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The headline in a recent edition of the [Providence Business News](#) (quoted above) hits it dead-on: RWU has built an excellent Marine Law program. By focusing on all things marine—pollution, shipping, coastal development, alternative energy, (International) Law of the Sea, and even piracy—our students learn about cutting edge issues from top-shelf experts. One unique aspect of the program is the chance for our students to take courses at the oldest Marine Affairs program in the country (at the University of Rhode Island, just across the bay) and to get hands'-on learning by working on projects funded by RI Sea Grant, a federal program. All of this is coordinated through our Marine Affairs Institute, which not only sees to it that the our students get excellent training while at RWU, but that helps our graduates land prestigious jobs after graduation.



Susan Farady, Director of RWU Law
Marine Affairs Institute

In addition to the usual array of classes, 2010-11 academic year is shaping up to be a blockbuster programmatically, with a November symposium on an issue of singular importance to New England economies, fisheries management. And, in April we will turn our attention to the BP disaster in the Gulf. I

have already commented in the [national and international media](#) on some of these civil liability issues, and we plan to bring to campus regional and national experts, including a friend from my days as a practicing lawyer, Ray Mabus, who has been tapped by President Obama to coordinate the federal response.

Stay tuned for details as the program schedules firm up.