



July 2022

July Events

Vineyard Haven 1st Friday

2nd - [Tisbury Farmers Market](#)

2nd - [Chillmark Flea Market](#)

3rd - [Vineyard Artisan Festival](#)

3rd - [Oak Bluffs Open Market](#)

4th - [Sail The Vineyard Fireworks Cruise](#)

8th - Tisbury Street Fair, Vineyard Haven

August Events

17th - [Oak Bluffs Grand Illumination Sail](#)

26-28 - [Beach Road Weekend](#)



Summer 2022

We're back for a 5th season on The Vineyard and we couldn't be more excited to share our island and our passion for sailing with you! Read on for more about our business growth as well as upcoming special events and what's going on around the island this summer.

You may remember that the boat was previously leased from another local company and was named M.S. Resolute. Sail The Vineyard, LLC, has officially purchased the boat now and is making some fabulous improvements!

We started the spring with some major updates to our sailboat. She's looking better than ever with a freshly painted deck, and beautifully varnished brightwork - that's fancy boat lingo for the teak on the deck! We've also added new lifelines, a beautiful new pack on the boom for our mainsail and upgraded with new sails! Captain Wendy has been busy refurbishing the spaces



Spotlight: Fireworks Cruise

After a 2-year hiatus, the beloved Edgartown 4th of July fireworks are back and sure to be better than ever!

This year, we're excited to welcome you aboard again for our Fireworks Sail Event. We'll pick you up at the dock in Vineyard Haven, whisk you away for a sail down the beautiful coast past Oak Bluffs and State Beach while you enjoy a delicious gourmet hors d'oeuver platter, and sail right into the Edgartown outer harbor.

We'll anchor close to the fireworks barge so you can enjoy front row seats to the best view in town! After the fireworks, we'll return you to the dock in Edgartown.

Time: 4:00 - 10:00 pm

Date: July 4, 2022

Pick Up: Vineyard Haven Steamship Dinghy Dock

Drop Off: Edgartown harbor dock

Cost: \$1050, up to 6 guests

Includes: Gourmet hors d'oeuvre platter, dessert platter, soda, and water (You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages, excluding red wine.)

[Click to reserve the July 4th sail](#)



below deck as well and the boat is truly becoming a restored vessel, true to the classic sailboat she is. Keep an eye on our webpage as we update it with the story and plenty of photos of the process as the transformation took place.

No transformation is complete without a freshly painted transom and a name more fitting both the boat and her Captain. After overcoming several life-threatening events and illness the last few years, Captain Wendy has certainly risen with new vigor and joy for life and the boat, as she's being retrofitted, is seeing a new life as well. We couldn't think of a more fitting name than Phoenix. You may be familiar with the story of the mythical Greek bird, the Phoenix, who is said to rise from its own ashes to start anew.

Both the vessel and her Captain have proved they can rise and fly high! Come sail with us again and enjoy another great Sail The Vineyard experience aboard Phoenix!

Oak Bluffs Grand Illumination

Another great tradition on the island has returned after a 2-year hiatus! The Oak Bluffs Grand Illumination initially started on August 14, 1869 and was intended to mark the visit of the Governor of Massachusetts.

The event starts in The Tabernacle and includes a community sing and music by the Vineyard Haven Band, and is followed by the ceremonial lighting of the first lantern. It's a magical night when thousands of colorful Japanese lanterns decorating the charming Victorian "Gingerbread Cottages" of Oak Bluffs light up the night. The night culminates with a huge fireworks display from the water just off the beach.

Thousands of Island residents and visitors enjoy Illumination every year, but the real treat is to watch the fireworks display from aboard a sailboat near the fireworks barge. It's a 4-hour event that begins with a sail, includes a gourmet hors d'oeuvre platter and builds to an exciting display as we anchor just off the fireworks barge. We offer this trip as a one-way from Vineyard Haven to Oak Bluffs and transport you back ashore in OB after the fireworks. We're so excited to welcome back Illumination and can't wait to share it with our guests again!

[Click here to reserve the Grand Illumination Fireworks Cruise!](#)

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Phoenix Fun Facts

Did you know? The name Phoenix has a variety of significant meanings. Phoenix symbolizes:

- a person or thing regarded as uniquely remarkable in some respect
- someone who rises or returns after seeming to be destroyed
- renewal
- fire, passion and the flames of true inspiration
- the christian symbol of the resurrection
- the light and fire of the universe

We think that's pretty fitting of our vessel & Captain! Come see for yourself the uniqueness and inspiration of our updated vessel.

Sailing Charter Options - Summer 2022



Phoenix at her new mooring in Vineyard Haven



Captain Wendy at the helm



Sunset sailing aboard Phoenix

Summer 2022 Sailing Options:

2-hour sail: \$515

2-hour sunset sail: \$550

3-hour sail: \$640

4-hour sail: \$765

Add-on options:

Gourmet hors d'oeuvre platter: \$100

Dessert platter, featuring locally made fudge and other sweet treats: \$100

All sails are private for up to 6 people.

We offer direct booking for your or the option to purchase a gift sail to help your friends or family celebrate a special occasion.

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