



Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association

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HOOKERS BALL 10 SELLS OUT

Donors Step up to Support Cape Fishermen

NORTH CHATHAM, MA: The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association celebrated its 10th Anniversary Hookers Ball Saturday night with a sold out crowd.

The money raised through ticket sales, the live and silent auctions and the head-n-tails game will help the organization ease the pressures commercial fishermen on the Cape continue to face.

"We're so thankful for the generosity of the people who continue to support us year after year," Board President Peter Taylor said. "Without them, we wouldn't be able to do the work that we do."

This year's auction bidders walked away with trips to Italy, Hawaii, Montana and South Africa, the opportunity to go Great White Shark tagging with Department of Marine Fisheries scientist Greg Skomal, and tickets to two Red Sox games, among other amazing prizes. An original painting by Hyannis-based artist Elizabeth Mumford made exclusively for the ball was auctioned off for \$6,500. Signed prints of the painting are still available at the Hook office by calling 508.945.2432.

Guests also stepped up with \$20,000 to fund the Hook's outreach program. The donations will help the organization to launch an expanded center at the newly restored Captain Nathan Harding House and allow the public to gain a greater understanding of its local fishing industry.

This year's ball would not have been possible without the two dozen sponsors and nearly 100 volunteers that gave generously and worked hard to make the event a success.

The Hook staff would like especially to thank its premier sponsors: The Cape Cod Media Group, Cape Cod Life and Chatham Bars Inn. Other sponsors of this year's event were: Nauset Disposal, The Casual Gourmet, Cape Cod Chronicle, Truro Vineyards, Gosling's-Castle Inc., Edible Cape Cod, L. Knife & Sons, Ben & Jerry's of North Eastham, Snow's Home & Garden, Cape Air, Seamen's Bank, Wequassett Resort & Golf Club, Sunderland Printing, Kayak Cookies, East Brewster Dental, Red Nun Bar & Grill, Pike Associates, Pine Acres Realty, Triple Eight Distillery, Stop & Shop of Harwich, Chatham Candy Manor

and Harwich East Liquors.

"This is really a community event and it takes a community to get it off the ground," said Hook Chief Executive Officer John Pappalardo. "We're so thankful to everyone for their contributions."

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CAPE COD COMMERCIAL HOOK FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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 is now the leading community fisheries organization in the region. We are taking action now to make sure there are fish for future generations.

~ Protecting a Resource, a Tradition, and a Way of Life ~

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