



Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association

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HOOK CLOSES ON HARDING HOUSE

Move to take place later this summer



NORTH CHATHAM, MA: Almost a year after renovations began on the historic Captain Nathan Harding House, the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association today closed on the property that will now become its permanent home.

"We are so excited to finally be able to expand our operations and to share this building with the hundreds of people who have supported us throughout this project," Hook Chief Executive Officer John Pappalardo said. "This will not only be a home for the Hook staff, but for the Lower Cape fishing community."

The house will feature offices for meetings, a conference room and a resource center. The attached barn will become a space for new education and community outreach programs.

With the support of countless generous donors, the Hook raised more than \$1.1 million to purchase, equip and occupy the renovated Captain Harding House. The Chatham community played an essential part in the restoration of this property, approving \$166,000 in Community Preservation Act funds last year.

Work started at the Harding House in September 2009 after David and Gail Oppenheim agreed to renovate and sell the property to the Hook at a substantially reduced price.

With the help of the New England Farmer's Union and Congressman Bill Delahunt, the Hook secured a low-interest \$500,000 mortgage from the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program that was integral to making the transition a reality.

"This is a proud day for us," said Peter Taylor, president of the Hook's board of directors. "Having a permanent home will allow us to focus more on our core programs and better allocate our resources to the fishermen that we serve."

The first open house will be held Tuesday, August 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., and a full move will take place later this summer.

- [LEARN MORE](#) about the history of the Harding House and how it will benefit the Hook Association and the community.
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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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