**Downtown New London Waterfront Park**
**(1 Water St., New London)**
Thames River Quest – June 2, 2018

(Note: If you're not taking the water taxi to this Quest, you can begin at City Pier at the building in front of the main dock with the front portion that resembles a rocket ship.)

*All participants: please email your name, address and a photo of you with your prize at the end of the Quest to be entered in a drawing for a special gift to: info@thamesriverheritagepark.org*

*At this place the boat you carries*
*Lots of interesting sights you'll see*
*To Long, Fishers and Block islands there are ferries*
*And across the river Electric Boat or just "EB"*
*Building nuclear-powered subs for our military.*

Walk off the dock and onto City Pier. This is downtown New London. Walking away from the water, turn left onto the walkway just beyond the sign for the Mystic Whaler, the New London map and the sign for the Fishers Island Ferry. What vowel begins one of the words in these names? _____ Put this in spaces #2, 13, 30, 44 and 47 of the clue. Now continue walking straight ahead and stop at the statue on your left of the small boy sitting on a rock.

*So serious does he appear*
*As he writes his observations*
*This young Eugene emerged premier*
*With weighty plays of his creation*
*Lauded in the most Nobel sphere.*

1. What is the street address of Eugene O'Neill's boyhood home?_____ Which of his plays includes the name of a species of tree?_____ _____ _____ _____(four words). Take the three digits in the address number and add them together, _____then add that number to the number of letters in the tree name._____ Take the first letter of this word for this number _____and put it in space #1 of the clue. Take the first letter of the name of the play _____and put it in spaces #4 and #48.

Continue back along the waterfront path away from the water taxi landing. Take a left into the first side pier and note the signs for the sea creatures that can be found in Long Island Sound and the etchings of them in the pavement.

*Quahogs, oysters and clams with soft shells*
*Bivalves all are these*

*Shrimp, lobster and crabs live here as well*
*But are called crustaceans, please*
*Also five kinds of fish here do dwell.*


2. The signs also describe one mammal and one echinoderm. What are they? _____
and_____(two words in each name). Count the number of letters in all four words of these names._____ Take the third letter of the word for this number _____put it in spaces #7, 10, 11, 18, 23, 34 and 49 of the clue.

3. Now walk past the humpback whale sign to the "Marine Life of the Lower Thames River Sign." Salt water from Long Island Sound mixes in the river with fresh water from three other rivers. This means the Thames River is an_____ (7 letters) . Take the second letter of that word _____and put it in space #46 of the clue. What are the names of the three rivers that flow into the Thames? _____, _____ and _____.Take the seventh letter of the river name that rhymes with "bucket." _____Place that letter in spaces #39 and #43 of the clue.

4. Head back to the main pathway and continue to the second side pier and the sign with "New London and the Sea" on one side. What's the title of the other side? _____ _____(two words). Take the first letter of this title _____and put it in spaces #12 and #29 of the clue. The U.S. Custom House, which is described on the "New London and the Sea" side of the sign, can be seen across the railroad tracks. It is the granite block building with the flag on top.

*Of privateers and shipwrights, a regatta and more*
*New London and its harbor are known*
*The story of the Amistad unfolded on its shore*
*The oldest custom house still stands here in stone*
*And from many whaling ships once did oil pour.*


5. Take the names of the two tribes_____ and _____, and find the two letters they have in common ____ and _____. Which letter comes later in alphabetical order? _____Take this letter and put it in spaces #25, 28, 41 and 42 of the clue. Now find the two consonants in the names of the tribes that come closest to the beginning of the alphabet. Put the one closest to the beginning_____ in space #22 of the clue. Put the next highest _____in spaces 6, 15, 17, 24 and 33 of the clue.

6. Continue to the Customs House Pier and read the "Changing Shoreline" sign. Look at the small map in the center of a portion of the city with the Shaw Mansion, the Stone House that belonged to Nathaniel Hempstead, grandson of the author of the Hempstead Diary, and the Coit House. All the streets on the map can still be found in the city. Three of the street names and the name of the cove all begin with the same letter _____. Take the second letter of the longest of these four names _____and put it in spaces #19, 26, 27 and 40 of the clue. Take the last letter of that same name _____and put it in spaces #3, 31, 38 and 45 of the clue.


Now turn around and head back along the path, noticing the murals on the backs of the downtown stores and restaurants along Bank Street. When you reach City Pier, walk carefully across the railroad tracks toward the large red brick building. This is Union Station, a stop for Amtrak and Shoreline East trains on the Northeast Corridor between Washington D.C., New York City and Boston. Walk around to

the front of the station and find the plaque on the left side of the building as you face the front door.

7. What was the name of the architect? _____ _____ _____(three words). Take the first letter of his last name _____and put it in spaces #9, 21 and 36 of the clue. On the same plaque, find how many years passed between when it was built _____ and when it was saved, restored, adaptively reused and named to the National Register of Historic Places. _____ _____ years. Count the letters in the architect's name _____ and add it to the larger number (the one you got when you subtracted the year the train station was built from the year is was named to the National Register)._____ Add the three digits of this new number together to get one number smaller than five. _____Spell out the word for this number _____,take the third letter ___and put it in space #37.

8. Now walk back around the building and carefully cross the railroad tracks to return to City Pier. Turn left and walk across the lot until you find the large sign along the waterfront announcing a new museum. What will the museum commemorate (two words, five letters each)?_____ _____. Take the last letter of the first word of the name and put it in spaces #5, 8, 14, 16, 32 and 35 of the clue. Take the vowel that's repeated in the name___ and put it in space #20 of the clue.

Your clue should be complete. Turn around with your back to the water and walk across the lot to the chain-link fence to find the treasure. Make sure to take a photo with your treasure and send it to us to enter the drawing.

*Congratulations! We hope you had fun!*

*Now return to City Pier and head back to the water taxi dock. Show your Quest ticket to board the water taxi for the next Quest, across the river in Groton at Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park.*

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