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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN MONTAUK WITH JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

See From the Beach or on Water on a Dinner Cruise



Celebrate July 4th at “Stars Over Montauk” Grucci fireworks show, twenty-first century style, sponsored by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. Fireworks are an American tradition since July 4, 1777, when one year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia, Independence Day was commemorated by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks.

Expect thrilling music with lots of crescendos at this fireworks as WELJ (104.7 FM), a Montauk station, coordinates patriotic music when it begins and listeners hear it on digital devices and radios. People may view the fireworks from Umbrella Beach at 9 p.m., at points throughout the hamlet or from the water aboard the Viking Starship, a fundraising dinner cruise sponsored by the chamber and Viking Fleet.

“For the twenty-first year, the Chamber has provided the funds and fund-raised for the most spectacular fireworks production in Montauk, our Town, in fact, the entire East End” says Laraine Creegan, executive director of the Chamber. “Celebrating our day of independence is America’s and Montauk’s most important event,” she adds. The fireworks show costs more than \$24,000 and donations to the chamber are welcome.

The dinner cruise on the Viking Starship goes around Montauk Point to view the fireworks. Cocktail hour and check-in is at Sammy’s Restaurant at 6 p.m., boarding at the Viking Dock at 7 p.m. and the fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Participants must be 21 and over. The \$100 ticket includes all beer, wine and a picnic-style buffet dinner and live music by the 3B’s, a classic rock band. Tickets are available on the chamber website. The cruise sold

out the last two years. The rain date is July 5th. Proceeds are applied to a future fireworks event.

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