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Enjoy Fireworks from the Maritime Aquarium's Boat on Long Island Sound

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Enjoy a unique water view of municipal holiday displays, and avoid the crowds and traffic, by coming aboard one of the fireworks cruises offered by The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk.

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The Aquarium is offering cruises to two fireworks displays aboard its R/V Spirit of the Sound, the country's first research vessel with quiet "green" hybrid-electric propulsion. The 64-foot catamaran has two deck levels for optimum viewing enjoyment.
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— [an announcement](#) from the Maritime Aquarium

"Seeing the fireworks reflecting on the water doubles the fun," said Dave Sigworth, the aquarium's spokesman.

"Plus, there's less stress with the whole experience. You'll enjoy a relaxing ride out onto Long Island Sound and perhaps a great sunset, and then have an unobstructed view of the fireworks. There are no lawn chairs to lug along, and you won't have to sit in your car for an hour afterward trying to get out of a parking lot."

Here's the Aquarium's patriotic-pyrotechnics plan, with departure times:

- Monday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. — Norwalk's Calf Pasture Beach display
- Tuesday, July 4 at 7 p.m. — Rowayton display

Each cruise departs from The Maritime Aquarium dock (outside the IMAX Theater). Return is expected by 11 p.m. Food in small soft-sided coolers is allowed aboard the boat, but alcoholic beverages and glass bottles are prohibited.

Tickets are \$75 (\$70 for aquarium members). All participants must be at least 42 inches tall to board. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

R/V Spirit of the Sound has a climate-controlled cabin but participants should dress for time outside on deck, where the best viewing occurs. There is a restroom onboard.

Capacity is limited so advance reservations are strongly suggested. Reserve your tickets online — and see the full summer schedule for public cruises aboard R/V Spirit of the Sound — at [the Maritime Aquarium website](#) or call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.