

Grains of Sandy January/February 2025

I recently had the opportunity to interview a young man from Mexico for our international staff. During our conversation, he surprised me with one of the best questions I've ever been asked:

"I see from your website that families have been coming to your camp for many years. Why? What makes your camp so special?"

I paused for a moment to reflect before answering with one simple word—community.

Community is what makes Sandy Island so special. And you, dear readers, are that community. It is with all of you in mind that we prepare for summer 2025!

—Leea Regan, Assistant Director

Camper Spotlight

Jeremy Suratt is no stranger to Sandy Island.

If he had to choose one word to describe his feelings about camp, it would be **grateful**.

Read the full article [here!](#)



What's Happening at Camp

As many of you know, Menagerie was demolished this past fall so that a new Menagerie could be built! Check out this awesome time lapse video of the burn and beginning of the rebuild. Many thanks to our donor families that made this new beautiful cabin possible!



Camp Committee Corner

The Sandy Island Camp Committee, part of the YMCA of Greater Boston Overnight Camps Board, works tirelessly behind the scenes to make camp amazing all year round.

We're excited to introduce **Camp Committee Corner**—a new regular feature in *Grains of Sandy*—to keep you updated on all the incredible work they do throughout the year.



□ Read this month's article [here!](#) □

Tennis, Anyone? □

Are you interested in the FUTURE of the Sandy Island Tennis Court Area? We'd like to join us as we review the proposals for what to do with the Sandy Island Tennis Courts.

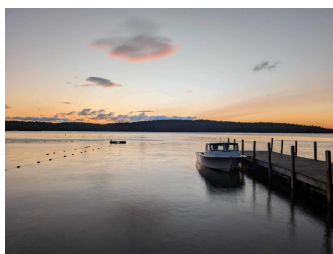
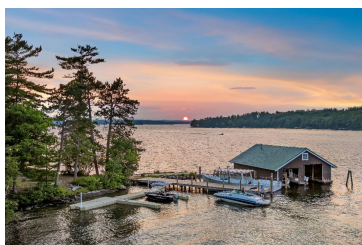


What: Zoom Mtg @ Sandy Tennis Courts
Date: March 6

Time: 7-7:45 pm EST

RSVP

HERE: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/oENZhv2_TXWP7Uw0poY3rw



2025 Calendars

Do you still need at calendar for 2025? 2025 calendars are still

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If you are interested in working at Sandy Island this summer, click [here](#)

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Sad News

We are deeply saddened to share that Week 2 camper, Elaine Leone, passed away on February 5th. Sandy Island held a special place in Elaine's heart, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time.



Read Elaine's obituary [here](#)

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