

BRIDGEPORT ON THE RISE



Coal transferred via crane from one barge to another.



Light oil barge tied up at "Barnum Landing."

With two harbors featuring unimpeded access to the Long Island Sound, convenient routes to New York and New England, and exciting new development projects in motion, Bridgeport is moving goods and people more efficiently than ever.

Bridgeport is home to two harbors: Bridgeport Harbor and Black Rock Harbor. Both are free of bridges or other obstructions that would limit accessibility for over-height vessels. With over nine acres of property, there is ample room for laydown. The on-site warehouse even has refrigeration capabilities, making Bridgeport an ideal choice for shippers of produce or other perishable goods looking for a more convenient port of entry.

Located near I-91, I-94, and Route 8, Bridgeport offers expedient access to New York City, Boston, New England, and Canada. Sikorsky Airport is just down the road, and there is also convenient storage for up to 50 million gallons of oil at a nearby tank farm.

More than 300,000 tons of stone and sand moved through the port last year. This removed more than 12,000 trucks from the highways, reducing carbon emissions and wear-and-tear on our roads.

Bridgeport is truly a nexus for commuters and freight shippers alike. As such, it has been designated an official crossing on the federal marine highway system.

Marine Life in Bloom

Bridgeport is home to a vibrant and growing aquaculture. From shellfish beds to lobster traps, the waters of Bridgeport help support one of Connecticut's oldest and most important industries.

This is especially true at the Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Center. Serving students from school systems in the greater Bridgeport area, this regional school offers hands-on experience in the science and technology sectors with a special emphasis on Connecticut's aquaculture.

At the Center, students have the opportunity to grow seaweed and shellfish, make boats and fishing poles, and study on the Katharine Moore research vessel. Through an innovative and engaging curriculum, the Center brings Connecticut's aquaculture to life, and helps students with a variety of backgrounds and learning styles develop critical thinking skills and a lifelong appreciation for the marine industries.



One of three ferries owned and operated by the Bridgeport and Port Jefferson Steamboat Company whose terminal is located on the west side of the harbor, and is moving forward with plans to develop a new terminal on the east side at Barnum Landing.

Connecticut's Most Convenient Ferries Are Getting Even Better

For Nutmeggers commuting to New York City, families hoping to take in the sights, or baseball fans excited to see the Bluefish knock it out of the park, Bridgeport's ferry service is the most convenient means of travel.

Over one million passengers and 500,000 vehicles use the ferries every year—meaning fewer cars on the road, improving air quality and reducing traffic congestion. And soon, even more people will be able to take advantage of Bridgeport's excellent public transit.

In about 24 months, the ferries will have a new, more convenient home at Port Jefferson. Permitting has just been approved for this new location, which will allow for terminal improvements, better egress and access, and additional high-speed ferry departure and arrival times.

This new site will also accommodate 24 hour crewing, allowing late-night concert goers or unscheduled freight to arrive safely at the terminal no matter the hour. With these improvements, it's been suggested that an additional 200,000 vehicles each year will use the ferries instead of clogging up our roads.

IN THE NEWS

Offshore wind energy right for Connecticut
The Day, April 22, 2018

New London poised to start work on a Harbor Management Plan
The Day, May 4, 2018

CPA Applauds Electric Boat's Investment in Connecticut's Workforce and Waterfront

Chairman Scott Bates and Executive Director Evan Matthews commended the Governor's announcement of a major new partnership with Electric Boat at a press conference at Fort Trumbull. Already one of the largest employers in our state, Electric Boat announced it would grow its workforce to 13,000 over the next seventeen years, and commit an additional \$800 million in capital investments.

"This investment advances the maritime economy of our state, strengthens the workforce and sets the stage for future success," said Bates. "Next up, revitalization of the working waterfront at State Pier."

Electric Boat currently produced two submarines a year, and is adding a third by the year 2021. Countless small manufacturers and maritime businesses will also be able to increase their workforces thanks to the growth of Electric Boat.

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CPA Helps Harbor Masters Harness the Power of Our Ports

Old Lyme, CT - The Connecticut Port Authority was proud to join the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the first Harbor Master Training and Education Workshop. CPA Program Manager Joe Salvatore provided an update on completed and future dredging projects as well as an overview of the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP).

Salvatore also provided an update on the CPA's role in the ongoing lawsuit regarding the disposal of dredging materials in the eastern Long Island Sound.

Connecticut has 41 appointed Harbor Masters and 19 appointed Deputy Harbor Masters serving our harbors and waterways.