


Newsday celebrates June 21st, the first day of summer, with a social media project called "Day in the Life of Long Island," where reporters chronicle a typical day in the life of various people across Long Island. For this project, I shadowed Captain Mike DiMaggio of Freeport Water Taxis and Tours, interviewing him in real time and posting photos with captions live on Instagram with the hashtag #DayintheLifeLI.

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Freeport Nautical Mile

marlojappen Although Captain Mike DiMaggio of Massapequa joined Freeport Water Taxi and Tours only four years ago, he is by no means a stranger to the sea. He's been with the United States Coast Guard Reserve for the past 18 years. Currently a boatswain at the Coast Guard's Jones Beach location, the lessons he picked up during his service have prepared him for his role as a captain. "Safety is so big in the Coast Guard," he says while getting ready for a cruise where he will lead passengers on an informative tour of the area's bays and wildlife. "It helped me be well aware of the passengers." #dayinthelifeli #freeport #nauticalmile

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marlojappen You won't find any plastic straws in sight on a Freeport Water Taxi and Tours cruise. The operation, which sometimes educates groups such as Girl Scouts on wildlife conservation, stopped using them two years ago. "They cost three times as much," says proprietor Rick Cohen of the paper straws. "But it doesn't matter." #dayinthelife!

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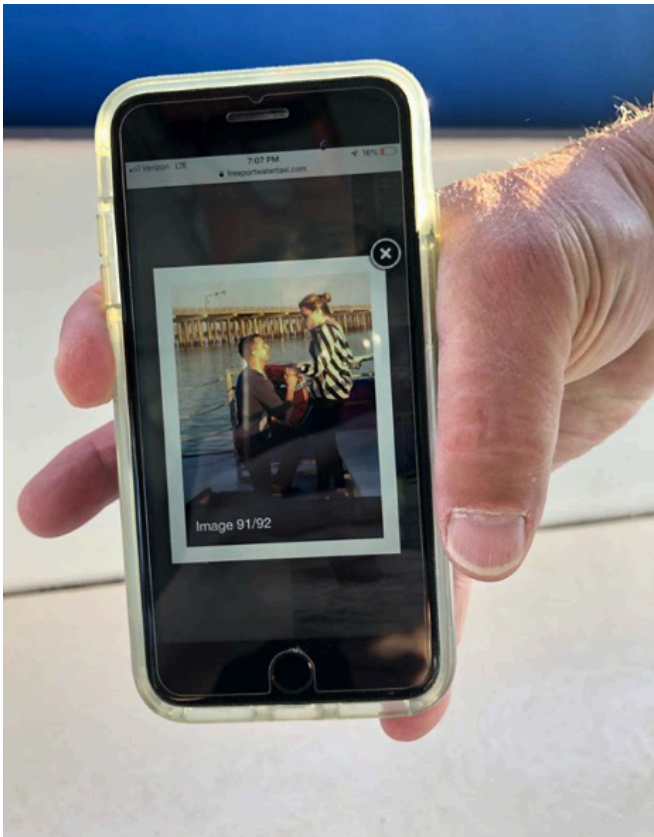


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marlojappen The best part of Captain Mike's job at the Freeport Water Taxi and Tours, he says, is being out on the water and meeting new people. While most passengers are from Long Island, he had a group from Colorado earlier today. A proposal also took place during a seal-watching tour on an usually warm day in March. The couple was given a season pass for Freeport Water Taxi and Tours as a wedding gift. #dayinthelife!

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marlojappen Captain Mike takes the helm on Fridays for 5 p.m, 6 p.m, 7:30 p.m, and 9 p.m. cruises at Freeport Water Taxi and Tours, which operates from March through November. But, what does he do during the off season? In addition to his service with the United States Coast Guard Reserve, Captain Mike, who graduated from State University of New York Maritime College in the Bronx in 2004, works as a ship broker at Quincannon Associates in New York City. #dayinthelife

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marlojappen Captain Mike's grandmother, Grace Venero, 87, of Syosett, has been wanting to go on a Freeport Water Taxi and Tours cruise, but never got around to it. For her, today was the day. "He's aces in my book," she said of her grandson. "This is so exciting. I love the water." #dayinthelife

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
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
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 **marlojappen** A scene from on board at Freeport Water Taxi and Tours. As the 400-foot catamaran departs from the dock, there is one long horn blast followed by three short ones. This is Morse code for the letter "B," as in "backing up," and it signals to local traffic to slow down. Aside from narrating tours, a captain's responsibility involves navigating the waters. "Your eyes and ears have to be open at all times," Captain Mike says. #dayinthelifeli

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 **marlojappen** "Whenever I'm here, I feel like I'm on vacation," says Theresa Wadkins, a frequent passenger of the Freeport Water Taxi and Tours, as the vessel approaches the dock. "No one wants to get off." #dayinthelifeli

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At around 7:45 p.m., the sun faded below the horizon, transforming the sky into a warm palette of colors: burnt orange, tulip pink, and butterscotch yellow.
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