



## Revamped Clean Marina Program offers streamlined process



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Clean Marina

Rhode Island's Clean Marina Program, adopted by the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) in 2007, has been revamped and streamlined through a public-private partnership.

*"The program was very popular when first introduced, and we're pleased from a regulatory perspective to be able to now provide an even more useful version. The CRMC will remain in its regulatory role and conduct final inspections, but through RIMTA we hope this program will be even more successful." - Dan Goulet, CRMC marine infrastructure coordinator*

This effort was one between the CRMC, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (RIMTA), Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM), industry representatives, the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center (CRC), and Rhode Island Sea Grant. The voluntary program, adopted by the CRMC in February 2007, was designed to protect the state's coastal waters and benefit the marina industry. The CRMC developed the program with the cooperation of DEM, RIMTA, and Save The Bay.

**Since its inception, five marinas have undertaken the program and designation:**

- - **Allen Harbor Marina**
- - **Point Judith Marina**
- - **Ram Point Marina**
- - **Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.**
- - **New England Boatworks**

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## Upcoming webinar: Environmental Justice Along the Coast

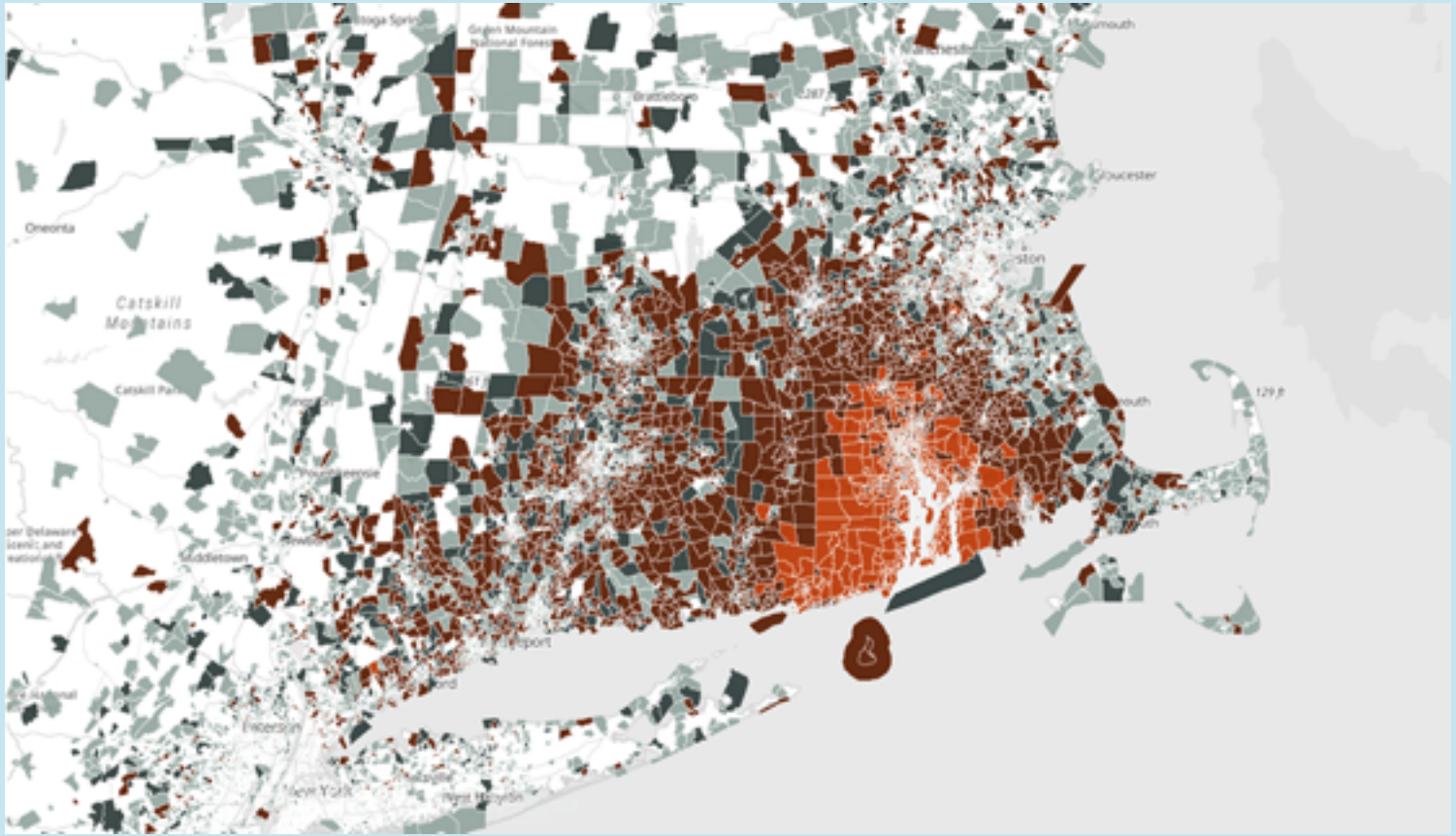
Join R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and Rhode Island Sea Grant for a series of free webinars this summer on issues related to shoreline public access in Rhode Island. The second webinar will feature research on shoreline access equity issues in Rhode Island.

**What:** Shoreline Access for All: Environmental Justice Along the Coast

**When:** Wednesday, June 30, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Online

This webinar highlights environmental justice issues pertaining to shoreline public access in Rhode Island. Kate Mulvaney, social scientist for the Environmental Protection Agency, will discuss findings from a study looking at whether there are disparities in ability to access the shore based on race, income, and geographic location across the state. Julia Twichell, watershed and GIS specialist for the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, will present research that used cell phone data to determine the state's most highly used coastal public access points. Leah Feldman, CRMC policy analyst, will explore the impacts of participation in a place-based educational sailing program in Newport, RI, as well as outline CRMC's work to improve equity in coastal access. A question & answer session with the speakers will follow the presentations.



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