

TASC NEWS

Funding

Spring Gala

The Spring Gala on May 30th was a success due to the generosity of TASC sponsors, ticket purchasers, and silent auction bidders. Music provided by Party Time DJ, Johnny and Laurie kept the atmosphere upbeat and the wine kept conversation lively.

Fireworks Cruise

The weather for the fireworks cruise on July 10th could not have been better and the spirit of the attendees could not have been higher. The weather and the wine are an unbeatable combination for a good time had by all. The boat was rocked from stem to stern with music provided again by Party Time DJ.

Future Fundraising

TASC is negotiating with Greyhound Casino & Tavern who will be renovating the former Seabrook dog track to host charity gaming and a restaurant. Charity gaming in New Hampshire can only take place with the sponsorship of a 401(c)3 nonprofit like TASC.

It is also anticipated that gaming at this location will include sports betting which was just passed by NH legislature and signed by the Governor.



Spring Gala Thursday, May 30, 2019

The crisp spring air was kept at a comfortable distance by propane heaters as attendees browsed the silent auction displays. Others slowly sipped the wine offerings and still others chose to tease their pallets with the culinary creations offered up by the Victoria Inn. The hum of conversation filled the air until it was displaced by the sounds of music.

Once the eyes, stomach and the ears had been soothed the silent auction results began to be announced. Soon sounds of glee or disappointment floated in the air as the successful bidders or “wait until next year” sentiments were put on public display.

Next, fistfuls of cash began to change hands as new treasures we transported to waiting vehicles. The winners in this exchange were the TASC riders.



Hampton beach from the boat.

Fireworks Cruise July 10th, 2019

Although a ghost wind resulted in juvenile waves and slightly cool water temperature discouraged bikinis and speedos, the temperature was extremely hospitable to shorts and a light sweater.

The Isles of Shoals were in clear view upon arrival to all of those not looking through the bottom of a glass of spirits at the time. Those who had frequented the boat bar contend they saw a whale breach as we departed but there is little physical evidence of it. Regardless, there was no time for whale “oohs and ahas” because the fireworks schedule did not allow it.

The ride from the Isles of Shoals back to Hampton Beach was frequently interrupted by bursts of revelry from the stern. Enough energy existed back there to raise the bow out of the water. There were adults performing dance moves that were a challenge for children (flossing comes to mind). The dancing continued...



The initial volley of fireworks assaulted the ears and thumped the chest. Eventually ears became acclimated to the sound which allowed our eyes to feed the brain with pleasing shapes and colors. Then it was all over too soon announced by a symphony of sound, color and shapes that chased each other away as soon as they appeared.

Then back to where we began to begin planning for even a greater Fireworks Cruise for next year. This one was great but, “Wait Until Next Year”!!

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Future Funding

TASC is negotiating with the Greyhound Casino & Tavern, located at the former dog track in Seabrook, NH, to be included in their charity gaming program for 2020. The property is currently in the midst of a year-long renovation that will ultimately transform it into a one of the best entertainment venues on the Seacoast. Gaming at the venue in 2020 may also include Sports Betting, legislation for which was recently passed by the NH legislature and signed into law by the Governor. This has the potential to benefit charities because of the widespread appeal of sports and the excitement surrounding the passage of the bill.

Other gaming locations, which already exist in New Hampshire, do very well but their attendance is constrained by the size of the structure and the availability of parking. The Seabrook location has no such limitations.

