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WEEKEND**

Schedule of Events

January 20-22, 2017

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January 21, 2017

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To the members of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association:

Thank you for the invitation to join you at your annual banquet. I am sorry that I was not able to be there in person, but I wanted to convey my heartfelt gratitude for the appreciation award with which you are honoring me today.

Over the last year, it has been my privilege to work closely with you on the important issues facing your members. From the conversations I had with some of you, it was clear that MLA members not only have the depth of technical understanding that makes you skilled supporters of the industry, but also the fierce dedication that makes you work tirelessly on behalf of the state's lobster fishermen. And your willingness to share your knowledge and experience with me has made me a better advocate for you.

Because of your efforts, Massachusetts lobstermen have the tools and resources necessary to meet the evolving challenges of the industry. I have no doubt that your commitment to both the economic interests of our fishermen and the protection of our state's waters is a big reason why Massachusetts remains a leader in lobster landings every year. But just as importantly, this group serves as one, unified voice for your 1,800 members. You have come together as an organization and together, you are heard.

Once again, I want to express my deepest thanks to you all for honoring me with this appreciation award. I thank you for all that you do and I look forward to many successful years ahead.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

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Greeting MLA member and Show attendee,

I would like to welcome all of you to the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association's annual weekend and tradeshow at the Seacrest Resort in Falmouth. As you know, your Association has been working and protecting the many challenges of being an independent lobster fisherman in the state of Massachusetts for decades.

Through our involvement with fisheries managers at all levels of government, we are constantly on alert for any and all issues the might affect our fisheries. This includes the issues of habitat protection, our interaction with the whale population and the overall health of the lobster fisheries. We achieve this through our close working relationship with Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service. We also strive to keep a close association with our State and Local politicians as well as our federal delegation of Congressmen and U.S. Senators.

After completing my first full year I have found that one of the biggest challenges to the job is making everyone feel they have been represented. Having to look at the big picture of the overall industry and convey to members we are battling for all lobstermen on a number of different issues. Along with the MLA Executive Committee and the Delegates you have chosen to represent you, we will all strive to confront the many complex challenges that the future may hold for us. Our Executive Director, Beth Casoni, and the office team, work tirelessly to make the many aspects of MLA become a reality including making this Annual Weekend and Trade show a success.

I'd also like to thank the Associate members, especially the vendors and dealers that show up year after year. Without them the Annual Weekend Trade Show would not be possible.

The Annual Weekend is a great time for members and their families of this industry to come together to meet with old friends and new. We celebrate the bond of passion and hard work that unites all and drives us into a positive and prosperous future.

So enjoy the weekend and hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Arthur "Sooky" Sawyer

President, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association

Annual Weekend and Trade Show Schedule of Events 2017

Thursday January 19, 2017

9:00AM-11:59 PM	<i>Nauset Center</i>Exhibitor Setup
9:00AM - 5:00PM	<i>Nauset Foyer</i>MLA Booth
11:30AM - 4:00PM	<i>Nauset Center</i>Exhibitor Lunch
5:00PM - 10:00PM	<i>Red's Restaurant</i>Dinner on Own
8:00PM - 11:00PM	<i>Highland</i>Hospitality Room

Friday January 20, 2017

7:00AM - 10:30AM	<i>Ocean View Dining Room</i>Breakfast on Own
9:00AM - 5:00PM	<i>Nauset Center</i>Exhibits
9:00AM - 5:00PM	<i>Nauset Foyer</i>MLA Booth
9:15AM	<i>Chatham</i> Giving.....Safety a Competitive Advantage
10:00AM - 4:00PM	<i>Monomoy</i>Health Care Enrollments
10:00AM - 4:00PM	<i>Guestroom</i>Hearing Screenings
10:00AM	<i>Race Point</i>MLA Annual Membership Meeting
10:45AM - 12:00PM	<i>Shutters</i>Cooking Demonstration
11:00AM	<i>Chatham</i>Tablets and Temperature Loggers
11:30AM	<i>Race Point</i>Offshore Wind Roundtable
11:30AM - 4:30PM	<i>Red's Restaurant</i>Lunch on Own
1:00PM - 2:00PM	<i>Shutters</i>Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association Winter Meeting
2:30PM - 4:00PM	<i>Shutters</i>Women's Workshop
2:30PM	<i>Chatham</i>Preventing Pain and Injury
3:00PM	<i>Race Point</i>Sustainability in Seven Words or Less
3:30PM	<i>Chatham</i>Marine Debris
4:00PM	<i>Race Point</i>Decompress in the Bait Shed
4:00PM - 6:00PM	<i>Highland</i>Hospitality Room
6:00PM - 11:00PM	<i>Guestroom</i>Children's Activity
6:30PM - 7:45 PM	<i>Ocean View Room</i>Dinner
6:30PM - 7:45 PM	<i>Shutters</i>Buffet Line
9:00PM - 12:00AM	<i>Highland</i>Hospitality Room
9:00PM - 12:00AM	<i>Chatham</i>Overflow for Hospitality Room

Saturday January 21, 2016

7:00AM - 10:30AM	<i>Ocean View</i>Dining Room Breakfast on Own
9:00AM 5:00PM	<i>Nauset Center</i>Exhibits
9:00AM 5:00PM	<i>Nauset Foyer</i>MLA Booth
10:00AM - 4:00PM	<i>Guestroom</i>Hearing Screenings
10:00AM - 12:00PM	<i>Shutters</i> Craft Seminar
9:30AM	<i>Chatham</i>Help Lobsters Cope with Climate Change

11:30AM	<i>Chatham</i>What's Next for Right Whales?
11:30AM - 4:30PM	<i>Red's Restaurant</i>Lunch on Own
10:30AM	<i>Race Point</i>MA Division of Marine Fisheries and Environmental Police Roundtable
12:00PM - 12:30PM	<i>Nauset II</i>Silent Auction
12:45PM	<i>Race Point</i>Settlement and Environment Based Fisheries
2:00PM	<i>Race Point</i>Michael Tougias Presentation
3:30PM	<i>Chatham</i>Real-Time Telemetry of Ocean Temperatures
4:30PM - 6:00PM	<i>Highland</i>Hospitality
6:00PM - 11:00PM	<i>Guestroom</i>Children's Activity
6:45PM - 9:00PM	<i>Ocean View Room</i>Dinner
9:00PM - 11:00PM	<i>Race Point</i>Casino Night
9:00PM - 12:00AM	<i>Highland</i>Hospitality Room

Saturday January 21, 2016

7:00AM - 11:00AM	<i>Ocean View Dining Room</i>Breakfast on Own
8:00AM - 10:00AM	<i>Nauset Center</i>Exhibits
8:00AM - 9:30AM	<i>Indoor Pool</i>Immersion Suit Training
8:00AM - 10:00AM	<i>Nauset Foyer</i>MLA Booth
10:00AM - 1:00PM	<i>Nauset Center</i>Exhibitor Teardown

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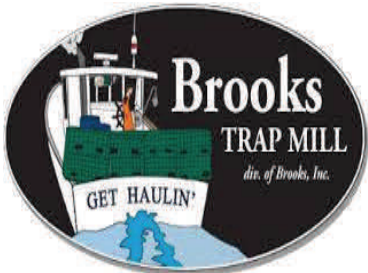
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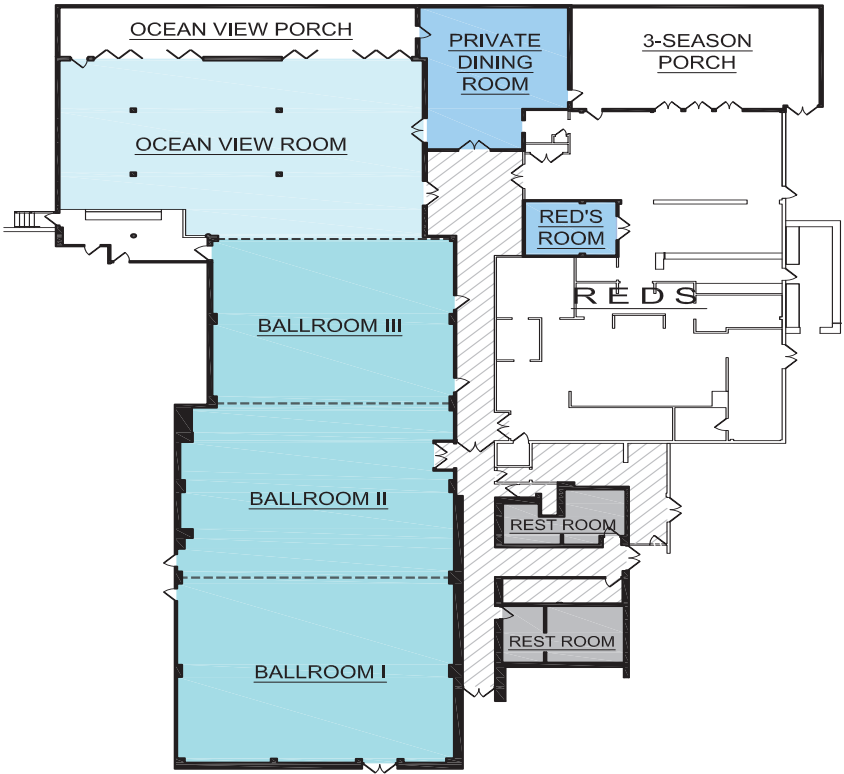
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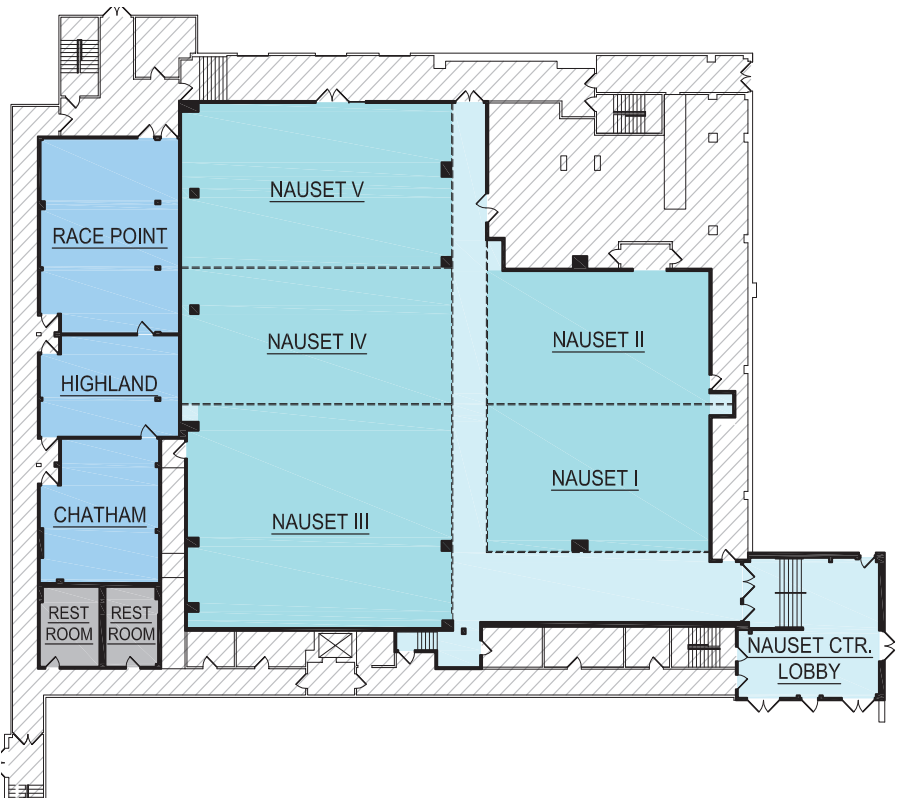
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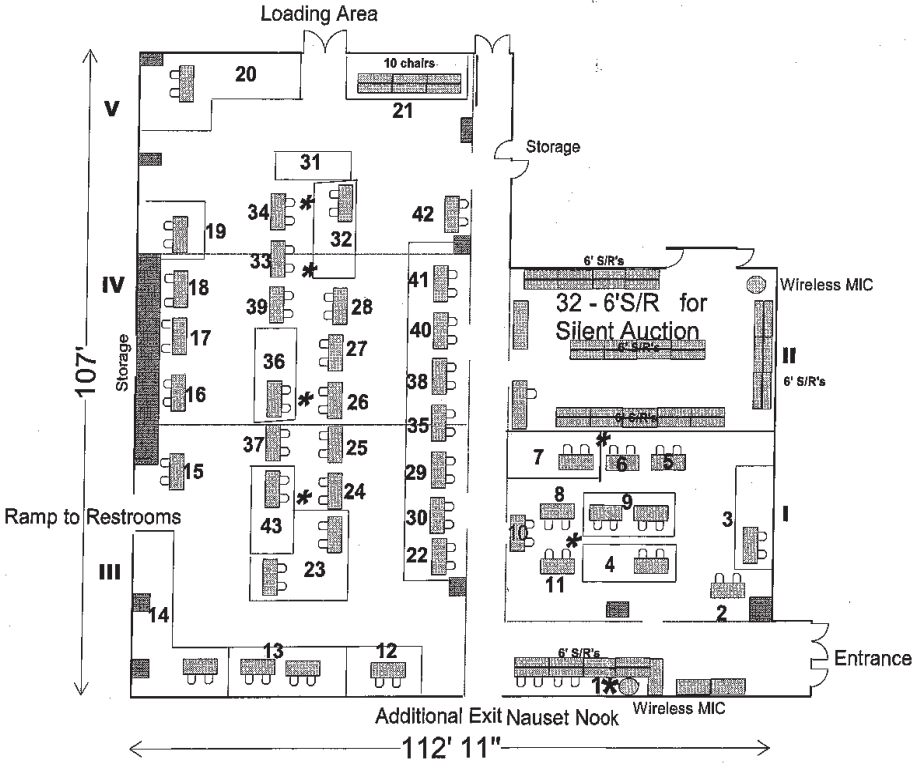
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Athearn Marine Agency Inc.	Commercial Vessel & Permit Brokerage	31
Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Asso	Fishing Association	41
Bell Power Systems	John Deere Marine Engines	36
Brooks Trap Mill	Lobster Traps & Marine Supplies	14
Center for Coastal Studies	Marine Animal Disentanglement	18
Cermalube LLC	Ceramic lubrication	2
Chris Electronics & CLS America	Marine electronics	15
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Cummins Northeast	Cummins Diesel Engines	3
Division of Marine Fisheries	Fisheries Management	17
First Marine Products	Zincs and Paint	4
Fishermens Voice	Industry News	22
Fishing Partnership Support Service	Health Services	21
Friendship Trap Co.	Lobster traps	20
Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation	Foundation Lobster Research	34
Hercules SLR	Commercial fishing gear	7
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Liferaft Services	Liferafts and Safety Equipment	37
Lobster Institute	Lobster research	38
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Marine Hydraulics	MFGR Hydro-slave Hydraulic traps lifters power steers and blocks	30
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Milton CAT	Marine Engine	32
Modern Woodmen	Financial Planning	29

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- You do not have to be present to win we will notify you after the show.

<i>Company Name</i>	<i>Types of Items on Display</i>	<i>Booth Number</i>
NERACOOS	Ocean and Weather Info	16
New England Marine Engineering &	Marine industrial equip	19
New England Propeller	Boat Propellers & Accessories	12
NOAA NE Observer Program	Fishery observer program	8
NOAA Marine Debris Program	Marine Debris Program	39
North Atlantic Power	Twin disc marine transmissions	5
Northeast Trap LLC	Lobster Trap builders	28
Power Products	Volvo Penta Engines & Parts	25
Riverdale Mills	Aquamesh marine wire	24
Rose Marine	Pumps/hydraulics/mufflers/controls/shafting	23
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Stellwagen Bank Nat'l Marine	Government	26
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Three Lantern Marine	Marine, Fishing supplies, Brooks Trap annex	13
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Wicked Tuna	Capt. Dave Marchiano f/v Hard Merchandise	11
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Youngs Electronics	Marine Electronics	9



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January 20-22

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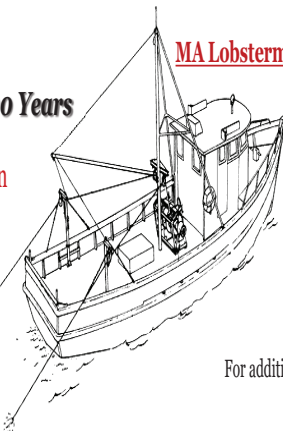
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to 11:30 pm on Saturday in Nauset II**

Rules Sheet

When: Saturday 12:00 pm sharp till 12:30 pm sharp
Bids will not be accepted after final countdown

Where: In Nauset II—located in the exhibit hall

1. YOU **MUST** GET A BIDDERS NUMBER PRIOR TO THE AUCTION
(NO #'S WILL BE GIVEN OUT ONCE THE AUCTION STARTS)
2. VIEW ALL ITEMS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE AUCTION/FRIDAY & SATURDAY AM
3. YOU **MUST** 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE
4. AT THE CONCLUSION OF BIDDING, ALL BIDDERS MUST EXIT THE AREA
All active bidders will be entered into free prize drawings during the auction

HOW TO BID

1. BIDDING LASTS ONLY 30 MINUTES—BID QUICK
2. ITEMS ARE PRICED IN INCREMENTS OF \$1.00, \$5.00 & \$10.00 (NO PARTIAL BIDS)
(EXAMPLE—\$1 BIDS HAVE TO INCREASE BY A MINIMUM OF \$1 (NOT \$1.50) \$5 BIDS NOT \$6 AND \$10 BIDS NOT \$14)
1. WRITE YOUR BID # ON THE SHEET FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT—AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WOULD BE—“LOBSTER TRAP” STARTING BID \$10.00—BID INCREMENTS \$5.00
YOU WOULD WRITE YOUR NUMBER AND BID - BIDDER# 1963 BID AMOUNT \$15.00
(OR GREATER-BUT IN INCREMENTS)
4. SOMEONE WILL OUT BID YOU (MAYBE) SO CHECK YOU ITEMS—GO BACK AND BID \$50
IF YOU REALLY WANT THE ITEM
5. YOU **WILL** BE DISQUALIFIED IF YOU WRITE A BID AFTER THE TIME HAS BEEN CALLED

THIS IS A FAST AND FURIOUS AUCTION AND LAST YEAR WENT GREAT

KEEP CALM AND BID ON

SHOULD YOU WIN—CHECK BACK AFTER 1:00 PM—KEEP YOUR BID # WITH YOU

1. THE WINNING BID WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED
2. BRING ITEM CARD TO THE PAY TABLE
3. AFTER PAYING TO PICK UP YOUR ITEM

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- ◆ Secured funds to offset costs of sinking groundline
- ◆ Advocated for Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan
- ◆ Led industry's response to the marine monument
- ◆ Strong advocate of common sense whale rules
- ◆ Leadership roles on the ASMFC's Lobster Board, Lobster and Jonah Crab Advisory Panels, and Area 3 LCMT
- ◆ NEFMC's Habitat Committee and NOAA Fisheries' Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team member

2017 ISSUES

SNE Lobster	Jonah Crab
Marine Monuments	Trap Transferability
Corals	Industry Consolidation

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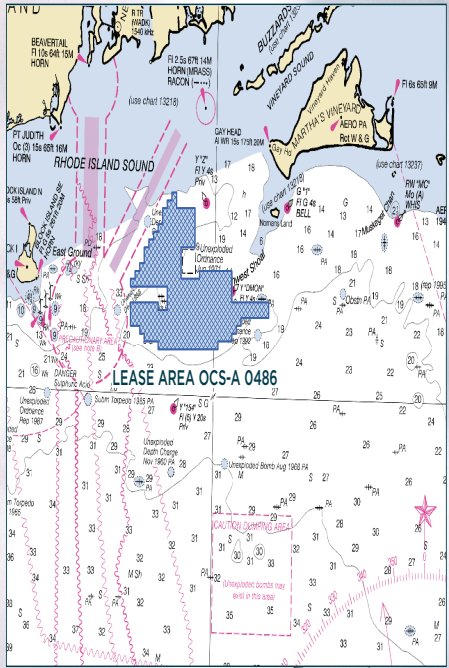
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9 AM to 5 PM

Booth #1

Welcome to the 2017

Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Weekend and Trade Show

Calling all MLA members to the MLA booth to receive your "GIFT" for being a member in good standing, which means you've paid your dues. If you are not sure if you've paid your dues we can check that for you. Also for being a member in good standing you can enter the MLA member raffle for a cash prize. If you are not yet a member you can JOIN at the show and receive your free GIFT and enter the member raffle. There are also lots of other raffles for the MLA Scholarship and the Legal Defense Fund – we will be adding lots more items to the raffles. Stop by and check out the NEW MLA clothing too!

9 AM to 5 PM

Fishing Partnership Support Services Booth

FREE Health Insurance

Enrollment and Assistance

Do you still have questions about health insurance for 2017? For insurance to start February 1, you have until January 23 to pick and pay for a plan. Our certified Navigators can help you with the application and pick the plan that's best for you. If you already have insurance through the Health Connector or MassHealth, we can help you renew or make updates to your account. Stop by the FPSS booth and talk with one of our certified Navigators for more information.

9 AM to 2 PM

Fishing Partnership Support Services Booth

FREE Skin Safety Scan

The Melanoma Foundation of New England will be offering free skin safety education with a UV facial scanner that helps you understand the damaging effects of the sun. This tool helps identify the areas of your face most affected by sun exposure.

9:15 AM

Room: Chatham

GIVING SAFETY A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Speakers: Rebecca Weil & Julie Sorensen (NEC), Luis Catala and Ed Dennehy (FPSS). Falls overboard are the leading cause of death in the Northeast lobster fishery, according to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Center for Maritime Safety and Health Studies, and could largely be prevented with the regular use of personal flotation devices (PFDs). In response, collaboration is underway with the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NEC), Fishing Partnership Support Services (FPSS), and Northeast lobstermen- to identify and re-design PFDs that can work for this specific fishing sector.

During this seminar, we will discuss and showcase PFD designs that are currently

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available and that could be used by lobster fishermen. We will also discuss key components of PFD design-providing an overview of topics related to PFDs, personal locating beacons (PLB), and associated safety techniques and gear. In addition, presenters will gather input from the audience to identify PFD/PLB features they like / don't like, barriers to use and the potential to combine life-saving features with value-added components that can add to work-efficiency or comfort. There will be an opportunity to try on various models of newer PFDs, and to discuss additional issues around falls overboard (such as prevention, re-boarding, being found). Look for us as we come to the docks, or hear from us when we call you for input! Contact: If you have questions regarding this project, please contact Julie Sorensen at julie.sorensen@bassett.org or at (607) 547-6023, ext.2210.

10 AM to 4 PM

Room 700

FREE Hearing Screenings

Mass Audiology will conduct FREE hearing tests. The screening tests take approximately 10 minutes and include an ear canal checkup, hearing test with an audiometer, and for those with hearing aids, a checkup and battery change, if needed. Stop by the Fishing Partnership Support Services booth for more information.

Fishing Partnership Support Services Booth

FREE Vaccinations and Health Screenings

The VNA of Cape Cod will be offering FREE flu, tetanus, and pneumonia shots, as well as screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose levels.

10:00 AM

Room: Racepoint

Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Membership meeting

Calling ALL MLA members to the Associations' Annual Membership meeting. This will be the first time this meeting will be held during the Annual Weekend and Trade Show allowing more members a chance to come listen, participate and meet other MLA members from around the region. The MLA Delegates voted to move this meeting from Quincy and include it during the weekend. During this meeting the newly elected Delegates will be welcomed and they will then in turn elect their Executive Committee members and Officers up for reelections. Also there will be an overview on what the MLA is currently working on and will be working on in 2017. If you are not yet a member you are encouraged to attend too! See you all there. For more information visit www.lobstermen.com

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11:00 AM

Room: Chatham

Tablets and Temperature Loggers Collecting Data with the CFRF Lobster & Jonah Crab Research Fleet

Presenters: Anna Mercer, PhD, CFRF Executive Director & CFRF Lobster & Jonah Crab Research Fleet participants

It is no secret that there is a severe lack of biological lobster and Jonah crab data from outside of state waters, where the majority of the fisheries are located. To address this issue, the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF) developed the Lobster and Jonah Crab Research Fleet, which provides lobstermen with the tools to collect critically needed biological data for lobster and Jonah crab from data poor areas, particularly offshore. Participants use a specialized tablet app (On Deck Data), digital calipers, and wireless water temperature sensors to record information about their catch and the environment as part of their routine fishing practices. Currently, 14 fishing vessels based out of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire are involved in the program.

Differently from many other sampling programs, the fishermen that participate in the CFRF's Lobster and Jonah Crab Research Fleet retain ownership of their data and regularly receive personalized data reports. In addition, the data from the Research Fleet is systematically shared with scientists and used extensively to fill data gaps for both lobster and Jonah crab. In the future, the CFRF hopes to expand both the geographic coverage and scope of the project to address remaining data needs. This seminar will focus on discussing the past, present, and future of the Lobster and Jonah Crab Research Fleet and how to get involved. For more information visit www.cfrfoundation.org

10:45AM

Room: Shutters

Cooking Demo

Come see and taste what the Sea Crests Master Chef will create for you this year. This year he will create a seafood dish that is sure to please the taste buds. You can't miss this so get there early and get ready to be dazzled.

FREE Hearing Screenings

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11:30 AM

Room: Racepoint

Offshore Wind Roundtable

Come meet representatives from Deepwater Wind, Bay State Wind and Vineyard Wind companies. Collectively they will talk about the progress of the wind projects slated for

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Massachusetts and the status of the Block Island project in Rhode Island. Also this will be a great time to talk about any concerns you may **have about offshore wind on the water and off**. For more information visit www.dwwind.com, www.dongenergy.com/en/business-activities_/Pages/U-S--Project.aspx, www.vineyardpower.com

1:00 PM

Room: Shutters

Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association winter meeting

“The Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen’s Association (AOLA) will host their winter meeting at MLA Weekend. The Association’s will meet to review 2016 actions and discuss plans for 2017. Major topics to discuss include: Atlantic marine monuments - declaration and next steps; lobster and Jonah crab management - Southern New England lobster addendum, trap transferability and reductions, and other 2017 management actions; and deep sea coral management - New England Fishery Management Council rule making. A final agenda of issues to be discussed will be posted on the AOLA web site two weeks prior to the meeting date. All are welcome. To learn more about AOLA, visit www.offshorelobster.org or call 603-828-9342.”

2:30

Room: Chatham

“Preventing pain and injury of lobstering work”

Presenter: Scott Fullmer, UMASS Lowell

This is a participatory workshop. The facilitators will lead discussion about pain and injury associated with work on a lobster boat. It will include basic principles of biomechanics, movement, forces, and general strengths and limits of human capacity. Participants will explore possibilities to reduce risk for pain and injury, or possible barriers to reduce risk that further research might help to challenge. All are welcome.

2:30 – 4:00 PM

Room: Shutters

Stress Reduction through Meditation & Mindfulness

Please join us in a follow-up session to Fishing Partnership’s Reduce Stress & Create Life Balance workshop held at MLA’s Annual Weekend in 2015. Learn simple breathing techniques, participate in a mindful eating exercise, and learn techniques to reduce stress and create balance. All are welcome!

3:00

Sustainability in Seven Words or Less: How do you define sustainability?

We know we are a sustainable fishery, but what do consumers want and expect? How do they make their choices at the seafood counter? Hear about recent results from Maine Sea Grant’s Seafood Link project, consumer surveys from National Public Radio, the international standard from the United Nations, and more. Hosted by the Lobster Institute, and presented by Cathy Billings, Associate Director for Communications & Development. For more information visit www.umaine.edu/lobsterinstitute

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3:30

Room: Chatham

Marine Debris

Marine Plastic Pollution – Problem-Solve With Us!

ID tags. Buoys. Smashed traps. Tangles of line. Thousands of these and other parts of fishing gear wash up on the shores of New England each year. Join representatives from various states, regions and affiliations to discuss approaches to plastic pollution in the marine environment. What are easy ways we can reduce our contribution to the problem? Are there industry-based solutions to reduce the amount of plastic pollution washing up on shore or miring on bottom? Are fishing gear recovery programs giving us good intel about the issues of pollution vs. habitat? What happens when a lobster eats a fish that has plastic in its stomach? We may not have all the answers, but knowing what the questions are will help guide the next steps.

4:00 PM

Room: Racepoint

Decompress in the Bait Shed

Come listen to Brian Robbins, CFN's columnist invites you for a session of tunes and storytelling. Take a break, have some grins and bring a tale of your own.

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

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Bycatch
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9 AM to 5 PM

Booth #1

Welcome to the 2017

**Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association
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Calling all MLA members to the MLA booth to receive your "GIFT" for being a member in good standing, which means you've paid your dues. If you are not sure if you've paid your dues we can check that for you. Also for being a member in good standing you can enter the MLA member raffle for a cash prize. If you are not yet a member you can JOIN at the show and receive your free GIFT and enter the member raffle.

There are also lots of other raffles for the MLA Scholarship and the Legal Defense Fund – we will be adding lots more items to the raffles. Stop by and check out the NEW MLA clothing too!

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Room 700

Dental Cleanings

Fishing Partnership Support Services has partnered with Visiting Dental Associates of Massachusetts to bring affordable dental cleanings and exams to our members and families at MLA weekend this year! Appointments include a professional cleaning, oral health exam, and fluoride treatment. Cost per person: \$30.00, or FREE if you have MassHealth. Stop by the Fishing Partnership Support Services booth for more information. X-rays are available if needed, for an additional cost of \$50.00.

Please pre-register with Lori at FPSS at 781-635-0011

9:30 AM

Room: Chatham

**Help lobsters cope
with climate change**

Presenter: Diane Cowan

Provided I can get off the rock I live on called Friendship Long Island, I plan to join you at the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Meeting. I want to share what I've learned in 33 years studying lobster behavior and ecology. What I've observed makes me think there is a lot we can do to help lobsters cope with climate change. Lobsters have been around for a long, long time. Much longer than we have. Lobsters have made it through a lot of changes because they have some amazing tricks up their sleeves. Certain lobster adaptations make them excellent survivors. I'll share what I know about their secrets – including reproductive and migratory behaviors – and present a plausible plan for how to make sure lobsters continue to be able to do what makes them strong survivors.

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10:00

Room: Shutters

Craft Seminar –Glass Beaded Bracelet

You'll be using Jewelry wire, assorted glass beads, plus a larger bead for the centerpiece, Jewelry clasps, and Wire crimping/cutting tool. We'll start at 10:00 am, so be sure to arrive early enough to get a seat for everyone in your group (we suggest at least 15 minutes early). There will be supplies for 25 people. Please note one per family unless there is unfilled space.

10 AM to 4 PM

Fishing Partnership Support Services Booth

FREE Vaccinations and Health Screenings

The VNA of Cape Cod will be offering FREE flu, tetanus, and pneumonia shots, as well as screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose levels.

10:30

Room: Racepoint

Massachusetts Division of

Marine Fisheries & Environmental Police Roundtable

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is responsible for the conservation of marine fisheries resources. This includes managing both recreational and commercial harvesting of saltwater finfish, shellfish, and crustaceans like lobster and crab. With 70 years of experience, the Division oversees policy which promotes sustainability while balancing the requirements of a complex coastal fishing industry. For more information visit www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dmf

The Massachusetts Environmental Police protect the environment and natural resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through enforcement, education, and public outreach. The Office is further charged with protecting the health, safety, and individual rights of the public and preserving our environment for future generations.

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For more information visit www.mass.gov/eea/grants-and-tech-assistance/enforcement/environmental-police State officials will be on hand to present new information on lobster stock status, fishery trends, and discuss a variety of other issues of concern to the industry.

11:30 AM

Room: Chatham

What Next for Right Whales and Pot/Trap Fisheries?

Presenters: Dr. Mark Baumgartner, WHOI and President, North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium – An Overview of Recent Studies of North Atlantic Right Whales Tim Werner/Amy Knowlton, NEAq – Updates on Collaborative Research with MA Lobster Fishermen on Whale Release Rope

Recent scientific studies of the North Atlantic right whale all signal a species requiring urgent conservation attention. The encouraging average population growth rate of 2.8% that the species experienced between 1990 and 2010, during which the population grew from 295 to 500 individuals, is now declining. This trend is explained in part by deaths resulting from entanglements in fishing ropes and depressed reproduction caused by chronic entanglements. Both the incidence, severity and lethality of entanglements have grown in recent years. The decline of the species is occurring despite recent reductions in deaths from ship strikes, as well as the adoption by the fishing industry of several regulatory measures (including weak links, sinking ground lines, vertical line reduction and area closures) that the National Marine Fisheries Service has implemented over many years to aid the recovery of right whales. Under these circumstances, we can anticipate increased regulation of the lobster fishery, which historically has included area closures when alternative fishing gear and practices that are beneficial to both fishermen and whales could not be advanced. During this seminar, marine scientists from the New England Aquarium and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will present results from new research on North Atlantic right whales, all of which show agreement about a species in peril. A facilitated group discussion will then focus on identifying potential solutions, such as alternative fishing practices, to help avoid regulatory measures that are least favorable to fishermen.

Sponsors: Center for Coastal Studies, Consortium for Wildlife Bycatch Reduction, New England Aquarium (NEAq), University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI)

12:00 – 12:30

Exhibit Hall - Nauset II

MLA's "SUPER SILENT" AUCTION

This auction will be the combination of the silent and LIVE auction to benefit the MLA Scholarship fund. There will be NO LIVE auction on Saturday night. Please plan on attending this, 30 minutes, fast and furious "Super Silent Auction" so you don't miss out on great items that have been generously donated by many MLA supporters and members. Register for your number on Friday and Saturday in Nauset II and view all the

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items will be on display.

12:45 PM

Room: Chatham

Settlement- and environment-based fishery recruitment forecasts for the American lobster fishery in the Gulf of Maine and Southern New England

Presenter: Noah G. Oppenheim Accurate predictions of fishery recruitment represent the holy grail of fisheries science and management, but often those relationships are difficult to determine. As is true for many lobster fisheries, spawner-recruit relationships for the American lobster (*Homarus americanus*) in the northwest Atlantic have been particularly elusive to science. However, settler-recruit relationships, which track cohorts after larvae have settled to the sea bed, have shown a great deal of promise for recruitment forecasts in several crustacean species. Here we describe a fishery recruitment forecasting model based on the American Lobster Settlement Index (ALSI), a comprehensive annual diver-based survey that quantifies the abundance of young-of-year lobsters as they populate coastal nurseries. The model begins with the settlement index to set initial year-class strength and subjects cohorts to variable growth as determined by bottom temperature regimes, as well as proxies for natural mortality including predator abundance and shell disease prevalence. Projections are validated against independent indicators of recruitment to the fishery. This talk will describe our model development to date. Forecasts for the Gulf of Maine indicate moderate to significant declines in landings within the next five to eight years, while Southern New England landings are projected to remain relatively stable at low levels. We anticipate the projection models such as this will contribute to the stock assessment process and allow stakeholders to make informed decisions relating to the management of this fishery.

2:00 PM

Room: Racepoint

A New Presentation from NY Times bestselling author Michael Tougias..... “So Close To Home”

Michael J. Tougias, bestselling author and co-author of 24 books, is offering a new, dramatic presentation based on his co-authored book *So Close to Home* (Pegasus Books, May 2016). Tougias will use slides of the attack, the survivors, and the rescue to make this “an edge-of-your seat” multi-media program

On May 19, 1942 a German U-boat in the Gulf of Mexico stalked its prey 40 miles off New Orleans. Captained by 29-year-old Erich Wurdemann, the submarine commander had his sights set on the freighter *Heredia* with 62 souls on board. Most of the crew were merchant seamen, but there were also a handful of civilians including the Downs family. The family was comprised of the parents, Ray Sr. and Ina, along with their two children, eight-year-old Ray Jr., nick-named “Sonny”, and eleven-year-old Lucille.

Fast asleep in their berth the Downs family had no warning that two torpedoes were heading their way. When the ship exploded, all four members of the family were separated in the chaotic 2 a.m. event. More than half the crew and passengers aboard the *Heredia* perished, but incredibly, after 15 hours in the ocean – facing sharks, hypothermia, drowning, and dehydration—all of the Downs family survived and were

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reunited. Ray Downs Jr. aka “Sonny” who lives in Massachusetts is now 82 years old but remembers every detail of the voyage, the attack, and his family’s miraculous survival. The captain and senior crew members of the Heredia were all Massachusetts natives.

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3:30 PM

Room: Chatham

Real-time telemetry of ocean temperatures and weather from commercial fishing vessels

The Environmental Monitors on Lobster Traps (eMOLT) Program is now collaborating with NOAA’s Northeast Cooperative Research Study Fleet Program on a real-time telemetry project where data is automatically transmitted when the gear is hauled on deck. Preliminary experiments have included bottom temperature and weather observations. Results are displayed on a customized 7” screen in the wheelhouse, processed, and relayed to a Woods Hole server where they are then available on-line. Given a series of grants from NOAA’s Fisheries Advanced Sampling Program and NOAA’s National Weather Service, the equipment is supplied to interested fishermen at no cost. While still in its infancy, the objective of this project is to assimilate the data into ocean and weather models. Jim Manning (NOAA Woods Hole) will demo the equipment and make the presentation along with Tom Shyka (Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing System).

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

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8 AM

Pool Area

Survival Suit Training

Basic Safety Training Module

Stay safe! Get a feel for the upcoming FPSS Spring Safety and Survival training by attending this FREE hands-on immersion suit module. Certified instructors will cover optimum storage locations, proper fit and maintenance, suggested suit attachments, proper donning and water entrance, and effective in-the-water skills, including entering a life raft. Bring your survival suit or one will be provided. Pre-register at the FPSS Booth!

Completion of this module will satisfy some requirements of the Fishing Partnership Support Services Safety and Survival training.

8am to 10 am

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Sunday Morning Raffle

Rise and Shine for the MLA's Special Raffle. After your coffee make your way down to the Exhibit Hall to pick up your

Ticket for a chance to win one of ten chances to win a \$100.00.

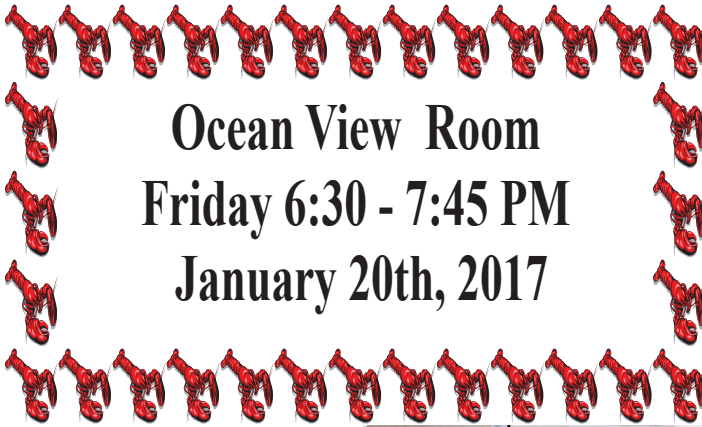
Tickets will be given out at the MLA booth on Sunday between

8:30am & 9:30am only and drawn at 10:00am

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Followed by Comedian **"Stephen Bjork"**

8:00 - 9:00 pm

He's come a long way from the nights of frying up mozzarella sticks in the back room of an obscure comedy club in the Boston suburbs. He was a college student, using that part-time job to study the craft of stand-up comedy by catching glimpses of the performers on stage.

Today, Stephen Bjork is a polished veteran of the highly competitive Boston comedy scene with crisscrossing tours of the country under his belt. His material is intelligent, sometimes absurd, and always accessible. First and foremost, however, it is funny. What truly sets him apart from the teeming crowd of today's comedians is that you never have to ask Bjork to work 'clean.' Bjork takes everyday life and turns it upside down in a way that every demographic in any given audience can enjoy. And because he does it so well, no one ever misses the filth. A longtime favorite in nightclubs and colleges around the country, Bjork enjoys equal success in corporate settings.



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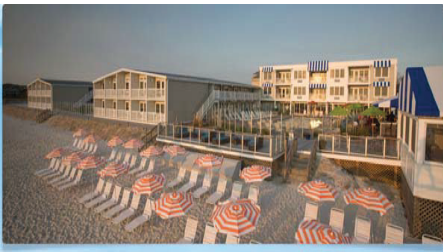
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COME MEET “WICKED TUNA” CAPTAIN DAVE MARCIANO f/v HARD MERCHANDISE



I was born in 1965 and graduated (finally) from Gloucester High School. I grew up in Ipswich and then Beverly MA. No one in my immediate family fished but I somehow caught the bug. When I was little my mother used to take me to one of the ponds in Ipswich and I would stay there and fish for hours. I even got "hooked" the first time, with a fish hook through my ankle. When my mother came to pick me up that day, off to the hospital we went. Cut cut, right through the hook, and slide it right out, easy as pie. After we moved to Beverly when I was about 9, we lived near the harbor so I could walk down to the docks and fish whenever I wanted. I soon became, and remain to this day, one of the best customers of Al's Bait and Tackle.

(I have been hooked many times, once even with a tuna hook, which I duck taped over for the rest of the trip until I could cut the hook and get it out. That was the last time I didn't bring a pair of wire cutters with me out on the boat!)

During high school I worked on my first boat,

the Yankee Fleet. They are a charter fishing fleet who do day fishing trips and whale watching. During high school I worked at the fleet, and I also lettered in Cross Country track my senior year. After high school I stayed on with them full time and spent the winters with them in Key West Florida. I did that for a few years and it was quite the experience.

After working for the Fleet for a few years and getting my Captains license, I finally decided to take the plunge and buy my own boat, to work for myself. That is basically all I have ever wanted to do and I am grateful that I have this opportunity to work outside in all kinds of weather.

Along the way I married my wonderful wife Nancy, in 1990, and have 3 awesome kids. Angelica is currently a college student; Joseph is in high school and works with me on the boat during the summers and school breaks, and little Eva Rose is in elementary school.

All my kids and my wife love to fish and we have the best family time doing that. My wife actually has a record for catching a striper in Massachusetts. She has been fishing also since forever with her father, her older brothers, and then with me. Currently I own the FV Hard Merchandise. She's a 38 foot, Danielshead solid fiberglass Novi boat. She's a beauty, and as sturdy as can be. <http://fvhardmerchandise.com/crew.php>



Captain Dave and Nancy Marciano will be at the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Annual Weekend and Trade Show Friday & Saturday, January 20-21, 2017 from 10:00am-12:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm both days.

The event is at the Seacrest Beach Hotel 350 Quaker Road – Old Silver Beach Cape Cod – Falmouth, MA 02556 The show is open to the public and admission is free. For more show information visit www.lobstermen.com See you there!



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