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***Contemporary Coastal Issues: FREE SAILS* for community decision-makers**

PORTSMOUTH, NH: The nonprofit Gundalow Company recently announced an exciting line-up of programs on local environmental issues, offered on every Wednesday evening sail through September. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at [www.gundalow.org](http://www.gundalow.org)

Members of local town councils, boards, water associations and municipal committees are urged to contact the gundalow office at 603.433.9505 to reserve free passage on one of these sails, thanks to funding from the New Hampshire Coastal Program. Spaces are strictly limited on each date; please call at least one week before your choice of sailing date to reserve a spot. Additional tickets are available through the gundalow website: [www.gundalow.org](http://www.gundalow.org)

On the July 10 sail, Heather Ballestero, PhD, will discuss the fate of oil after it's spilled in marine environments and will also address the human dimensions of oil spills. On July 17, UNH Zoology Professor Ray Grizzle joins Ray Konisky, marine conservation ecologist for The Nature Conservancy, with an update on local oyster restoration and other efforts to protect the estuary. Rachel Rouillard, Director of the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, sails on July 24 with an update on the health of our estuaries and practical solutions for a clean water future, and on July 31 Geno Marconi, Director of the New Hampshire Port Authority, will provide an insider's view of the working waterfront

In addition to the Wednesday evening programs, live music is offered onboard every Thursday evening sail, with Antique Brass July 11, Barbara Benn and Jeff Warner July 18 and London Julie on July 25. Music sails are \$40 per person and reservations are highly recommended. All evening sails in July are 6-8 PM; view the complete season schedule at [www.gundalow.org](http://www.gundalow.org)

Reservations are also being accepted for public sails, youth group trips, school sails and private charters through October. Register online, by phone (603.433.9505) or in person at 60 Marcy Street in Portsmouth.