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31st ANNUAL POQUOSON SEAFOOD FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14-16, 2011

The City of Poquoson presents the 31st Annual Poquoson Seafood Festival October 14-16, 2011 in Poquoson Municipal Park, 830 Poquoson Avenue, Poquoson, VA 23662. The Festival honors the Working Watermen of the Chesapeake Bay and the rich coastal heritage of Poquoson. It includes musical entertainment, juried arts & crafts show, dozens of food vendors, children's area, and nautical events including a Work Boat Race at Messick Point on the prior weekend. The event is family-oriented and offers something for everyone.

Holding with its rich tradition, the festival will feature outstanding national and regional musical entertainment on the Municipal Stage. Local and Regional Legend Slapwater will appear on Friday night, October 14, 2011. On Saturday, October 15, 2011, join us for a great musical line-up including Excess Baggage, Everyday Circus and Soul Patch. On Sunday, October 16, 2011 enjoy country music with Raymond & Kasey Meeks and our headliner Tailgate Down. Additional entertainment is expected to include The River Gypsies, Tim Morgan and The Mojo Brothers, Made From Scratch, the Poquoson High School Band, and The Super Jazz Band Combo, all appearing on the **Taylor's Do It Center Food Pavilion Stage.**

As in years past, the Poquoson Seafood Festival hosts the *Poquoson Art League Juried Arts & Crafts Show*, one of the larger arts and crafts shows and sales in the state of Virginia with approximately 155 artisans expected to exhibit a myriad of outstanding crafts and original art work.

Living up to its name, the Poquoson Seafood Festival offers some savory dishes from the surrounding waters in the **Farm Fresh Food Pavilion.** Crab cakes, shrimp, oysters, clams, clam chowder, soft shell crabs, catfish, she crab soup, and many other festival favorites will be available for purchase.

Also, don't miss the many exhibitors found along Municipal Drive where numerous vendors and exhibitors will have items of sale and interest.

In addition to the savory dishes found in the Food Pavilion, festival-goers will want to avail themselves of the exhibits and other activities found on Municipal Field. Among the activities on Municipal Field:

**The Kid's Korner Children's Area featuring strolling entertainment, a kid's crafts area and amusement rides.*

Sponsored by the **Langley Federal Credit Union and coordinated by the Poquoson Museum, the Working Waterman's Heritage Display Exhibit features numerous activities showcasing the history of the City and the heritage of the Chesapeake Bay Working Watermen.*

**Outstanding musical and children's entertainment on the Municipal Stage*

Please note: Guests are encouraged to bring beach chairs and blankets for all concerts on Municipal Field.

Festival Hours:

<i>Friday, October 14, 2011</i>	<i>5:00-10:00 PM</i>
<i>Saturday, October 15, 2011</i>	<i>10:00 AM-10:00 PM</i>
<i>Sunday, October 16, 2011</i>	<i>12:30-6:30 PM</i>

FESTIVAL DIRECTIONS & PARKING INFORMATION

\$5.00 Parking Fee All Areas

GENERAL PARKING

From I-64 take the Poquoson Exit (256B) to Victory Blvd./Rt. 171. Remain on Rt. 171 for approximately 5-6 miles. Follow signs leading into the Festival Parking Area.

PARKING FOR THE DISABLED

From I-64 take the Poquoson Exit (256B) to Victory Blvd./Rt. 171. Remain on Rt. 171 for approximately 5-6 miles. Turn left on Wythe Creek Rd. Turn right on Hudgins Rd. Bear right on Hudgins Rd. onto Poquoson Ave. Turn right on Municipal Drive. Parking attendant will direct vehicles at this point. Handicapped sticker and accompanying identification will be required.

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Poquoson Seafood Festival Kick-Off Events

Please make plans to attend these outstanding events as well
(Event Days & Times Subject to Change):

Poquoson Seafood Festival Fishing Tournament

Date and tournament information will be available soon!

Poquoson Seafood Festival Workboat Race at Messick Point

Sunday, October 10, 2011

Captain's Mtg.: Noon

Parade of Sail: 1:30 PM

Race: 2:00 PM

Hosted by the Poquoson Yacht Club

Poquoson's Back River hosts one of the most prestigious Workboat Races in the Hampton Roads area with Chesapeake Bay Dead Rise Boats and other working craft competing along with a Crisfield Skiff display. Hundreds of spectators enjoy this annual salute to the Working Watermen of Hampton Roads. Food and refreshments available for purchase at the Poquoson Yacht Club. For more information about the race please call 810-4098.

The 31st Annual Poquoson Seafood Festival continues October 14-16, 2011 with a full weekend of great food, musical entertainment, arts and crafts, Chesapeake Bay exhibits, and children's activities. For more information please visit our website at www.poquosonseafestival.com.