

**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL
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**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL TO FEATURE SICILIAN CULTURE
Event to Explore Cultural Diversity of New England's Working Ports**

New Bedford, MA, August 17, 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.

The music, food and fishing traditions of Sicily and Sicilian-Americans will be among the cultures featured at the event since many fishing families in the Port of Gloucester trace their roots to Sicily. Festival programming will include performances of traditional Sicilian music by singer Michaela Musolino and guitarist Marco Capelli. Members of the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association will present a cooking demonstration featuring traditional a Sicilian seafood dish. Theresa Maggio, author of *Mattanza! Love and Death in the Sea of Sicily*, will talk about the one thousand year old tuna fishing ritual of the same name.

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 the fourth full weekend in September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

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