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Legal Beagle's Post

Beyond Making a Murderer

Posted by Library Blog on 06/03/2016 at 11:54 AM

2016 has been the year of [Making a Murderer](#). For those of you who have not seen or heard of the show, it is ten-part law-related documentary on Netflix about a Wisconsin man named Steven Avery who may or may not be a murderer. It has been compared to the [Serial podcast](#).

If you are a fan of Making a Murderer, you may be interested in other law-related stories:

[The Jinx](#) is HBO's "six-part examination of the reclusive millionaire at the heart of three killings spanning four decades." The man at the center of The Jinx is Robert Durst. Durst was also the inspiration of the Ryan Gosling movie, [All Good Things](#).

[The Staircase](#) is a courtroom docu-drama about the death of Kathleen Peterson and the subsequent trial of Michael Peterson, her husband and alleged killer. The series even spawned a follow-up [documentary](#) by the same director. Both the series and the sequel are widely available online.

While [Conviction](#) is not a documentary, it is based on a true law-related story and has roots much closer to home! Check out this old [news item](#) for more information about this story and its ties to RWU Law.

Don't worry! If you get tired of too much real life crime, you can always return to the world of [fictionalized crime](#).



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The Thrash to the Onion Patch

Posted by Library Blog on 06/08/2016 at 09:40 AM



Sailing is undoubtedly a popular summer sport in Rhode Island. There are countless opportunities to learn or hone your craft. One of the best ways to appreciate sailing in Rhode Island is to watch the start of the Newport Bermuda Race.

Every other year sailors from all over the world race across the Gulf Stream in a 635-mile ocean race from Newport to Bermuda. This race, formally named the Newport Bermuda Race, is nicknamed "The Thrash to the Onion Patch." According to the event's [website](#), the race is so nicknamed "because most Bermuda Races include high winds and big waves (a combination sailors call 'a hard thrash'), and because Bermuda is an agricultural island." This year the race starts on June 17th.

Between 160 and 200 boats generally sail in the event and the race will be held for the 50th time in 2016. The average crew has ten people and depending on a number of factors (weather, Gulf Stream currents, boat size, boat speed, etc.) the race can take from 2-6 days. The largest entrant in the history of the race was 100 feet (1909's Amorita and 2008/2010's Speedboat) while the smallest was 28 feet (1906's Gauntlet). The fastest race was run by 2012's Rambler which took less than 40 hours to complete the 635 mile course.

If you want to watch the start of the race, you can gather at one of the shoreside public areas such as [Brenton Point](#) and [Beavertail](#). You can also watch [live coverage](#) of the race's start online.

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Preparing for Independence Day

Posted by Library Blog on 06/08/2016 at 09:55 AM

The 4th of July celebration in Bristol officially starts on [June 14th](#). This celebration is a several week long build up to the main event, the [4th of July Parade](#). This time of year, Bristol is abuzz with patriotism.



This year's 4th of July celebration in Bristol will feature several [evenings of music](#) including: [Changes In Latitudes](#), a Jimmy Buffett tribute show,; the [British Invasion](#), a retrospective of the British Invasion Era; and, [Songs in the Attic](#), a Billy Joel tribute show.

In addition to the concert series, there is a Drum & Bugle Corps Competition, a fireworks display, and of course, the parade. There is even something called an [Orange Crate Derby](#).

Interested in learning more about the history of the celebration? Check out this old [episode](#) of the public television show Dead Air Live which features Bristol.

A full list of events can be found [here](#). This summer celebrate your Independence Day safely, responsibly, and in good company.