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# ***Dean Logan's Blog***

## **Big Fun in Little Rhody**

Posted by David Logan on 07/16/2010 at 02:38 PM

It's perfectly understandable why a century ago the superrich chose RI for their [summer homes](#), because summer in RI is sublime. Much of the fun is on the water--the sailing and kayacking are world class (and RWU even provides students free kayacks for exploring Mt Hope Bay). There are also excellent beaches and even surfing. There is also alot for landlubbers, too. You can do no better than the 4th of July Parade in Bristol; the 225th took place on Monday, July 5th (some pics are below) and it was the subject of the cover story of the July 4th edition of [Parade Magazine](#).







July is also the time for one of America's top outdoor shows, the [Newport Folk Festival](#). This year's lineup is typically eclectic, and features some favorites of mine, including Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings, Andrew Bird, (RI's own) the Low Anthem, the Averett Brothers, Caalexico, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band!

Not surprisingly, seafood is king on menus, with nearby [Quito's](#), [Agave](#), and [Evelyn's](#) serving up tasty clam rolls and quahog chowder right next to the water, while [DeWolf Tavern](#) and [Redlefsen's](#) offer more sophisticated fare (and terrific views, too).