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We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette which is the electronic newsletter published from time to time by the Town Manager on behalf of the municipal government of the Town of Cape Charles. The Gazette provides a variety of information that we believe will be useful to the citizens and businesses of Cape Charles as well as those who plan to travel to Cape Charles or have any interest in our Town or the Town's government. The Gazette provides information on actions being undertaken or being considered by the Town government, upcoming activities in the Town, important public safety and security issues and emergency announcements.

We welcome your responses which may be sent to gazette@capecharles.org, by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or by calling (757) 331-3259.

We also encourage you to visit the Town's website at www.capecharles.org where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.



2013 CAPE CHARLES CLAM SLAM AUGUST 3 – 4, 2013 AT THE CAPE CHARLES HARBOR

On 8/3 and 8/4, Cape Charles's Town Harbor will be filled with thousands of locals and tourists eager to witness the Annual Clam Slam event. Excited for the weekend's festivities, Harbormaster Smitty Dize explains the history behind the event saying, "Clam Slam officially started in 2012 because of the success of the Buy Boat Reunion in 2011. We came up with Clam Slam to showcase our area, which is the largest producer of clams in the country." The weekend will be filled with events such as the Shriners Parade, Games and Activities, Artists and Vendors, Corn Hole Tournament, Crab Pot Cork Race, Smith Island Skiff Race, Live Music, and the 3rd Annual Boat Docking Contest.

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The Shriners Parade marks the beginning of the 2013 Clam Slam event. This group of Shriners from Khedive, Virginia will surely put on a great show, making the beginning of Clam Slam a hit throughout the Town. The parade begins at 10am on Mason Avenue and will last about a half an hour. The parade will include small racecars, classic cars, tractor trailers, sports cars, golf carts, fire trucks, and boats.

evening and include face painting, a bounce house, Corn Hole Tournament, Crab Pot Cork Race, and lots more. Registration for this year's Corn Hole Tournament begins at 11am on Saturday and costs \$10 per team. This competitive Corn Hole Tournament officially begins at 3pm on Saturday afternoon.

This year's games and activities begin Saturday afternoon and



"The Crab Pot Cork Race originated in Cape Charles at the Buy Boat Reunion in 2011. "Kids get to decorate the corks, enter them in the race, keep their buoys when the race is over, and hopefully win prizes," says Dize. The Race registration begins at 11am on Saturday and is \$7 per person. The race begins at 7pm Saturday night.



On Saturday, the Smith Island Skiff Racers will be lining up for their race at 2pm. Originally used as crabbing boats on Smith

Island, these boats now fly through the water like racecars on a track. Come see these small boats cause a big ruckus throughout the harbor.





This year's live music will begin on Saturday afternoon before the Crab Pot Cork Races at 7pm. Loaded Goat will be playing at 4pm Saturday afternoon. After the Crab Pot Cork Race and our first Boat Docking practice runs, Fat Tuesday and the New Custards will be playing around 7:30. After the exciting Boat Docking Contest on Sunday afternoon, Planet Full of Blues will be playing around 4pm.



The 3rd Annual Boat Docking Contest will surely get people on their feet. Commercial watermen from all over the Delmarva Peninsula and the Western Shore will be using their boats for a different kind of water work by whipping their boats into a slip at fast as they can. There are four divisions this year, including three individual divisions and a team division. Last year's winners were the Fabricator in the 30-36ft Glass Division with a time of 46 seconds, Elaina Scott in the 37 and above Division with a time of 43.5 seconds, Jordan Lynn in the Wood Division with a time of 1 minute and 6 seconds, and the Fabricator in the Team Division with a time of 42.1 seconds. The Fabricator's Captain Kevin Marshall is the harbor's record holder with a time of 36 seconds. At the end of the competition, the top four scores will battle for the best time. This year, people can also come out and watch the boats practice at 7pm Saturday night.

If you like music, games, and family fun, come out and enjoy this year's Clam Slam in the historic Town of Cape Charles. Harbormaster Smitty Dize says that he expects the Clam Slam to be, "a weekend full of family fun with something fun for everyone to do."

Weekend Tickets are available in advance for \$8 and tickets will be available at the gate for \$5 per day.

For any additional information, call us at (757)-331-2357 or visit our website at www.capecharles.org/harbor.htm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 7/20: Jammin' at the Jetty Party with *Fat Tuesday & the New Custards*, Cape Charles Beachfront, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. Sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce.
- 7/27: Free Concert & Movie in Central Park, 7:00 PM. [FLYER](#)
- 8/3: Attack! The 1863 Confederate Raid on the Cape Charles Lighthouse, a lecture by Civil War Historian Kellee Blake, Cape Charles Museum, 2:00 PM. [FLYER](#)
- 8/3-8/4: 2nd Annual Clam Slam & 3rd Annual Boat Docking Contest. [FLYER](#)
- 8/3-8/18: Harbor for the Arts Festival—Music, arts, dance in public spaces. Free and ticketed events. Details can be found at www.capecharlesbythebay.com.
- 8/31: Jammin' at the Jetty Party, Cape Charles Beachfront, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. Sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce.
- **Save the Dates:**
 - 9/1: Labor Day Picnic in the Park.
 - 10/11-10/13: 21st Annual Birding and Wildlife Festival.
 - 11/30: Cape Charles Historical Society 16th Annual Oyster Roast.
 - 12/7: Cape Charles Central Park Grand Illumination.

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