds research essential to understanding and managing our changing coastal and inland environments. It provides communities and local leaders with the information they need to make better land and shoreline decisions that result in more resilient communities and healthier watersheds. It educates students as well as teachers and adults of all ages about the marine environment.

Connected to experts and residents who live, work and recreate in the Sound and its watershed, it brings diverse interests together around a common purpose of working for mutually beneficial solutions to problems.

Small in staff but big in impact, Connecticut Sea Grant is like a pilot boat that navigates the way for large vessels toward safe harbors. Since 1988, Connecticut Sea Grant has supported "Science Serving the Connecticut Coast."



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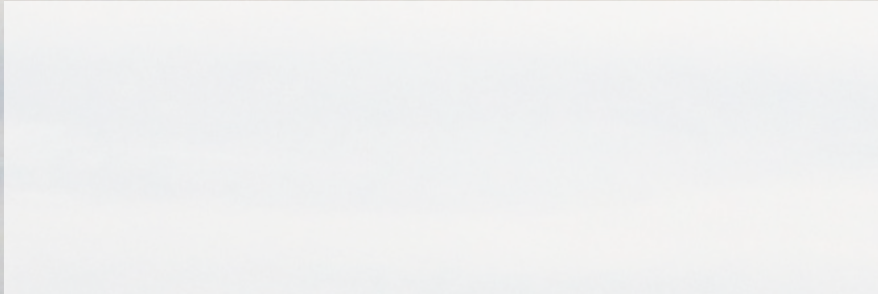
Don Bell, who leads tours for Copsps Island Oysters in Norwalk, shows a horseshoe crab to teachers at the Long Island Sound Mentor Teacher Workshop in July. Judy Benson / Connecticut Sea Grant



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Students and volunteers in the "Messing About in Boats" event on Sept. 15 row off the shores of UConn Avery Point in the afternoon, in calmer waters than in the morning. Judy Benson / Connecticut Sea Grant



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