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John Paul Jones 270th Birthday Party

Sunday, July 9, 2017 1-4pm

John Paul Jones
House Museum & Garden

National Historic Landmark

43 Middle Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

free admission, house tours, music with Great Bay Sailor,
family fun, refreshments

Father of US Navy:

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Portsmouth, New Hampshire...Always wondered what that beautiful yellow mansion was on the corner of Middle and State Streets in downtown Portsmouth? Always wanted to come into the gardens, peek inside the house but haven't put that on your calendar yet? Now's your chance. On Sunday July 9 at 1pm, the Portsmouth Historical Society, which runs Discover Portsmouth and which saved the John Paul Jones House in 1917, is hosting a free 270th birthday party (born July 6, 1747) for the father of the US Navy, who spoke the immortal words, "I have not yet begun to fight!"

Start by grabbing a lawn chair and making your way to 43 Middle Street at 1pm. The staff and volunteers will take it from there. The event includes patriotic festivities, live music provided by perennial favorite Great Bay Sailor, cake (of course!), and family fun. Admission and house tours are free to the public. In addition to the several galleries devoted to John Paul Jones, the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty signed in Portsmouth in 1905, Portsmouth's maritime history, and local paintings and decorative arts, we are again featuring a special exhibition of amazing objects 'discovered' in storage, treasures that rarely see the light of day, an exhibition entitled *The Odd & the Elegant*.

About John Paul Jones

Scottish born naval captain and colonial America's first sea warrior, John Paul Jones visited New

Hampshire twice. In 1777 he took the Portsmouth-built *Ranger* with a Piscataqua crew to France. There he worried the British in a series of guerilla raids before his famous battle on the *Bon Homme Richard*. Later, a hero decorated by the king of France, he returned to Portsmouth to fit out the *America*, the largest ship of war ever built in the nation to that day. While he was here, Jones stayed at the Purcell House, today the John Paul Jones House.

About National Historic Landmarks

A National Historic Landmark is a building, site, structure, or object that is officially recognized by the United States government for its outstanding degree of historical significance. Out of over 85,000 places that have been listed on the country's National Register of Historic Places only about 2,500 are recognized as National Historic Landmarks. There are eight sites in Portsmouth: the USS Albacore, Richard Jackson House, John Paul Jones House, Governor John Langdon House, Warner House, Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden, Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion, and Wentworth-Gardner House.

About Portsmouth Historical Society, founded in 1920, is a tax-exempt 501C3 nonprofit devoted to introducing, interpreting and stimulating the study of Portsmouth history and to maintaining collections of historical artifacts and documents. It operates two facilities – Discover Portsmouth and the John Paul Jones House.

About John Paul Jones House: hours, admission

The John Paul Jones House Museum and Gardens are located at 43 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 and open from 11am-5pm from Memorial Day Monday May 29 through Columbus Day October 9, 2017 + Veterans Day, Saturday November 11, 2017. Admission is \$6; \$5 for Portsmouth residents, AAA, Seniors and retired Military. Members of the Portsmouth Historical Society, children under 12 and active military personnel and their families are free. Group rates available; tours are self-guided; the last tour begins at 4:30pm. For more information on tours and events call [603-436-8420](tel:603-436-8420), visit Discover Portsmouth at 10 Middle Street, or check out PortsmouthHistory.org.

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We're grateful to our many volunteers who help keep the JPJ House Museum and Gardens looking good – Liberty Mutual, Piscataqua Garden Club, and Portsmouth High School, and our Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Also available At the John Paul Jones House Carriage House

Port City Bike Tours

Now offering daily guided and self-guided bike tours starting at the John Paul Jones Carriage House, 43 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH. Guided tours (2-6 riders) range from 7 to 25 miles, 90 minutes to 3 1/2 hours, and each offers amazing scenery, history and local insights. Private custom tours for your family, friends or corporate group are also available. Tours include your guide, custom fit 21-speed bike, helmet, water and snack. To reserve call [603-969-1866](tel:603-969-1866) or visit www.portcitybiketours.com

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