

**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL
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**WORKINGWATERFRONT FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES A
T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**

New Bedford, MA, May 18, 2009— The Working Waterfront Festival invites artists 16 years and older to submit a creative design for the 2009 Festival T-Shirt. Designs should convey festival's emphasis on the commercial fishing industry and the working port and the 2009 theme: *Surf and Turf: Fishermen and Farmers Finding Common Ground* which will explore connections between those who harvest the land and those who harvest the sea.

The winning entry will receive a \$100 cash prize. Entries must be emailed by or postmarked no later than Sunday, May 31st. The winning entry and designer will be announced at the June 11th AHA Night in Downtown New Bedford!

Interested artists/designers are encouraged to visit the festival web site to learn more about the event and to download an application: www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org. Applications may also be received by contacting the festival office at 508-993-8894 or info@workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

The Working Waterfront Festival is an award winning, family friendly event celebrating the history and culture of New England's commercial fishing industry. The free festival presents all that goes into bringing seafood from the ocean to the table in a way that is hands-on, educational and fun and features: live music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, vessel and harbor tours, fisherman's contests, author readings, film screenings, local seafood, festival bookstore, maritime artisans marketplace & more. While continuing to focus on commercial fishing and other port industries, the 2009 *Working Waterfront Festival* will consider connections between fishing and farming communities. Plans for this special program include an open air market featuring local produce and fresh seafood and cooking demonstrations highlighting traditional community recipes; panel discussions, author readings and film screenings which explore common issues; and occupational demonstrations of fishing and farming skills. This year's Festival dates are September 26th & 27th.