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What's Happening

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VIP Invited to Impossible Dream Catamaran Trip

Monday, July 6 VIPers will set sail in Menemsha on the fully accessible catamaran, as we have done for several years now. Diamond would recommend it. Greg drove it once, safely! Martha thinks it is a good idea. Celeste reports that Camp Jabberwocky goes and is very happy with how accessible it is. She said it is a good opportunity for lots of different people to be on the boat.

If you would like to go, please text JP at 508-560-8243 by June 30.



Justin, Mark and Celeste enjoy the ride in 2025.

Sail MV weekly adventures start July 2

Sailing will be on Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 through mid-August. Please let Beth (774-563-8391) or Allison (508-627-0143) know if you are interested. A transfer boat leaves from the parking lot next to the drawbridge in Vineyard Haven and takes everyone across the lagoon to the Sailing Camp dock in Oak Bluffs. It is a fun and scenic time!



Art Sessions at the Chilmark Art Kitchen
Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm

The Whale by Greg



Whale Watching-- Seventeen folks ventured to Provincetown for a whale watch on June 10. It was a glorious day, though breezy, as you can tell by our hair. It was a special treat to have Kendra and Mark join us there. They now live nearby in Truro.

Diamond noted that we saw lots of humpback whales. They are ID'ed by the markings on their tails. The whale named Sprinkles followed our boat.

Alexander was sprayed when a calf breached! We are all very grateful to Beth, who made the arrangements for the hotel, whale watch, delicious pizza and salad, and bagels for breakfast. Cheers to Judi who started the tradition years ago! The Harbor Hotel was a great spot to enjoy dinner together, play Bird Bingo and also Charades.





Disability issues

NPR had an article on June 20 about possible changes in community based care, which is funded by Medicaid: "Department of Justice memo stokes fear among disability advocates of a return to institutionalization." The change in federal guidelines could allow states to stop funding small, community-based housing.

The NY Times had a story on June 20 concerning the special education department moving to Health and Human Services. Critics fear a narrow focus on medical needs rather than development of the whole person through integrated classrooms, life-skills and community engagement. Both of these reports are about federal changes which will affect states differently.

Our state representative, Thomas Moakley, is interested in meeting with VIP in the Fall. Rep. Moakley serves on the committee on children, families and persons with disabilities. VIP has been in touch with Mr. Moakley. He has the VIP calendar hanging in his office and enjoys receiving "What's Happening"... Please be thinking about topics we might wish to discuss with him.



We were very lucky on the whale watch to get so many sightings!



Greg, Amanda, Ida, Judi and Aisha enjoy lunch in Harwich Port on the way to Provincetown.

Fun at the Oak Bluffs Harborfest

Oak Bluffs was bustling on Saturday, June 20. Celeste and her dad went on his black motorcycle. They walked around together. Amanda and Sally also enjoyed the fest. They saw the Shark interns, who help out at baseball games. Amanda's parents are hosting a pitcher and a catcher this year. It is their tenth year hosting! Amanda is often at the "Shark Tank" as the MVRHS field is known, cheering on the team. Amanda and Sally enjoyed lunch at Offshore. Meanwhile, Martha took the bus to OB and enjoyed window shopping at the many artists' booths. She had a hot dog at Nancy's. Marney was at the other side of the harbor, near Our Market, selling raffle tickets for the MV Camp Meeting Association.

Thanks to the Tisbury Printer --efficient, timely and friendly!



Archery

at Camp Jabberwocky,
200 Greenwood Avenue
Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm



Robb turns 62

A party was held on Friday, June 5 at the Chilmark Art Kitchen yard. Jerry from Seven Hills played his guitar and sang. Robb was very happy to hear "Yellow Submarine" and other sing-along songs. Chris Murphy brought his puppy, Polly, who is very friendly. Leslie came from Rhode Island. She's known Robb since he was very young at Camp Jabberwocky. We remembered celebrating with Jack from Camp, who shared Robb's birthday. Robb's Dad was very happy that we gathered and he sent birthday wishes.

Alexander, the helper

The Race for Jabberwocky is Saturday, August 15. Alexander has participated for the past two years. This summer, he initiated having a sponsor sheet, and is collecting donations. Alexander believes in Jabberwocky, and assists with thank you notes. He appreciates that VIP does archery, Virginia's Drama Club and sometimes art at Camp. Alexander also donates 5 % of his card sales to Mother's Against Drunk Drivers. Alexander focuses outside of himself, and looks for ways to help others.



Thanks to McCaul and Douglas

Their barbecues have become not to be missed gatherings. The weather was gorgeous, the grilled food stupendous and the many sides hit the spot.