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Silent Auction Returns for Hookers Ball 10

Over 20 Amazing Items Up for Grabs



A private **fishing charter**. A trip to **Nantucket**, including airfare and two nights at the Brant Point Inn. Baseballs signed by **Jason Varitek** and **Tim Wakefield**.

Place the winning bid and take home these gifts and more at the **10th Anniversary Hookers Ball** on Saturday, August 14.

After gauging community interest, the Hook staff and the Hookers Ball

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Steering Committee opted this year to bring back the silent auction, a popular feature at balls past.

"It was clear to us that our guests wanted the auction back," said Mary Falwell, ball coordinator. "We are happy to be able to deliver."

In addition to the silent auction, a mini live and live auction will also take place at the Ball. An unforgettable vacation in the Marche Region of **Italy**, a trip to **Hawaii** and an original **Elizabeth Mumford painting** are among the amazing items up for bid.

Visit www.hookersball10.com for a full preview of this year's auction items and to get your tickets today!

Open House tomorrow at Captain Harding House



You've watched the transformation from the outside -- now come see the inside!

Thanks to your generous donations, we are ready to open the doors to the new and improved **Captain Nathan Harding House** and we want **YOU** to be our first guests.

Stop by on **Tuesday, August 10, between 4 and 7 p.m.** for a tour and light refreshments.

A full move will take place after Labor Day.

- [SEE PICTURES](#) from Closing Day!

Vote Expected This Fall on Monitoring for Herring Fleet



For years, the Hook Association and its partners have pushed for more comprehensive monitoring on the midwater trawlers that fish for Atlantic herring. Next month, the New England Fishery Management Council is expected to finalize its version of a plan to make this happen.

This fishery is vitally important for several reasons, including the fact that herring serve as food for groundfish, sport fish and marine mammals and need to be preserved in order to keep the ecosystem functioning properly. The method of fishing employed by this industrial fleet is also dangerous for these same groundfish, sport fish and marine mammals that are inadvertently caught in the boats' large mesh nets and tossed overboard, dead. River herring, a staple of Cape Cod's history, are also being mistaken for sea herring and pulled into these nets.

With details of the council's proposal still up in the air, it's more important than ever that supporters rally around making sure a stringent enough program is put in place.

- Want to find out more? Join us for a **FREE CRUISE** on Boston Harbor on Tuesday, August 24.
- Contact Ben Martens at 508.945.2432 or bmartens@ccchfa.org for details.

Testing the Waters



Want the dirt on Nantucket Sound? Just ask Captain Ray Kane.

Last week, Ray took Jennifer Benson from the School for Marine Science and Technology at UMass Dartmouth around the Sound on his commercial fishing boat, Frenzy. They stopped at five stations, collecting samples to test the quality of the water bordered by Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

Ray, as part of the Hook's Nantucket Soundkeeper program, will continue working with SMAST and the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies into the fall to check in on the waterway.

- [SEE MORE PICTURES](#) from Ray and Jen's adventure.



Shop-for-a-Cause a Success!

Thank you to Puritan Cape Cod and all the customers who came out to support the Hook Association at the Chatham store's Shop-for-a-Cause Night on August 5!

Ten percent of the proceeds from the evening will go to support small-boat commercial fishermen on Cape Cod.



Hookers Ball tickets are going fast, so get yours now!



**Saturday, August 14, 6 to 11 p.m.
Under the tents at the Chatham VFW**

\$200 for premium tickets

(including a VIP champagne reception, exclusive check-in, reserved seating and valet parking)

\$125 for general admission

\$75 for industry members

To purchase your tickets:

Stop by our office at

210-E Orleans Road, North Chatham

Call 508.945.2432

Visit www.hookersball10.com to get your tickets TODAY!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hook in its efforts to support fish and fishermen in the local community.



The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association is a nationally recognized, non-profit organization that aligns protection of the oceans with the interests of our historic fishing community. We support stewardship of coastal ecosystems through education, research, and policy programs. Started in 1991 by the local fishing fleet, the Hook Association has become the leading community fisheries organization in the region. We're taking action now to make sure there are fish for future generations.

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