



Cape Cod Maritime Museum

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SEAFOOD THROWDOWN Contest at the 11th Annual CAPE COD MARITIME FESTIVAL



HYANNIS, MA—Celebrate our rich nautical history with the **11th Annual Cape Cod Maritime Festival** held on the Hyannis waterfront at the **Cape Cod Maritime Museum** on **Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10**. Explore historic vessels, including the Black Dog Tall Ship *Shenandoah* at Hyannis Marina, and sail on the Museum-built 1886 Crosby Catboat replica *Sarab*. Enjoy live musical entertainment from Mark Allen Lovewell, Craig DeMelo—the “Whiskey Poet,” Cape Traditions, **New Bedford Sea Chantey Chorus**, and many more. Watch a stage performance of “There’s Nothing Like a Dame” from the musical *South Pacific* by the Wolf Run Dance Company. Local non-profit organizations offer children’s entertainment, while **Pirates of the Cape** roam the festival grounds. Nautical artisans & boat builders exhibit their local craftsman ship on Aselton Park.

As always, locally-caught seafood will be featured from area restaurateurs and food vendors for festival goers to enjoy! New this year will be a **Seafood Throwdown** contest, hosted by the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance, in which two local chefs—Exec. Chef Daniel Kenney of Sea Crest Beach Hotel and Exec. Chef Ben Porter of Belfry Inn—go head-to-head in a cooking competition inspired by local seafood. Each participant brings only their favorite cooking vessels/utensils, presentation plates and three of their favorite ingredients. Once there, they discover the secret seafood ingredient, provided by Cape Cod Community Supported Fishery, and are given \$25 to shop the Mid-Cape Farmer’s Market farm stand as their pantry, and then an hour to prepare, cook and plate their dish for three judges. The community ‘expert’ judges are Gwenn Friss—Cape Cod Times Food Reviewer, Dan McKiernan—MA Division of Marine Fisheries, and Capt. Ernie Eldredge—weir fisherman, fish provider for the event.

This year will be the first that the Cape Cod Maritime Festival is the culminating event of Maritime Days, which are May 13th thru June 10th. The Cape Cod Chamber, Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and the Cape Cod Commission sponsor the promotion of Maritime Days, which celebrates its 19th year in 2012. Cape Cod Maritime Museum is honored to feature its festival as part of this great celebration of the Cape’s maritime heritage!

The Festival is held on the museum grounds, Aselton & Bismore Parks, and Hyannis & Gateway Marinas. Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday June 9th & Sunday June 10th. The festival is open to the public, there is no admission fee, but donations, gratefully accepted, directly benefit the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, its exhibits and programs.

IMAGE CREDIT

from left to right:

“Boat Builders at Cape Cod Maritime Festival” courtesy of Cape Cod Maritime Museum

“Morgan Rattler roaming minstrels play traditional sea chanteys on the Hyannis Waterfront” courtesy of Cape Cod Maritime Museum

“Black Dog Tall Ship *Shenandoah* offers vessel tours throughout the Maritime Festival” courtesy of Rob Douglas, Black Dog Tall Ships

ABOUT CCMM

On a unique and compelling site on Hyannis Harbor, the Cape Cod Maritime Museum serves as a focal point for the Cape and Island’s maritime tradition. Boat building, cultural exhibits, maritime festivals, marine artifacts, shipwrecks, children’s programs and more flow in and out of the museum building on a year-round basis. Outreach programs and collaborations with area schools, museums, historical societies and arts institutions throughout Cape Cod continue to grow, promising new and exciting opportunities to share the maritime experience with residents and visitors alike.

Cape Cod Maritime Museum is dedicated to celebrating, preserving and interpreting Cape Cod’s maritime past, present and future, and inspiring passion and respect for the sea and how it continues to shape Cape Cod.

HOURS

Exhibits are open mid-March thru mid-December, Tuesday–Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12pm-4pm
Boat Shop is open year-round for courses and volunteer training.

ADMISSION

Adults \$5, Students & Seniors \$4, Children under 7 FREE, & Members are FREE

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