

Mapping the Narragansett BayScape



URI's BayScape project is studying human activity patterns in the Bay. Understanding how and where people use Narragansett Bay is critical for developing effective coastal management policies.

In the summer of 2007, the Reserve and URI mapped human activities along the shorelines of Prudence, Patience, Hope and Dyer Islands. From a boat researchers used a global positioning/geographic information system and laser locator binoculars to record when, where, and how people used the Reserve. Each point they recorded represents a person or boat and contains information about the activity or vessel.

Left: Aerial map of the Reserve with points showing human activities one July morning
Above: Photo by Reserve Staff
Hard at work on the Bay

Type of Human Use

- Land-based
- Motorboat
- Sailboat



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