

## The Pleasures of Summer on Cape Cod

This past week my son and I spent some time together enjoying all that Cape Cod offers. Our first pleasure was to see “Little Shop of Horrors” at the Cotuit Center for the Arts. The star of that show was Lily Anderson whom I happen to know. When not acting, she works in the Steve Snow Law office where I rent space for my Cape Cod practice. She was the star of that show (Audrey). I was very proud of her performance! All in all—the show was a lot of fun and well executed.

Our next adventure was the next day. We travelled to Hyannis to board a Whale Watcher Cruise. That was wonderful! The trip to Stellwagan bank was familiar. We’d been before. But there is always something very different to see whenever one takes a boat! And there was a naturalist on board who explained the life and inclinations of the whales. Each whale has unique tail markings and those in the know can identify them that way. The whales were tail and fin flapping and very beautiful. One of the had barnacles attached to the edges of its tail. I felt rather sorry for it. But as someone pointed out it is unlikely that the barnacles really disturb these leviathans\* of the deep! Passengers young and old, cheered each time they saw a whale. These are just the most amazing creatures. It was not difficult for us to get to Hyannis in the first place. We finished our day gorging on popcorn from the Smith Family popcorn store at the Mashpee Commons. This family-owned store donates a portion of what it collects to charity. The popcorn is delicious—and we topped it off with ice cream from Ghelfi’s Candies and Ice Cream Store. We were really bad that day!

The following day we travelled to Harwich Harbor for a “seal cruise” to Monomoy. The waters were bit rough, but we cooled off and saw seals! They are just adorable even if they weigh 800lbs! And given what we ate the day before we felt our poundage with them! That didn’t stop us from going to Brax Landing Waterfront Seafood Restaurant. I had my once per year fried clams. Fresh and delicious.

I had been to Brax before and so this repeat was just as great as the first time.

For me this trip was a lovely break with time to spend some unpressured time with my son. His hobby is wildlife photography, but he hadn’t chosen a photo from this trip in time for this publication.

A special shout out to Jennifer from the office who suggested I write about something happy for a change!

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\*Many definitions of Leviathan. My favorite comes from the Zohar where leviathan is a metaphor for enlightenment. As it connects to whales—once humans heard the sounds of whales—they were apparently enlightened not to kill them, but rather to appreciate them.