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THE DRIFTWOOD 2025

The Drakes Island Improvement Association

P.O.Box164, Wells,Maine 04090

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In Memoriam

We fondly remember our friends and neighbors who have passed away this past year.*



Gregory C. Lagueux, Sr.

Deno Mokas

Doris Strahan

Richard "Trach" Trachimowicz

Nancy Whittemore



The Memorial Fund

The Drakes Island Memorial Fund is a long-established way of recognizing and remembering individuals for whom Drakes Island was important. The Memorial Fund also supports the Drakes Island Community by helping to fund special projects.

Contributing to the Memorial Fund

Individuals may make contributions to the Memorial Fund. The fund is used to provide items that the DIIA budget cannot cover. Donations in memory of an individual may be made for general use or for specific items or projects. Any items donated or proposed projects must be approved by the committee. The committee has a number of giving opportunities that would benefit Drakes Island and leave a lasting memory. Please contact the Memorial Fund Committee at info@diaa.org if there is something you think the committee could fund or if there is something specific you would like to provide as a memorial contribution. Contributions can be sent to the DIIA, P.O. Box 164, Wells, ME 04090.

DIIA Memorial Fund Committee

Maryanne Foley, Karen Kalec & Jan Carty

*As of May 1, 2025

2025 Warrant Meetings

Saturday, June 28, 20258:30am, Opening Meeting

Saturday, July 26, 20259:00am, Open Board Meeting

Saturday, August 16, 2025 ...8:30am, Closing Meeting

You are hereby directed to notify all members of the DIIA of the meeting of the Corporation to be held at the above time and place to conduct the following business:

- To hear the words of the officers
- To hear the reports of the committee
- To act on unfinished business
- To act on new business
- To elect new Officers (August meeting)
- To act on any other business that should come before the DIIA

Megan Kane, President

To the members of the DIIA

You are hereby notified of the meeting of your association, called by the President and Directors, as required by the by-laws, and as stated in the warrant.

Melissa Danforth, Secretary

2025 Drakes Island Improvement Association Committee

President.....	Megan Kane
1st Vice President.....	Tony Rino
2nd Vice President.....	Meghan Cullen
Recording Secretary.....	Melissa Danforth
Financial Treasurer.....	Jess Ackerman
Membership Treasurer.....	Barbara Swartz
Board of Directors.....	Kate Luethy - 2025 Jeff Robinson - 2026 Molly Cullen - 2027
Courts Committee.....	Stacey Ardini - Chairperson Donna Cullen Leo Cullen Maryanne Foley David Hall Anne O'Brien John Maneikis Lizzie McQuillan
Memorial Fund Committee.....	Maryanne Foley Karen Kalec Janis Carty
Ellie Carberry Award Committee.....	Martha Banfield Penny Cox Mike Moresco
Executive Director.....	Molly Cullen
Big Kids Day Camp Director.....	Carter Vallancourt
Little Kids Day Camp Director.....	Finn Seeley
Website Editor.....	Ali Hager
Driftwood Co-Editors.....	Stacey Ardini & John Ardini
Apparel Directors.....	Lora Langan Kate Luethy Megan Young
Homeowners Directory Coordinator.....	Sandy Magill
Drakes Island Historian.....	Karen Kalec

Letter from the DIIA President

Dear Drakes Island Friends,

With the start of summer just around the corner, I'd like to share some exciting updates and express our heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals who help make our community so special.

I'm happy to share an update to our summer program. Molly Cullen will step into the newly created role of Executive Director, overseeing DIIA camp administration. We will also do a soft roll out of a Counselor-in- Training program, thanks to Meghan Cullen and Kate Luethy. Our Big Kids Camp will once again be in the capable hands of returning Director Carter Vaillancourt and Assistant Director Grey DeNatale, while Finn Seeley returns as Little Kids Camp Director, joined again by returning Assistant Director Kassidy Hall. Almost all of our counselors are coming back this summer as well! Welcome back to Rebecca Donovan, Tyler Kane, Kelsey Ackerman, Jake Hall, Gabby Rosario and Sophie Maneikis. We are also excited to welcome Annie Spring to the staff this year. Once again, Big Kids Camp (8+) and Little Kids Camp (4-7) will run five days a week from 9:00 - 11:30, starting Monday June 30th through Friday, August 15th. There will also be night camp from 7-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Big Kid campers. Be on the lookout for open Community House hours as well.

One of our most promising new initiatives is the Kids Tennis Program, designed to develop the next generation of Drakes Island tennis players. Under the leadership of our new Tennis Director, Tanner Wendle, and his team of instructors, lessons will be offered five days a week in the early afternoon. Program details can be found in The Driftwood and on the courts' bulletin board. Special thanks to Stacey Ardini, our Courts Committee Chairperson, and Leo Cullen for their role in developing this program.

Stacey and the Courts Committee are excited for another year of tennis and pickleball play. New pickleball nets were purchased, as well as Librarian balls, which will be readily available at the courts. As always, we ask that you respect the court hours and rules for tennis and pickleball, which are in effect all year. Please remember that you must have a paid DIIA membership, plus courts, to participate in any court activities. Owners are kindly asked to communicate the rules and hours to their guests and renters.

Our 2025 apparel sales are also something to look forward to. Following the success of last year's offerings — including the winter "pop-up" holiday sale — we're bringing back favorite items along with some fun new additions. The first sale will be on July 4th,

followed by weekly Saturday sales at the Community House from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM, through Labor Day Weekend (August 30th). Thank you to Kate Luethy, Lora Langan and Megan Egan for all of their efforts with the apparel sales. Thanks to Mike DiMartino's outstanding work, our Community House windows have been replaced! Mike also renovated our beloved playground pirate ship for our youngest members to play safely and enjoy for years to come.

We're fortunate to have many dedicated committee members working behind the Scenes. The Memorial Committee, consisting of Mary Anne Foley, Karen Kalec, and Janis Carty, has been thoughtfully tending to community remembrances. Thank you also to Kathy Hall for all of her beautiful work tending to the flower boxes over the years, and to Barb Swartz for taking over this job. Our Rocks Committee — Bob Foley, John Ardini, Tom Sexton, Tom Appleton, Fred Richardson, Tony Rino and Jim Devlin have once again ensured good beach conditions early in May. Thank you to all who donate to the rock fund.

Several individuals help ensure our information and updates reach everyone efficiently. Special thanks to Meghan Cullen for coordinating our Activities Calendar, Stacey Ardini and John Ardini for producing The DRIFTWOOD newsletter, and our amazing "walkers" for ensuring its delivery. Once again, thank you to Sandy Magill who manages the DIIA Directory, Facebook page, and email distribution lists, while Ali Hagger keeps our website, www.diia.org, running smoothly.

As we look ahead to another memorable summer, please remember to renew your 2025 DIIA membership through our website. The DIIA Board is always looking for volunteers to help host events, support ongoing projects, or share new ideas. Feel free to reach out at admin@diia.org or stop us on the island — we'd love to hear from you! Thank you to all who have already volunteered to host/organize an activity this summer.

Thank you to everyone who helps make Drakes Island such a special place. Here's to a fantastic summer ahead!

Warmest regards,

Megan Kane, DIIA President (2024 - 2026)

Tony Rino, DIIA 1st Vice President (2024 - 2026)

Letter From DIIA CAMP DIRECTORS

Dear Drakes Island Families, Friends, and Campers,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for another amazing summer on Drakes Island. Our names are Carter Vaillancourt, Director of Big Kids Camp, and Finn Seeley, Director of Little Kids Camp. Having grown up at camp ourselves, it holds a special place in our hearts and has given us memories that will last forever. Because of what camp has meant to us, we're excited to continue the legacy of fun, friendship, and fantastic experiences that define our Camp.

It is our pleasure to work alongside our new President, Megan Kane, and all of our incredible staff to make this another unforgettable summer. Our camp takes pride in making every camper feel valued and at home, creating a positive experience that keeps them wanting to return year after year, just like it did for us growing up.

This summer, we're looking forward to building on last year with new opportunities for fun, unforgettable experiences, and friendships to be made and strengthened. We hope to keep the positive energy flowing through events like GOODRAK, the Camp Olympics, and Buddy Days, where the Big and Little Kids Camps can come together. We also plan to bring back the community garden, integrating the entire community into the special place we share. It is a privilege to serve this community, our camp, and all the families on Drakes Island; thanks for having us back.

Sincerely,

Carter Vaillancourt

2025 Big Kids Camp Director

Finn Seeley,

2025 Little Kids Camp Director

**DRAKES ISLAND
WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE
THAT
LAST A LIFETIME**

News and Announcements

DIIA Membership Update

Welcome to DIIA Summer 2025! To purchase a DIIA membership, or an add-on DIIA Courts membership (which is required for court usage), please go to the online membership website: <https://diiamembership.square.site/>

There are no envelopes for dues at the Community House, all transactions must be made online. Membership is for DIIA homeowners, renters of DI properties, or those visiting a renter or homeowner. An “active membership” is a voting membership and is only available to homeowners. If you are not a homeowner, please choose an “associate membership.”

Please know that an active, fully paid DIIA membership is required to participate in DIIA activities, including day camp and evening activities at the Community House or otherwise. In addition, if you would like to use the courts for tennis or pickleball in any capacity, you must purchase a Courts membership. Courts memberships are only available to those who have purchased a DIIA membership, and cannot be purchased ad hoc, without an underlying DIIA membership. For any questions regarding membership or use of the online membership site, please contact Barb Swartz at Oper8nPA@hotmail.com or (978) 500-5189.

Drakes Island Apparel Sales

The first opportunity to purchase DI apparel will be **July 4, 2025**. Apparel sales will be held at the Community House every Saturday from 10am until 12pm (noon) through **August 30, 2025**. Stock up while you can, as apparel is not available online or after the final apparel sale. Cash and checks only! Sorry, no Venmo etc.

DIIA Directory & Email Distribution List

Drakes Island Homeowners directories will be available after the Opening Meeting to homeowners who have paid their dues. If any changes are required for the next edition, please email them to Sandy Magill at capt.magill2@gmail.com. If you send an email, Sandy can confirm your information. Also, if you wish to join the Drakes Island email distribution list, please let Sandy know and she can add you (email above).

Website

Check out the DIIA website at www.diaa.org for basic Island information.

Driftwood

The Driftwood is an annual publication of the DIIA. The purpose is to communicate to DIIA Members and Drakes Island visitors plans for the upcoming summer and update the community on issues of common interest. Please note that changes to the activities calendar may be made over the course of the summer, so please check the Community House bulletin boards and the Facebook page for updates.

Historical Note: the first DI newsletter was published by editor Joshua “Joe” Loring in the winter of 1947 as the Drakes Island Driftwood, known as “DID”. Copies of the Driftwoods from 1947 to 1980 have been scanned in as searchable PDF files as part of our archive project. The newsletters can be reviewed for your enjoyment and amusement at the annual DIIA History Day. **Check all of these out at DIIA History Day!**

Community House Bulletin Boards

The Community House bulletin boards are intended for DIIA use only (i.e., tennis, activity info, announcements, and sign-up sheets). Please no advertising!

Thinking Ahead

The DIIA welcomes the participation of all Drakes Island residents. If you’re interested in filling one of our future personnel positions or serving on one of our committees, please contact Megan Kane (megbkane@gmail.com) or any DIIA board member.

From a 30s/40s Real Estate Sales Booklet

Introduction

The motorist arrowing smoothly along Route U. S. 1 in a northerly direction through Wells, Maine, passes an inconspicuous road on the right. Near the corner of this road stands a direction board bearing this legend — “Drakes Island, 1 mile”. This sign is not showy. Its reason for being is not to attract the casual passer, but to direct those who are definitely searching for this charming spot.

As one enters the side road, a wide panorama of salt marsh, sandy beach and wooded land complemented by the green-blue waters of the Atlantic, swings into view. From here the road dips slowly down to the multi-hued marsh covered acres which separate Drakes Island from the neighboring shores. The edge of the Island is fringed with the bronze-greens of red and pin oaks — accentuated by the deeper greens of white pines.

In such a setting is the summer colony of Drakes Island situated — one of those pleasant places where smooth bathing beaches and welcoming groves combine to make an ideal vacation land.

This booklet tells why we believe you will return again and again to this beauty spot — why soon it must be YOUR summer home.

The Courts Committee News



Courts Committee Update

Anne Gray and Mike Vitolo decided to step down from the Courts Committee entering the Summer 2025. We are grateful for their time, dedication and contributions to the Committee. The Courts Committee is excited to announce that **Lizzy McQuillan** has joined the Courts Committee. We have one open position on the Committee. If you are interested in joining, please email Stacey Ardini at stacey.baron@gmail.com.

Court Fees

Any adult or child who uses the courts for tennis or pickleball in any way must have a paid Courts membership. Court usage includes formal and informal tennis or pickleball play, Ladies or Men's tennis tally, the DIIA adult tennis tournament, pickleball round robin or individual drop-in play or otherwise. You must have a current DIIA membership in order to purchase a Court membership. A Court membership is an add-on to a DIIA membership. You can pay for your Court membership online at <https://diiamembership.square.site/>



Tennis Updates

We will kick off the tennis season with a **mixed doubles round robin** hosted by Donna Cullen during the week of July 4th. More information to come.

The Courts Committee is excited to bring back the competitive **Ducks vs Islanders Tournament** this summer run by Annie O'Brien. All skill levels are encouraged; ages 16+! Information, including a sign-up, will be sent out through email. Please contact Annie O'Brien at anne.helm@gmail.com to be added to the email list for this fun program.

Ladies Tally continued to have strong participation in 2024. Thank you to Dede McQuillan for her organization of the group. Ladies Tally will be scheduled again for Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If interested in playing in the Ladies Tally, please contact Stacey Ardini at stacey.baron@gmail.com and provide your mobile number, and she will ensure that you are added to the Ladies Tally text group. **Men's Tally** is scheduled for Thursday evenings at 6pm and is a drop-in event, no sign-up necessary. Please contact John Maneikis at jmaneikis@gmail.com with questions.

Pickleball Updates



Organized Play

Like past seasons, court time will be set aside for organized pickleball play on Wednesday (9-11am), Friday (9-11am) and Sunday (9:30-11:30am). All levels are welcome. No sign-up needed, just show up! Plastic balls are allowed during organized play.

Drop-In Play

For information on pickleball hours for “**drop-in play**,” please see hours posted at the courts. Thank you to AI for helping with the new signage! Plastic balls are allowed during these hours only. Please respect the posted hours. These times are in effect **year-round** and should be followed during the high and off seasons. **Pickleball with plastic balls is NOT allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.**

Use of Quiet Balls

If you use Gamma librarian quiet balls while playing pickleball at Drakes Island, you may sign up for any open court, any day, from 8am-8pm. Quiet balls are available for any Courts member’s use and are in the tennis storage container on the back deck of the Community House. Please use them! They really work well and have virtually no sound impact whatsoever.

Raising Awareness about Court Rules

To mitigate noise, we encourage active community compliance with our pickleball hours, and also with paying our Court fees. Please spread the word about the importance of respecting our rules.

We ask that all landlords post the complimentary “fridge cling” in a visible place for renters to see and learn about our tennis & pickleball hours. Please also consider including a note about pickleball hours and play in any email communications with guests. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation.



Kids Tennis Opportunities

Tennis Lessons

BIG changes are coming to the *DIIA KIDS TENNIS PROGRAM* this summer of 2025! With a goal of enhancing our youth tennis offering and supporting the next generation of Island players. Lessons for ages 4-13+, will be held **every weekday, Monday through Friday**, from June 30th to August 15th. We encourage daily attendance. Sneakers and tennis racket are required at every lesson.

- Beginner lessons
 - Time: 11:45am to 12:30pm
 - Ages: 4-7
 - Children who attend Little Kids Camp will be escorted directly from camp. Please pack a snack for your child to have after camp and before tennis.
- Intermediate lessons
 - Time: 12:30pm to 1:45pm
 - Ages: 8+
- Cost per Player:
 - \$25 per week; \$100 for 4 weeks; \$175 for the summer
 - Note: there is no daily rate; minimum cost is \$25 per week

- Please pay via cash or check on Monday (or your first day of lessons), made out to the "DIIA." Please bring your payment to your Tennis Instructor at your first lesson.

Tennis Events

- The *tennis ladder* is returning to Drakes Island kids' tennis. Check the bulletin board for sign-up and rules for this exciting and competitive challenge!
- We have two scheduled *match play and pizza nights*. All abilities welcome! The events are scheduled for July 18th and August 15th. Thank you Cullen Family for hosting!
- Mark your calendar for this summer's **GOODRAK** events!

JULY

- Boys: Monday, July 14
- Girls: Tuesday, July 15
- Mixed Doubles: Wednesday, July 16

AUGUST

- Boys: Monday, August 11
- Girls: Tuesday, August 12
- Mixed Doubles: Wednesday, August 14

2025 DIIA KIDS TENNNIS PROGRAM
GROWING THE NEXT GROUP OF
DRAKES ISLAND TENNIS GREATS
JOIN IN AND JOIN THE FUN - AGES 4-8 and 8+

THE GOODRAK is BACK
This LONG STANDING
Tennis Event Between the Kids of
GOOse Rocks Beach Association of Kennebunkport
And
DRAKes Island Improvement Association

Has been the proving ground for many Current DI Tennis Players.

The Bragging Rights are Priceless and are still shared many years later.

DIIA Court Hours & Rules

Tennis Court Hours:	8am-8pm
Backboard Hours:	9am-8pm
Quiet Ball Pickle Ball Hours:	8am-8pm
Plastic Pickleball	Monday: None
Hours:	Tuesday: None
	Wednesday: 9am-11am (organized play); 2pm-5pm (individual play)
	Thursday: None
	Friday: 9am-11am (organized play); 2pm-5pm (individual play)
	Saturday: None
	Sunday: 9:30am-11:30am (organized play); 2pm-5pm (ind. play)
KIDS Tennis	Monday thru Friday 11:45 am to 1:45 pm

General Rules

- Courts are to be used only for tennis, pickleball or other pre-approved activities for paid Courts members only.
- Tennis shoes (non-marking soles) are required.
- Players are expected to leave the courts neat and tidy. Please mind your trash & pick up litter!
- Any paid Courts member may use an unclaimed or open court, with preference to adults on the weekends.
- All players are asked to observe appropriate court etiquette, and to respect the rights of other players. Parents are responsible for their children adhering to the court rules.
- Please direct any questions or concerns to a member of the Courts Committee.

Reserved Court Time

- A "DIIA Plus Courts Membership" is required to reserve a court.

Sign-Up Procedures

- A sign-up sheet for the following day's play will be posted by 9am on the bulletin board.
- Sign-up sheets will be posted for fall and spring weekends as needed.
- DIIA organized events and tennis lessons are given priority over all other court use.
- Reserved court time is restricted to 1 hour per individual membership/per day.
- Tournament and Round Robin players may not reserve a court on the day of their event.

Weekend and Holiday Play

- Children under 16 may play with adults at any time, but may not sign up to reserve court time for adults, or themselves, on weekends or holidays.
- Reserved court time is restricted to 2 hours per family per day on weekends and holidays.

Cancellations

- Reservations must be canceled at least 30 minutes prior to reservation time.
- A court is forfeited if not claimed within 10 minutes of start time.

Repeated "No Shows" may result in the loss of court privileges.

2025 DIIA Memberships and Fees

Welcome to the 2025 DIIA summer season! We hope you are ready for a season of fun and friendships!

Please use our online membership site to purchase all memberships: <https://DIIAMembership.square.site>

As a reminder, DIIA memberships are **only** for any DI homeowners, renters of DI properties, or those visiting a homeowner or renter, and allow for the member(s) to participate in DIIA activities including day camp. If a membership plus courts is selected, the use of the courts including tennis, pickleball, tennis lessons, or other courts activities is included.

Each membership is intended for one family or one individual in a household. Additional individuals or families should purchase additional memberships. Adult children in a home are encouraged to purchase their own memberships.

If the member is a homeowner, the membership is a voting membership.

For any questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact our membership coordinator, Barb Swartz, at Oper&nPA@Hotmail.com.

Membership types:

- DIIA Membership-** Individual (child or adult) or Family
 - Allows for participation in **non-courts** DIIA programs and events including day camp.
 - Is a voting membership for homeowners.
 - Is intended for ONE family or ONE individual in a household. Additional families or individuals should purchase additional memberships. Adult children in a home are encouraged to purchase their own memberships.

DIIA Membership	Individual	Family
1 week	\$25	\$50
2 weeks	\$50	\$100
4 weeks	\$75	\$150
Season	\$100	\$200

- DIIA Membership Plus Courts-** Individual (child or adult) or Family
 - Allows for participation in **all** DIIA programs and events including day camp.
 - Required to use any courts or participate in any courts activities.** This includes **tennis**: any open play, organized tennis activities, tennis lessons, etc. and **Pickleball**: any open play or organized pickleball activities.
 - Is a voting membership for homeowners.
 - Is intended for ONE family or ONE individual in a household. Additional families or individuals should purchase additional memberships.

DIIA plus Courts Membership	Individual	Family
1 week	\$50	\$150
2 weeks	\$75	\$200
4 weeks	\$125	\$300
Season	\$150	\$400

Adult children in a home are encouraged to purchase their own memberships.

3. DIIA Supporting Membership-

- Intended for those who wish to support the DIIA but do not participate in programs or events
- Is a voting membership for homeowners.
- Choose your level of support on the membership web site (\$25 to \$500) THANK YOU

Day Camp Fees Little Kids Day Camp

The fees for day camp are separate from DIIA Membership dues and are **not paid online**. Little Kids Day Camp is for children ages 4-7. The day camp meets at the Community House Monday-Friday from 9am to 11:30am. Payment is due via cash or check when enrolling your child on site in person in the day camp for that particular day, week or month etc. There is a \$20 “drop-in” fee for child per day. Note: *the fees listed for 2nd and 3rd child only apply to children of the same immediate family.* Please make checks out to the DIIA.

Little Kids Day Camp	1st child	2nd child	3rd child
Fee	\$ 60 per week	\$ 50 per week	\$ 30 per week

Big Kids Day Camp

Big Kids Day Camp is for children ages 8-13. The day camp meets outdoors at the Community House Monday-Friday from 9am to 11:30am, weather permitting. There is no additional cost for Big Kids Camp. However, DIIA membership **dues must be paid** for your child to attend.

Homeowners with Rental Property

Please post **the Dues schedule and Court Times** in a convenient location for your tenants

DON'T FORGET YOUR
“CLING THING”
INCLUDED WITH YOUR
DRIFTWOOD

- **FEEL IT**
 - **PEEL IT**
 - **STICK IT**

PLACE IN YOUR HOUSE on the
Frig, Door, Window, Bulletin Board,
SO EVERYONE WHO VISITS AND
LIVES ON DI WILL BE AWARE OF THE
NEW
COURT RULES



DIIA Court Rules		
Current, Paid Courts Membership Required		
TENNIS TIME Sun-Sat 8AM-8PM	QUIET PICKLEBALL (Gamma Librarian Balls) Sun-Sat + 8AM- 8PM	NO PLASTIC PICKLEBALL Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat 8AM-8PM
PLASTIC PICKLEBALL SCHEDULE		
WEDNESDAY		All Courts
9AM-11AM	2PM-5PM	
Round Robin	Individual Play	
FRIDAY		All Courts
9AM-11AM	2PM-5PM	
Round Robin	Individual Play	
SUNDAY		Court 1 Only
9:30-11:30AM	2PM-5PM	
Round Robin	Individual Play	
as of June 2025		



Community House Rules

Our Community House is located in a residential neighborhood. Wishing to be good neighbors, we ask that you adhere to the following rules:

- The key and permission to use the Community House may be obtained only from the Executive Director, President or Vice President.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on DIIA property.
- Music and noise level must be kept down and be respectful of other residents.
- Please NO climbing on the Community House roof or fences.
- There are two (2) playgrounds: the playground located behind the community house is designed and reserved for small children (up to 7 years old). All children older than 7 years old, please use the other playground on the opposite side of the tennis courts. Please remember to respect the rules and the equipment.
- Please respect the Memorial Flag Pole.

In addition, here are some other notices:

- A permit is required for any outdoor fire - permits can be obtained from the Town of Wells Fire Department.
- No alcohol is allowed on the beach or on any public property.
- The use of consumer fireworks is prohibited anywhere within the Town of Wells.
- Dogs must be leashed - please see the town ordinance section.
- The maximum speed limit of Drakes Island is 25 mph or less and modified depending on conditions. Please respect walkers, runners, children play areas, and need to keep down dust on dirt roads.

We hope that these rules will help maintain good conduct, encourage respect for our neighbors, and preserve our property. Parents, please inform your children of these rules.

Town of Wells Updates

Dogs in the Beach Area (§ 86-1)

Between April 1 through June 15, dogs are not permitted within the beach area unless on a leash and under charge of a responsible person. From June 16 through September 15, dogs are not permitted within the beach areas between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. From 6:00 PM until 8:00 AM, dogs are permitted within the beach area only when on a leash and under charge of a responsible person. Exceptions: This section does not apply to dogs on the property of their owner or another property with the owner's permission, to Seeing Eye dogs assisting an individual with a disability, or to working police dogs.

Clean Up of Pet Waste (§ 80-5)

It is a violation for any person who owns, possesses or controls a dog or any other animal to fail to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her animal, except on the property belonging to the animal's owner or keeper. Disposal shall be accomplished by transporting such feces to an appropriate waste receptacle.

Use of Fireworks (§ 115-4)

The use of consumer fireworks is prohibited anywhere within the Town of Wells. Use of consumer fireworks in violation of this chapter shall be subject to a fine plus attorney's fees and costs for each offense.

THE TOWN OF WELLS HAS A "NEW" NEWSLETTER - Check it Out and Subscribe at WELLSTOWN.ORG

It's time to purchase your 2025 DIIA Membership!!!

We have worked to simplify the membership options!

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<https://DIIAMembership.square.site>

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For any questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact our membership coordinator, Barb Swartz, at Oper8nPA@Hotmail.com.

Meals for Maine



Please join us in supporting our neighbors in need.

We are collecting **non-perishable** food items.

*Please place any donations in the labeled container in the
Community House.*

We will collect them and deliver the food to:

St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry

If you have any questions, please contact: **Finn Seeley** at (860) 491-5074

Opening Meeting of the 2025 Summer Season is **Saturday**
June 28th at 8:30am at the Community House.

Kids Tennis Lessons -- Start June 30th and Ends August 15th
Daily Monday- Friday
11:45am-12:30pm (Beginners)/12:30pm-1:45pm (Intermediates)
Cost: \$25 per week/\$100 per month; \$200 for summer. Pay at first lesson.

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 First Day of Camp & Kids Tennis Lessons	1 Ladies Tally 9-11am Night Camp 7-8 pm	2 Pickleball 9-11am Minute to Win It 7pm (Egan)	3 Bike Decorating Craft 5pm (CITs) Night Camp 7-8pm 	4  Flag Ceremony, 9:30am; Bike Parade, 10am (Foley); Apparel Sale, 10:30am; Jetty Concert w/ Ben Lyons, 6-9pm (Rino)	5 Apparel Sale 10am-12pm  Sand Castle Contest 2pm (Egan) 
6 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am Wet Suit Swap 10am (M.Young) 	7 Chess Night 6pm (M.Dyke) 	8 Ladies Tally 9-11am Sand Castle Making Course 3pm (S. Lowe) Night Camp 7-8pm	9 Pickleball 9-11am Decoupage Shells Craft 7pm (S.Spring) 	10 Ladies Tally 9-11am Men's Tally 6-8pm Night Camp 7-8pm	11 Pickleball 9-11am New England Natives 10am (Camp Event) Friday Night Field Trip 7pm (Mg. Cullen)	12  DI History Day 9am-12pm (K.Kalec) Apparel Sale 10am-12pm
13 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am	14 Boys Goodrak  Bingo Night 7pm (Ackerman/Rosario) 	15 Ladies Tally 9-11am Girls Goodrak  Night Camp 7-8pm	16 Pickleball 9-11am -Mixed Doubles Goodrak  Quilt Making Service Craft 7pm 	17 Ladies Tally 9-11am Book Club Beach Circle 6pm  Men's Tally 6-8pm Night Camp 7-8pm	18 Pickleball 9-11am Kids Round Robin & Pizza 5-7pm (Cullen) 	19 Apparel Sale 10am-12pm  5K Road Race 8am (Robinson)  Summer Party 7pm (Hunt/Demartino) 
20 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am Dog Parade 10am (Hunt)  Surf Competition 4pm (Coons/Hall) 	21 Crafting with Counselors 7pm (CITs)	22 Ladies Tally 9-11am Night Camp 7-8pm	23 Pickleball 9-11am Ice Cream Night 7pm (M. Danforth) 	24 Ladies Tally 9-11am Men's Tally 6-8pm Night Camp 7-8pm	25 Pickleball 9-11am  Youth Dance-Beach Ball 6pm-10pm (Ardini)	26 DIIA Board Meeting 8:30am  Apparel Sale 10am-12pm
27 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am	28 Crafting with Counselors 7pm (CITs)	29 Ladies Tally 9-11am Night Camp 7-8pm	30 Pickleball 9-11am Scavenger Hunt 7pm (Butzlaff) 	31 Night Camp 7-8pm	31 Big Kid's Day Camp (ages 8 & up) starts June 30th and ends August 15th - Monday - Friday, 9-11:30am Little Kid's Day Camp (ages 4-7) starts June 30th and ends August 15th - Monday - Friday, 9-11:30am Apparel Sales Saturdays 10am - 12pm starting on July 4th. Apparel Sales are held at the Community House. The last sale will be held on August 30th, so be sure to get your holiday shopping done early!	

JUNE AND JULY EVENTS

JUNE

28th Opening Meeting (8:30am)

Opening Meeting to kick off the 2025 summer season!!



30th Big and Little Kid's Day Camps Begin (9-11:30am)

JULY

2nd Minute to Win It

For the teens/tweens: Come and do fun, and funny activities for 1 minute-Who will be the winner? Are you a great marshmallow tosser? How are your building skills as you create a tower of solo cups and break it down? Or for our Hersey kiss lovers, how fast can you unwrap one ...using oven mitts?? (Egan)



3rd Bike Parade Decorating Craft (5 pm)

The parade is coming! Skip the frantic search for ribbons, streamers and doodads at your house and decorate your bikes at the Community House instead! (Counselors In Training ("CIT"))



4th Flag Ceremony & 4th of July Bike Parade (9am; 10 am)

See you in your red, white and blue! Flag Ceremony at 9am. Parade begins at the Community House promptly at 10am. (Foley Family).



4th First Apparel Sale (10am-12pm)

The First Apparel sale of the season will be held at the Community House. Apparel sales will happen every Saturday from 10am - 12pm through August 30th.



4th Jetty Concert Family Event (6-9pm)

Ben Lyons (a local singer/band who plays all of Southern Maine) will be playing at the Jetty Parking Lot for the Drakes Island Community. Please do not drive and park at the Jetty. Bring your own beach set up, food, drinks & enjoy the show. (Rino Family)



5th Sand Castle Contest (judging begins at 2 pm)

Can you dig it? Grab your shovels and pails...it's time to build a sand castle! Everyone is a winner! (Callie & Dan Egan)



6th Wet Suit Swap (10am)

Wetsuit not fitting any more? See if you can exchange it for one that does! Check the bulletin board for more details. (Megan Young)



7th Chess Night (6pm)

Checkmate! Come to learn, play or just watch. Parents, grandparents or other special adults are invited to join their children to play. (Melanie Dyke)



8th Sand Castle Making Course (3pm)

This is a new Camp event for the kids run during Camp hours and taught by Scott Lowe. The magic happens at the Fern Street entrance. (Scott Lowe)



9th Decoupage Craft Night (7pm)

Get your glue going, and join us for a beach themed decoupage craft night. (She'' Spring)



11th Friday Night Field Trip (7pm)

Gather at the Community House for an off-site field trip for Big Kids, ages 12+. Details and cost are TBD. See the Community House Bulletin Board for more info. (Meghan Cullen)

12th Drakes Island History Day (10am-12pm)

Come check out pictures of the past from the DI Archives. Island historian Karen Kalec does an amazing job preserving and celebrating DI's history at this treasured event. (Karen Kalec)



14th Kids Bingo Night (7pm)

Grab a card and try your luck at BINGO! Join us for a night of fun and prizes. (Ackerman/Rosario)



16th Quilt Making Service Craft (7pm)

Seeking service-loving sewers! Come use your stitching skills to help make blankets to support families in need. (Kelsey Ackerman)



17th Book Club Beach Circle Night (6pm)

Join the Drakes Island Summer Book Club. July's book is *She's Up To No Good* by Sara Goodman Confino. Meet at the Fern Street entrance to dish and discuss. Beach chair recommended. (Meghan Cullen)



18th Kids Round Robin & Pizza (5-7pm)

Match play and pizza night - all abilities are welcome! More details to follow. (Cullen Family)



19th 5K Road Race (Race starts at 8 am)

On your marks, get set, go!!! The 5K road race starts from the Jetty Parking Lot and ends at the Community House. Registration forms are available online. Details to follow. (Robinson Family)



Refreshments and Donuts (8am)

Come down to the Community House and cheer on the Road Race participants as they cross the finishline.



19th Summer Party on Maple Street (7pm)

Gather with Island friends and families on the lawn of the Hunts & Demartinos on Maple Street. BYOB & something to share. (Hunt & Demartino Families)



20th Dog Parade (10am)

Bow-wow-wow-yippee-yo-yippee-yay! Dress your pup up for the Annual Dog Parade at the basketball court. Awards & treats for all participants. (Hunt)



20th Surfing Competition (4pm)

It's time to hang ten! Surfers and spectators head to the Fern Street entrance to be a part of the action. Sign up on the beach from 2:30-3:30pm (Hall/Coons)

23rd Ice Cream Night (7pm)

We all scream for ICE CREAM! Add your favorite toppings to a scoop or two! (Melissa Danforth)



25th Youth Dance - The Beach Ball (6pm-10pm)

A throw-back to the "good ol days" with a Friday night youth dance at the Community House. DJ & photobooth. Kids U8 join from 6-7pm. \$5 for little kids. \$10 for all others. Pay cash at the door. (Drew & Stacey Ardini)



26th Open Board Meeting (8:30am)

Meeting begins at 8:30am at the Community House.



30th Scavenger Hunt (7pm)

Teams scour the island for items on the scavenger list. Begins at the Community House. More details to follow. (Mary & Karsten Butzlaff)



August 2025

Final Apparel Sale – Saturday August 30th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pickleball 9-11am DI Ninja Warrior 4:30pm (Ml.Cullen) 	2 Apparel Sale 10am-12pm 
3 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am  Cornhole Tournament 3pm (Ardini)	4 Crafting with Counselors 7pm (CITs)	5 Ladies Tally 9-11am Night Camp 7-8pm	6 Pickleball 9-11am Dream Catcher Craft 7pm (Ml.Cullen) 	7 Ladies Tally 9-11am Men's Tally 6-8pm  Pizza Night 6pm (S.Salcetti/N.Brinley) Night Camp 7-8pm	8 Pickleball 9-11am Ladies Coffee 10am (J.Rino) New England Natives 10am (Kids Camp Event) Friday Night Field Trip 7pm (Mg. Cullen)	9 Apparel Sale 10am-12pm 
10 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am	11 Boys Goodrak  Candy Night 7pm (Ardini/Butzloff) 	12 Ladies Tally 9-11am Girls Goodrak  Night Camp 7-8pm	13 Pickleball 9-11am Mixed Doubles Goodrak  Quilt Making Service Craft 7pm 	14 Ladies Tally 9-11am Book Club Beach Circle 6pm  Men's Tally 6-8pm Night Camp 7-8pm	15 Pickleball 9-11am Last Day of Kids Camp Kids Round Robin & Pizza 5-7pm (Cullen) 	16 DIIA Closing Meeting 8:30am  Apparel Sale 10am-12pm 
17 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am	18	19 Ladies Tally 9-11am	20 Pickleball 9-11am	21 Ladies Tally 9-11am Men's Tally 6-8pm	22 Pickleball 9-11am  Kids Car Wash 1pm (CITs)	23 Apparel Sale 10am-12pm 
24 Run Club 8am Pickleball 9:30-11:30am	25	26 Ladies Tally 9-11am	27 Pickleball 9-11am	28 Ladies Tally 9-11am Men's Tally 6-8pm	29 Pickleball 9-11am	30 Final Apparel Sale 10am-12pm 

AUGUST EVENTS



AUGUST

- 1st DI Ninja Warrior (4:30pm)**  Do you have what it takes to be a ninja warrior? Yes, you do! Warriors will be arranged in appropriate age groups and race to the finish. We encourage you to wear a costume or silly outfit as part of the fun! (Molly Cullen)
- 3rd Cornhole Tournament (13+) (3pm)** Don't miss out on this fun beach event! Grab a team member and sign up at the Community House in advance. (Drew & Stacey Ardini)
- 6th Dream Catcher Craft (7pm)**  Catch the dream wave and come dream deeper and deeper than the see! Come make your own dream catcher! (Molly Cullen)
- 7th Pizza Night (6pm)**  It doesn't matter how you slice it...PIZZA RULES! Please be sure to sign up in advance at the Community House (Susie Salcetti & Nicole Brinley)
- 8th Ladies Coffee (10am)**  A chance to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones to the Island! (Joanne Rino)
- 8th Friday Night Field Trip (7pm)** Gather at the Community House for an off-site field trip for Big Kids, ages 12+. Details and cost are TBD. Parent drivers may be needed. See the Community House Bulletin Board for more info. (Meghan Cullen)
- 11th Candy Night (7pm)**  Sugar...ah...honey, honey! Sugar...ah...honey, honey! Don't miss your chance to purchase some sweet treats at the Community House. Check out bulletin board for details! (Ardini & Butzlaff Families)
- 13th Quilt Making Service Craft (7pm)**  Seeking service-loving sewers! Come use your stitching skills to help make blankets to support families in need. (Kelsey Ackerman)
- 14th Book Club Beach Circle Night (6pm)**  Join the Drakes Island Summer Book Club. August's book is *Isola* by Allegra Goodman. Meet at the Fern Street entrance to dish and discuss. Beach chair recommended. (Meghan Cullen)
- 15th Last Day of Big Kids & Little Kids Camp**
- 15th Kids Round Robin & Pizza (5-7pm)**  Match play and pizza night – all abilities are welcome! More details to follow. (Cullen Fam)

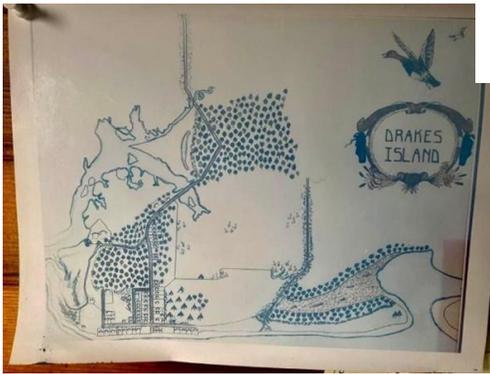
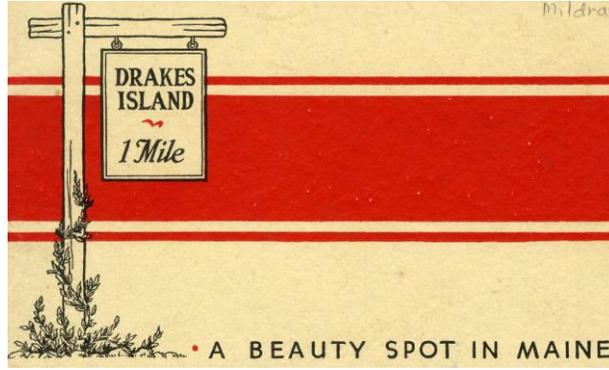
- Big Kid's Day Camp (ages 8 & up)** June 30th - August 15th
· Monday - Friday, 9-11:30am
- Little Kid's Day Camp (ages 4-7)** June 30th - August 15th
· Monday - Friday, 9-11:30am
· Cost: \$60/wk for 1 child, \$50 for 2nd child, \$30 for 3rd child
- Night Camp** 7-8pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays
· An extension of Big Kids Day Camp (ages 8 & up). Check bulletin board for updates.
- Kids Tennis Lessons** Starts June 30th
· Time: Daily Monday through Friday
· Beginners 11:45am-12:30pm / Intermediates 12:30-1:45pm
· Cost: \$25.00 per child/week; \$100 per month; \$200 for Summer
- Drakes Island Apparel Sales - July 4th thru August 30th**
· Saturdays 10am- 2:00pm
· Apparel Sales will be held at the Community House on Saturdays. On days when a meeting is scheduled, the Apparel Sale will start right after the meeting has adjourned. The Final Sale for the year will be held on **August 30th**, so be sure to get your holiday shopping done early!
- Pickleball**
· Plastic Pickleball organized play events are held at the Tennis Courts on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Please see posted hours for restricted plastic pickleball hours at the Courts and please respect our neighbors!

17th Closing Meeting (8:30am)  Closing Meeting to begin at 8:30am.

22nd Kids Car Wash (1pm)
Big kids will be running a car wash to help raise money for the local food bank. (Counselors In Training)



NOW and THEN



JULY 2025 Drakes Island Tide Chart

Date		High				Low				☀️		🌙
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon
1	Tue	4:17	9.1	4:53	8.8	10:31	0.6	10:58	1.3	5:04	8:28	🌓
2	Wed	5:10	8.5	5:42	8.8	11:20	1.0	11:54	1.4	5:04	8:27	🌓
3	Thu	6:03	8.1	6:30	8.7			12:09	1.4	5:05	8:27	🌓
4	Fri	6:58	7.8	7:20	8.7	12:50	1.4	12:59	1.7	5:06	8:27	🌓
5	Sat	7:55	7.6	8:10	8.8	1:46	1.4	1:50	1.9	5:06	8:27	🌓
6	Sun	8:50	7.5	8:59	8.9	2:40	1.3	2:40	2.0	5:07	8:26	🌑
7	Mon	9:41	7.6	9:45	9.1	3:29	1.1	3:27	1.9	5:08	8:26	🌑
8	Tue	10:28	7.7	10:29	9.3	4:15	0.8	4:11	1.8	5:08	8:25	🌑
9	Wed	11:12	7.9	11:12	9.5	4:57	0.6	4:53	1.7	5:09	8:25	🌑
10	Thu	11:54	8.0	11:54	9.7	5:37	0.4	5:34	1.5	5:10	8:25	🌑
11	Fri			12:35	8.2	6:16	0.2	6:14	1.3	5:11	8:24	🌑
12	Sat	12:35	9.8	1:15	8.5	6:54	0.0	6:56	1.1	5:12	8:23	🌑
13	Sun	1:16	9.9	1:55	8.7	7:33	-0.1	7:39	0.9	5:12	8:23	🌑
14	Mon	1:59	9.9	2:36	9.0	8:13	-0.2	8:25	0.7	5:13	8:22	🌑
15	Tue	2:44	9.8	3:19	9.3	8:55	-0.2	9:15	0.5	5:14	8:22	🌑
16	Wed	3:33	9.6	4:06	9.5	9:41	-0.1	10:09	0.4	5:15	8:21	🌑
17	Thu	4:25	9.3	4:56	9.7	10:30	0.1	11:06	0.3	5:16	8:20	🌓
18	Fri	5:21	9.0	5:49	9.9	11:23	0.3			5:17	8:19	🌓
19	Sat	6:22	8.7	6:47	10.0	12:07	0.2	12:20	0.6	5:18	8:19	🌓
20	Sun	7:27	8.5	7:49	10.1	1:11	0.1	1:21	0.8	5:19	8:18	🌓
21	Mon	8:35	8.4	8:52	10.2	2:17	0.0	2:24	0.8	5:20	8:17	🌓
22	Tue	9:39	8.5	9:53	10.4	3:20	-0.3	3:26	0.8	5:21	8:16	🌓
23	Wed	10:40	8.7	10:50	10.5	4:19	-0.5	4:24	0.6	5:22	8:15	🌓
24	Thu	11:36	8.9	11:45	10.6	5:14	-0.6	5:20	0.5	5:23	8:14	🌑
25	Fri			12:27	9.1	6:06	-0.7	6:13	0.4	5:24	8:13	🌑
26	Sat	12:36	10.4	1:15	9.2	6:54	-0.6	7:03	0.5	5:25	8:12	🌑
27	Sun	1:25	10.2	2:00	9.2	7:39	-0.4	7:51	0.6	5:26	8:11	🌑
28	Mon	2:11	9.8	2:43	9.1	8:23	0.0	8:39	0.7	5:27	8:10	🌓
29	Tue	2:56	9.3	3:26	9.1	9:05	0.4	9:28	0.9	5:28	8:09	🌓
30	Wed	3:42	8.8	4:08	8.9	9:49	0.8	10:18	1.1	5:29	8:08	🌓
31	Thu	4:29	8.3	4:52	8.8	10:33	1.3	11:09	1.3	5:30	8:07	🌓

Source: USHarbors.com

AUGUST 2025 Drakes Island Tide Chart

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2	Sat	6:11	7.5	6:29	8.5	12:03	1.5	12:08	2.0	5:32	8:04	🌓
3	Sun	7:08	7.3	7:22	8.5	12:59	1.5	1:01	2.2	5:33	8:03	🌓
4	Mon	8:07	7.2	8:17	8.7	1:56	1.5	1:56	2.2	5:34	8:02	🌓
5	Tue	9:03	7.4	9:09	8.9	2:51	1.3	2:49	2.1	5:35	8:00	🌒
6	Wed	9:54	7.6	9:58	9.2	3:41	1.0	3:38	1.8	5:36	7:59	🌒
7	Thu	10:40	7.9	10:43	9.5	4:25	0.7	4:23	1.5	5:37	7:58	🌒
8	Fri	11:23	8.3	11:27	9.8	5:06	0.3	5:06	1.1	5:38	7:56	🌒
9	Sat			12:04	8.7	5:45	0.0	5:49	0.7	5:40	7:55	🌒
10	Sun	12:10	10.1	12:44	9.1	6:24	-0.3	6:33	0.4	5:41	7:54	🌒
11	Mon	12:53	10.2	1:25	9.5	7:04	-0.4	7:18	0.1	5:42	7:52	🌒
12	Tue	1:38	10.2	2:07	9.8	7:45	-0.5	8:05	-0.2	5:43	7:51	🌒
13	Wed	2:24	10.0	2:51	10.0	8:28	-0.4	8:55	-0.2	5:44	7:49	🌒
14	Thu	3:13	9.7	3:39	10.1	9:15	-0.2	9:49	-0.2	5:45	7:48	🌒
15	Fri	4:07	9.3	4:31	10.1	10:06	0.2	10:48	0.0	5:46	7:46	🌒
16	Sat	5:05	8.8	5:28	10.0	11:02	0.6	11:51	0.1	5:47	7:45	🌓
17	Sun	6:09	8.4	6:31	9.8			12:02	0.9	5:48	7:43	🌓
18	Mon	7:18	8.2	7:38	9.8	12:58	0.2	1:08	1.1	5:49	7:42	🌓
19	Tue	8:28	8.2	8:45	9.8	2:07	0.2	2:16	1.2	5:51	7:40	🌓
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21	Thu	10:31	8.7	10:43	10.1	4:10	-0.1	4:18	0.7	5:53	7:37	🌓
22	Fri	11:22	8.9	11:34	10.1	5:02	-0.3	5:11	0.5	5:54	7:35	🌓
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27	Wed	2:26	9.0	2:44	9.1	8:26	0.7	8:52	0.7	5:59	7:27	🌓
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29	Fri	3:50	8.1	4:05	8.8	9:46	1.5	10:24	1.2	6:02	7:23	🌓
30	Sat	4:37	7.7	4:51	8.6	10:31	1.9	11:16	1.5	6:03	7:22	🌓
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