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THE ANNE ARUNDEL WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPRESENTING INDEPENDENT WATERMEN LIVING AND WORKING IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE: THOSE WHO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, THOSE THAT WATCH THINGS HAPPEN, AND THOSE WHO WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED....WHERE DO YOU FIT IN? CONTRIBUTED BY MICK

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AS THE YEAR COMES TO CLOSE, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT US AS WATERMEN IN A FAST GROWING COUNTY AND MAY IMPACT US IN THE NEW YEAR AND BEYOND. THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (GDP) IS A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN THAT ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT GUIDE LAND USE DECISIONS OVER A TEN TO TWENTY YEAR PERIOD. THE COUNTY IS NOW BEGINNING WORK ON A NEW GDP WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO HAVE A SAY IN COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING. THE 1997 GDP INCLUDED A SMALL AREA PLANNING PROCESS IN WHICH SIXTEEN SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED PLANS WERE PREPARED BY CITIZENS IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DEALE-SHADYSIDE PLAN, I PUSHED FOR THE WATERMAN HOME USE ZONING EXEMPTION THAT EVENTUALLY BECAME PART OF THE COUNTY ZONING CODE. THIS ZONING ARTICLE ALLOWS WATERMEN TO STORE GEAR AND SELL THEIR CATCH FROM THEIR HOMES. BEFORE THIS ZONING REGULATION, IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR WATERMEN TO EVEN UNLOAD THEIR CATCH ON THEIR OWN PIER! NOW IS THE TIME TO KEEP AN EYE ON THESE PLANNING PROCEEDINGS. WE MUST MAKE SURE THIS REGULATION IS NOT WEAKENED AND IF POSSIBLE, MAKE IT EVEN BETTER FOR THE WATERMEN. STAY VIGIL AND GET INVOLVED. THE COUNTY PROCESS ONLY

BENEFITS THOSE THAT MAKE THE MOST NOISE. YOU DO NOT GET ANYTHING IN THIS PROCESS BY ASKING, YOU HAVE TO BE PUSHY AND LOUD.... BILL SCERBO

JANUARY EVENTS: MEMBERSHIP MEETING- JANUARY 17, 2017-6:00 PM SOUTH COUNTY CHAMBER OFFICE, CHURCHTON, PAYMENT OF DUES-MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO VOTE AND RUN FOR OFFICE. GUEST SPEAKER, ANGEL CALDERON FROM USCG .6:00-6:30 APETIZERS AND SOFT DRINKS, MINGLING AND NETWORKING; SPEAKER, 6:30-7:00; BUSINESS MEETING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS, 7:00-7:55; ADJOURN, 8:00 PM .

THE 44TH ANNUAL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND AQUACULTURE TRADE SHOW EXPOSITION IS JANUARY 12-14 2018. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. CALL BILL SCERBO, 410-991-5331, TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN NEW FORD PICK-UP TRUCK. FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT AND LODGING www.marylandwatermen.com

FUTURE MEETING DATES: FEBRUARY 21, GUEST SPEAKER, STEPHANIE RICHARDS—DNR FACTS& ELECTRONIC REPORTING, FINAL AGENDA IN JANUARY NEWSLETTER. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

MARCH 21: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

OUR WEBSITE IS NOW IN SERVICE. VISIT www.aawatermen.org TO SEE WHAT HAS CHANGED.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING NEWS



NEARLY 30 FRIENDS, FAMILY AND AA WATERMEN GATHERED AT BAYSIDE INN IN MAYO FOR A HOLIDAY PARTY. WE ENJOYED A SPREAD OF STEAMED SHRIMP, CHICKEN WINGS AND CRAB

DIP. THAT IS BILL SCERBO DISCUSSING THE MEMBERSHIP OF BELLA MOULD, DAUGHTER OF ASHLEY AND RYAN MOULD.

DEALE PARADE OF LIGHTS



35 BOATS DRESSED UP FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS DOWN ROCKHOLD CREEK. THE PARADE STARTED AT HIDDEN HARBOR MARINA GOING UNDER THE BRIDGE PAST HAPPY HARBOR AND DOWN TO TRACYS CREEK BEFORE CIRCLING IN FRONT OF SKIPPERS PIER TO BE VIEWED BY THE JUDGES. MORE PICTURES ON WEBSITE.

REMINDER: TIME FOR PAYMENT OF DUES, ACTIVE MEMBERS PAYING DUES EVERY YEAR WILL GET MEMBERSHIP IN MWA AND SUBSCRIPTION TO WATERMAN'S GAZETTE. (AFTER 2 YEARS ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP)

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