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## Tragedy and legal decisions shaped the year in Hull

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Here are some of the top stories in Hull in 2018:

- In February, a 2014 Housing Court affirmed a ruling that summer resident Gail Kansky's excessive feeding of birds was a health hazard and barred her from feeding them outside her home.
- Special election voters in March agreed to ban the retail sale of recreational marijuana.
- A 17-year-old Hull High School special education student was charged with unlawful possession of ammunition after he was found with three bullets inside the Jacob Elementary School.
- An unusual amount of endangered North Atlantic right whales were spotted off the coast of Hull and Marshfield in April.
- There was an April car fire outside of Pizza Box, a restaurant on Nantasket Avenue owned by Peter Booras, as his brother, Harry Booras, was set to testify in trial of mob boss Francis "Cadillac Frank" Salemme.
- Hull town meeting in May approved a previously rejected plan to change the traffic configuration along Nantasket Avenue.
- Voters approved a 15 year tax hike to pay for \$10 million in road improvements and elected Greg Grey to the board of selectman in the May election.
- In June, Dedham resident Nancy Siegel died in a scuba diving accident at

Nantasket Beach.

- In July, the historic Paragon Carousel, the last remaining attraction from Paragon Park still at Nantasket Beach, celebrated its 90th anniversary.
- Five people were rescued from a boat fire off the coast of Hull in August.
- Twenty-one-year-old Aaron Dibella drowned in September after falling overboard from a party cruise off the coast of Hull. Bay State Cruise Company, which operated the cruise, blamed the death on horseplay.
- Work on temporary measures to protect the Green Hill neighborhood from storms began in October, while the construction of a permanent sea wall was stalled pending the outcome of legal action stemming from disagreements between the town and the construction company.
- In November, the attorney general's office determined that the Hull Board of Selectmen violated the state's open meeting law in 2014, ruling that the board did not provide proper reasoning for meeting in closed session and withheld information that should have been made public.
- A team of divers searching the waters around George Washington Boulevard in December turned up no sign of Michel Benjamin, a 64-year-old who went missing in November.