

Recent Parades With The CT Seaport Car Club



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The CT Seaport Car Club has participated in a few recent community events around town. Specifically, we were asked to be in two recent parades, which we were happy to do.

The first parade was the Fairfield Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2026. We look forward to this parade each year, because it is perfectly timed just before our annual car show and gives us a chance to promote our show. We do this by having a beautiful large banner hung at the Fairfield Sherman Green Gazebo, which is along the parade route and a popular spot for spectators to gather to watch the parade. They can't miss our banner flying high listing our car show date, time, location, and our cherished sponsors.

We usually have about 10 of our classic vehicles in the parade with 2 of our members walking in front of our group with a banner that labels us as a club with our logo and subtly mentions our car show date at Fairfield Ludlowe High School.

Unfortunately, it rained just up until about the moment the parade began this year. Several marching organizations dropped out or didn't show up, so it was a bit more confusing about which group proceeded us. Our walkers had to wear plastic bags to avoid getting drenched and fewer of our show cars showed up. It was still very well attended by spectators even though fewer than usual.

Secondly, we were again invited to participate in the Southport Blessing of the Fleet and Street Parade on Saturday, June 13, 2026. We also love this event! It's a short parade starting at the Southport Congregational Church on Pequot Rd and usually ends by the wharf just past the Ye Yacht Yard. However, this year there was

construction going on at the wharf, so the parade route was altered to end at the Southport Library on Pequot Rd where the dignitaries Christine Vitale, First Selectperson of Fairfield, and Tony Hwang, State Representative, and organizer Tim Russell of the Russell Insurance Agency, among others made speeches and refreshments were served.

Meanwhile, the boats gathered in the Southport Harbor to line up for the individual blessings bestowed by the new minister from the Southport Congregational Church, Rev. Dr. Mark Waterstone, as well as the ministers from Trinity Episcopal Church Southport, Rev. Matt Lindeman, Rector, and Rev. Cathy Quinn, Associate Rector.

The CT Seaport Car Club had a very good turnout on this gorgeous, perfect summer day with 12 classic cars showing up. We are used as the separators between marching bands/organizations. Our group included Gwen & Parker Ackley with their 1911 Hupmobile, Mark & Karen Milosky with their 1931 Ford Model A, Mark Pochapin with his 1968 Chevy Chevelle Malibu Convertible, Bob Longmuir with his 1995 Ford Mustang, Otto & Betty Patzelt with their 1966 Chevy Impala Convertible, Lissa Seeberger with her new 1930 Ford Model A Sedan, Joe Opalinski with his 1930 Ford Model A Vegetable Truck, Bob Street with his 1985 Cadillac El Dorado, Roger Blose with his 2018 Ford Mustang, Francis Niestemski with his 1984 Chrysler Le Baron Town & Country Convertible, and Frank Ciepinski with his 1965 Ford Mustang Convertible.

You can catch the CT Seaport Car Club at our upcoming cruises on Thursday nights (weather permitting) throughout the summer and into the fall. The next few cruises are at 5pm at: Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport) on 7/16/26 and Elicit Brewing Co (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield) on 8/6/26.

Please join us there!

