

# Port of Cape May: Commercial Fishing Festival

“A Festival celebrating our Commercial Fishing Industry and the rich history of our Seaport”

HOSTED BY:

COLD SPRING FISH & SUPPLY

MYSTIC SEAPORT

CAPE MAY MARITIME MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

BOAT BUILDING



ROANN EASTERN RIG DRAGGER  
MYSTIC SEAPORT - Photo ~2013

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Schellinger's Landing (Lobster House) \*Free Admission\*



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## Planned Exhibits and Events:

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am & 4:00 pm

Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

## EXHIBITS:

- 1.) Rebuilding the 'ROANN': Free Tours & Caulking Demonstrations
- 2.) Maritime Museum: Welcome, Events, Volunteers, Wharf Tour Sign-up
- 3.) Reading RR: Photos, History, Maps, Model Train
- 4.) Eckel's Diesel Marine: ROANN 12-V71 Diesel Engine, History (U-Boats), ...
- 5.) Cold Spring Fish & Supply: Photo History of Schellinger's Landing & Scallops 1965 – Present by Kevin McKinley, Author
- 6.) Atlantic Capes Fisheries: Oysters / Cape May Salts +
- 7.) Snow's / Bumble Bee – History, Clams
- 8.) National Maritime Fisheries: NOAA–Sustainability: Technologies/Collaborations
- 9.) Garden State Seafood Association – Statistics, Tools / Academic Research to ensure Sustainability
- 10.) Lund's Fisheries: History, Squid +
- 11.) Sea Gear –/ Safety, Gear, ...
- 12.) Cape May County Chamber of Commerce – Old Salts; "Tell Your Story Here"
- 13.) USCG – Search & Rescue, Inspections, Aids to Navigation – Rescue Vessel
- 14.) Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities: Wharf & Packing Tours

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Walk the Decks of the Vintage Eastern Rig Dragger ROANN – All Day

Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities: Wharf & Packing Tours  
Complementary (45) Minutes 10:30 am & 11:30

Mystic Seaport – Wood Boat Caulking Demonstration 11:00 am & 2:00 pm

Scallop Demonstration – 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm

Sea Food – All Day Lobster House Take Out or Dine In (\$)

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Scallop Demonstration – 2:00 pm

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### **Cape May Port's First Commercial Fishing Festival**

The Cape May Maritime Museum is proud to announce they will be co-hosting the first Cape May Port Commercial Fishing Festival on June 6th and 7th, 2015. Kevin Maloney, President, announced they will be co-hosting this first of its kind festival with The Cold Spring Fish & Supply Company and Mystic Seaport, Mystic CT. The festival will be held at the Lobster House Docks.

“One of the festival highlights will be tours of the 'ROANN'; a vintage Eastern Rig Dragger fishing boat, which has been restored at the Mystic Seaport at an estimated cost of over \$1.2M” said Maloney. “The importance of this vessel is that it is one of the last surviving wooden vessels of this era, representing the transition from schooner to the modern day trawler; from hook to net” Maloney continued.

Wayne Whalen, a Cape May local metal shipwright has volunteered countless hours in the restoration effort, traveling from Cape May to Mystic over the 3 1/2 year restoration period. Eckel's Diesel Marine Service and Coastal Diesel of Rio Grande donated the labor to rebuild the Detroit 12-V71 diesel engine. Sea Gear, Dave Burkhardt Welding and other local individuals and organizations also contributed to this important restoration. Eastern Rig Draggers were built at the Cape May Boat Works by Harry Mogcz and Tony Cirrincione back in the 1940s.

Maloney stated that the Cape May Port is the second largest commercial fishing port on the East Coast and fourth largest in dollars generated, that it seemed fitting to celebrate the people and organizations that made it all possible. The Festival will include a history of the railroad and diesel engines at Schellinger's Landing; as well as technological advances in safety, greater situation awareness for the fleet and sustainability of species.

Other planned exhibitors include Greater Atlantic National Fisheries-NOAA, U.S.

Coast Guard Auxiliary, Rutgers University, Garden State Seafood Association, Cold Spring Fish & Supply, Lund's Fisheries, Atlantic Cape Fisheries and Snow's /Bumble Bee.

Events include Scallop, Squid and Oyster demonstrations, Wharf and Packing Tours by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities, Net Mending, and more. Seafood is available for take-out or dine-in at The Lobster House.

The festival is free of charge and combines education with fun activities....there will be something for everyone.