



# The Sound School Aquaculture Center

Welcome  
to our Virtual  
**Open House**

*For our 25 Cooperating Districts*



Meet our Principal,  
Marc Potocsky

*“Sound School is the best school, ever!”*





Eric S. Yuhas  
Assistant Principal

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Timothy C. Visel

Aquaculture Coordinator

Environmental Fisheries Historian







WE ARE Connecticut's premier aquaculture/agriculture science and technology education center (ASTE), drawing outstanding public high school students from 25 diverse districts. With sweeping views of New Haven Harbor, The Sound School prepares students for college, careers, and life in a maritime-focused environment.

Located in historic Oyster Point, within the City Point section of New Haven, our students move along the five-building campus, and our agricultural students also work at the restored Pardee Greenhouse and classroom in picturesque East Rock Park.

Our aquaculture curriculum includes extensive exposure to on-the water related activities and coursework such as nautical drafting, marine research, underwater robotics, aquaculture production and vessel handling and safety at sea.





Our agriculture students study the more traditional vocational agriculture program which includes courses in plant science, animal science, agriculture mechanics, and veterinary science.

The Pardee Greenhouse in Hamden, is used for some classes by our Agriculture students although they are very much part of our 60 So. Water Street campus.



## Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



- holds monthly meetings on subjects of interest to parents and guardians and the community as a whole and sponsors a Holiday Fair in December and Waterfront Festival in June;
- delivers the announcements read to our students each morning via email blasts, and awards Capstone Scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Parents and guardians, please join us!

Get your Admissions information now on our school website

<http://sound.school/admissions/>

- Applications are online and available through your guidance counselor.



The Island Rover is a large floating classroom for seamanship, research, fishing and more.







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Some on-the-water activities





Sound School Open Water Rowing Team getting ready for the Snow Row in Hull, MA in the outer Boston Harbor.



Sound School seniors in Ocean Engineering II work on their ROV *Jaws* outside of their classroom at the water's edge.





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# Our Agriculture Program





# The Sound School Production Fish Lab



L -> R Coral, Koi, More Coral, Axolotl, 2<sup>nd</sup>, L-> R Baby Oysters with Stuart, Sea Horses and Barramundi



# Aquaculture: Fishing, rowing, tagging horseshoe crabs



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What a great day for after school fishing SAE.

Timeline Photos · May 25, 2017 ·







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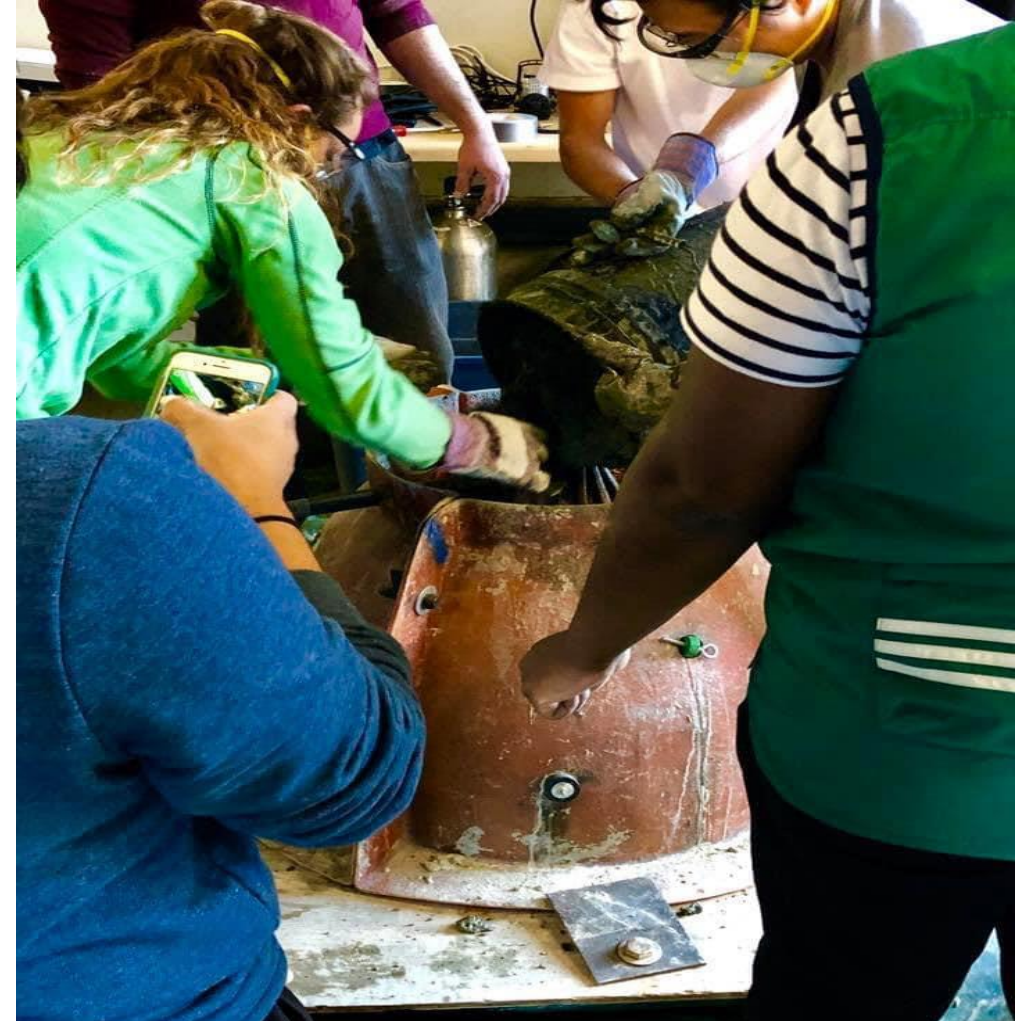
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It's Friday afternoon and students have left for the weekend except...the cement mixer is churning down at our dive shop. Yale students are visiting this afternoon and helping to make artificial reef balls with our students!!

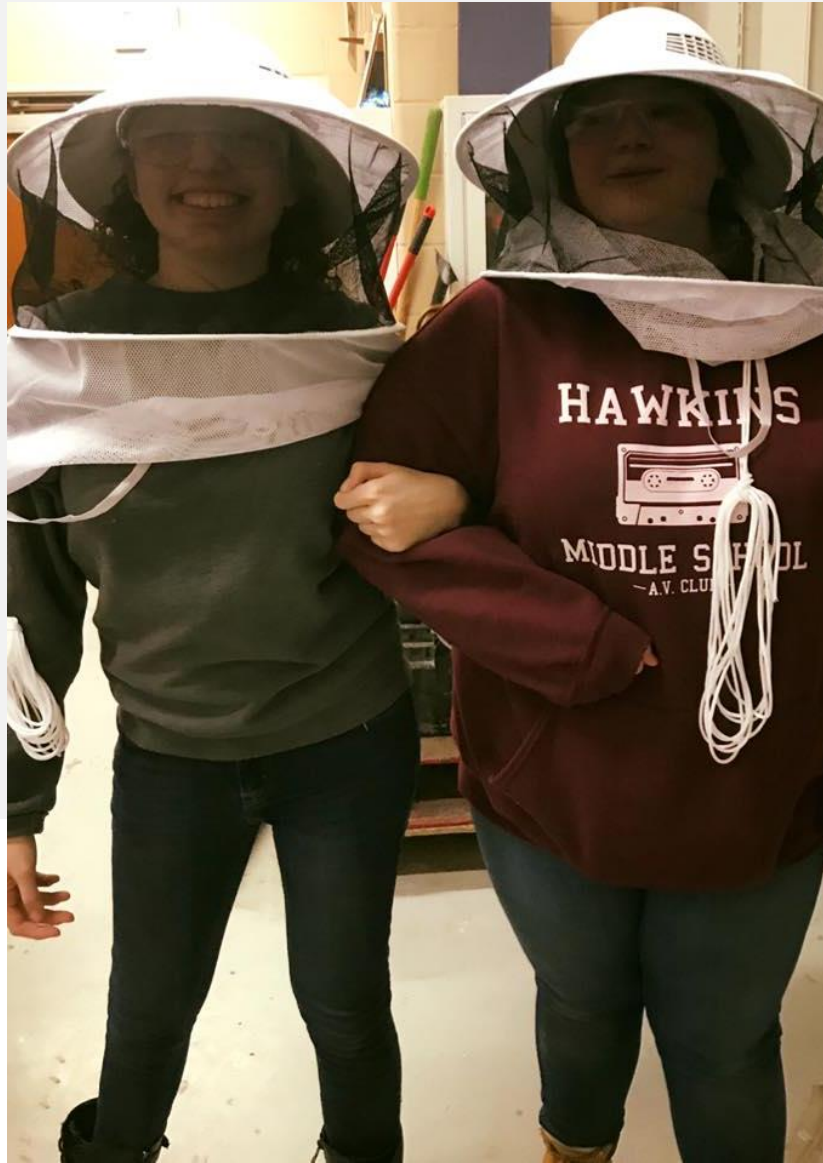


Some Sound School after school clubs and activities you may want to check out!



MAKING REEF BALLS





More after school  
SAE activities and  
clubs- you're sure  
to find something  
interesting!





Sound School SAGA students fundraising at Bingomania. Nice hat!



Students in the Underwater Environmental Science class analyze water samples taken from the Long Island Sound near the school's reef balls offshore.



Getting ready for chilly sailing fun after school.



**SAGA Students participate in various programs in the area.**

**After school fishing -->**







Students learn to navigate / map a course on the water  
Seamanship: “**seamanship**” means the knowledge involved in handling and storing ropes, tying knots and performing practical tasks such as mooring and anchoring. There is so much to learn in our programs! Ask your guidance counselor for an application and start the process now!

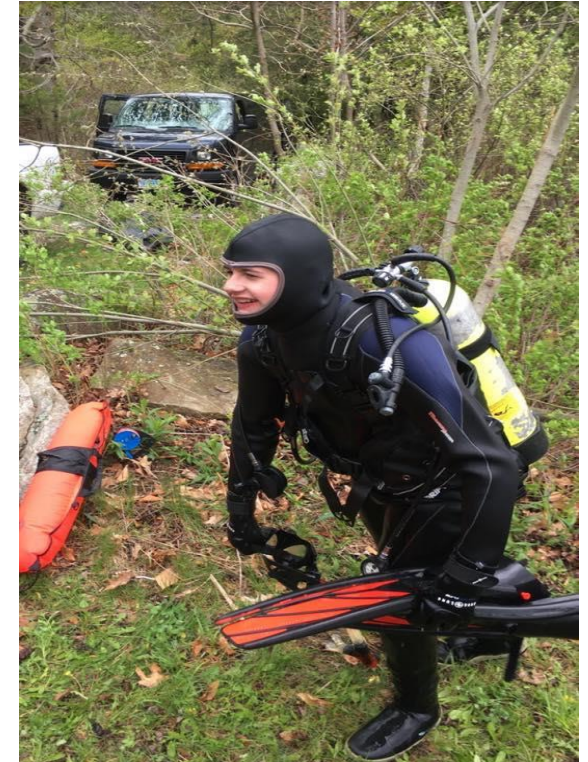


# Clubs and Activities, continued

Dave Low's Senior Ocean Engineering class



## Dive Club with Pete Solomon





The Sound School Kayak Fishing Team met in the early morning with the contestants. There was a lot of knowledge between them to relay to our students. When the tournament began, the adult anglers went far off while our students stayed in the harbor with George and Jack, aquaculture teachers, and Phil and Kim Patnaude were on shore to lend a hand.



After School Rowing Practice with Neil Geist, an Aquaculture teacher





## We are an FFA School!



Worn as part of FFA Official Dress, the blue corduroy jacket is a timeless tradition. When members put on their jackets for events, conventions and competitions, it becomes a physical symbol of all the best things about FFA – honor, confidence and belonging.

The FFA jacket is so much more than a uniform. For members across the country, it symbolizes their experience in FFA as a unique individual and also as a part of something larger than themselves. It brings with it a sense of pride and responsibility.







Nayelimar Fuentes created this artistic wall that will greet you as you pass by the Thomas building. This was her senior Capstone on *Plastics in the Ocean* and culminated with an on campus mural to raise awareness for students, staff and families.







Here are some SAE Supervised Agricultural Experiences offered during the school year after school. Students are expected to join after school activities.

Fall Program
Agriculture Science Fair
Eco Adventure/ Natural Resources
Recreational & Commercial Fishing
Small boat handling, rowing
Sailing and seamanship
Waterfront safety
Marine Resources & restoration
Sound School Debate Club
Dive Club
Bee Club
Post-secondary prep
FFA Leadership Group
FFA Officer Group
Programming/ Robotics
ROV/ Underwater Technology
Community Service Club
Kayak Fishing Team

Winter Program
Aquarium Maintenance
Kayak Fishing Team
Fly Tying
ASVAB Prep
Small boat handling, rowing, indoor rowing and conditioning
Sailing and seamanship
Vet Tech
Marine Resources & Restoration
Boat maintenance - Project planning and implementation
Sound School Debate Club
Dive Club
Admissions Support and Tuesday Tours
Bee Club
FFA Ag Science Fair
Post-secondary prep
FFA Leadership Group
FFA Officer Group
Programming/ Robotics
ROV/ Underwater Technology
Waterfront operations and maintenance
Community Service Club
Capstone - Shop 724
EcoAdventure

Spring Program
Agriculture Science Fair
EcoAdventure/Natural Resources
Recreational & Commercial Fishing
Small boat handling, rowing
Sailing and Seamanship
Waterfront Safety
Marine Resources & restoration
Dive Club
Bee club
Field studies abroad
Post-secondary prep
FFA Leadership Group
FFA Officer Group
Programming/ Robotics
ROV/ Underwater Technology
Community Service Club
Kayak Fishing Team





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Inherited Genetic traits...can you roll your tongue? Add a silver bead on your bracelet.



“Probably the coolest thing about Sea Scouts is being an Able,” Corolla said. “You have to earn a long cruise badge, and it’s two weeks of continuous water cruising. I took two weeks on the schooner Amistad. Amistad has such a special place in my heart. I was pretty much training as a deckhand.”

Corolla earned the rank of Able by completing a service project while applying to colleges and playing left winger in ice hockey and a catcher in softball.

“My schedule was a little hectic,” Corolla said, humbly, with her uniform covered in dozens of badges illustrating her success.

For her service project to earn the position of Quartermaster, Corolla wanted to combine her interests of Sea Scouts with her 13 years in softball. She grew up playing in the Annex YMCA Little League on Woodward Avenue. She turned to State Rep. Al Paolillo, a coach and board member in the league, for advice on how to give back to the community that she grew up in. Marchela Corolla attends Massachusetts Maritime Academy.



# Be a Part of Community Activities



**JOE CRISCUOLO**



**Tim Visel, our Aquaculture Coordinator with a touch tank, along with Giancarlo Lomanto.**



Community Service  
We have so many community service hours that you can participate in every season.

Thank you to the PAC, Betsy Driebeek, and others who shared photographs & resources for this PowerPoint presentation of The Sound School's Virtual Open House!

**Please contact your 8<sup>th</sup> grade guidance counselor and apply through your sending school.**



We proudly fly our flags.







**We would love to share this view with you as well as the limitless possibilities of learning - Go to <http://sound.school/admissions/> and fill out the ASTE application and see your guidance counselor!**



# Two videos from WTNH

See a Video about scuba diving

<https://www.wtnh.com/on-air/whats-right-with-schools-on-air/whats-right-with-schools-sound-school-scuba-diving/>

See a Video about what happens at  
The Sound School on the Island Rover

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHk8KJpV0wk>



## FACEBOOK Links:

1. Sound School NHPS

<https://www.facebook.com/SoundSchoolNHPS>

2. Sound School PAC

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSoundSchool>

3. Fish Production Lab

<https://www.facebook.com/SoundSchoolFishProductionLab>

4. Dive Club

<https://www.facebook.com/SoundSchoolDive>

5. Kayak Fishing

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Sound-School-Kayak-Fishing-Team-380103309283687>

6. Bermuda '19

<https://www.facebook.com/Sound-School-Bermuda-2019-2278928229102113>

7. Freshman Camping Trip

<https://www.facebook.com/soundschoolfreshmencampingtrip>

And, on Instagram @**thesoundschoolnhps**



## Some videos to watch...

### **Kim Patnaude's visit to her lab- a must see!**

On Friday we visited with Kim in The Sound School's Zebra Fish Biolab. Kim established this exclusive Lab last fall for her students and is excited to share it with you...so scrub up and enjoy....

<https://www.facebook.com/438253242876222/videos/919026921842994>

### **Alysa's Lab tour – you might get wet!** 🐾 🐟

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSoundSchool/videos/884936635327152>

Today we visited the Sound School Fish Lab and Lab Manager Alysa, who is also a former Sound School student! Alysa has been in the Fish Lab six days a week since the students left in March keeping all the critters alive and healthy.

Join us as Alysa takes us on a tour of our lab, introduces us to our residents and feeds a few as well. She touches upon the different capstone projects that our fish/fin seniors take on each year.

There is no AC in there, we turned off some of the loud fans but can not turn off the equipment keeping the tanks going...so you might have to turn up the volume...This is Sound School.



Learn more about the FFA on this site! Sound School is an FFA school.

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<https://www.facebook.com/SoundSchoolNHPS/videos/1293822130755192/?vh=e&extid=0>

## About The Sound School: A Public High School on the Water

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### **SAE Video of the Week: Turning Pallets Into Planters**

Sound School-New Haven FFA member Giancarlo Lomanto knows a thing or two about wooden pallets and agriculture, enough to turn his piqued interest during a summer job into a profitable supervised agricultural experience (SAE). [Watch how he did it](#) and [other SAE videos](#) now.



# Can you see yourself at The Sound School?

If the Sound School interests you, talk with your guidance counselor, then fill out an application as soon as possible. We have rolling admissions, but don't wait- we recommend submitting a completed application as soon as possible.

[http://sound.school/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ASTE-Common-Application\\_ENG.pdf](http://sound.school/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ASTE-Common-Application_ENG.pdf)

<http://sound.school/admissions/admissions/>

**The ASTE Application is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.**

