You may recall that last year the Obama administration proposed to consolidate STEM education programming across Federal agencies for FY14 which, had it succeeded, would have eliminated Sea Grant Education. The administration has proposed to pursue a similar course for FY15 by requiring certain agencies, including NOAA, to reduce and consolidate STEM education programming within the agency. NOAA administrators have chosen to eliminate a few programs including, again, Sea Grant Education. Both Dari and I are substantially funded by NOAA funding through the Sea Grant grants, and it is this funding that is in jeopardy. Click here to read on.

Mark
Tuesday, April 1
April Monthly Meeting, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Durham Evangelical Church. Speaker will be, Dick Baldwin is the founder of Educational Passages, a program that involves students in "mini Sailboats". These five-foot, unmanned, GPS-monitored sailboats sail the oceans of the world and bring students, teachers and others fascinating learning opportunities.

Sea Chantey Rehearsal
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at MDC Classroom.

Wednesday, April 2
Newmarket Day of the Coast.
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

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Docent University
Learn to play American Mah Jong with Amy Richards and Kipp Freeman

One more round of Mahjong on Tuesday, April 8, 12:30-2:30 p.m., here at the MDC.

May 7th
from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Grand-parenting 101
(or when to speak up and when to shut up!) This will be a presentation and discussion of the pitfalls of grand-parenting, what is new (and why) in raising kids, and how to help your kids with their parenting. Given by Skip Small, a retired pediatrician and now practicing Grand Parent, it's recommended for experienced, new, and hopeful to be Grand Parents. Email Dari if you plan to attend. Class will be held here at Mast Road. 9:30-11:30 a.m.