



DAY AT THE DOCKS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 20 IN HATTERAS, NC

Hatteras Village on the Outer Banks of North Carolina will host the fourth annual Day at the Docks Celebration on September 20, 2008.

Festivities will begin on the working waterfront at 10 am and run until 5 pm.

“We’re bringing back the always-popular chowder cook-off contest, and are increasing the number of seafood cooking demonstrations this year,” said event organizer Lynne Foster.

Last year the creamy clam chowder prepared by Diamond Shoals Restaurant in Buxton, NC was voted the best chowder by festival-goers who sampled 13 seafood chowders prepared by professional and home chefs.

Cooking demonstrations feature recipes ranging from traditional favorites, such as fish cakes and stewed fish, to dishes using skate and other unusual species.

Commercial fishing boats, charter-boats, and fishing gear will be on display at the waterfront.

Captains and crews will demonstrate the tools and skills working watermen use at sea. Exhibits feature pound nets, gill nets, crab pots, tuna kites, long-lines, and circle hooks.

Fishermen and festival-goers are invited to compete in a net hanging contest, a concrete marlin competition, and a survival suit race.

Special activities for children include a fishing contest, fish identification game, blue crab races, and a scavenger hunt.

Exhibits on fishing regulations, boating safety, and marine resource conservation are in the big tent.

There is no admission charge, and guests are invited to witness the local fishing fleet sail into the harbor for the Blessing of the Fleet at 5:30 pm.