



# Quonset Points

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#### ***Quonset Mission***

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) is a real estate development and management company organized as a subsidiary of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

QDC develops and manages the Quonset Business Park in accordance with the QDC Master Plan and in the best interests of the citizens of Rhode Island to attract and retain successful businesses that provide high quality jobs.

### **Major Development Initiative to Enhance and Expand RI's Marine Trade Workforce**

#### **Mega Yacht Service Facility**

#### **Would Be Unique on the East Coast**

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#### **Hundreds of High Skill Jobs**

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) Board has given preliminary approval for development of a \$150 million large yacht construction/ repair facility at the Business Park. The project represents a major initiative on 43 acres in the Davisville Waterfront District that will expand Narragansett Bay's capabilities for hauling, refitting, and servicing large yachts and will enhance and expand Rhode Island's globally competitive marine industry.



The yacht service facility, as envisioned by development partner Island Global Yachting (IGY), would employ between 390 - 450 highly skilled workers and take advantage of the state's long tradition as a center of excellence for designing and building yachts.

The project/ partnership between QDC and IGY will be evaluating the opportunity to establish and further utilize the site for an educational facility and marine trades training program.

For more information [click here](#).

### **New Quonset Bike Path to be Shaped by Community Input**

The Quonset Community Advisory Committee (CAC) received significant public input on a proposed 2.4 mile bike path and will be providing its recommendations on the project to QDC within a couple of weeks.

The proposed community shared use bike path, designed by Pare Corporation and funded largely by the R.I. Department of Transportation will run along the boundary of property owned by the QDC south and east of Newcomb Road.

"The Quonset CAC was very pleased to get significant public input on the Bike Path proposal at the public hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup>," said CAC Chair, Elizabeth Dolan. "There was overwhelming support for the Bike Path and its recreational opportunities as well as providing more access to Quonset's beautiful waterfront."

The initial design, based on best practices from other bike paths in the region, proposes a 12 foot wide paved path with 2-foot grassed shoulders, a post and rail type fence with five pedestrian and emergency vehicle access points. Proposed tree plantings include Lacebark Elm, White Cedar and Pink Sargent Cherry as well as massings of shrubs and ornamental perennials.

The design is just the starting point for input from the community. The final plan will be guided by the wishes of the community based on the DOT project budget.

## Tall Ships Cruises Sailing from Quonset Point

Taking advantage of the Quonset Business Park's waterfront access to provide sightseeing of the Tall Ships, Rhode Island Bay Cruises will be offering special cruises for customers who want to view the historic vessels from the water.



The Quonset departure location will avoid traffic congestion that is often associated with major events as well as provide quick water viewing of the ships. The special cruises will run June 27- July 1 and will include Sunset and Fireworks cruises and a cruise to view the grand parade of sail.

Reservations are highly recommended and Group Rates are available. For more information on all of their Tall Ships Cruises call **(401) 295-4040** or visit their website at [www.tallshippersrhodeisland.com](http://www.tallshippersrhodeisland.com).

