

## ASPRAY BOAT HOUSE

**Chairpersons:** Louise Pfanstiehl & Pat McLeod

The Boat House Committee is in charge of all rental agreements for parties, showers, and special events at the Aspray Boat House. This helps to raise money to maintain and improve the beautiful meeting place.

## BLOCK PARTY

**Chairpersons:** Tracey Miller & Steve Miller

The Gaspee Days Block Party has become one of the most wildly popular outdoor concert events in town and serves as a major fundraiser to support the Parade. Help coordinate the drinks, the music, and the fun!



## BURNING OF THE GASPEE

**Chairperson:** Help Needed!

Every Gaspee Days concludes with the reenactment of the Burning of the Gaspee and it doesn't burn by itself. Take the lead in maintaining the silhouette and getting it ready to float... and burn!

## COLONIAL ENCAMPMENT

**Chairperson:** Ken Gilbert

Throughout parade weekend, colonial groups campout in Pawtuxet Park to bring visitors back in time to the revolutionary era. This committee rallies the troops together and organizes them in the park.

## SYMPHONY IN THE PARK

**Chairperson:** Carol Deming

One of the youngest events in the Gaspee Days lineup, the symphony in the park is an easygoing concert preceding the annual fireworks display. A lot of help is needed to setup and coordinate the city-sponsored event.

## WEBSITE

**Chairperson:** Ryan Giviens

Digital presence is crucial in the digital age the Gaspee Days website is no exception! Regular maintenance is required to keep special events and images up-to-date and the web chair takes care of it all!



## 5K FOOT RACE

**Chairperson:** Roger Farren

The annual Gaspee Days 5K has grown into one of the two main fundraisers for the Parade. It attracts over 1,600 runners and with that many people involved, a lot of help is needed! Hit the ground running and join the 5K team!

Visit [Gaspee.com](http://Gaspee.com)  
for more information



## Getting Involved

## ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS

**Chairperson:** John Concannon

This committee wouldn't be where it is today without its history. Help preserve the memories of Gaspee Days and the revolutionary story it tells by collecting and preserving Gaspee knowledge and memorabilia.



## ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

**Chairperson:** Tina Bingham

This three-day art festival is the largest fundraiser and takes place every Memorial Day Weekend along Narragansett Parkway. It takes a lot of work and this committee lives up to the job!

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**Chairperson: Mark Russell**

The ecumenical service serves as a solemn beginning to the biggest day in the Gaspee Days celebration – Parade day! However, don't mistake this peaceful event for a boring one – it still requires a lot of work!

## ESSAY CONTEST

**Chairperson: Gina Dooley**

Each year, middle school children are encouraged to truly think about our revolutionary past with this Essay Contest. The chair and essay readers on this committee help introduce them to this important piece of history.

## FOOD & NOVELTY VENDORS

**Chairperson: Jerry Peshka**

Great food and attractions for kids help to keep both the Parade and the Art Festival all-day-long celebrations for every member of the family. This is a very physically demanding job but well worth the hard work.



## GASPEE DAYS PARADE

**Chairpersons: Katie Perlini & Andy Brown**

This is the big event – for over 50 years, the Gaspee Days Parade has been an attraction that gathers tens of thousands of people to celebrate local history. Each year brings a new chair – make it your year!

## LICENSES & PERMITS

**Chairperson: Tina Bingham**

Every Gaspee Days event requires City and sometimes State permits and licenses to ensure safety, consistency, and accountability. One person takes on handling all of these to keep them well organized in one place.



## MEMBERSHIP

**Chairperson: Jackie Fitzgerald**

New members are welcomed into the committee every year as the Gaspee Days family grows. The membership chair recruits, collects dues, and maintains contact information to ensure all are accounted for.

## POPCORN

**Chairpersons: Jan Rooney & Karleen Wrath**

Salty, crunchy, and a delicious way to raise money for Gaspee Days. Popcorn sales isn't just a fun way to spend Arts & Crafts weekend, but it's a good way to start volunteering. Take a shift or two and pop some corn!

## PUBLICITY & MARKETING

**Chairperson: Erin Flynn**

Operating such large events attracts a lot of attention – and there's even more to attract! The marketing chair handles all media inquiries, press releases, and advertising. Got social media skills? Join the team!

## RAFFLE DRAWING

**Chairperson: Bryan Dooley**

Over 5,000 tickets are sold every year for the Gaspee Days Raffle. With over 100 prizes to win, someone has to solicit and collect them all. Volunteers are always needed to help sell them too!

## SALES & MERCHANDISING

**Chairperson: Carol Deming**

Everyone loves their Gaspee Gear from t-shirts and hoodies to koozies and flags! It takes a team to order, stage, and sell them each year. Help sell the Gaspee brand and raise money for Gaspee Days, too.



## SUNDAY IN THE PARK

**Chairperson: Terri Giviens**

When Gaspee Days begins to wind down, there's one last hurrah with Sunday in the Park – a day filled with music, sunshine, and all hand on deck for the raffle drawing, sales, encampment, and the burning!

## SUNSHINE

**Chairperson: Patti Concannon**

Everybody needs a little sunshine in their life, including committee members. Sunshine celebrates birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestone events to keep members smiling and feeling appreciated.