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*Argh! Pirate fight promised on board the Schooner Argia!*

### **Kara Lawson to appear at The Arc New London County Pirate Party**

Mystic, CT - Kara Lawson of The Connecticut Sun will make a special guest appearance when The Arc New London County hosts its 5th Annual Pirate Party on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Mystic Arts Center. **An added feature this year will be a mock pirate fight on board Mystic's sailing ship, *The Argia*.**

"Argia Cruises is excited to be a part of The Arc's Pirate Party fundraising effort," said Amy Blumberg, the ship's captain. "Jolly Rogers and swashbuckling pirates are not everyday events for the schooner Argia, but we are thrilled to battle pirates for this wonderful cause." The Free Men of the Sea and local pirates Bos'n Robn Steel and Black Jack Falcon also will be featured guests.

The Pirate Party offers a night of quality food, spirits and a silent auction with guest honorees **Senator Andrew Maynard, 18th District and Jim Reed, Vice President for Programming of Hall Communications. Tricia Cunningham, President of the Mystic Chamber of Commerce, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.**

Proceeds support The Arc's Respite, Advocacy, and Camp Harkness programs. **In 2012, The Arc will launch two critical new programs for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse** in partnership with United Community & Family Services and The Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut.

Don't miss a catered evening with: **Live music from the Denise & Tony Band, buffet by A Thyme to Cook, silent auction with Disney Hopper Passes, Southwest Airlines Tickets, Mystic Aquarium Whale Watch, 2011 New England Patriots Collectors' Football** and much more! Tickets: \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. "Captain" sponsors include: **Chelsea Groton Bank, Dominion, E&J Gallo Winery, Green Ink, Mystic Aquarium, Pyrat Rum, Sava Insurance Company and The Kluepfel Trust.** For tickets call 860-889-4435 ext. 116 or visit [www.thearcncl.org](http://www.thearcncl.org)

The Arc New London County offers person-centered supports ranging from employment to residential and in-home services.

NOTE: The Arc New London County is located at 125 Sachem Street in Norwich, Connecticut. The Arc was established in 1952 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities to serve the citizens of New London County. Board of Directors: John Fournier, President; Enrico DeMatto, Vice President; Linda Rhodes, Secretary; Emily Fournier, Treasurer; Members: Dennis Starling, Client Representative, Shannon Aiello, Dawn DeCristofaro, Mary Ann Duchene, Alan Messier, Wendy Mis and Alice Munyan. Immediate Past President: Diane Aubin.