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NEW LONDON, CONN.

Fish Tales, Tugs and Sails, a family-friendly event for the toddler-through-fifth-grader set, will take place on July 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Now in its third year, the free event will feature children's book authors and artists, who will sign books, give readings and demonstrate illustration techniques. Other activities will include interactive games and balloon art. Tours will be available aboard the Mystic Whaler, a tall ship, and a historic tugboat, the Cornell, which was built in 1949 and will be visiting from New York ([www.newlondonmainstreet.org](http://www.newlondonmainstreet.org)).

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[Diana Ross](#) is scheduled to open the Monte Carlo Sporting Summer Festival this year on July 4. The two-month lineup of live performances at the Salle des Étoiles will feature a special program, "All Night Long," a musical tribute to Motown. Ten American singers and a live orchestra will present classic hits by performers like [the Supremes](#), Marvin Gaye and the Four Tops. Tickets: 50 euros, about \$79, at \$1.58 to the euro. Other artists scheduled to appear are Jill Scott, [Alicia Keys](#), left, Macy Gray and [Alanis Morissette](#). Prices range from 60 to 120 euros for a show and a cocktail, and 95 to 200 euros for dinner and a show ([www.sportingmontecarlo.com](http://www.sportingmontecarlo.com)).

PARIS

In honor of [France's](#) coming presidency of the [European Union](#) (July 1 to Dec. 31), a new culinary festival, [Gastronomy by the Seine](#), will take place along the river and aboard yachts from July 4 to 6. There will be a cooking competition on the first day, three round tables and a [cruise](#) honoring New American Cuisine. On July 5, there will be two more round tables (one will focus on organic farming and sustainable fisheries), and a reception; also scheduled for July 5 and 6 are cooking demonstrations, book signings and guided tours of markets, museums and bookstores. Some events are reserved for professionals, but all-day passes that include round tables, a luncheon and access to the cooking competition are available for 140 euros on July 4 and 5; the July 6 pass, which includes a brunch, costs 120 euros ([www.gastronomyfestivals.com](http://www.gastronomyfestivals.com)).

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