

JANUARY 2023

# Grains of Sandy

A word from our Assistant Director Leea Regan...

Here in these dark days of winter as we are headed towards the light, I can think of nothing better than bringing back the Grains of Sandy. January is when I have always begun to dream of Sandy. When it's dark and cold and we are nowhere near summer but my heart longs for a tiny little island on Lake Winnepesaukee. When I can't fall asleep because my worries have taken me away, I close my eyes and think of the dappled light I see through the trees looking towards the water at our beautiful Isle of Sandy. We seek to bring community and communication through the Grains of Sandy so we may all feel connected to one another and the Island throughout the year...please enjoy!



## What we are up to...

The Big Sandy is getting some much-needed loving care! We like to think of the Big Sandy as a new boat but her maiden voyage was in 1989! The interior of the boat in the seating area has significant dry rot which is pretty normal for her age. The corners of the benches especially need attention. So new wood and fiberglass are being added as needed. Below the waterline she is being repainted and Don Dome is wiring the covered seated area for a PA system!



Contact Leea Regan with any ideas or questions you may have [lregan@ymcaboston.org](mailto:lregan@ymcaboston.org)

## Upcoming dates

**March 1**

50% of Tuition is due for 2023 Registered Campers

**May 1**

Remainder of 2023 Registration Balance Due

**May 19-21**

Sandypalooza  
[Learn More](#)

**June 2-4**

Live in Love Retreat

**June 9 - 11**

Inaugural ShadesOnStayStrong  
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**June 16-18**

International Weekend  
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**July 1**

Season 2023 Starts

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## Meet...

### Don Dome

Don is our boat captain or launchman. You probably met Don if you took one of our many shuttles on and off the island or if you went on the Wolfeboro trip! When not actually driving a boat Don can be found cleaning, repairing and generally giving love to all our boats at Sandy. Don first came to Sandy from 1963-1966 (at the age of 2) when his father was the Director of Sandy. Don was great friends with Barry Patterson and from '66-'76 he spent several weeks each summer enjoying the island as a guest of the Patterson's. Don worked at Sandy from '76-'80 on the service crew. His last summer he and Michael Andrews (Bob Andrews son) were co-launchmen, Don's Sandy career has come full circle as he now enjoys that same job. Don introduced his late wife Shannon to Sandy Island and in the summer of 2013, she worked in the craft shop! At the time Don was working as head of audio at the Harris Theater in Chicago. Since it was too long to be away from one another Shannon only worked the one summer and she and Don became regular week 9 campers staying in Merrie Den. After Shannon's passing Don came back to New Hampshire to reside. He continues his care of the Sandy fleet during the off season.



**We have a very active camp committee board!**

Our current sub-committees are; Program, Dining, Sandy Spirit, Policies & Procedures, Volunteering, Archives, Accessibility

If you would like to be active in one of the committees, please reach out to our camp committee chair Ann Goutis at [annlafleur@gmail.com](mailto:annlafleur@gmail.com)

## News

Hunters grocery store in downtown Wolfeboro had a massive fire on Jan. 16th

<https://www.wmur.com/article/wolfeboro-fire-south-main-street-new-hampshire-11623/42527361>

As seen on the Sandy Island Facebook page, Bruce Avery passed away on Jan. 14, 2023

