

What's in our names?

What are wrack lines? The word wrack is a term for various kinds of seaweed, and wrack lines are the collections of organic matter (sea grass, shells, feathers, seaweed and other debris) that are deposited on shore by high tides. More generally, wrack lines are where the sea meets the land.

With our magazine *Wrack Lines*, we tell stories about the intersection of the land, sea and Connecticut Sea Grant. So what is Connecticut Sea Grant? One of 34 Sea Grant programs across the country, it helps residents make the most of our coastal resources and inland waterways.

It addresses the challenges that come with living by the water or within the Long Island

Sound watershed, in a state with 332 miles of shoreline and three major tidal rivers. This NOAA-state partnership based at UConn's Avery Point campus works with aquaculture farmers, fishermen and seafood purveyors to help their businesses prosper.

It funds research essential to understanding and managing our changing coastal and inland environments. It provides communities and local leaders with the information they need to make better land and shoreline decisions that result in more resilient communities and healthier watersheds. It educates students as well as teachers and adults of all ages about the marine environment.

Connected to experts and residents who live, work and recreate in the Sound and its watershed, it brings diverse interests together around a common purpose of working for mutually beneficial solutions to problems.



The wrack line at Hammonasset Beach State Park is clearly defined by the contrast between the darker wet sand along the water and the dry sand on the other side. Photo: Judy Benson

Small in staff but big in impact, Connecticut Sea Grant is like a pilot boat that navigates the way for large vessels toward safe harbors. Since 1988, Connecticut Sea Grant has supported "Science Serving the Connecticut Coast."



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COMING THIS FALL*

**FEATURING
PERSONAL ESSAYS BY
RECIPIENTS OF THE WRACK
LINES VOICES OF DIVERSE
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**



Three UConn Avery Point students and three New Haven high school students met for a writing workshop in April to launch the special issue project. Photo: Judy Benson



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School vacation week in April brought many people to Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison to enjoy the sand and surf. Photo: Judy Benson



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