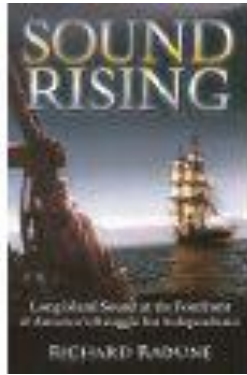


The Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park Proudly Present Our August Speaker



Author, Richard Radune : *Sound Rising:* Long Island Sound in the War of 1812



Those of us, who live near its shores, delight in regularly viewing Long Island Sound and taking advantage of its beauty and opportunities for sailing, fishing, and swimming. However, many of us have never thought about the strategic importance of the sound and its influence on the course of history. Richard Radune, who wrote *Sound Rising* on this topic, will present these new perceptions on August 29, 2013, at 7 p.m., to the Friends of Fort Trumbull in the Conference Center at Fort Trumbull State Park. Mr. Radune will explore the critical role Long Island Sound played in The War of 1812.

Mr. Radune, of Branford, is an independent historian and author. After graduating from Syracuse University in 1965 with a major in U.S. History, he served as an Air Force Captain in North Dakota and Alaska. Following a 30 year business career with CIGNA Corporation, Mr. Radune retired to turn his attention to historical research. His first effort was the award winning book, *Pequot Plantation: The Story of an Early Colonial Settlement*. In its review in 2006, *Connecticut History* called the book "thoroughly researched and highly readable". He then turned his attention to researching the maritime history of Long Island Sound from 1750-1820.

Because of its many navigable rivers, coves, and small ports, Long Island Sound had many merchants, entrepreneurs, and seaman who constructed ship yards, built vessels of all types, and engaged in all types of trade. Many of them also commanded naval vessels, privateers, and whaleboats. As Mr. Radune wrote, "Long Island Sound functioned as a seedbed for development of seamen, ship captains, technological advancement, larger merchant operations and shipping lines". It is these daring men who not only sailed all over the world, but also amassed wealth through trade profits which was invested to help in the creation of the U.S. Navy, the development of the Port of New York, and Connecticut's eventual transition into an industrial economy. Mr. Radune wrote, "...the maritime enterprises of Long Island Sound provided for relentless individual initiative, energy and creation of entrepreneurial spirit."

As he discusses Long Island Sound and The War of 1812, Mr. Radune will present new insights on the importance of the Sound to America's struggle during "The Second War for Independence".

The meeting is open to the public and new members are always welcome. Be sure to visit our interesting gift shop from 6:30 to 7 p.m. before the meeting.