



The Japan-America Society and Black Ships Festival of Rhode Island, Inc.

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Mr. Steven Contente
Town Administrator
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Dear Mr. Contente,

First, thank you for the exceptional support provided by the Town of Bristol for the recently concluded Black Ships Festival of 2022. The partnership between you and your staff and the Japan-America Society of Rhode Island led to the great success of the 39th Anniversary of the Festival.

As we discussed during this past Monday's meeting in your office, our intention is to hold future Black Ships Festivals on a date in August which least interferes with other activities in your community. The second weekend of August looks optimal. For next year, that would be Friday August 11th through Sunday August 13th, 2023. We would look to do the Opening Ceremony on the morning of Friday, August 11th, 2023, the Free Taiko Drummer Concert that same day starting around 6:00 p.m., and the Arts, Crafts and Cultural Fair in Independence Park on Saturday, August 12th, 2023.

Let me know if this is acceptable, and if you have any further questions.

Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer

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