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Address: 20 America's Cup Avenue,
Newport, RI 02840

Web Site: www.newportgulls.com

First Game: 1908

Dimensions: LF 315 LCF 365 CF 395
RCF 315 RF 285

Directions: From the north, take I-95 South from Providence to Exit 9. Take RI-138 East toward Newport Bridge. Travel over two bridges. At the end of Newport Bridge, follow signs toward "Scenic Newport." At the second traffic light, turn right onto America's Cup Avenue. Drive 0.3 miles, and the field will be on your left.

From the south, take I-95 North to Exit 3. Take RI-138 East toward Newport Bridge. Travel over two bridges. At the end of Newport Bridge, follow signs toward "Scenic Newport." At the second traffic light, turn right onto America's Cup Avenue. Drive 0.3 miles, and the field will be on your left.

Cardines Field is a cozy little bandbox in downtown Newport. The hitters and fans love it, but the pitchers can take it or leave it. Since it's just 285 feet down the right-field line, homes behind right field might as well be painted with a bull's-eye. The ballpark's history dates back to 1908, when a group of railroaders for the old New York–New Haven railroad started their own baseball league at the site. At first, the neighborhood must have been happy that a group had found a new use for the buggy, swampy piece of land, but the excitement was short lived. Stray balls led to broken windows, which caused many complaints. Soon after, upon the orders of management, the baseball league was disbanded.

In 1919, baseball returned to stay. Since then, the George S. Donnelly Sunset League has been the ballpark's main tenant. While the ballpark still has its original backstop, the wooden bleachers weren't built until 1936. Since then, the City of Newport has owned and operated the stadium.

Cardines has an old-time feel. The ballpark is tucked away between Newport's downtown and residential areas. Many consider Cardines Field a close cousin of Ebbets Field and Fenway Park—maybe it's because of the small dimensions, or maybe it's because fans are so close to the action. Comparisons may be made because

NEWPORT, RI

CARDINES FIELD

Home of the Newport Gulls
of the New England Collegiate
Baseball League

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