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**2024 Annual
Weekend & Industry
Trade Show**

March 21-24, 2024

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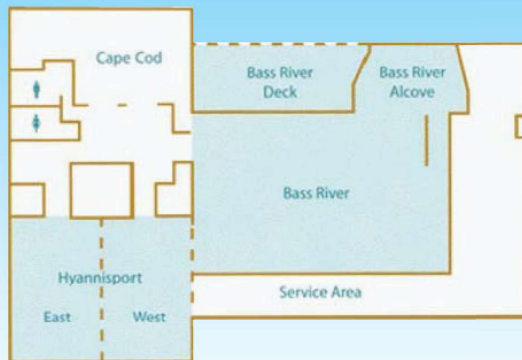
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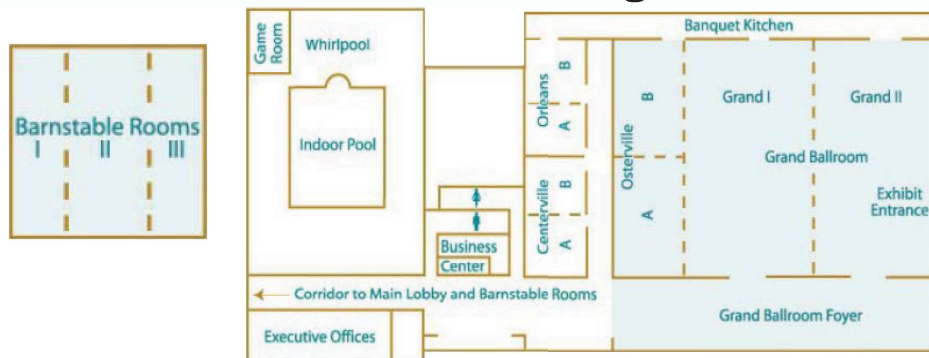


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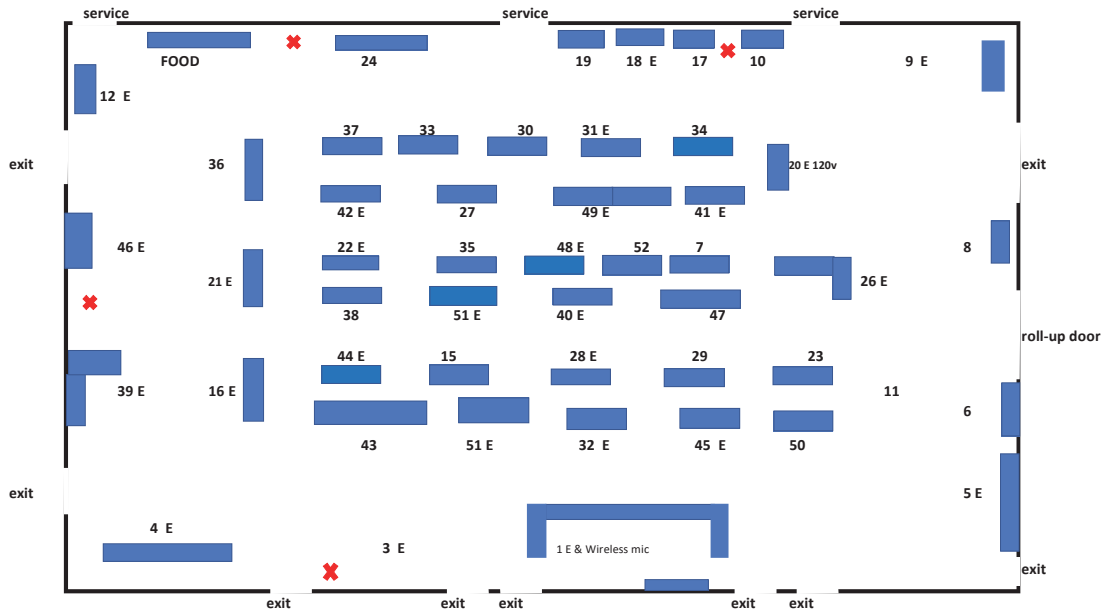
Second Floor Meeting Rooms



Conference Center Meeting Rooms



Grand Ballroom Detail - Vendor Booth Assignments





FULL LIST OF 2024 EXHIBITORS

<i>Company Name</i>	<i>Types of Items on Display</i>	<i>Booth Number</i>
Athearn Marine Agency Inc.	Commercial Vessel & Permit Brokerage	3
Avangrid	Offshore Wind Developer	27
Bluehome	Coastal Artificial Reefs	49
Brooks Trap Mill	Lobster Traps & Marine Supplies	4
Center for Coastal Studies	Marine Debris-Marine Fisheries-rescue	33
Chris Electronics	Marine Electronics	16
Com. Fisheries Research Foundation	Collaborative Research	29
Commercial Fisheries News	Commercial Fishing Publication	34
Deckhand Electronic Logbook	Electronic Logbooks	39
Eckland & Blando LLP	Legal Services	50
Fishery Friendly Climate Action	Climate Action	35
Fishing Partnership Support Service	Health Services & Safety Training	5
Friendship Trap Co.	Lobster Traps & Marine Supplies	9
Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation	Lobster Research	30
Hercules SLR US Inc.	Marine Supply & Safety	36
Ithaca Clean Energy	Water Front Mobile App	51
Ketcham Traps	Lobster Traps & Marine Supplies	11
Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts	Educational and Scientific Research & Outreach	1
Lobster Institute	Lobster Research	7
MA Division of Marine Fisheries	Fisheries Management	18, 17, 10
MA Environmental Police	Law Enforcement	19
MA Lobstermen's Association	Commercial Fishing Organization	1
Mack Boring & Parts Co.	Diesel Engines & Parts	24
Milton CAT	Marine Engine	8
MLA Fishermen Services	Commercial Marine Insurance	45
N.E. Center of Occupational Safety	Commercial Fishing Safety	6
N.E. Fishermen Stewardship Assoc.	Fishing Organization	12
Navroc Marine Electronics	Marine Electronics	26
NE Young Fishermens Alliance	Advocacy for Commercial Fishing	38
Neptune	Decommissioning of Neptune LNG	34
NERACOOS	Ocean Data	31
Net Your Problem LLC.	Fishing Gear Recycling Service	37
New England Marine Engineering	Marine Industrial Equipment	20
New England Propeller	Boat Propellers & Accessories	32
NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional	Information & Outreach Material	41
NOAA N.E. Fisheries Science Center	NOAA Fisheries Outreach	42
Northeastern University	Marine & Environmental Sciences Research	44
Orsted US	Offshore Wind Developer	34
Patsy Kane Nautical	Nautical Jewelry	23
Power Products	Volvo Penta Engines & Parts	46
Responsible Offshore Development Alliance	Offshore Wind Commercial Fishing Organization	15
Riverdale Mills	Aquamesh Marine Wire	22
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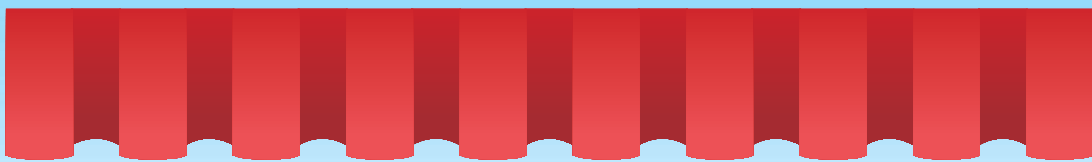
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SINGO & TRIVIA / GRAND BUFFET



GRAND BUFFET & "SINGO"

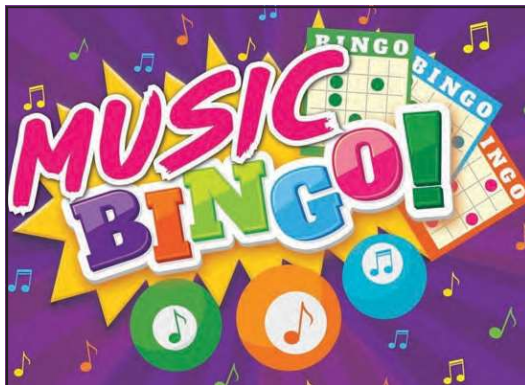


**Bass River Room
Friday, 6:30 PM
March 22, 2024**



DO NOT miss your chance to win one of the cash prizes! *
DONT FORGET to bring your Pre-paid dinner tickets with you!

** - You must be present to win.*



"Singo" is Bingo in music form!

Each player has a "Singo" card with song titles on it. Steve plays the songs and if you are the first person to have all the song titles on your "singo card" you win the game and receive a prize!

Be ready to show off your knowledge of fun facts and play some trivia following Friday evening's Grand Buffet!

Prepare yourself for lots of laughter and loads of fun playing

"SINGO" & TRIVIA WITH STEVE MONTMAGNY!



Steve has been in the entertainment industry for many years hosting all types of venues on the South Shore and beyond.





2024 PROGRAM EVENTS & SEMINARS

Friday, March 22, 2024

MLA Industry Trade Show Hours
9:00am-4:00pm

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Public Hearing

Friday 8:30am; Room: Centerville
Presented by: Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

DMF is holding a public hearing to take comment on: (1) new rules affecting minimum and maximum carapace sizes, possession standards for v-notched lobsters, trap tag issuance, and escape vent sizes relevant to the January 1, 2025 implementation of Addendum XXVII to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster; (2) the use of fully-formed red weak rope with a visible "MASS LOBSTER" tracer throughout the buoy line as means of complying with both buoy line marking and breaking strength requirements; and (3) housekeeping edits to remove outdated provisions affecting DMF's black sea bass pot season and protected species regulations.

Cooking Demo

Friday 10:45am; Room: Bass River

Come see and taste what the Emerald Resort and Conference Center's Master Chef will create for you this year. You can't miss this so get there early and get ready to be dazzled. Please check the Show Program for the final menu.

A Regional Framework for Financial Compensation from Offshore Wind Impacts

Friday 11:00am; Room: Centerville
Presented by: Kris Ohleth, Director of Special Initiative on Offshore Wind

Moving towards coexistence between the fishing community and offshore wind requires a variety of creative solutions. Once the options of avoiding, minimizing, and other mitigation strategies have been exhausted, a tool that can and has been applied is financial

mitigation to compensate fishermen for losses. 11 Atlantic Coast states are working together to develop a regional framework for financial compensation, which will be discussed in depth during this session.

New England Young Fishermen's Alliance

Friday 1:30pm; Room: Centerville
Presented by: Andrea Tomlinson

The New England Young Fishermen's Alliance strives to empower the next generation in our local commercial fishing industry by providing critical networking, training, and resources. Through value-based initiatives, we plan to preserve, protect, and promote the future of our small boat fishing businesses in northern New England. We currently offer an annual Deckhand to Captain training program for northern Massachusetts, NH and southern Maine commercial fishermen and women who are dedicated to becoming Owner-Operators. Our nine-month course offers intensive training in business management, budget development, public speaking, permitting and licensing, collaborative marketing, advocacy, and cooperative research opportunities. Come listen and learn more about our unique program!

B-I-N-G-O

Friday 2:00pm; Room: Barnstable III
Presented by: The MLA and Therese Sauvageau

Come join us for a few rounds of B-I-N-G-O and win some prizes!

YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY!

Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm MLA's Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

Come take a break in the Bait Shed!

Friday 4:00pm; Room: Barnstable II (Next to MLA Hospitality Suite)

Presented by: Brian Robbins

Need to decompress, kick back, and have a few laughs? Come hang out in the Bait Cooler with *Commercial*

Fisheries News' Brian Robbins. Brian (who considers coming down from Maine to Hyannis "going South for the winter") might share some memories from growing up in Stonington, ME or from his offshore lobstering days; he'll no doubt have stories from his travels along the New England coast for CFN; maybe he'll play a tune or two on the guitar ... who knows? The only thing for sure is, it'll be a laid-back, good time that will set you up for the evening with a big grin.

Grand Buffett Dinner & Singo & Trivia

Friday 6:30pm; Room: Bass River

Don't Forget to bring your Pre-paid dinner tickets with you!

MLA's Super Silent Auction

will be held during the Grand Buffett Dinner and will end before Singo & Trivia start. This is to benefit the MLAs Scholarship Fund. Don't forget your checkbooks!

Singo & Trivia

Friday 7:45pm after Grand Buffett Dinner; Room: Bass River

Presented by: Steve Montmagny!

Prepare yourself for lots of laughter and loads of fun playing along with Steve who has been in the entertainment industry for many years hosting all types of venues on the South Shore and beyond. **Singo is bingo in music form!** Each player has a "singo" card with song titles on it. Steve plays the songs and if you are the first person to have all the song titles on your 'singo card' you win the game and receive a prize! Be ready to show off your knowledge of fun facts and play some trivia, too!

Friday 9:00pm-12:00am MLA's Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

Saturday, March 23, 2024

MLA Industry Trade Show Hours
9:00am-4:00pm

Make a Sea Glass Lobster Shadow Box Craft

**Saturday 9:30am;
Room: Barnstable III**

Presented by: **Katie Finocchiaro**



Come have fun with Katie as she helps you build a Sea Glass Lobster Shadow Box. Space is limited so you must sign up at the MLA Booth.

Examining the Lobster Boom and Potential Threats through Collaborative Research with the Lobster Fishery

Saturday 9:30am; Room: Centerville

Presented by: **Jon Grabowski, Northeastern University, Professor, Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences, Associate Director, Marine Science Center**

New England is home to some of the oldest and most iconic fisheries species in the U.S., such as the American lobster. Lobster populations and landings in coastal Maine have been consistently high over the past couple of decades, yet the fishery faces a multitude of threats currently. Several mechanisms have been proposed behind this increase in lobsters, including release from cod and other predators in coastal waters as well as bottom-up augmentation from herring bait. Yet new potential predators have emerged, such as black seabass and other potential predators of juvenile lobsters expanding into the Gulf of Maine. This talk will discuss two decades of collaborative research with the lobster industry examining hypotheses of why lobster populations boomed over the past several decades as well as the industry's observations of and potential impacts from these newcomers. Finally, we will introduce a new project partnering with the Massachusetts Lobster Association examining impacts to and the adaptive capacity of the lobster fishery.

Let's Talk about Offshore Wind, Larval Habitats and Life as a Lobsterman

Saturday 11:00am; Room: Centerville

Presented by: **WHOI Sea Grant, Jennie Rheuban and Stephanie Murphy**

The Sea Grant American Lobster Initiative, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant College Program, is addressing critical knowledge gaps about American lobster and its iconic fishery in a dynamic

and changing environment. The initiative, which began in 2019, supports both scientific research and a regional Sea Grant extension program in the Northeast U.S. Together, the research and extension components of this initiative will develop and share new knowledge and understanding with industry stakeholders and resource managers from Maine to New York. This session will feature three newly funded research projects that address issues that are directly relevant to the lobster industry. We will provide snacks and coffee to promote attendance and a more informal feel to the session. The session will be an opportunity for the research teams to share their upcoming plans for their research projects. We hope to host an open discussion about the projects to hear input from fishermen and managers on what products might be useful around each of the research topics. Projects highlighted will include: 1) the acoustic impacts of offshore wind development on lobsters, 2) stress, social disruption, trust, and adaptive capacity of the lobster industry, and 3) surface convergences as a widely undersampled microhabitat for American lobster larvae.

MA Division of Marine Fisheries & MA Environmental Police Roundtable

Saturday 1:30pm; Room: Centerville

Presented by: **MA Division of Marine Fisheries and MA Environmental Police**

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. The DMF oversees policy which promotes sustainability while balancing the requirements of a complex coastal fishing industry. State officials will be on hand to present new information on lobster stock status, fishery trends, whales, and discuss other issues of concern to the industry. The Massachusetts Environmental Police protect the environment and natural resources through enforcement, education, and public outreach. The "U.S. marine resource laws exist to ensure sustainable fish populations; protect threatened marine species and the habitats they live in and to ensure these resources are around for future generations to enjoy. When people cheat and willfully violate fishery management regulations it puts those who comply with the rules at a significant disadvantage.

Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm MLA's Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

MLA Grand Banquet & MLA Awards Ceremony

Saturday 6:30pm; Room: Bass River

Don't forget to bring your Pre-paid dinner tickets with you.

Come join us for our Grand Banquet and MLA Awards Ceremony as we recognize several individuals for all their hard work and dedication to the MLA and commercial lobster industry!

We will also be giving away 3 Merry Weekend Getaways at the Emerald Resort & Conference Center! These will be drawn at the Banquet and **You must be present to win.**

Elvis is in the Building!

Immediately following the MLA Awards Presentation come join us for an evening with Mike Slater as he moves, sings, and sounds like Elvis Presley, the greatest entertainer of all time, so put on your "Blue Suede Shoes" and prepare yourself for a tribute to the "King of Rock 'n' Roll"!



Mike has been paying tribute to "The King" for over 26 years throughout the United States and Canada! Get up, dance, and sing along to the beloved songs of Elvis Presley!

Saturday 9:00pm-12:00am MLA's Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

Sunday, March 24, 2024

**MLA Industry Trade Show Hours
8:00am-10:00am**

Come join us as we wrap up another successful Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show! We will be drawing all the raffles.

Don't forget to come get your **FREE Rise and Shine for the MLA's Attendees Raffle** ticket. After your coffee make your way down to the Exhibit Hall to pick up your Ticket for a chance to win cash prizes. Tickets will be given out at the MLA booth on Sunday between 8:30am & 9:30am only and drawn at 10:00am! **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

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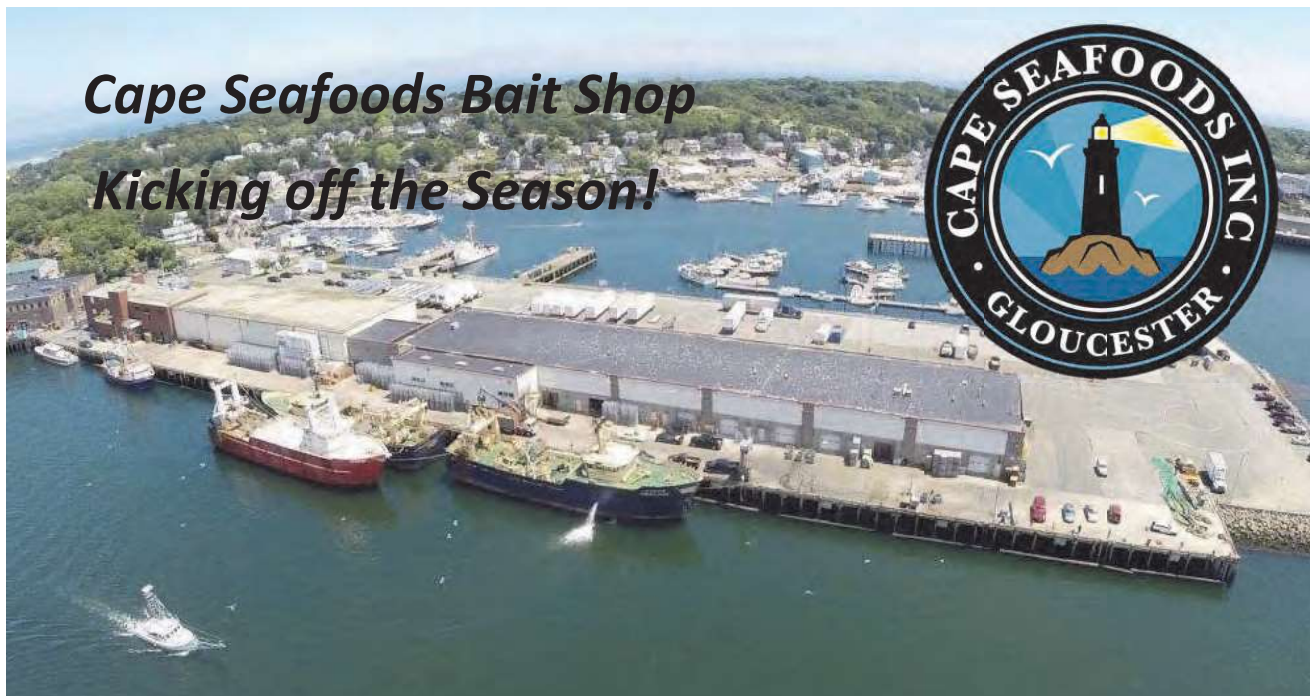
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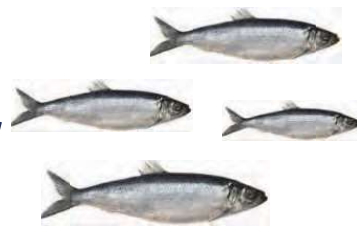
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MLA GRAND BANQUET & MLA AWARDS CEREMONY



**Bass River Room
Saturday Evening
6:00 PM**



DONT FORGET to bring your Pre-paid dinner tickets with you!

MERRY WEEKEND GETAWAYS at the Emerald Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis to be drawn at the Banquet. You must be present to win.

SATURDAY EVENING FOLLOWING THE MLA AWARDS BANQUET:



Elvis Presley was the greatest entertainer of all time, so put on your "Blue Suede Shoes" and prepare yourself for a tribute to the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" starring

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MIND, BODY & VESSEL / ENGIE



ENGIE is excited to be participating in the 2024 Massachusetts Lobstermen's Annual Weekend for the first time in company history. Please come by and visit us at our booth to learn about the Neptune LNG LLC Deepwater Port Decommissioning Project. We are excited to be a part of the MLA Weekend, to being a Scholarship Fund Sponsor, and look forward to sharing and discussing our proposed decommissioning plan with you during the event.

Training for the Industrial Athlete: **MIND, BODY AND VESSEL**

Stop by the **Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety booth #8** during the MLAs Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show to learn more on working safely and supporting the health and wellbeing of captains and crew members is an important part of fishing fleet sustainability. In the coming years, industry fluctuations and increasing regulation have the potential to negatively impact fishing safety and fishermen's mental and physical health. This session will focus on providing simple, practical health and safety tips to help fishermen stay as productive as possible in the 2024 fishing season. Instead of a presentation, we propose to set up six "Quick Tip" stations that fishermen can rotate through at their own pace. Each station will focus on a specific topic and will offer give-aways, info sheets and apps to help fishermen implement suggestions on their vessels.

