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Celia Thaxter Garden Tour Information

Waiver:

- Participants must complete the following waiver on page three prior to boarding the vessel. Waivers will be collected during Orientation. **A limited number of waivers will be available the day of the tour, but the time for orientation is limited so please make every effort to have the waiver completed and available for collection prior to then.**

Tour Day Information

- Participants should arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. 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, 29 Wentworth Road, New Castle, NH.
 - **Directions:** Wentworth Road/Rte. 1B, New Castle, NH 03854. From Sagamore Road, Rye, take 1B (North/East) towards New Castle center. Travel approximately one mile. Turn right at the US Coast Guard sign. Detailed directions can be found [here](#).
- Parking at the pier is free but very limited. Participants are strongly encouraged to car pool.
- A fully-catered lunch buffet will be provided by the Shoals Marine Laboratory (SML) Vegetarian options available. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:00 a.m. (to accommodate SML student schedules). Visitors are asked to bring bottled water and snacks (free refills of water and other cold beverages available on island.) Small backpacks only, large coolers are not allowed.

Vessel Information:

- The R/V Gulf Challenger is a UNH Research Vessel. Limited seating is available. Passengers must be able to stand for the duration of the trip (30-45 minutes).
- 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:

- Visitors should dress for varying weather conditions. Sunscreen and bug spray are recommended.
- Appledore Island has a beautiful but extremely rugged landscape. All paths around the island are uneven, slightly steep in parts, and rocky. There are no paved roads or walkways. Comfortable footwear is strongly recommended (sneakers or hiking boots). Guests are welcomed to bring a walking stick.
- Tour participants must remain together as a group and with tour leaders at all times.

- Guests are asked to contribute to the island's trash management and recycling efforts by carrying out any personal trash.
- 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.

Cancellation Policy: 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 by the captain at the time of the departure. If for any reason, 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 the 2016 season) based on seat availability. If no seating is available on your "second choice" date, you will receive a full refund for any prepaid portions of your fee. Should participants cancel their reservation, refunds follow the below schedule:

Cancellation received:

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

Please email or call to discuss any potential cancellations at shoals.lab@unh.edu or 603-862-5346.

In case of emergency: Contact the Shoals Marine Laboratory Appledore Island Office at 603-964-9011.

Places to stay/visitor 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. The Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island is dedicated to undergraduate education and research in marine science. It is operated jointly by the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University.



Release and hold harmless form for Shoals Marine Laboratory garden and walking tours on Appledore Island, Maine

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. (Guardians must sign for participants less than 18 years of age.) 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, this ___ day of _____, 2016.

Participant signature

(date)

Print participant name, and email



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