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Celia Thaxter's Island Garden Tour Information

Required Release Forms:

- Participants must complete the following release forms on Page 3 and Page 4 of this packet before the tour. Forms will be collected during orientation prior to boarding the vessel. ***A limited number of blank forms will be available the day of the tour, but orientation is brief, so please make every effort to have the forms completed and available for collection before you arrive.***

Timing, Location, and Parking:

- Participants should arrive no later than **8:30 a.m.** on the morning of the tour date.
- Tour orientation begins at 8:45 a.m. The vessel leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m. Sorry, we cannot wait for late arrivals.
- All tours depart from the UNH Judd Gregg Marine Research Complex located at **29 Wentworth Road, New Castle, New Hampshire.**
 - Detailed directions to the Complex can be found here:
<http://marine.unh.edu/directions-0>
 - Follow signs for the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Fort Constitution. The complex will be on your right, before the Coast Guard gates.
 - Please note, the town of New Castle enforces a 25 mph speed limit.
- Parking at the Complex is free but very limited. Participants are strongly encouraged to carpool, if possible.
- The vessel will return to the Complex in New Castle before or around 4:00 p.m.

Vessel Information:

- The *R/V Gulf Challenger* is a UNH Research Vessel. Limited seating is available aboard the vessel. Passengers must be able to stand for the duration of the trip (~45 minutes) out to Appledore Island.
- Do not board the *R/V Gulf Challenger* or other vessels at the dock unless a crew member is present and has granted you permission to board.

General Information & What to Bring:

- A buffet lunch will be provided by the Shoals Marine Laboratory (SML) during the tour. Vegetarian options are available. Please inform our office staff of any other dietary restrictions or food allergies before your tour date.
- Participants should bring bottled water and a light snack (granola bar, etc.). You will be able to refill your water bottle on the island. Remember to stay hydrated!
- Visitors should dress for varying weather conditions. Bring a warm outer layer and, if desired, a light rain jacket. Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat (wide brim or baseball cap) are recommended.

- A small backpack or day bag is sufficient for personal items. No large bags or coolers.
- Please wear close-toed shoes suitable for walking around the island (sneakers, light hiking boots). Appledore Island has a beautiful but very rugged landscape. All paths around the island are uneven, slightly steep in parts, and rocky. There are no paved roads or walkways. Guests are welcome to bring a walking stick.
- Participants must remain together as a group and with tour leaders at all times.
- Please be sure to bring any necessary medications (including EpiPen, if applicable) that may be required for allergic reactions (i.e. bee stings, contact w/poison ivy, etc.).

Alcohol/Drug Policy: No alcoholic beverages are to be brought aboard vessels by passengers. Any alcoholic beverages found by the crew after departure will be confiscated and not returned. No consumption of alcoholic beverages will be allowed at dock areas in New Castle or on Appledore Island. We reserve the right to deny passage to any person or group who appears to be intoxicated at the time of departure. Should a trip be denied or terminated due to intoxicated persons, trip payments will NOT be refunded to such participants. SML adheres to a “Zero Tolerance” policy in the use and/or possession of illegal drugs aboard our vessels and UNH vessels on dock premises and on Appledore Island.

Weather Advisory & Cancellation Policy: Garden Tours are weather-dependent! SML may cancel tours, at any time, due to sea conditions if deemed to be potentially unsafe or uncomfortable for passengers, or if deemed passage would create unreasonable “wear & tear” on the vessel. This decision may be made a day or more before the scheduled tour (you will be emailed) or by the captain at the time of the departure. If SML cancels the tour, you will: a) have the opportunity to receive a full refund, or b) have the opportunity to reschedule your tour (within this summer’s season) based on availability. If no tickets are available on your “second choice” date, you will receive a full refund for any prepaid portions of your fee. Should participants cancel their own reservation, refunds will be as follows for cancellation received:

- At least 30 days before departure = 100% refund
- 29-15 days before departure = 50% refund
- Less than 15 days before departure = 0% refund

To discuss any potential cancellations, please contact shoals.lab@unh.edu or call 603-862-5346.

In case of emergency: On the day of the tour, the emergency contact number for Shoals Marine Laboratory’s Appledore Island Office is 603-724-3404.

Places to Stay/Tourism Information: Lodging and other visitor information can be found by visiting any of the following websites:

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/>
<http://www.visitnh.gov/>
<http://www.portsmouthnh.com/>
<http://www.visitmaine.com/>

If you require additional information, please contact shoals.lab@unh.edu or call 603-862-5346. We look forward to your visit to Celia Thaxter’s Island Garden!



**Release and hold harmless form for Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island, Maine
(For participants 18 years of age or older)**

Please complete and bring this form with you to the vessel on the day of your tour – thank you!

I Hereby Acknowledge and Agree that my participation in, and my time at Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island have inherent risks. I understand that the risk of traveling to and from the island via water vessel is present. I understand that the island surface is composed mainly of rock of which there may be no set path for walking, and which can be slippery. In addition, I agree that the island, by its nature, is surrounded by water, and as such the chance of injury associated with immersion in water or the hazards of the shoreline are present.

Release/Indemnification - In consideration of my participation in, and my time at Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island, I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Cornell University and The University of New Hampshire, their Trustees, officers, agents, and employees (collectively Shoals Marine Lab) from any cause of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever, which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may now have, or have in the future against Shoals Marine Lab on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to my participation in Shoals Marine Laboratory programs, and my time at Appledore Island, whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, howsoever the injury or damage is caused, other than those injuries resulting from the sole negligence of Shoals Marine Laboratory.

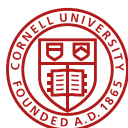
I certify that I am in good health and that I have no physical limitations that would preclude my safe participation.

I further certify that I am therefore of lawful age (18 years or older) and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement. I understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and I certify that I am carefully signing this agreement, after having carefully read same, of my own free will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is duly executed, _____.
(date)

Participant signature (date)

Print participant name, and email



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Multimedia agreement and release form for Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island, Maine

This form is optional but recommended. It allows us to use photos of the tour for marketing purposes. Please complete and bring this form with you to the vessel on the day of your tour – thank you!

1. I, _____ have been informed and subsequently understand that the Shoals Marine Laboratory (hereinafter referred to as SML), which is a joint partnership between Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire, continuously updates its multimedia products, including, but not limited to: web content, broadcast television, educational productions, and printed promotional materials in which my name, likeness, image, and /or voice may be included.
2. I hereby grant SML and its employees and agents, the right to make, use and publish in whole, or in part, any recorded footage in which my name, likeness, image and /or voice may be included (hereinafter "Recordings") whether recorded on or transferred to videotape, film, slides, photographs, audio tape, digital format, print media or other media now known or hereafter developed. This includes, without limitation, the right to edit, mix, duplicate, use or reuse Recordings as desired without restriction as to changes or alterations.
3. I also grant SML the right to distribute, display, broadcast, exhibit, and market any of said recordings, either alone or as part of its finished productions; for commercial or non-commercial purposes as SML or its employees and agents may determine. This includes the right to use said recordings for promotion or publicizing any of these uses.
4. I hereby waive any and all rights that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or printed matter that may be used in connection therewith.
5. I expressly release SML, and all persons acting under its permission or authority, from any claim or liability arising out of or in any way connected with the above uses and representations including any and all claims for defamation or copyright infringement.
6. I understand that I will not be named in the credits of the work, but may be named elsewhere in the work if interviewed directly.
7. I am over the age of eighteen, and have read the above release, and fully understand its contents. (Parent/Guardian Signature required if participant/student is under 18 years of age.)

Participant signature (date)

Print participant name, and email

Parent/Guardian signature (required if participant is a minor/under 18) (date)

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