

August Film Navigates Issues Surrounding Safety at Sea



F/V Northern Edge featured in After the Storm

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Friday, August 16 with *After the Storm: Lessons from the Northern Edge*. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

For centuries fishermen have braved the waters of the northeast Atlantic to make their catch, some never to return home. In 2004, the scallop vessel *Northern Edge* sank, taking with it five of the six men on board. The loss of the *Northern Edge* spurred a response on every front. Fishermen, politicians, and lawmakers alike took a new look at the safety of those who brave the Atlantic waters for a living. In one of the most regulated industries in the country, however, an imbalance between conservation law and safe practice has

emerged. But as loss of life continued in years since 2004, the industry is left wondering: Can conservation efforts and fishermen's safety co-exist?

After the Storm: Lessons from the Northern Edge, a film by JD Marlow and Amanda Bergeron considers this dilemma. To see a trailer of the film visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbsgRbqlG8M>
