



## Weekend Sail



Every year when June comes around, I know it's time to come home to Salve for Reunion Weekend—a weekend jam packed with fun and nostalgia. As a young alum from the Class of 2022 (Master's in 2024!), I've been coming to Salve's All-Class Reunion since I graduated. This was my third year, and once again, I loved getting to know alumni of all ages and seeing familiar faces I've met and spent time with in years past.

The sail through Narragansett Bay is always one of my top highlights. Newport is one of the most beautiful places in the world, and the views of the Island from the water are unmatched. Being able to enjoy it with your fellow Seahawks over a few drinks only adds to the experience.



## Welcome Reception

I enjoy talking to alumni, no matter the class, and comparing our times at Salve. Maybe the shops and the sights were different for some Seahawks, but I've learned fundamentally, our experiences are never that different. At the end of the day, I always find I have a great education, heartfelt memories and strong Salve friendships in common with any alumni I meet.

The Welcome Reception perfectly encapsulates the impact of those memories and friendships. Seeing everyone come together for the first time, often after years apart, never fails to move me.





## **Block Party**

As a native Rhode Islander and Salve alum, I know the weather in June in Newport likes to surprise you. Even though there was some rain on Saturday at the **Block Party**, we Seahawks know how to manage a little storm! We simply moved the party indoors until the rain subsided.



We relaxed inside listening to music and enjoying food and drinks from Island Time Catering (an alumni business!), Newport Chowder Company and Newport Creamery.

Since Reunion is a family-friendly event, kids who tagged along were able to have a blast playing ping pong, Guitar Hero, Chess, arcade games, and watching soccer on TV. (I may or may not have joined them). Once the rain stopped, everyone went outside to enjoy the lawn games and take photos.

## All-Class Dinner and Dance Party

The **All-Class Dinner** and the **Dance Party** are by far my favorite events of the weekend. This year, I had dinner with some alumni from the early 90s. I met an alum who played for the soccer team when she was here, and we bonded over that since I played for the team as well. I can't wait to see her in the fall for some games!

The **Dance Party** is always fun because there is a blend of music everyone likes, and who doesn't love a party in a Bellevue mansion? Not many people have the opportunity to experience that, but as Salve alumni, we get to at least once a year!

This year, they added a photo booth with fun props. I adore the photos I took with my friends, and I plan on keeping them forever.

Everyone had such a great time dancing together on the PACKED dance floor and remembering their favorite songs while still vibing to the music from other eras.

If you haven't been to Reunion in a while, or even at all, I highly recommend attending in the coming years. You might surprise yourself with the friends you will make and how much fun it is to come back. I know I've not once been disappointed.

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