

# Join Us!

Dues in the amount of **\$10.00** must be paid in cash or by personal check upon submission of this application and must be renewed annually by the first committee meeting in April to remain a member in good standing.

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Name

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Birthday

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Email

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Phone

With my signature below, I hereby submit my application for membership of the Gaspee Days Committee, an all-volunteer registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. I acknowledge, understand, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with the bylaws governing this committee.

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Signature

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Date

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Approved



*Gaspee Days*  
**COMMITTEE**

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# Gaspee Days



**Come join us!** We're a friendly group of all volunteers dedicated to promoting and educating the public on Rhode Island's history and we're doing it in a fun way!

Every year, we produce a series of public family-friendly events culminating with the Annual Gaspee Days Parade. For over 50 years now, the celebration has continued to become only more exciting as our community grows.

## History

The story dates back to 1772, when King George III sent the schooner HMS Gaspee to Rhode Island waters to enforce British maritime trade laws. The ship was not well received by local colonists who depended on their sea trade to be conducted without interference.

While chasing a local merchant ship on June 9, 1772, the Gaspee was led across the shallows off Namquid Point (since called Gaspee Point) where the hapless schooner became entrapped upon a sandbar, unable to move until higher tides of the following day.

Later that night, incensed colonists met at Sabin's Tavern in Providence where, led by Abraham Whipple, they planned the destruction of the Gaspee. Whipple and his men rowed eight longboats down just past Pawtuxet Village, shot and wounded the ships commander, and took the crew as prisoners. Near daylight, the raiders then burned the Gaspee to the waterline.



Despite numerous efforts by the crown to learn the names of those responsible for this act of treason, not one name was given up, proving strength, solidarity, and true independent spirit within the colonies.

To learn more about the Gaspee Affair, visit [Gaspee.com/Archives](http://Gaspee.com/Archives)

## Events

For over 50 years, Gaspee Days has been the most celebrated calendar of events in Pawtuxet Village. All of our friends and neighbors from Warwick and Cranston have a favorite - be it the Arts & Crafts Festival, the 5K Foot Race, or the Annual Gaspee Days Parade.



Many of our events serve as fundraisers to pay for the beloved Parade and few are simply ways for us to bring our community together but each and every one is nothing but fun for both the public and our volunteers!

For our full Gaspee Days calendar of events, visit [Gaspee.com/Events](http://Gaspee.com/Events)

## Meetings

Our volunteers meet on the first Thursday of every month from October through June at 7:30 pm. Meetings are held in the Aspray Boat House at 2 East View Street, Warwick in the heart of Pawtuxet Village. First-time visitors and new members are always welcome to join in the fun! There are plenty of ways to get involved so why choose just one?

For a complete list of meeting dates, visit [Gaspee.com/Meetings](http://Gaspee.com/Meetings)

# What are you interested in?

We've got tons of fun committees and activities to get involved with... There's no need to pick just one!

- \_\_\_ Arts & Crafts Festival
- \_\_\_ Block Party
- \_\_\_ Burning of the Gaspee
- \_\_\_ Food & Novelty Vendors
- \_\_\_ Gaspee Days Parade
- \_\_\_ Publicity & Marketing
- \_\_\_ Raffle Fundraiser
- \_\_\_ Sales & Merchandising
- \_\_\_ 5K Foot Race

There's always more at [Gaspee.com](http://Gaspee.com)