

43rd ANNUAL MAINE FISHERMEN'S FORUM & TRADE SHOW

MAR. 1, 2 & 3rd, 2018 AT THE SAMOSET RESORT IN ROCKPORT, MAINE

As you know if you have been to the Forum before, there's never a dull moment all weekend long. It is also a relaxing getaway at just the time of year when you need it! We will be treated this year to the restaurant La Bella Vita, amazing brick oven pizzas from the Enoteca Lounge and a luxurious day spa! So make sure to attend this year! Come for a day or the entire weekend and bring your family! It's a unique event – only in Maine - and you are the people who make it happen!

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR ROOM!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

* Check in anytime after 4:00 pm with the special **FOUR DAY PACKAGE** available.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

* Check in anytime after 4:00 pm with the special **THREE DAY PACKAGE** available.

* Red Cross Training (First Aid 8:00-12:15; CPR 1:00 - 3:30) - **SEE REGISTRATION**

* **EARLY BIRD TRADE SHOW PREVIEW** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

* **OPENING SEAFOOD RECEPTION** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

* **ENHANCED SILENT AUCTION DURING RECEPTION!** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Coming for the day? Tickets must be pre-purchased.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

* Check in any time after 4:00 pm with the **TWO DAY PACKAGE**.

* **TRADE SHOW** - opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 5 pm

* **SEMINARS** begin in the morning & run all day.

(Check March issue of *Commercial Fisheries News* for schedule.)

* **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS** all day long and through the evening. * Samoset facilities available.

* **SPECIAL DINNER FOR CHILDREN.** Preregistration forms available at the Forum Table

* **FRESH FISH DINNER** 6 pm Tickets must be pre-purchased

* **AUCTION Preview and Registration** 7:15 – 7:30 pm

* **BENEFIT AUCTION with MARCI TRAIN** 7:30 to ???

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

* **TRADE SHOW** - opens at 8:30 a.m. and take down begins at 4:00 pm

* **SEMINARS** begin in the morning & run all day. (Check March issue of *Commercial Fisheries News* for schedule.)

* **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS** all day and through the evening.

* **SPECIAL DINNER FOR CHILDREN.** Sign up forms available at Forum Registration Table

* **AWESOME BANQUET DINNER & DANCE** 6 pm featuring DJ Chris Graves for Dancing!!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

* Check-out by 11 a.m.

* Outstanding Brunch offered in La Bella Vita 12 to 2:30 PM

For more information or questions, contact Chilloa Young, Forum Coordinator
at (207) 442-7700 or by email at chilloa@taxbracket.com

SEMINAR TOPICS FOR Thursday, March 1st, Friday, March 2nd, and Saturday, March 3rd

* Red Cross First Aid and CPR Training * Embracing Ecosystem Change * Lobster Management: Hot Issues & Updates * Developing a Viable Green Crab Fishery * Scallop Aquaculture * Integrating Collaborative Research into Ecosystem Based Fisheries * Status of Right Whales and Fixed Gear Fisheries * NGOM Federal Scallop Fishery * MLDA Lobsters to Dollars Proposal * EMSP Collaborative Project: Maintaining Sustainable Ocean Food Systems * Electronic Monitoring on the Water * Open Forum with NOAA Fisheries Leadership * Maine's Seafood Economy: Investments in the Future * DMR Lobster Update * Evaluating Groundfish Bycatch in Lobster Traps * Herring Amendment 8 Information Update * MLA Annual Meeting
Seminars are subject to change; check the website for updates

THE MAINE FISHERMEN'S FORUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Board of Directors of the Maine Fishermen's Forum will be awarding scholarships to students from families involved in the fishing industry. The Forum Board hopes to give away a lot of scholarships! For students interested in applying for the scholarship drawing, please send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:
Maine Fishermen's Forum Scholarship, P.O. Box 288, Bath, ME. 04530.

**** Applications are also available at www.mainefishermensforum.org ****

WE COUNT ON YOU! PART OF YOUR SAMOSET FEES DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE FORUM!!

Children under 16: No need to buy a package for them; however, please give us their names and ages using the form below, and, if they will be participating, pre-purchase luncheon and banquet tickets for them using our form.

BABYSITTERS: Parents are encouraged to **NOT** take young children to the dance on Saturday evening. The Samoset will provide contact information for local baby-sitters upon request. **DINNER and a full evening of activities for ages 5 yr. & up have been planned for BOTH Friday and Saturday.** Sign-up sheets will be available at the Forum Registration Table and **must be paid for in advance!**

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS

Complete the Reservation Form and then:

- **CALL 1-207-319-8066 to make a phone reservation, or**
- **FAX the registration form to (207) 442-7790 as soon as possible, or**
- **EMAIL the application (credit card only) to Reservations: res@mainefishermensforum.org**
- **Enclose a check made out to "THE SAMOSET RESORT" and mail it with your Reservation Form to The Maine Fishermen's Forum, PO Box 288, Bath, ME 04530.**

REMINDER - FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS CANNOT BE BOOKED SEPARATELY

TWO NIGHT PER PERSON PACKAGE PRICE: Includes lodging for Friday & Saturday nights, Friday Fish Dinner, Auction and Saturday Banquet Dinner/Dance Tickets, plus Bellman & Maid Gratuity.

Single: \$428.83 per person **Double:** \$281.68 per person
Triple: \$239.89 per person **Quad:** \$219.00 per person

THREE NIGHT PER PERSON PACKAGE PRICE: Includes lodging for Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights, Thursday Seafood Reception and Silent Auction, Friday Fish Dinner, Scholarship Benefit Auction and Saturday Banquet Dinner/Dance Tickets, plus Bellman & Maid Gratuity.

Single: \$621.98 per person **Double:** \$401.25 per person
Triple: \$338.58 per person **Quad:** \$307.24 per person

FOUR NIGHT PER PERSON PACKAGE PRICE: Includes lodging for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights, Thursday Seafood Reception and Silent Auction, Friday Fish Dinner, Scholarship Benefit Auction and Saturday Banquet Dinner/Dance Tickets, plus Bellman & Maid Gratuity.

Single: \$790.13 per person **Double:** \$495.83 per person
Triple: \$412.26 per person **Quad:** \$370.48 per person

SEAFOOD RECEPTION, FRESH FISH DINNER, BANQUET & TRADE SHOW

Those persons not staying at the Samoset may purchase meal tickets by returning the form below (with a check) to Maine Fishermen's Forum, PO Box 288, Bath, ME 04530. A limited number of meal tickets may be available at the Forum Registration Table on a first come basis. Those persons not staying at the Samoset may also pre-register and have your ID badge ready for pick up at the Forum Registration Table.

Those staying at the Samoset have all of these included in their package. Any extra meal tickets must be pre-purchased from the Maine Fishermen's Forum. Please order and pay for your meal tickets on the form below. A limited number of tickets may be available at the Forum Registration Table, but there is no guarantee.

Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018	Seafood Reception	\$25.00	# of tickets_____	\$_____
Friday, Mar. 2, 2018	Fresh Fish Dinner	\$30.00	# of tickets_____	\$_____
Saturday, Mar. 3, 2018	Banquet and Dance	\$40.00	# of tickets_____	\$_____
			Total Enclosed	\$_____

Please make check payable to "Maine Fishermen's Forum" & mail with the information sheet below.

SUPPORT THE FORUM !!

I would like to make a cash donation to the **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. \$_____ enclosed

I would like to make a **SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION DONATION** and receive donor recognition.

Donated Item _____ Donor Stated Value \$_____

I would like to make a **PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION** and be recognized in the **Forum Program**.

___ **Full Page** - 5" x 8" - \$275 Place your own ad!

___ **Half Page** - 5" X 4" - \$175 - "Compliments of" or you can provide your own copy.

___ **1/4 Page** - 2.5" X 2" - \$100 Ad will read "Compliments of..."

___ **1/8 Page** - \$50 "Compliments of..." *Available only to fishing vessels & individuals*

Please make check payable to "Maine Fishermen's Forum" and mail with the information sheet below.

EVERYONE - PLEASE COMPLETE - ONLY POSTCARDS WILL BE SENT NEXT YEAR!

In order to remain on our mailing list, **you must return** the information below or register at the event.

___ I will **not be able to attend** this year but would like to remain on the mailing list.

___ I will be attending and am providing the following information for name tags & to remain on the mailing list.

___ Please remove my name from your mailing list.

___ **Please ADD me to your Email list for FORUM EMAILS ONLY (never sold nor shared)**

Name _____

Other Adults in Your Party (for Nametags) _____

Boat Name or Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Email _____

Names & ages of children under 16 who will attend this year: _____

Daytime Phone _____

Was this form mailed to your correct address? _____ (If not, please change address for our records.)

Please check the occupation below that best describes your interest in the Maine Fishermen's Forum.

___ Fisherman ___ Seafood Dealer ___ Service ___ Government ___ Education

___ Equipment Dealer ___ Aquaculture ___ Other (please describe) _____

Mail to: Maine Fishermen's Forum, PO Box 288, Bath, ME 04530