Mission Statement

- To protect public access to the water

- To preserve historical uses, rights of way, and waterfront views;

- To help foster the development of Newport, RI's shoreline and harbor front areas in ways that maximize public access
FOW FACT SHEET ~ 34 YEARS

- All volunteer staff
- Membership dues remained $5 since 1982
- Volunteer hours estimated in excess of $1,000,000
- 32nd year waterfront inspection cruises
- Over $100,000 raised for Newport public access issues
- Research documents identified 23 Newport ROWS* to CRMC* that are now registered
- Influenced City to re-open the abandoned Cliff Walk Commission
- Provided 2 historical informational kiosks at waterfront parks
- 25 years of King Park Earth Day clean ups by FOW volunteers
- Worked with City to establish park for FOW founder Mary Ferrazzoli
- Designed & provided signage to City to mark public access ways along the Newport waterfront
- Assisted with funding of maps & surveys of Newport ROWs through URI Sea Grant

- Free guided Harbor Walk tours along the Newport Waterfront
- Negotiated public access of some private properties for Harbor Walk
- Provided 6 waterfront benches & bike rack to 2 mini parks on Harbor Walk
- Negotiated mistake by CRMC – No rebuilding of shed in ROW at Waites Wharf allowed
- Assisted RI Attorney General to set a legal precedent for RI public access at Scotts Wharf
- 18 ROWs adopted with CRMC MOU by the City, FOW & Clean Ocean Access (COA)
- Established collaboration with URI Master Gardeners for waterfront dinghy planters
- 5 dinghy planters featured as Newport waterfront beautification project
- 2 planters restored Monarch butterfly habitats lost to shoreline development

*ROWS-right-of-ways

*CRMC- Coastal Resources Management Council
First URI Master Gardener Open House ~ Harbor Walk Featured
REPURPOSED DINGHY PROJECT
Newport Maritime Center

Monarch Butterfly Native Habitat
Free Harbor Walk Tours

2016 Harbor Walk Tour
Join Friends of the Waterfront (FOW) for a free walking tour of the public access points All along Newport Harbor
Sunday, June 26th at 1:00 pm
Meet at Mary Ferrazzoli Park
(Corner of Washington Street and Long Wharf) Parking available at the Visitor Center

The walking tour (approximately 1.5 miles away) will head south to King Park, stopping at access points along the way.
FOW board member and Point resident Casey Farley will conduct the tour
Refreshments served at King Park

To download the Newport Harbor Walk Map

2016 Scheduled Walking Tours
July 17 & August 21
FOW is a grassroots, all volunteer non profit organization
Founded in 1982 to guarantee public access to the Newport shore
Annual $5 FOW membership forms available.
www.newportwaterfront.org
Harbor Walk Repurposed Dinghy Project

What’s a volunteer hour worth?

- 16 weekly volunteers (May-October)
- 2500 annual volunteer hours x’s $23.56 = $58,900.00
- 3 Grants $2850
- Material donations from community in excess of $7500
- Membership donations towards project $1000

Total $70,250 donated to community waterfront beautification
THANK YOU
2016-2017
Repurposed Dinghy Planter Contributions

Organizations
Aquidneck Land Trust Merritt Neighborhood Fund, Brewer Street Boat Works, City of Newport, Flo’s Clam Shack, Preservation Society of Newport County, Newport Rotary Club, URI MG Grant

Members

URI Master Gardeners
Casey Farley, Cheryl Russo-Hahn, Cheryl McCarron, Ron Oliver, Brian Pagliaroni, Charlene Sullivan, Phil Sardella, Carole Steinbrenner, Johanna Vietry, Bob Walker

Volunteers
Mary Conner, Carol Craft, Winkle Kelley, Lynn Merlino, Maggie Ramey, Linda Schilder
The Waterfront has always unified Newport-Friends of the Waterfront working to keep it that way!