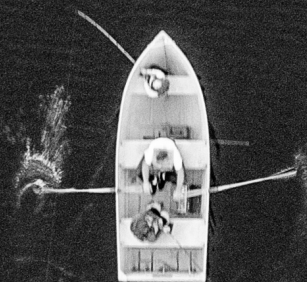


Fall 2018



The **Cachaletter**

News, Information, and Memories by and for the Members of the Camp Cachalot Alumni Association



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On the cover: A rowboat on Five Mile Pond as seen from the air.

The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association

The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association was founded in 2004 with the express purpose of supporting Camp Cachalot and being a social organization for the extended family of the Camp. Anyone who has ever had any involvement with Camp Cachalot, the former Moby Dick Council, or any of the predecessor camps or Councils is eligible for membership. It is a not-for-profit organization operated under the auspices of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Our membership year runs from July 1st through June 30th, and all membership fees contribute directly to our endowment fund, the proceeds of which go directly towards the support of Camp Cachalot.

More information about the Alumni Association, including membership forms, back issues of *The Cachaletter*, Camp history, and online discussion forums, can be found online at our web site:

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The State of Cachalot

Brian Bastarache, Association Chairman

The close of 2018 marks the end of the first year without Cachalot summer camp since the years immediately following the great fire of 1964. The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association has responded in a number of ways. One response has been an effort to improve the measuring and recording of factors that illustrate the value of Cachalot as a Scouting program facility. The results of these efforts are reported on pages 4 and 5. This is the first State of Cachalot report produced by the Association, and is the first of its kind of which the Association is aware. Reports in future years will include graphs in order to facilitate comparisons and identify trends.

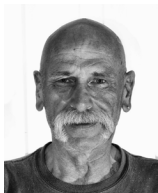
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There are three goals to this effort. The first is to create an objective set of measures by which Cachalot, and its program value, may be evaluated. Such data has not been collected in the past or has not been shared. The second is to use the results of each State of Cachalot report to illuminate Cachalot's shortcomings in order for more effective use of precious resources to improve camp. Finally, this report will provide us with measured positive points that we can all use to promote and (if/when needed) defend Cachalot.

This report could not be completed without the data that has been collected all year with the help of Cachalot's Campmaster Corps. Complete data sets are invaluable. This is yet another reason why weekend unit rosters and accurate event attendance are critical. Guessing is never acceptable. Dishonest measurements will cast doubt on the entire process, and Cachalot as well. Not to mention, a Scout is honest. We are all Scouts. We are Cachalot. 🐾



Rick Quintin (left) and Vic Sylvia (right), show the plaque presented to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School as the school was inducted on to the Camp Cachalot Wall of Fame at Homecoming 2018. Rick represented the school at the induction, Vic was the presenter. More Homecoming coverage on page 7.



Winter Gathering 2019

Bill Begin, Association Secretary

The Alumni Winter Gathering, February 16th, 2019, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging has been set. Once again we will be featuring a pot luck lunch. This has been a resounding success, with a wide variety of food and desserts for your enjoyment. In addition to the Alumni members who always bring something, I am always looking for anyone who may wish to bring a dish as well. It doesn't have to be a large amount as there are usually plenty of choices. For the previous contributors, you will be hearing from me to confirm if you are bringing something again. If you would like to bring something, please get in touch with me so I can coordinate the menu.

If you have never attended a Winter Gathering, I encourage you to do so. Meet old friends and make new ones. Find out what your Alumni and your contributions have done, and what is in store for future projects. Even with the suspension of summer camp, we are striving to improve the camp so the Scouts that do take advantage of our camp can enjoy updated facilities and equipment. Learn more about your Alumni events held at camp, such as the Homecoming and the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend family camp-outs, which are free for Alumni members. Recent improvements provided by your Alumni contributions include new refrigerators for Cabins 1 and 2, painting of the interior of the cabins, and replacing the oars and hardware for the row boats.

Alumni merchandise will be on hand for sale, as well as other items including photo prints and camp memorabilia. In addition we will be having our very successful 50/50 raffle, with the proceeds to go into the Association's Endowment Fund to help improve the camp.

I will also have some door prizes this year as well as the usual additional prizes you can win by purchasing the 50/50 raffle tickets. So please, come out to the Winter Gathering. It's free. Who knows, you may leave with any number of prizes! Get some insight on the direction your Alumni Association is heading. Most definitely you will leave with a full stomach and some very nice memories.

If you are interested in making a food contribution, please contact me using any of the addresses in the info panel.

Hope to see you on February 16th! 🐸

2019 Winter Gathering

February 16th, 2019
11:00AM - 3:00PM

Fairhaven Council on Aging
229 Huttleston Avenue
Fairhaven, MA

Free and open to Association
members and interested
members of the public

• Pot Luck Lunch

• Alumni merchandise

• 50/50 Raffle with bonus
prizes

• Door prizes

• A fun afternoon with your
fellow Cachalot Alumni

Contributing a pot luck
dish? Please contact event
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2019 Cachalot Alumni Events

February 16th, 2019
11:00AM - 3:00PM

Winter Gathering 2019
Fairhaven Council on Aging
229 Huttleston Avenue
Fairhaven, MA

May 24th through 27th, 2019
**Memorial Day
Family Camping Weekend**
Cachalot Scout Reservation
Plymouth, MA

July 13th, 2019 (Tentative)
11:00AM - 3:00PM
Homecoming 2019
Cachalot Scout Reservation
Plymouth, MA

August 30th through September 2nd, 2018
**Labor Day
Family Camping Weekend**
Cachalot Scout Reservation
Plymouth, MA

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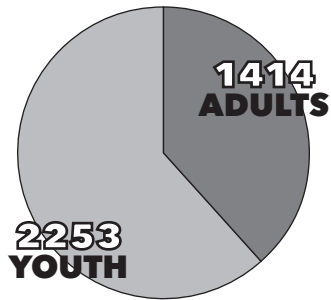
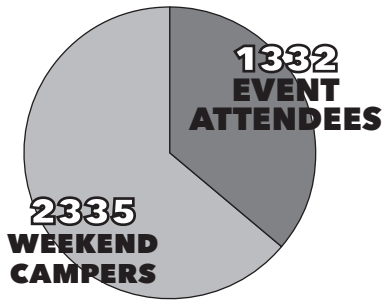
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CACHALOT IN 2018



90
UNITS

36
PEOPLE

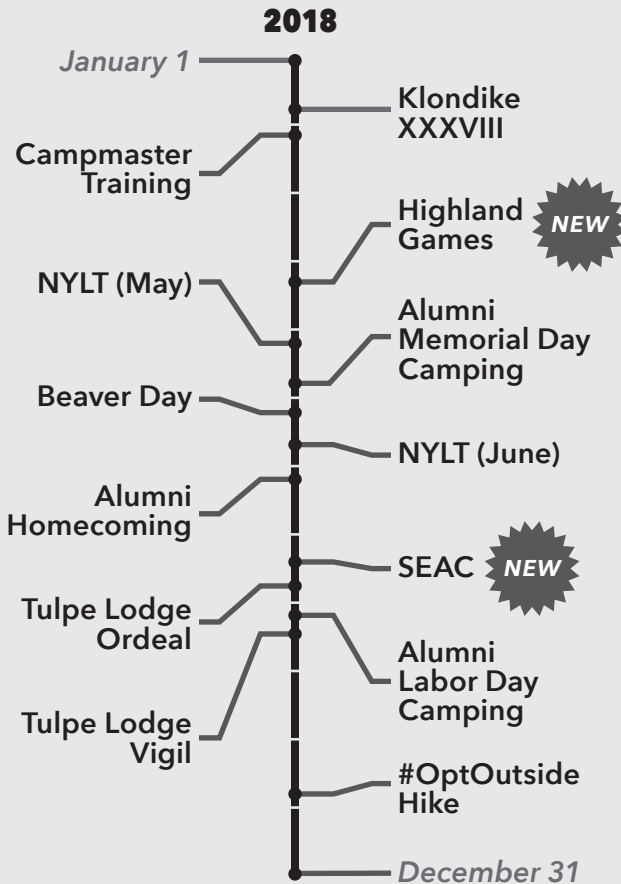


ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
513	187	218	525	359	218

FACILITIES RENTED

TENT SITE 108	12 DIFFERENT WERE USED
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19
CABIN 1

15
CABIN 2

9
21 CLUB

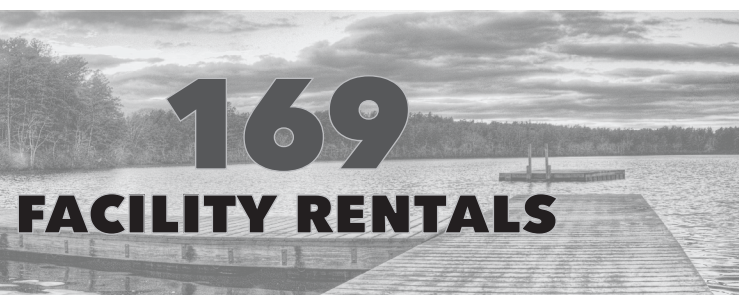
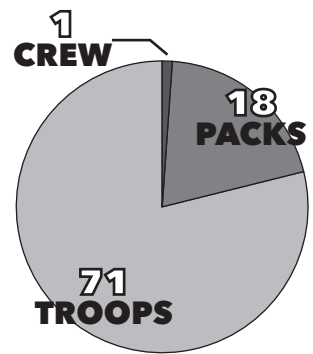
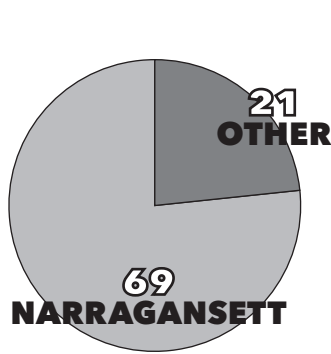


This data was collected in collaboration with the Cachalot Campmaster Corps—many thanks go to Tom Bednarz and his dedicated cadre of Campmas opted to be conservative and use the minimum number of attendees for missing units and exclude weekends for which we have no data.) Cachalot w understanding about usage fees for events and which events are assessed such fees. It does not include other income such as trading post sales. Whi

: BY THE NUMBERS

67
PEOPLE

\$15k
INCOME



JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
416	59	402	378	194	415

DIFFERENT TENT SITES USED BY UNITS IN 2018	CABIN	ALL 3 CABINS ARE RENTED 1 WEEKEND OUT OF 5	OTHER
	44		17



17
SCOUTERS
CORNER

15
WHITE PINE
GROVE

7
CUB HILL/BLUE
HERON HOLLOW (TIE)



BIGGEST EVENTS (BY ATTENDANCE)

Klondike Derby - 428
SEAC - 211
Highland Games - 204
Tulpe Lodge Ordeal - 100
Alumni Labor Day Camping - 91

MOST ACTIVE UNITS (WEEKENDS OF CAMPING EXCLUDING EVENTS)

T74 Dartmouth - 6
T11 Acushnet - 5
T52 Fairhaven - 5
(1 IN 5 UNITS CAMPED AT CACHALOT 2 OR MORE TIMES)

BUSIEST MONTHS (WEEKEND CAMPING EXCLUDING EVENTS)

November - 400
April - 321
June - 309

eters for sending in weekend reports. These numbers reflect the entirety of 2018, with missing data for a handful of units and three weekends (we've as closed to rentals for 6 weekends in 2018. The rental income number should be considreed an estimate. It is based on facility rental fees and our le it is as accurate as we can make it based on the information we have available, it is likely to differ somewhat from the Council's actual accounting.

A Summer Event at Cachalot

First of What is Planned to be an Annual Event Brings Hundreds to Cachalot for Summer Fun

The third weekend of August brought a new event to Cachalot this year: the Summer Event at Cachalot (SEAC). Chaired by Luke Farrell and staffed by many volunteers, alumni members, and recent (and less-recent) members of Cachalot summer camp staffs, this event was aimed at making sure that Scouts in the area could still get a taste of summer camp at "the place we know so well", in a long-weekend format. Songs were sung, campfires blazed, all of the usual program areas were represented,

and the waterfront got a good workout with the temperatures at play.

Mother Nature tried to spoil the fun on Saturday night, blasting thunder and lighting down and shifting the Luau plans, but as always our Scouts were flexible, resilient, and resourceful and simply moved the whole affair into Prescott Hall for an energetic evening of song and dance. Even folks watching from afar via social media could see how much fun

everyone was having. As for the Luau events?

Well, that's what Sunday morning was for! Camper and Staff Iron Man competitions thrilled the crowds, and the Scouts again got to show off their flexibility at the Limbo Contest.

All in all, 211 people, 167 of them youth, got to enjoy a bit of summer at Cachalot. We're already looking forward to the next one! 🌊



SEAC Limbo Contest



Taking flight for the belly flop contest



SEAC Iron Man competitors headed for their boats



Belly flop!



SEAC Iron Man competitors hit the water

Alumni Events at Cachalot

Homecoming, the Wall of Fame Induction, and Labor Day Family Camping Mark the Second Half of 2018

The summer and fall of 2018 were busy ones for our Association. Our Homecoming in July not only welcomed Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School as our latest honoree on the Camp Cachalot Wall of Fame, but also celebrated the rededication of the Raymond F. Covill All-Faiths Memorial Chapel to mark its 50th birthday. Rev. Barbara Jean was on-hand to lead the rededication, and Mr. Covill's son, also Raymond Covill, was present to share his memories of his father

and the process that led to naming the chapel in his honor back in 1968.

Many members of the Association were also on-hand to help out with the first Summer Event at Cachalot in August, which was a rousing success and helped give Scouts a sampling of summer camp favorites.

Finally, beautiful weather greeted our Labor Day Family Camping weekend, where over

ninety alumni and their family members got to spend the weekend swimming, boating, hiking, and just enjoying Cachalot and each other's company.

We've selected a few photographs of these events to share here. If you've been able to attend one of our events, we've been happy to have you—and if you haven't made it out to one yet, we'd love to see you! Check out page 3 for a calendar of events for 2019! 🐸



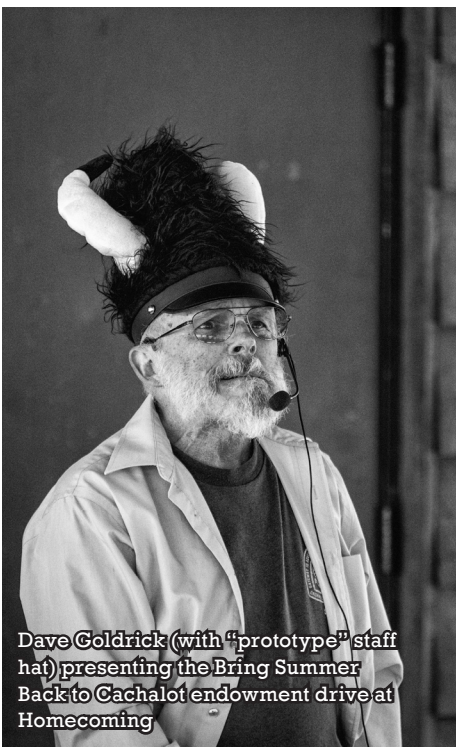
Alumni kid with baby hognose snake



Bigger Alumni kid with baby hognose



Ray Covill at the Chapel rededication



Dave Goldrick (with "prototype" staff hat) presenting the Bring Summer Back to Cachalot endowment drive at Homecoming



Alumni kayaking near the boathouse at our Labor Day Weekend family camping event

In Memoriam



Robert W. LeComte, Sr. passed away at his home on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Madeleine (Caron) LeComte.

Born and raised in Somerset, Mr. LeComte went on to serve his country with the United States Coast Guard in North Africa during World War II. Robert was the founder of Riverside Art in Somerset. Mr. LeComte was a founding member of the Noquochoke Lodge Order of the Arrow, and went on to serve in many roles in the OA through his Scouting career, including as the long-term Lodge Lay Adviser of Neemat Lodge 124, the successor to Noquochoke Lodge, where he was a mentor to many young men serving in Lodge leadership roles.

In the Fall of 2017, an extended pavilion attached to Noquochoke Lodge was construction and dedicated in his honor, with Mr. LeComte and his family in attendance.

Survivors are: four daughters, Louise Childs and her husband Michael of Somerset, Charlene Barrett and her husband John of Carolina Beach, NC, Janine Torres and her husband Paul of Nantucket, Anne Marie LeComte of Somerset; three sons, Peter W. LeComte and his wife Ann of Temecula, CA, Robert W. LeComte and his wife Marian of Somerset, Paul W. LeComte and his wife Susan of Somerset; ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren; a sister, Aline (LeComte) Potvin of Somerset; along with many nieces and nephews. Robert was the brother of the late Normand J. LeComte, Paul M. LeComte, and Louis G. LeComte.



George A. "Skip" Stike passed away at the age of 62 on August 6, 2018. Born in Newport, RI and raised in Tiverton, Mr. Stike was an Eagle Scout who got his start at Camp Noquochoke.

He went on to serve as the Lodge Chief of the nascent Neemat Lodge and as a local Scout leader.

He worked as a finish carpenter and master craftsman, working with the Preservation Society of Newport. An active member of the Alumni Association, he leveraged those skills with multiple projects at Cachalot, including the restoration of a Camp Noquochoke sign donated to the Association that now hangs in Noquochoke Lodge at camp.

He is survived by three sisters: Bethany Bland and her husband Thomas of San Antonio, TX, Sarita Pimentel and her husband Michael of Tiverton, and Janet Lane of Tiverton; his nephews: Benjamin Bland and his wife Ryoko, Trevor and George Bland, Michael Paul Pimentel and his wife Megan; as well as his great nephews: William and Ocean Bland.

If you learn of the passing of a member of Cachalot's extended family, please let us know via email at info@cachalotalumni.org

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