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National Champion Rower to Open Rowing School on South Watuppa Pond

Boris Kusturic began his rowing career more than 20 years ago with the Red Start rowing club in Belgrade, Serbia.

Five years later he was recruited from Serbia to row for Dowling College in Long Island. In 2002, Kusturic helped the Dowling College crew win a Dad Vail Regatta championship.

Kusturic then went on to coach the Harvard heavyweight crew in 2010 and 2011 before becoming the Head Coach at the Cambridge Boat Club in 2011. Kusturic is described by the Cambridge Boat Club as a career-oriented rowing coach who has

experience working with novices, club, masters, juniors, collegiate, and elite athletes.

Kusturic will now be bringing his experience and expertise to the South Watuppa Pond.

The South Watuppa Pond is three miles long and a mile and a half wide at its northern end, the recreational uses of which are not hindered by a reservoir designation or private ownership issues. As such, Kusturic has leased space behind Ralco Electric

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Right: Aerial view of the South Watuppa Pond, home of the newly established rowing school opened under the leadership of national champion Boris Kusturic.



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1,152 Jobs Available

Looking for a job?

Visit froed.org then select the "Current Employment Opportunities" tab. Next click "Job Search" and this will launch an interactive database.

Within this database alone there are currently **1,152** employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River.

Watuppa Rowing

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at 101 State Road across from White's of Westport to begin his rowing school. Currently the site has a 60 foot rubberized dock, which will accommodate the school's rowing shells. These shells include three eight-person, four four-person, which range in length from 35 to 55 feet, and hold at least 40 young rowers.

Initially, Kusturic is looking to attract students beginning at age 13 or seventh grade through high school. As a youth coach, including the US Junior National Coach, Kusturic finds students who participate in rowing are hard working and do well in school. Kusturic is reaching out to area schools including Fall River, Somerset, Westport,

Swansea, Freetown and other nearby communities to drum up interest in this after school recreational activity.

Kusturic would like to see distance-racing competitions in the fall, about 4,000 to 5,000 meters (2 to 3 miles) and sprint racing up to 2,000 meters in the spring. Eventually, Kusturic would like to set up full state championships on the west side of the pond with 20 to 25 schools with rowing teams participating from all over Massachusetts.

Currently, competitive rowing exists in Providence and New Bedford, but it will be a new venture here in Fall River. Anyone interested in the rowing program should email watupparowing@gmail.com.



Above: Boris Kusturic who is opening a rowing school on the South Watuppa Pond. (Photo courtesy of interactiverowingcoach.com)

Fall River Grand Prix

August 14-16, 2015, Borden Light Marina located at 1 Ferry Street here in Fall River hosted the first ever Offshore Powerboat Association's (OPA) Fall River Grand Prix.

While pre-race events took place all weekend, the real action took place on Sunday, August 16 during the races.

Thirty-four boats participated in the races, which started and finished at Borden Light Marina and included turns near the Cove Restaurant as well as points south in the vicinity of Slade Street.

OPA race courses are typically 4 mile ovals located near the shore to optimize spectator viewing.

An official start time begins when the bow of the boat crosses the start line. All boats must cross the start line to be scored

for that event. The boat is then scored by completed laps/distance.

Six classes of races took place naming Typhoon, Wazzup, Repeat Offender, Woah Mama, and Aquaholic each winners in their respective category.

The event was a great success and brought many new faces to Fall River's waterfront. Kenneth Fiola, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Fall River Office of Economic Development was pleased with the event noting, "We are working hard to develop our waterfront and events such as the Fall River Grand Prix do the City a great service by drawing attention to one of the City's most valuable assets."

For additional information about the Fall River Grand Prix or OPA visit oparacing.org.



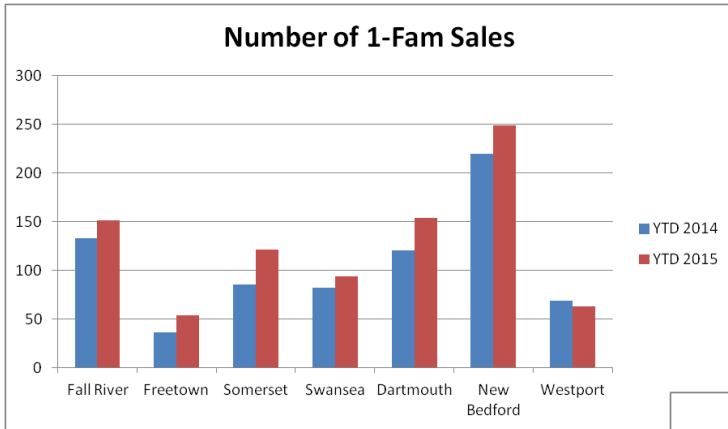
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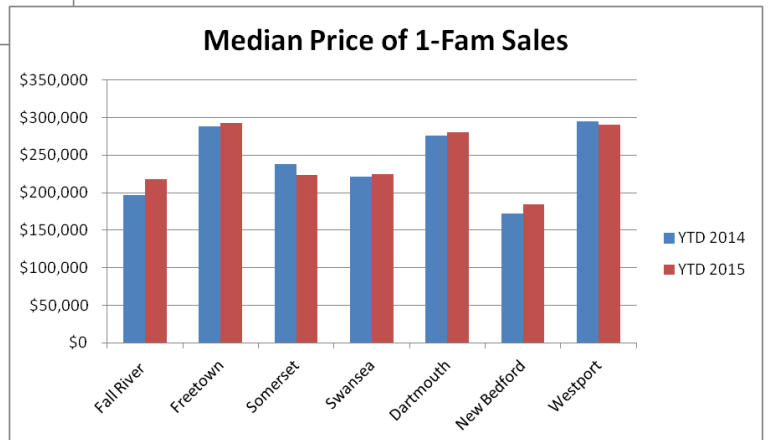
Real Estate Market Statistics through July

Municipality	Category	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
Fall River	Number of 1-Fam Sales	133	151
Fall River	Median Price	\$197,000	218,500
Freetown	Number of 1-Fam Sales	36	54
Freetown	Median Price	\$288,000	\$292,500
Somerset	Number of 1-Fam Sales	85	121
Somerset	Median Price	\$238,000	\$224,000
Swansea	Number of 1-Fam Sales	82	94
Swansea	Median Price	\$221,000	\$225,000
Dartmouth	Number of 1-Fam Sales	120	154
Dartmouth	Median Price	\$276,500	\$280,000
New Bedford	Number of 1-Fam Sales	220	249
New Bedford	Median Price	\$171,750	\$185,000
Westport	Number of 1-Fam Sales	69	63
Westport	Median Price	\$295,000	\$290,000



Left: Chart depicts the number of 1-family sales through July, YTD 2014 versus YTD 2015

Right: Chart depicts the median price of 1-family sales through July, YTD 2014 versus YTD 2015



Keeping Fall River working in Fall River.

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Narrows Festival of the Arts

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 the Narrows Center for the Arts will host the 14th Annual Narrows Festival of the Arts from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Narrows Festival of the Arts has emerged as one of the premier music and arts festivals in New England. Ideally located on Fall River's historic waterfront, the free festival features a wide variety of high-quality art and music.

This year's lineup includes Shemekia Copeland, Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish, Yarn, Tiny Tavares and The Rhythm Section, Milton, Heather Maloney, The Curtis Mayflower, and TJ's Music Allstars.

Children's activities will be presented by the Children's Museum of Greater Fall River.

The event is sponsored by Mechanics Cooperative Bank, Bank5, Baycoast Bank, Borden & Remington Corp., Fall River Municipal Credit Union, Whaling City Sound, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Festival parking is located at 81 Ferry Street, across from the Topsy Seagull.

For additional information, please visit narrowscenter.org.



For more information please visit our website: www.froed.org

Fall River's Finest: Katherine Harley

Katherine Harley was the daughter of Mary and James Harley. She had a brother James and married H. Arnold Jackson. Harley was educated in local Fall River Schools. Her father was a superintendent at the American Printing Company in Fall River where her brother also worked.

Harley was a United States Women's Open Golf Champion who won her first title in 1908 representing the Fall River Country Club. She qualified 14th in a field of 32 in medal play but went on in match play to win the championship at the Chevy Chase Country Club with an impressive 6 & 5 victory over Mrs. T.H. Polhemus.

After she married Jackson, they lived in Greater Boston. In 1914, playing out of the Oakley Country Club of Wattertown (the first US course

designed by the internationally famous Donald Ross in 1899), Harley-Jackson beat Elaine Rosenthal, one up, at the Nassau Country Club for her second title.

Harley-Jackson won the US Women's Open twice in less than ten years; only nine women have won more than two titles in the 120 years that the event has been played.



(Source: "Cream of the Crop—Fall River's Best and Brightest" by John B. Cummings Jr.)

Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:

Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.