

**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL
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**WORKINGWATERFRONT FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2010 THEME
Festival to explore cultural diversity of New England's Working Ports**

New Bedford, MA, February 26, 2010— Slated for September 25 & 26, the 2010 Working Waterfront Festival will present an expanded look at the ethnic diversity of the region's working waterfront communities with a program entitled *All in One Boat: the Cultural Mosaic of New England's Working Ports*. Immigrants from around the globe have settled in New England's port cities and helped shape these working waterfront communities which today include a rich mosaic of cultures. Festival programming will include performances of traditional music, dance and storytelling and demonstrations of traditional crafts reflecting this varied ethnic heritage. Foodways programs will highlight family recipes and traditional approaches to preparing and preserving seafood. On the Festival's Narrative Stage, working waterfront community members from a multitude of ethnic backgrounds will share immigration stories and explore how ethnic identity has shaped religious and community celebrations and traditional beliefs and practices at sea and on shore. Author readings and documentary film screenings will further illuminate these topics.

The **Working Waterfront Festival** is a project of the **Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA**, a non-profit organization. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on fourth full weekend in September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

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