

Coastal Perspectives Lecture Series

Spring of 2017

7:30 p.m. - UConn Avery Point Auditorium

Please join us for our 21st season. This annual lecture series attempts to span the breadth of human interactions with coastal waters, including speakers from the natural and social sciences.

February 7 – Keith Dixon, Research Meteorologist, NOAA/GFDL

“Modeling Our Planet's Climate: Spanning Time and Spatial Scales for Research and Applications”

Keith Dixon seeks to enhance the transfer and translation of high quality, scientifically credible information as it flows from the realm of large-scale climate research to that of regional and local-scale impacts and planning. Come see how scientists transition information from theory to practice and how we handle uncertainty.

February 21 – Janelle Schuh, Stranding Coordinator, Mystic Aquarium’s Animal Rescue Program

“An Overview of Mystic Aquarium’s Animal Rescue Program”

Mystic Aquarium’s Animal Rescue Program supports animals in need, educates the public about the marine environment and its inhabitants, and promotes the Aquarium’s mission to inspire people to care about and protect our ocean planet. Please join us for a peek into the world of marine animal rescue.

March 7 – Mark Long, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. of History and Social Sciences, Sea Education Association

“A Better South? Ports Towns as Cosmopolitan Beachheads After the Civil War”

Join us as we look back in time and examine the transformative nature of the maritime-based economy which shaped the settlement and development of peninsula Florida in the decades following the Civil War.

March 21 – Richard E. Hyman, Author of *FROGMEN*, www.richardehyman.com

“Journeys with Cousteau and the Crew of *Calypso*”

Richard Hyman will be sharing stories about life aboard *Calypso* and Jacques-Yves Cousteau, once one of the most recognized names in the world. This evening should interest all age groups, particularly marine science students, adventurers, Denver fans, divers, environmentalists, photographers, travel buffs, and videographers.

April 4 – DJ King, owner and operator of King Lobsters and Montowese Bay Oysters, Branford, CT

“Lobsterman to Sea Farmer”

Like many commercial fishermen, DJ has changed with the times. “The lobster may never flourish again in Long Island Sound, therefore it’s necessary to pursue other viable options. Sea farming may be our ticket to future success.” Join us for an evening of sea tales and local insight on the future of commercial seaweed farming.

April 18 – Speakers To Be Determined – please check the website for updates

“Alternative Energy: Looking Towards Connecticut’s Future”

Connecticut continues to embrace alternative energy with a State policy requiring power companies to obtain 27% of their generated energy from renewable sources by 2020; with 20% of that fraction coming from Class I renewables (solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, etc.). Join us for a panel discussion from the engineering and scientific point of view – what does the future hold for Connecticut’s power generating portfolio?



Lecture series is **FREE** and open to the public.

UConn Avery Point Auditorium, 1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton. Enter from the Academic Building main entrance, auditorium is on second floor at end of hall (disabled accessible).

This series is sponsored by **UConn Avery Point**, the **Connecticut Sea Grant College Program**, the **UConn Department of Marine Sciences**, and the **UConn Maritime Studies Program**. For more information, visit our website at <http://marinesciences.uconn.edu/lectures/> or google “UConn Coastal lecture” email: CoastalPerspectives@uconn.edu