

# Working Waterfront Festival Unveils Winning Design



The Working Waterfront Festival is pleased to announce the winner of our 2014 Design Contest – Jason C. Eckhardt of New Bedford. Mr. Eckhardt has been a professional illustrator for over thirty years. His editorial cartoons have appeared in the New Bedford Standard-Times and have won the Best Cartoon award from the New England Newspaper and Press Association five times. His work has also appeared in publications from Dell

Magazines, Doubleday, and various small presses. "The Festival Committee was impressed with Mr. Eckhardt's ability to convey the 2014 theme Fishing Families" (Laura Orleans, Festival Director). Mr. Eckhardt's design will appear on the Festival t-shirt, program guide, and poster.

The 2014 Festival will be held on the New Bedford waterfront September 27th and 28th. Festival performers will present programs in area schools during the day on Friday, September 26th and a Festival Sampler will be presented on Friday evening. This year, we put the spotlight on the historic and contemporary role of fishing families, both on shore and at sea. Programming will highlight the skills, knowledge, and traditions which are passed from one generation to the next. We will explore what it means to grow up in a fishing family; consider the important support role family members play; and pay tribute to the many family businesses which are part of the industry. We will encourage multiple generations to compete in fishermen's contests; showcase family recipes on the Foodways Stage; and collect family stories in the FishTales Area.

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 in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend of September. Navigate to us at [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org).