

# Not Your Average Kites

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Newport is known for their sailing history and as a breezy historical island and the site of “America’s World Cup”, but this past weekend all of the sailing took place in the sky. Brenton Point Park was the place to be for the annual Newport Kite Festival. The American Kite Fliers Association, or “AKA”, with the help of other local kite fliers has kept the tradition alive since 1986. This year’s free event was once again put on by Kitt Kites owner Ron Kitt with the help of various sponsors.



Situated right on “The Point” the festival offered more than just some kite viewing for the public. People could be seen sitting along the waters edge enjoying both the beautiful weather and the array of high flying kites. The event which was open to all ages provided a family fun environment, even for those furry four-legged members. There was a bounce house, a biomes marine biology center, and craft center for children. With all this fun to be had, one could work up quite an appetite. After treating yourself to the hot dog and hamburger food stand, you could head on over the the strawberry shortcake tent for some dessert or treat yourself to a Rhode Island favorite, Del’s lemonade.

This event catered to both professional and your average kite fliers. Situated in the middle of the event was a blocked off area where various events, battles, and demos could be seen. But all over the Point, people of all ages could be seen flying kites and having fun. With a wide variety of kites, ranging from small average kites to giant mermaids and squids, this beloved event was once again a big hit. Brush up on your kite flying for next years event!