

# 15 Things To Do This Weekend (April 20 – April 22)

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FRIDAY  
APR 20



53°/34°

Windy with partial  
sunshine

SATURDAY  
APR 21



53°/34°

Mostly sunny and  
breezy

SUNDAY  
APR 22



56°/34°

Mostly sunny

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## Friday, April 20th

**April Staycation with the Seaport Cultural District at the RJD! (10:00am-4:00pm)**

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### **Pub6T5 Fridays w/ Mac Odom (9:00pm-12:00am)**

The Mac Odom Band performs a mix of old school funk, soul, R&B and pop. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

### **Funny 420 Friday Featuring "Funny Please!" at The Bar (9:00pm-11:00pm)**

Get your "F" on with funny please presents funny friday 420 special. with friends, food, fine atmosphere, free pool tables, and fun times live at the bar The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

## **Saturday, April 21st**

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### **Lawler Branch Spring Break Fun (1:00pm-3:00pm)**

Have fun during school vacation week at the library! Watch a movie with friends while eating popcorn! 1 PM – 3 PM.

### **Mass Attack Roller Derby Season Opener vs. Hartford Area Roller Derby (5:10pm-9:30pm)**

Mass Attack Roller Derby, Southeastern Massachusetts's premiere all-female, flat track roller derby league, is ready to crash into their 2018 season. This double-header season-opening event is sure to be double the fierceness and double the fun! The night will open with an attack from our Mass Attack All Stars against Hartford Area Roller Derby's Hartford Wailers, followed by a minimum of 40 whacks from The Bloody Bordens versus The Beat City Bedrockers.



*MARD 2018 Season*

*Opener!*

**2018 International Portuguese Music Awards at the Z (7:00pm)**

The International Portuguese Music Awards (IPMA) is an annual award show recognizing outstanding achievement in the music industry by artists of Portuguese ancestry. The award show also features performances by prominent artists and is televised online and on various media outlets. Awards are handed out in multiple categories and the two New Talent finalists perform live.

The recipients of the 2018 IPMA Lifetime Achievement Award, from Portugal, will be Xutos e Pontapés, widely considered the country's top rock band with a career spanning almost 40 years. Their songs have become some of the biggest anthems in Portuguese rock history. For more information, please visit <http://ipmaawards.com> and <http://www.facebook.com/InternationalPortugueseMusicAwards>. The official social media hashtag for this event is #2018IPMA.

**DJ Fahrenheit at PUB 6T5 (9:00pm-1:00am)**

80's, 90's & Top 40 music. 21+ event after 9pm. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

**"Outta Kontrol" rocks the Bar (9:00pm-1:00am)**

Hey Everyone! We're back at one of our favorite places to play at! Come on down early, have some great food, and dance the night away! This show is gonna Rock for sure! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

**Sunday, April 22nd**



*Exercise your  
body, mind and  
spirit!*

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### **FREE Sunday Adult Wellness Programming (9:00am-1:30pm)**

Free Adult Wellness Programming for All Levels of Fitness! Open to the Public! See poster for schedule. Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney St., New Bedford.

### **Sunday Jazz Brunch at PUB 6T5 (1:00pm-4:00pm)**

Join us for a live Jazz Brunch and make your own bloody mary! 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

### **Sunday Night Karaoke at PUB 6T5 (5:00pm-9:00pm)**

Join us for Karaoke on Sunday nights from 5-9pm. Hosted by Mario Figueirido. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

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## **Family Oriented Rope Fest Is Chock Full Of Demonstrations, Kid's Activities, Mock Rescues, Food & Refreshments**

Rope. Something we all take for granted. It's ubiquitous throughout our lives, yet we barely notice unless we are undertaking some type of activity like sailing, rock climbing, or an arborist or if you are a member of the fire department, police department or in the military.

Without rope there'd be no hobby rock climbing, removal of trees, one wouldn't be able to dock a boat, sail, rescue teams would be less effective, no tents for camping, no mountain climbing, construction, engineering, hammocks, clotheslines to dry clothes, no towing and many other things.



Vintage photos of rope manufacturing and supply companies in New Bedford are extant on just about any photo repository on the city. At one time they were dozens of them spread throughout the city. No rope, no whaling. No whaling, no whaling city! These companies have just about disappeared, but one that still exists is R&W Rope at 39 Tarkiln Place. The family owned and operated distributor of rope and cordage has been in New Bedford since 1985, and at their current location since 2005.

Started by the current owner, Rod McColleston as a “one man” operation out of the trunk of a hand-me-down car, they’ve grown into one of the most diverse stocking warehouses of rope, cordage, and related hardware in the industry. As a wholesale distributor of many of the world’s best ropes, R&W Rope offers wholesale pricing that easily beats “big box” marine and outdoors retailers. They also have the expertise focuses on custom designing solutions specific to a user’s needs. They can splice, swage, or fabricate a solution to almost any cordage or rigging problem.

But, don’t be fooled – while they work with some of the biggest commercial clients, they are just as happy to help an individual select the proper cord for a clothesline when they

visit our shop. One of the areas that they are superlative with is their new expanded marine rigging capabilities. Whether your needs are marine, climbing, safety, crafting, architecture, outdoors, or utility – R&W Rope has the products, expertise, and discount pricing to make them a wise choice.



However, this article is about their association with the city they love so much, beyond their business: their annual Rope Fest which began as a huge warehouse sale a decade ago. However, over the years it's evolved into something much more and is chock full of activities, instructional demos, safety personnel demos from the Boston Fire Department doing mock rescues, and arborists demonstrating their skills. You'll see line splicing, knot tying that borders on magic, paracord crafting, and fitness experts having a lead contest called Battle Ropes. It's a genuine festival atmosphere like any of the many festivals held in New Bedford.

The kids will have a blast on the climbing wall which is a great way to have fun and exercise for all ages. The lifesaving and rescue demonstrations by the Boston Fire Department trainers will appeal to everyone, and the kids will take great pride in the paracord crafts where they will learn



how to make the cord and take it home to show their friends. There will be plenty of free food and refreshments to wet your whistle. If you are someone who loves a deal, R&W Rope will be offering 20%-40% off on EVERYTHING they sell.

R&W Rope is steeped in the community as is evident by their Rope Festival – something they certainly don't have to do, but host because they live and work right here on the SouthCoast. This is their community. So, it goes without saying that there will be other “locals” involved in the popular festival like the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Community Boating Center of New Bedford, Schooner Ernestina, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Coast Guard Auxilliary, Fids & Fibers Arborist Splicing Workshop, Puzzle & Craft Factory, Busy Bee Nauticals, Paige's Paracord, Bete-Fleming, Low Tide Yacht Club, The Black Leash, Susan Villarreal, Beetle Cat, and Arborist Patrick Dolan.



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**28** Ropefest 2018 - Our biggest Sale and party  
of the year!

So, if the idea of something different to do with the family interests you, then take everyone to R&W's Rope Fest and have

a blast. The kids will have so much fun that they won't even realize that they are learning a lot. Who knows, it may pique a future hobby like rock climbing or sailing and perhaps even a career in nautical, rescue, or with the fire department.

No matter what you'll spend a rewarding, fun-filled day with friends and family! Don't forget Saturday, April 28th from 8:00am-4:00pm!

Here are highlights of the food, events, items and more from last year's Rope Fest:

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## **R&W Rope – Rigging Solutions**

39 Tarkiln Place

New Bedford, MA 02745

**Phone:** 1.800.260.8599

**Website:** [rwrope.com](http://rwrope.com)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/rwrope/](https://www.facebook.com/rwrope/)

**Facebook Event Page:** [facebook.com/events/218475395371413](https://www.facebook.com/events/218475395371413)

**Twitter:** @rwrope

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/rwrope](https://www.instagram.com/rwrope)

**Pinterest:** <https://www.pinterest.com/rwrope/>

## **Meet The People At R&W Rope:**

**Rod McCollester** – Owner and President of R&W Rope. Over thirty years experience in the rope and cordage industry.

**Ed Hebert** – Sr. Director, R&W Rope. Oversees marketing, creative, and product design efforts across the business units. Former Sr. R&D Manager at Titleist, and holds over 150 US patents.

**Corey Butlin** – Rigging Solutions Shop Manager – 25 years of marine rigging experience, former head rigger at Hall Spars in Newport.

**Joe Mello** – Mobile Rigging Manager – 40 years of marine rigging experience. Former owner of Rigging Solutions, former head rigger at Concordia, former head rigger at Mystic

Seaport.

**Bob Dollar** – Traditional Rigging Specialist. Lt. Commander USN (retired with 26 years active duty service), member of International Guild of Knot Tyers, member of Cordage Institute, and over 40 years maritime consulting experience.

**Bob Glover** – Traditional Rigging Specialist. Former Captain of Tall Ships “Pride of Baltimore II” and “Schooner Virginia”. Over 154,000 logged sea miles. USCG certified instructor and numerous maritime certifications.

**Ken Hamel** – Outdoor, Climbing, and Safety Specialist. S.P.R.A.T. Level 1 Technician, avid outdoorsman and member of several mountain climbing instructional groups.

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## **17 Things To Do This Weekend (April 13 – April 15)**

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### **UMass Exhibition: Expansion- Post-Baccalaureate Ceramics & Fibers (4:00pm-7:00pm)**

An exhibition of work by Post-Baccalaureate Ceramics and Fibers students. Artists: Michelle Grey, Nick Purpura, Valleri Rami, Madison Moreno, Chris Lee, Beverly Arsem. Location: 95 William St. New Bedford. Previously Bay Coast Bank.



*Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards*

### **Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards (7:30pm-9:00pm)**

Indie Folk band Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards bring their genre-bending music to the Music in the Gallery concert series

on Friday, April 13, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the beautiful James Arnold Mansion, owned by the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street (at the corner of Union Street), New Bedford, MA. Music in the Gallery is presented by the Music Directors of the New Bedford Folk Festival. Music in the Gallery concerts is open to the general public. All are welcome to this lovely, unique music experience. Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford.

### **The Golden Dragon Acrobats at the Z (7:30pm)**

The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago! The premiere Chinese acrobats bring Cirque Ziva from world-renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang. Their award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques offer a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

### **“Sintax” lights up the dance floor at PUB 6T5 (9:00pm-12:30pm)**

Rock, Classic Rock, Dance Rock plus Blues, Motown Soul, Reggae & Country ‘cuz we want something for everyone. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

### **“Cover Up” featuring Mike Paull & Gillie Rezendes at The Bar (9:30pm-12:30am)**

An energetic multi-genre acoustic act. Doing a wide range of cover songs and originals. The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

## **Saturday, April 14th**

### **Osprey Nest Checks – A Field Experience (10:00am-2:00pm)**

Join us for an important day in the field – and help check osprey nests for occupancy and incubating birds in both branches of the Westport River! We’ll meet at the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary field station, then depart in our own vehicles with one team working from roadside viewing points

along the East Branch of the Westport River and the other team doing the same on the West Branch. Sanctuary Staff will lead each team and provide insight into the lives of the osprey. Families are welcome to take part in this great learning experience. Suggested for kids ages 8 and up. Participants must pre-register for proper planning. \$10/participant Mass Audubon members and \$12/participant non-members. Mass Audubon Allens Pond, 1280 Horseneck Rd., Westport.



*Edaville is open!*

**April Vacation Week activities in N.B.! (10:00am-4:00pm)**

Join us for FREE vacation fun! Free admission 10:00 am to 4:00pm Thursday- Sunday! Take part in a scavenger hunt, try on survival suits, do a craft and watch *Finest Kind*! See our latest exhibit *Frozen Asset: Ice Making & the New Bedford Fishing Industry*. New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel Street, New Bedford.

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**Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time w/ Special Guest Reader: Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2018 Tori Kalisz (11:00am-12:00pm)**

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

**Lawler Branch Toddler Drive-In Movie (1:00pm-2:30pm)**

This is a 100% FREE event! All supplies are provided. Help your toddler "build" their own car out of a box and construction paper and watch some some cartoons on the big screen! Snacks will be served. Open to ages 2 to 4. Siblings welcome! Registration required, as boxes are limited! Call, visit, or message us on Facebook to register. Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.

**Doo Wop and the Sounds of the City at the Z (7:30pm)**

From New York, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia comes the gritty soul, classic harmonies and good time rock 'n' roll hits that helped define a generation.