



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

December 3, 2014

Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, USCG
Commandant of the Coast Guard
2701 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20032

Dear Admiral Zukunft:

Next year will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the United States Coast Guard in Connecticut. As you know, the Coast Guard will celebrate its 225th Birthday and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy will commemorate 100 years at its current location in New London. For these reasons and in anticipation of New London being recognized as an official Coast Guard City® and future home of the National Coast Guard Museum, we will designate this summer as *Connecticut's Coast Guard Summer 2015*.

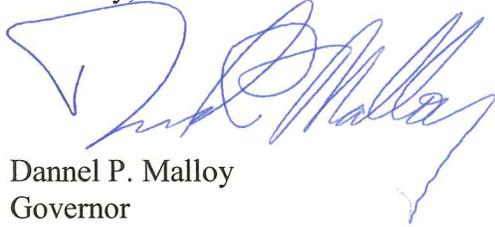
Several major event organizers in New London will choose themes to honor the Coast Guard for its heroic service throughout our nation's history. New London's annual Sailfest, will take place July 10-12 and will dedicate its street festival, 5K road race, maritime gatherings and fireworks display to the Coast Guard. Then, the City of New London is planning a series of other events leading up to the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival, September 10-12. The sixty day period between these major annual maritime events, presents a great opportunity to showcase the Coast Guard and celebrate its partnerships with Connecticut and the City of New London.

The executive director of the Connecticut Office of Military Affairs will be coordinating state agency support for this high visibility project. He will work with the City of New London and representatives of the USCG to assist in their planning and coordination. Your staff may contact Bob Ross in the Office of Military Affairs at (860) 270-8074.

To make this project a success, we hope to host additional USCG ships, aircraft, personnel and static displays in New London. Subject to available resources, I request that you consider scheduling port visits to New London and participation in our various commemorations during *Connecticut's Coast Guard Summer, July 10 through September 12, 2015*.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to seeing you soon here in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

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Governor

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