

For Immediate Release

# SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION

---

**Media Contact**

Name: Wendy Bury

Title: Executive Director

Phone: (860) 448-5135

Email address: W.Bury@CultureSECT.org

*Art at the Airport's winter exhibit  
features images from the  
U.S. Coast Guard International Ice Patrol*

---

**JANUARY 7, 2021 - NORWICH, CT** - The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition is pleased to announce the Art at the Airport program winter exhibit featuring reproductions of oil paintings and graphic illustrations depicting the mission of the United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol, which has its Operations Center in New London. The exhibit is now open and will be on view through March 31 at the Groton - New London Airport.

The United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol's mission is to monitor the iceberg danger in the North Atlantic Ocean and provide relevant iceberg warnings to the maritime community. The Ice Patrol was established as a direct result of the tragic sinking of RMS Titanic in 1912 after striking an iceberg. Except for the years of the World Wars, the Ice Patrol has been active each ice season since 1913.

The International Ice Patrol Operations Center (OPCEN) is the hub for information processing and dissemination. OPCEN is staffed by dedicated watch standers that receive iceberg reports from a variety of sources, process the information, and create daily iceberg warning products that are distributed to mariners. Fixed wing Coast Guard aircraft conduct the primary reconnaissance work for the Ice Patrol and depart from the Groton-New London Airport.

A virtual tour of the exhibit is being planned for online access.

The Art at the Airport program's purpose is to showcase the region's uniqueness, history, industry, culture and geography through visual arts in the airport's main terminal located at 155 Tower Avenue in Groton. The Art At the Airport program is a partnership of the Cultural Coalition and the Connecticut Airport Authority, which manages and operates Groton - New London Airport.

Groton - New London Airport's terminal is open daily from 7 am to 6 pm for public viewing of the exhibit. Parking is easily accessible and free. Mask use and social distancing protocol required as per Covid-19 guidelines.

For more information about the Art at the Airport program, visit [www.CultureSECT.org](http://www.CultureSECT.org) (<http://culturesect.org/art-at-the-airport/>).

For more information about the United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol, visit <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=IIPHome>

---

**About the Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition:**

The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, with the mission to improve the economy, vitality and quality of life in Southeastern Connecticut by supporting the arts, cultural and creative community.

---

Visit our  
Website

P.O. Box 95, New London, CT 06320 | (860) 448-5135 | [info@CultureSECT.org](mailto:info@CultureSECT.org) | [www.CultureSECT.org](http://www.CultureSECT.org)

## Connect with us

