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A newsletter from the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance
Summer-Fall 2021

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CAPE COD COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ALLIANCE

Small Boats. Big Ideas.

A Note from our CEO



A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to speak to more than 100 guests in person at our 20th annual Hookers Ball, *Let the Good Times Roll*. Albeit a smaller event than years past, it gave us a chance to celebrate our accomplishments and the impact your support makes. For the past thirty years, the Fishermen's

Alliance has overcome tremendous odds to protect traditions, a way of life, and the economy of a peninsula while modernizing the fisheries to create sustainable businesses.

The organization was born during a time of crisis and has weathered many more by creating partnerships and long-lasting solutions that build community resiliency and healthy oceans. Over the years, we have come to realize that good things can take a long time. Thanks to your steadfast support, it has allowed us to persevere and win many battles. I am forever grateful, because we can't do what we do without you.

Thank you,

John Pappalardo, CEO

TO VIEW THIS YEAR'S FISHERMEN VIDEO
— A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO GENERATIONS OF LOBSTERMEN —
VISIT OUR YOUTUBE PAGE @FISHERMENSALLIANCE
(<https://youtube/3zU0jJBXg> video named Hookers Ball XX 2021)



HOOKERS BALL XX



Saturday, August 7

\$153,000 RAISED

110 GUESTS ATTENDED
IN PERSON

147 LOBSTER CLAMBAKES
SERVED TO-GO AND IN-PERSON

260 PEOPLE BID ON
THE **73** AUCTION PACKAGES

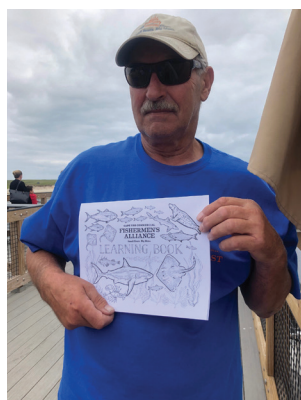


Retired Fishermen Take Center Stage at the Pier Host Program

The popular Pier Host Program at the Chatham Fish Pier started off the season with sunny skies, boats landing their fish, and inquisitive visitors. Our gregarious pier hosts, who are all retired fishermen, have been answering fishy questions for 15 years as part of this community education and outreach program. We are thankful to our hosts Ken Eldredge and Mike Anderson who have been hosting since the start of the program in 2006, and Rick Minskin who joined the program five years ago. When asked what they like best about being a pier host—they all agree, it's the conversations with the public.

This program sees thousands of visitors each summer and offers the opportunity for the hosts to share their stories about their on-the-water experiences as well as their vast knowledge of the local marine life and fishing industry. Conversing with and educating visitors and locals alike is what makes this program so popular.

You still have time to go see for yourself. Look for our pier hosts wearing bright shirts and smiles, Wednesdays through Friday mornings until Labor Day, on the Chatham Fish Pier Observation Deck.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Cape Cod Scallops: a Mandalakis Family Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. scallops
- 2 TBS olive oil
- 2 TBS butter
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup dry white wine

Heat olive oil, butter, and garlic clove in a skillet until lightly browned. Discard garlic. Add the scallops and shake to distribute. Be sure not to move them and watch that the butter does not burn. When the scallops begin to color on the bottom, flip to the other side. Cook until they begin to color. Add parsley and remove the scallops to a plate.

Deglaze the pan with the wine and reduce slightly, pour over the scallops, and serve!

Recipe submitted by our summer intern, Kathryn Mandalakis, who spent her summers in Chatham since she was a small child and acquired a taste for local seafood early on. Kathryn adds radishes and zucchini fresh from their garden. Enjoy!



Craving more delicious local recipes?
Find dishes from your favorite Cape
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new Pier to Plate Recipe Book,
available for \$20. Proceeds support
the Fishermen's Alliance.



Founding Fishermen's Feature: Fred Bennett



Decades ago, when the federal government decided more needed to be done to protect fish, fishermen on the Cape agreed. But regulators weren't taking the fishermen's wisdom and knowledge into consideration. Captain Fred Bennett said the Cape's small-boat fishermen asserted the importance of habitat, how the type of fishing mattered, and how protecting the industry's future needed to start today.

Bennett and other local captains continued to feel unheard, so in 1991 they formed the precursor to the Fishermen's Alliance, the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association. They started meeting

in Bennett's shed. The group grew in size and scope over the years. One of their first actions was to sue the federal government to protect habitat. They then shifted to advocacy to affect positive change in fisheries management.

There were times when Bennett didn't see much future in the industry and he wondered why he still fished. But fishing was more about who he was than what he did, which kept him motivated (along with others) to continue to work both on and off the water to protect the future of the fleet. Thirty years later, at age 84, Bennett still fishes a bit and is proud and pleased that two of his grandsons are successful captains. "That's why we formed this group, so we could stay fishing," Bennett says.



Small Boats. Big Ideas.

Small boats are the owner-operated fishing vessels you see in Cape Cod's harbors. These family businesses often get passed down through generations. Cape Cod fishermen are our neighbors and friends and their way of life is one of the most important and vital connections to the Cape's economy, history, heritage, and culture—not to mention it's unique local charm.

Big Ideas come from the fishermen themselves—advocating for sensible and informed fishing regulations, sustainable fishing practices, managing the ocean as an ecosystem, building markets for local fish, providing Cape Cod seafood to food bank programs, and advocating for a fishing future for the next generation.

A PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Founding Fishermen Society



Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support and appreciation for the Fishermen's Alliance and its mission while accommodating your own personal financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs. Just as important, you will know that you have made a meaningful contribution that will help sustain the future work of the Fishermen's Alliance that will benefit the entire community.





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As we celebrate our 30th anniversary as an organization this year, we are also celebrating the impact your support makes. It is about all of you and our wonderful community partners coming together to support our mission and the work we do for the local fishing fleet.

We are 90% to our fundraising goal for the year — your donation will help us reach our goal and continue our work for healthy oceans, sustainable fishing and strong coastal communities on Cape Cod.

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